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MINISTRY OF LAW

OVERVIEW

Mission Statement

To ensure a sound legal infrastructure, optimize land resources and promote intellectual property to support our economic and social goals.

FY2008 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2006	Estimated FY2007	Revised FY2007	Estimated FY2008	Change over FY2007	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$273,357,891	\$250,138,000	\$250,138,000	\$284,339,000	\$34,201,000	13.7%
Main Estimates							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		\$105,944,798	\$122,000,000	\$122,000,000	\$126,174,000	\$4,174,000	3.4%
<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>		<i>\$105,237,039</i>	<i>\$117,383,700</i>	<i>\$120,323,900</i>	<i>\$120,884,000</i>	<i>\$560,100</i>	<i>0.5%</i>
1000	Expenditure on Manpower	\$19,571,346	\$20,380,300	\$22,704,100	\$24,440,000	\$1,735,900	7.6%
1200	Political Appointments	1,884,555	1,884,000	2,090,000	2,385,000	295,000	14.1
1500	Permanent Staff	17,410,693	18,379,300	20,041,100	21,818,000	1,776,900	8.9
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Manpower	276,098	117,000	573,000	237,000	-336,000	-58.6
2000	Other Operating Expenditure	\$84,434,923	\$95,538,400	\$96,526,400	\$93,979,000	-\$2,547,400	-2.6%
2100	Supplies & Services	83,039,572	93,765,990	94,542,700	91,904,000	-2,638,700	-2.8
2300	Manpower Development	480,368	747,040	615,900	771,000	155,100	25.2
2400	Public Relations & Exercises	479,657	527,790	567,000	795,400	228,400	40.3
2700	Equipment	433,826	411,080	715,800	456,500	-259,300	-36.2
2800	Financial Claims & Legal Expenses	1,500	86,500	85,000	52,100	-32,900	-38.7
3000	Operating Grant	\$1,230,770	\$1,465,000	\$1,093,400	\$2,465,000	\$1,371,600	125.4%
3100	Operating Grant to Statutory Boards	1,230,770	1,465,000	1,093,400	2,465,000	1,371,600	125.4
<i>TRANSFERS</i>		<i>\$707,758</i>	<i>\$4,616,300</i>	<i>\$1,676,100</i>	<i>\$5,290,000</i>	<i>\$3,613,900</i>	<i>215.6%</i>
3500	Social Transfers	15,733	15,800	15,800	16,000	200	1.3
3600	Subventions	692,026	4,600,500	1,660,300	5,274,000	3,613,700	217.7

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class - continued

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2006	Estimated FY2007	Revised FY2007	Estimated FY2008	Change over FY2007	
OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS		\$20,719,830	\$17,437,000	\$25,000,000	\$33,407,000	\$8,407,000	33.6%
4100	Agency Fees on Land Sales	20,719,830	17,437,000	25,000,000	33,407,000	8,407,000	33.6
Development Estimates							
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE		\$167,413,093	\$128,138,000	\$128,138,000	\$158,165,000	\$30,027,000	23.4%
5100	Direct Development	164,875,735	111,138,000	114,973,000	141,165,000	26,192,000	22.8
5200	Capital Grant	2,537,359	17,000,000	2,165,000	0	-2,165,000	-100.0
5300	Capital Injections	0	0	11,000,000	17,000,000	6,000,000	54.5
OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
5600	Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
9100	Loan Repayments	572,300	572,300	572,300	429,200	-143,100	-25.0
	Net Lending	-572,300	-572,300	-572,300	-429,200	143,100	-25.0

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2006	Estimated FY2007	Revised FY2007	Estimated FY2008
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	3	3	3	3
Deputy Prime Minister	1	1	1	1
Minister	1	1	1	1
Minister of State	1	1	1	1
PERMANENT STAFF	251	266	275	274
Accounting Profession (2008)	0	0	0	1
Administrative	8	7	7	7
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Corporate Support	96	98	104	104
Information Service (2008)	0	0	0	1
Interpreter (2003)	6	7	7	7
Legal	25	28	29	29
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	0	0	0	72
Management Support Scheme (2008)	0	0	0	22
Operations Support	15	20	20	20
Shorthand Writers	8	10	10	10
Accounting Profession	1	1	1	0
Information Service (2002)	1	1	1	0
Management Executive (Law)	64	71	72	0
Management Support	26	22	23	0
OTHERS	480	494	546	552
Library (Technical)	1	1	1	1
Singapore Land Authority	479	493	545	551
TOTAL	734	763	824	829

FY2007 BUDGET

The total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (excluding agency fee for land sales) in FY2007 is estimated to be \$250.14 million, which is \$23.22 million or 8.5% lower than the actual FY2006 expenditure of \$273.36 million.

The operating expenditure in FY2007 is estimated to be \$122 million which is \$16.06 million or 15.2% higher than the actual FY2006 expenditure of \$105.94 million. This is mainly due to an increase in the maintenance and improvement of State properties, a higher means test level for the Legal Aid Scheme, and the establishment of Community Legal Clinics.

The development expenditure in FY2007 is \$128.14 million, which is \$39.28 million or 23.5% lower than the actual FY2006 expenditure of \$167.41 million. This is mainly due to a reduction in expenditure for the acquisition of land for public purposes.

The estimated agency fee for land sales in FY2007 is \$25 million, an increase of \$4.28 million or 20.7% over the actual FY2006 expenditure of \$20.72 million. The increase is mainly due to higher land sales.

FY2008 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw in FY2008 (excluding agency fee for land sales) is projected to be \$284.34 million, an increase of \$34.20 million or 13.7% over the FY2007 estimated expenditure. Of the total projected FY2008 expenditure, \$126.17 million or 44.4% is for operating expenditure and \$158.17 million or 55.6% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2008 provision of \$126.17 million is an increase of \$4.17 million or 3.4% over that of FY2007. This is mainly due to the further operation of the Legal Aid Scheme under the new means test level and the Community Legal Clinics, the implementation of the Debt Repayment Scheme for debtors with relatively smaller debts to avoid bankruptcy, and a higher operating grant to the Intellectual Property Academy (IPA) to develop into a premier centre for IP education and training.

Development Expenditure

The FY2008 development provision of \$158.17 million is an increase of \$30.03 million or 23.4% from the revised FY2007 provision. The increase is mainly due to landslide rectification works on State land and the construction of an integrated alternative dispute resolution centre.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The agency fee for land sales for FY2008 is projected to be \$33.41 million, an increase of \$8.41 million or 33.6% over that for FY2007. The higher FY2008 agency fee is mainly due to a projected increase in land sales.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
RA	Administration	19,810,000	5,290,000	25,100,000	18,200,000	43,300,000
RB	Computer Services	3,946,000	0	3,946,000	0	3,946,000
RD	Land Acquisition Appeals	422,000	0	422,000	0	422,000
RG	Insolvency and Public Trustee	11,246,000	0	11,246,000	883,000	12,129,000
RI	Legal Aid	7,188,000	0	7,188,000	281,000	7,469,000
RN	Lands and Properties Administration	76,928,000	0	76,928,000	138,801,000	215,729,000
RO	Community Mediation	1,344,000	0	1,344,000	0	1,344,000
Total		\$120,884,000	\$5,290,000	\$126,174,000	\$158,165,000	\$284,339,000

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2005	Actual FY2006	Estimated FY2007	Revised FY2007	Estimated FY2008
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$167,413,093	\$128,138,000	\$128,138,000	\$158,165,000
<i>DIRECT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	<i>164,875,735</i>	<i>111,138,000</i>	<i>114,973,000</i>	<i>141,165,000</i>
Administration Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	110,761	880,000	942,000	700,000
New Projects	...	...	0	0	0	500,000
Insolvency and Public Trustee Programme						
Insolvency and Public Trustee's Office Business Information System Phase 2 Computerisation	3,504,400	0	0	0	175,000	883,000
Legal Aid Programme						
Management Statistical Information System	692,300	0	0	0	0	281,000
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Exhumation of Graves at Bidadari Cemetery	90,092,000	57,022,234	359,854	502,000	505,000	566,200
Land Acquisition for General Development	...	...	157,566,605	99,885,000	99,847,700	118,129,400
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	...	...	5,154,946	6,658,800	10,424,000	20,105,400
Completed Projects	...	...	1,683,569	3,212,200	3,079,300	0
<i>CAPITAL GRANTS</i>	...	...	<i>2,537,359</i>	<i>17,000,000</i>	<i>2,165,000</i>	<i>0</i>
Completed Projects	...	...	2,537,359	17,000,000	2,165,000	0
<i>CAPITAL INJECTIONS</i>	...	...	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11,000,000</i>	<i>17,000,000</i>
Administration Programme						
New Projects	...	...	0	0	11,000,000	17,000,000

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Desired Outcomes

- A sound and progressive legal framework
- A more harmonious and less litigious society through widespread use of mediation to resolve social and relational conflicts
- A debt recovery system which supports both entrepreneurship and financial discipline
- A Public Trustee system where stakeholders are confident of their rights to assets and compensation
- Accessibility to justice for persons of limited means
- Adequate land resources appropriately priced and optimized to help meet national needs
- A fair and expeditious hearing and a just determination for every land acquisition appeal
- A robust regime for the creation, protection and exploitation of intellectual property

Key Performance Indicators

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2005	Actual FY2006	Revised FY2007	Estimated FY2008
A sound and progressive legal framework	Favourable ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook	Second	Second	Second	Second
A more harmonious and less litigious society through widespread use of mediation to resolve social and relational conflicts	No. of registered mediation cases	1,504	1,699	1,860	2,040
A debt recovery system which supports both entrepreneurship and financial discipline	Bankruptcy				
	No. of new bankruptcy cases	3,088	2,966	2,800	2,800
	No. of bankruptcy cases where dividend is paid to creditors upon creditor's approval or completion of adjudication	198	167	150	150
	% of bankruptcy cases where payment of dividend to creditors is processed within 3 weeks upon creditor's approval	100	100	100	100
	Company Liquidation				
	No. of new company winding-up cases where Official Receiver is appointed as liquidator	107	70	63	60
	No of winding-up cases where dividend is paid to creditors	76	49	55	50

Key Performance Indicators- continued

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2005	Actual FY2006	Revised FY2007	Estimated FY2008
	% of winding-up cases where the payment of dividend is processed within 3 weeks from date of completion of adjudication	98	100	100	100
A Public Trustee system where stakeholders are confident of their rights to assets and compensation	Public Trustee				
	No. of Trust cases with only CPF money processed for payment	3,484	3,265	3,500	3,500
	% of Trust cases with only CPF money which are completely processed within 4 weeks from date of receipt of final documents	78	80	90	90
Accessibility to justice for persons of limited means	Legal Aid				
	No. of cases where legal aid was granted by the Legal Aid Board	1,630	2,052	2,130	2,150
	% of applications where legal aid was granted by the Legal Aid Board	92	90	90	90
Adequate land resources appropriately priced and optimized to help meet national needs	State Land & Property Management				
	Total area of State land managed (ha)	13,980	13,931	14,331	14,300
	Utilisation rate of State land (%)	76	78	78	78
	Total no. of State buildings managed	4,712	5,055	5,085	5,100
	Occupancy rate of State properties (%)	82	86	87	87
	No. of Temporary Occupation Licences (TOLs) and Tenancy Agreements (TAs) applications for the use of State land and properties	598	539	500	500
	% of TOLs and TAs cases issued within target time frame (2 months for State land and 4 months for State properties)	92	87	80	80
	Acquisition of Private Land				
	No. of lots acquired	4,798	3,403	3,000	1,300
A fair and expeditious hearing and a just determination for every land acquisition appeal	Land Acquisition Appeals				
	No. of appeals filed	51	8	78	89
	% of 1 st pre-hearing conference conducted within 4 ⁽ⁱ⁾ weeks upon receipt of Petition of Appeal	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	100

(i) This is a revised indicator that will be introduced from FY2008. For past years, the indicator reported was "% of 1st pre-hearing conference conducted within 6 weeks upon receipt of Petition of Appeal". The actual FY2005, FY2006 and Revised FY2007 figures were 100%. From FY2008, the target time will be changed to 4 weeks upon lodging of the Petition of Appeal. The estimated figure is still 100% for FY2008.

Key Performance Indicators- continued

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2005	Actual FY2006	Revised FY2007	Estimated FY2008
A robust regime for the creation, protection and exploitation of intellectual property	Intellectual Property				
	No. of Design filings	2,036	1,405	1,450	1,440
	No. of Design registrations in force	9,518	10,311	11,060	11,850
	No. of Trade Mark filings	28,372	30,294	30,780	31,700
	No. of Trade Mark registrations in force	196,220	218,159	243,160	269,110
	No. of Patent filings	8,678	9,399	9,870	10,090
	No. of Patents in force	43,302	46,038	48,400	50,770