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MINISTRY OF LAW

OVERVIEW

Mission Statement

To ensure a sound and progressive legal infrastructure, intellectual property infrastructure and insolvency regime, and optimize land resources, to support national goals.

FY2011 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2009	Estimated FY2010	Revised FY2010	Estimated FY2011	Change over FY2010	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$293,234,143	\$289,532,000	\$269,178,000	\$226,281,000	-\$42,897,000	-15.9%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$126,791,007	\$134,930,000	\$121,578,000	\$137,290,000	\$15,712,000	12.9%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$121,492,171</i>	<i>\$129,260,100</i>	<i>\$116,186,100</i>	<i>\$132,652,600</i>	<i>\$16,466,500</i>	<i>14.2%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$21,492,466	\$26,706,000	\$27,389,600	\$29,763,000	\$2,373,400	8.7%
1200	Political Appointments	1,016,684	1,215,000	1,587,000	1,255,000	-332,000	-20.9
1500	Permanent Staff	20,164,408	25,047,000	25,450,600	28,126,000	2,675,400	10.5
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	311,373	444,000	352,000	382,000	30,000	8.5
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$97,874,147	\$102,054,100	\$88,392,600	\$102,439,600	\$14,047,000	15.9%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	96,532,353	99,979,200	86,466,800	100,272,400	13,805,600	16.0
2300	Manpower Development	691,622	1,043,000	806,500	1,032,600	226,100	28.0
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	479,014	737,800	626,100	689,100	63,000	10.1
2700	Asset Acquisition	155,573	281,100	488,200	435,500	-52,700	-10.8
2800	Miscellaneous	15,586	13,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	100.0
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$2,125,558	\$500,000	\$403,900	\$450,000	\$46,100	11.4%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	2,125,558	500,000	403,900	450,000	46,100	11.4

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2009	Estimated FY2010	Revised FY2010	Estimated FY2011	Change over FY2010	
	TRANSFERS	\$5,298,835	\$5,669,900	\$5,391,900	\$4,637,400	-\$754,500	-14.0%
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	15,733	15,800	15,800	15,800	0	0.0
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	5,220,561	5,529,500	5,275,500	4,517,000	-758,500	-14.4
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	62,542	124,600	100,600	104,600	4,000	4.0
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$21,281,156	\$29,242,000	\$62,009,000	\$40,964,000	-\$21,045,000	-33.9%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	21,281,156	29,242,000	62,009,000	40,964,000	-21,045,000	-33.9
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$166,443,137	\$154,602,000	\$147,600,000	\$88,991,000	-\$58,609,000	-39.7%
5100	Government Development	163,605,627	148,421,500	144,364,200	86,737,000	-57,627,200	-39.9
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	2,837,510	6,180,500	3,235,800	2,254,000	-981,800	-30.3

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2009	Estimated FY2010	Revised FY2010	Estimated FY2011
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	1	1
Minister of State	1	1	1	1
PERMANENT STAFF	273	333	338	365
Accounting Profession (2008)	1	1	1	1
Administrative	5	7	7	7
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Corporate Support	93	112	83	83
Information Service (2008)	1	2	2	2
Legal	28	31	35	35
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	81	95	100	102
Management Support Scheme (2008)	37	48	84	109
Management Support Scheme (Language Officer)	5	7	5	5
Operations Support	14	19	15	15
Shorthand Writers	7	10	5	5

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2009	Estimated FY2010	Revised FY2010	Estimated FY2011
OTHERS	490	523	531	541
Library (Technical)	1	1	1	1
Singapore Land Authority	489	522	530	540
TOTAL	765	858	871	908

FY2010 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (excluding agency fees for land sales) in FY2010 is estimated to be \$269.18 million, which is \$24.06 million or 8.2% lower than the actual FY2009 expenditure of \$293.23 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2010 is estimated to be \$121.58 million, which is \$5.21 million or 4.1% lower than the actual FY2009 expenditure of \$126.79 million. The lower estimate is mainly due to reduced expenditure in the management of State properties in FY2010. This is partially offset by an increase in manpower costs.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2010 is estimated to be \$147.60 million, which is \$18.84 million or 11.3% lower than the actual FY2009 expenditure of \$166.44 million. The decrease in expenditure is mainly due to less land being acquired for public purposes than in FY2009.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2010 is \$62.01 million, an increase of \$40.73 million or 191.4% over the actual FY2009 expenditure of \$21.28 million, due to an increase in land sales in response to a more buoyant property market in FY2010.

FY2011 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw in FY2011 (excluding agency fees for land sales) is projected to be \$226.28 million, a decrease of \$42.90 million or 15.9% from the estimated FY2010 expenditure. Of the total projected FY2010 expenditure, \$137.29 million or 60.7% is for operating expenditure whilst \$88.99 million or 39.3% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2011 provision of \$137.29 million is an increase of \$15.71 million or 12.9% over that of the revised FY2010 provision for operating expenditure. The increase in expenditure is mainly due to greater spending projected on the management of state properties and the operations of the SG-Space¹.

Development Expenditure

The FY2011 development provision of \$88.99 million is a decrease of \$58.61 million or 39.7% from the revised FY2010 provision. The decrease is mainly due to a projected reduction in the spending on land acquisition for public purposes.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales for FY2011 are projected to be \$40.96 million, a decrease of \$21.05 million or 33.9% from the revised FY2010 provision. The lower agency fees are mainly due to a projected decrease in land sales following the measures introduced in 2010 to cool the property market.

¹ A national framework and infrastructure to facilitate spatial and non-spatial data sharing for various uses and services to the public.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
RA	Administration	17,102,600	4,637,400	21,740,000	4,000,000	25,740,000
RB	Computer Services	5,303,500	0	5,303,500	0	5,303,500
RD	Land Acquisition Appeals	187,000	0	187,000	0	187,000
RG	Insolvency and Public Trustee	16,130,000	0	16,130,000	1,097,500	17,227,500
RI	Legal Aid	8,220,000	0	8,220,000	0	8,220,000
RN	Lands and Properties Administration	84,251,000	0	84,251,000	83,893,500	168,144,500
RO	Community Mediation	1,458,500	0	1,458,500	0	1,458,500
Total		\$132,652,600	\$4,637,400	\$137,290,000	\$88,991,000	\$226,281,000

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2008	Actual FY2009	Estimated FY2010	Revised FY2010	Estimated FY2011
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$166,443,137	\$154,602,000	\$147,600,000	\$88,991,000
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	<i>163,605,627</i>	<i>148,421,500</i>	<i>144,364,200</i>	<i>86,737,000</i>
Administration Programme						
Innovation Fund	...	...	4,066	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Minor Development Projects	...	...	285,883	1,210,000	500,000	1,000,000
Insolvency and Public Trustee Programme						
Insolvency and Public Trustee's Office Business Information System Phase 2 Computerisation	6,196,000	559,931	937,753	3,921,000	3,837,400	1,097,500
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Exhumation of Kwong Hou Sua Cemetery Phase 2	2,400,000	806,430	823,262	64,200	63,100	64,200
Land Acquisition for General Development	...	6,990,705,533	139,980,081	125,104,000	124,680,500	69,208,000
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	...	126,363,870	18,892,119	16,622,300	13,681,400	13,867,300
Completed Projects	...	...	2,682,463	0	101,800	0
<i>GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS</i>	...	...	<i>2,837,510</i>	<i>6,180,500</i>	<i>3,235,800</i>	<i>2,254,000</i>
Administration Programme						
Innovation Fund	...	...	0	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
OneMap	...	0	1,125,129	245,500	160,800	125,000
Singapore Geospatial Collaborative Environment	...	0	1,168,429	4,435,000	1,575,000	629,000
Completed Projects	...	...	543,951	0	0	0

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Desired Outcomes

- A sound and progressive legal framework
- A vibrant legal services sector
- Preferred use of mediation to settle social and relational disputes
- An insolvency regime 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 infrastructure

Key Performance Indicators

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2008	Actual FY2009	Revised FY2010	Estimated FY2011
A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook ²	First	Second	First	Top 3
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report–Settling Disputes ²	NA	First	First	Top 5
A vibrant legal services sector	Value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billions)	1.50	1.59	1.76	1.94
Preferred use of mediation to settle social and relational disputes	No. of registered mediation cases per 10,000 resident population ²	4.5	4.8	3.1	3.1
An insolvency regime which supports enterprise and financial discipline	Bankruptcy				
	No. of new bankruptcy cases per 10,000 resident population ²	6.4	5.5	4.0	3.3
	No. of bankruptcy cases discharged per 10,000 resident population ²	4.1	8.2	5.6	7.1
	Company Liquidation				
	No. of new company winding-up cases where Official Receiver is appointed as liquidator ²	90	86	104	104

² Figures are for calendar year.

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2007	Actual FY2008	Revised FY2009	Estimated FY2010
Accessibility to justice for persons of limited means	No. of persons who received legal help per 10,000 resident population ²	25.3	26.2	24.3	24.2
Land resources optimized to meet national needs	Utilisation rate of state land (%) ²	73	74	75	75
	Occupancy rate of state properties (%) ²	98	98	98	98
A robust and dynamic intellectual property infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property rights enforcement in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook ²	Second	Fourth	Fifth	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report ²	Second	First	Third	Top 5