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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.

FY2010 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2008	Estimated FY2009	Revised FY2009	Estimated FY2010	Change over FY2009	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$271,324,389	\$306,774,000	\$301,635,000	\$289,532,000	-\$12,103,000	-4.0%
Main Estimates							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		\$117,966,918	\$135,139,000	\$130,000,000	\$134,930,000	\$4,930,000	3.8%
<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>		<i>\$113,596,582</i>	<i>\$128,293,200</i>	<i>\$124,618,200</i>	<i>\$129,260,100</i>	<i>\$4,641,900</i>	<i>3.7%</i>
Expenditure on Manpower		\$21,426,910	\$26,635,000	\$23,213,000	\$26,706,000	\$3,493,000	15.0%
1200	Political Appointments	957,363	1,675,000	1,020,000	1,215,000	195,000	19.1
1500	Permanent Staff	20,211,573	24,475,000	21,827,000	25,047,000	3,220,000	14.8
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Manpower	257,974	485,000	366,000	444,000	78,000	21.3
Other Operating Expenditure		\$90,918,173	\$99,251,000	\$99,276,600	\$102,054,100	\$2,777,500	2.8%
2100	Supplies & Services	88,419,876	96,952,500	97,198,700	99,979,200	2,780,500	2.9
2300	Manpower Development	600,342	1,048,100	809,100	1,043,000	233,900	28.9
2400	Public Relations & Exercises	622,092	797,400	789,800	737,800	-52,000	-6.6
2700	Equipment	400,316	450,500	459,500	281,100	-178,400	-38.8
2800	Financial Claims & Legal Expenses	875,547	2,500	19,500	13,000	-6,500	-33.3
Operating Grant		\$1,251,499	\$2,407,200	\$2,128,600	\$500,000	-\$1,628,600	-76.5%
3100	Operating Grant to Statutory Boards	1,251,499	2,407,200	2,128,600	500,000	-1,628,600	-76.5
<i>TRANSFERS</i>		<i>\$4,370,336</i>	<i>\$6,845,800</i>	<i>\$5,381,800</i>	<i>\$5,669,900</i>	<i>\$288,100</i>	<i>5.4%</i>
3500	Social Transfers	15,733	15,800	15,800	15,800	0	0.0
3600	Subventions	4,354,603	6,830,000	5,366,000	5,654,100	288,100	5.4

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class - continued

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2008	Estimated FY2009	Revised FY2009	Estimated FY2010	Change over FY2009	
OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS		\$48,311,295	\$25,491,000	\$25,948,000	\$29,242,000	\$3,294,000	12.7%
4100	Agency Fees on Land Sales	48,311,295	25,491,000	25,948,000	29,242,000	3,294,000	12.7
Development Estimates							
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE		\$153,357,471	\$171,635,000	\$171,635,000	\$154,602,000	-\$17,033,000	-9.9%
5100	Direct Development	153,163,171	167,969,200	167,411,800	148,421,500	-18,990,300	-11.3
5200	Capital Grant	194,300	3,665,800	990,500	1,500,000	509,500	51.4
5300	Capital Injections	0	0	3,232,700	4,680,500	1,447,800	44.8
OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAY		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
5600	Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
9100	Loan Repayments	429,220	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Net Lending	-429,220	0	0	0	0	0.0

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2008	Estimated FY2009	Revised FY2009	Estimated FY2010
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	1	1
Minister of State	1	1	1	1
PERMANENT STAFF	259	305	316	333
Accounting Profession (2008)	1	1	1	1
Administrative	7	7	7	7
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Corporate Support	96	107	108	112
Information Service (2008)	1	1	2	2
Legal	24	29	29	31
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	70	86	91	95
Management Support Scheme (2008)	34	36	41	48
Management Support Scheme (Language Officer)	4	7	7	7
Operations Support	14	20	19	19
Shorthand Writers	7	10	10	10
OTHERS	499	519	519	523
Library (Technical)	1	1	1	1
Singapore Land Authority	498	518	518	522
TOTAL	760	826	837	858

FY2009 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (excluding agency fees for land sales) in FY2009 is estimated to be \$301.64 million, which is \$30.31 million or 11.2% higher than the actual FY2008 expenditure of \$271.32 million.

The revised operating expenditure in FY2009 is estimated to be \$130 million, which is \$12.03 million or 10.2% higher than the actual FY2008 expenditure of \$117.97 million. The higher expenditure is mainly due to an increase in the expenditure for the maintenance of State land and properties, operations of the Singapore Geospatial Collaborative Environment (SG-Space), development of Intellectual Property Management capabilities within the public sector, and larger grants for the Arbitration sector, mainly for hosting the inaugural Singapore International Arbitration Forum.

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2009 is estimated to be \$171.64 million, which is \$18.28 million or 11.9% higher than the actual FY2008 expenditure of \$153.36 million. The increase in expenditure is mainly due to increased spending on the acquisition of land for public purposes, and further development of the SG-Space and OneMap (formerly known as iMap).

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2009 is \$25.95 million, a decrease of \$22.36 million or 46.3% from the actual FY2008 expenditure of \$48.31 million due to a decrease in land sales.

FY2010 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw in FY2010 (excluding agency fees for land sales) is projected to be \$289.53 million, a decrease of \$12.1 million or 4.0% from the FY2009 estimated expenditure. Of the total projected FY2010 expenditure, \$134.93 million or 46.6% is for operating expenditure whilst \$154.60 million or 53.4% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2010 provision of \$134.93 million is an increase of \$4.93 million or 3.8% over that of the revised FY2009 provision for operating expenditure. The increase in expenditure is mainly due to greater spending projected on the maintenance of state properties, the operations of the SG-Space and administering higher caseload following the enhanced means test level for the Legal Aid Scheme.

Development Expenditure

The FY2010 development provision of \$154.60 million is a decrease of \$17.03 million or 9.9% from the revised FY2009 provision. The decrease is mainly due to a projected reduction in the land acquisition costs for public purposes, and the completion of the Integrated Dispute Resolution Centre in FY2009.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales for FY2010 are projected to be \$29.24 million, an increase of \$3.29 million or 12.7% over that for the revised FY2009 provision. The higher agency fees are mainly due to a projected increase in the number of sites to be sold.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
RA	Administration	16,162,500	5,669,900	21,832,400	4,210,000	26,042,400
RB	Computer Services	5,173,100	0	5,173,100	0	5,173,100
RD	Land Acquisition Appeals	356,700	0	356,700	0	356,700
RG	Insolvency and Public Trustee	14,547,100	0	14,547,100	3,921,000	18,468,100
RI	Legal Aid	7,677,600	0	7,677,600	0	7,677,600
RN	Lands and Properties Administration	83,918,500	0	83,918,500	146,471,000	230,389,500
RO	Community Mediation	1,424,600	0	1,424,600	0	1,424,600
Total		\$129,260,100	\$5,669,900	\$134,930,000	\$154,602,000	\$289,532,000

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2007	Actual FY2008	Estimated FY2009	Revised FY2009	Estimated FY2010
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$153,357,471	\$171,635,000	\$171,635,000	\$154,602,000
<i>DIRECT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	<i>153,163,171</i>	<i>167,969,200</i>	<i>167,411,800</i>	<i>148,421,500</i>
Administration Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	303,417	1,301,300	564,500	1,210,000
Innovation Fund	...	...	0	800,000	800,000	1,500,000
Insolvency and Public Trustee Programme						
Insolvency and Public Trustee's Office Business Information System Phase 2 Computerisation	6,196,000	0	559,931	2,467,000	803,100	3,921,000
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Land Acquisition for General Development	...	...	122,014,930	140,770,000	141,120,400	125,104,000

Development Expenditure by Project - continued

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2007	Actual FY2008	Estimated FY2009	Revised FY2009	Estimated FY2010
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	...	...	29,288,680	20,489,900	20,360,900	16,622,300
Exhumation of Kwong Hou Sua Cemetery Phase 2	2,400,000	0	806,430	1,900,000	825,000	64,200
Completed Projects	...	...	189,782	241,000	2,937,900	0
<i>CAPITAL GRANTS</i>	...	...	<i>194,300</i>	<i>3,665,800</i>	<i>990,500</i>	<i>1,500,000</i>
Administration Programme						
Innovation Fund	...	...	194,300	200,000	200,000	1,500,000
Completed Projects	...	...	0	3,465,800	790,500	0
<i>CAPITAL INJECTIONS</i>	...	...	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3,232,700</i>	<i>4,680,500</i>
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
OneMap	...	...	0	0	1,732,700	245,500
Singapore Geospatial Collaborative Environment	...	...	0	0	1,500,000	4,435,000

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Desired Outcomes

- A sound and progressive legal framework
- A more harmonious society through mediation
- An insolvency system which supports enterprise and financial discipline
- Accessibility to justice for persons of limited means
- Land resources optimized to meet national needs
- A robust and dynamic intellectual property regime

Key Performance Indicators

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2007	Actual FY2008	Revised FY2009	Estimated FY2010
A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook	First	First	Second	Top 3
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report—Settling Disputes	NA	NA	First	Top 10
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report—Challenging Regulations	NA	NA	Fourth	Top 10
A more harmonious society through mediation	No. of registered mediation cases per 10,000 resident population	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.3
An insolvency system which supports enterprise and financial discipline	Bankruptcy				
	No. of new bankruptcy cases per 10,000 resident population	7.3	6.4	5.4	6.7
	No. of bankruptcy cases discharged per 10,000 resident population	4.2	4.9	9.6	12.1
	Company Liquidation				
	No. of new company winding-up cases where Official Receiver is appointed as liquidator	64	89	83	83

Key Performance Indicators - continued

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2007	Actual FY2008	Revised FY2009	Estimated FY2010
Accessibility to justice for persons of limited means	Legal Aid				
	No. of persons who received legal help per 10,000 resident population	25.2	25.7	26.6	26.6
	% of applications who passed the means test	92	93	93	92
Land resources optimized to meet national needs	State Land & Property Management				
	Total area of state land managed (ha)	14,146	14,082	13,996	14,000
	Utilisation rate of state land (%) (i)	72	74	75	75
	Total no. of state buildings managed	5,053	5,030	4,930	4,950
	Occupancy rate of state properties (%) (ii)	NA	97	98	98
A robust and dynamic intellectual property regime	Intellectual Property				
	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property rights enforcement in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook	Second	Second	Fourth	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report	Fifth	Second	First	Top 5

(i) Revised utilization rate excludes unoccupied land managed by SLA's managing agents.

(ii) Revised occupancy rate excludes non-marketable stocks. Revision tracks statistics from FY2008 onwards.