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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 to optimize land resources to support national goals.

FY2012 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2010	Estimated FY2011	Revised FY2011	Estimated FY2012	Change over FY2011	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$267,190,537	\$226,281,000	\$258,170,900	\$487,584,600	\$229,413,700	88.9%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$119,228,489	\$137,290,000	\$124,014,300	\$147,347,900	\$23,333,600	18.8%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$114,430,286</i>	<i>\$132,652,600</i>	<i>\$120,175,100</i>	<i>\$137,455,500</i>	<i>\$17,280,400</i>	<i>14.4%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$27,745,556	\$29,763,000	\$30,195,200	\$37,021,100	\$6,825,900	22.6%
1200	Political Appointments	1,586,915	1,255,000	1,273,000	947,000	-326,000	-25.6
1500	Permanent Staff	25,828,018	28,126,000	28,493,200	35,155,100	6,661,900	23.4
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	330,623	382,000	429,000	919,000	490,000	114.2
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$86,211,777	\$102,439,600	\$89,233,900	\$96,456,100	\$7,222,200	8.1%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	84,108,987	100,272,400	86,198,000	93,826,300	7,628,300	8.8
2300	Manpower Development	672,382	1,032,600	1,197,100	1,355,400	158,300	13.2
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	692,642	689,100	857,500	885,800	28,300	3.3
2700	Asset Acquisition	737,766	435,500	981,200	378,600	-602,600	-61.4
2800	Miscellaneous	0	10,000	100	10,000	9,900	n.a.
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$472,954	\$450,000	\$746,000	\$3,978,300	\$3,232,300	433.3%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	472,954	450,000	746,000	3,978,300	3,232,300	433.3

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2010	Estimated FY2011	Revised FY2011	Estimated FY2012	Change over FY2011	
	TRANSFERS	\$4,798,203	\$4,637,400	\$3,839,200	\$9,892,400	\$6,053,200	157.7%
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	15,733	15,800	15,800	15,800	0	0.0
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	4,711,797	4,517,000	3,703,800	9,741,000	6,037,200	163.0
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	70,673	104,600	119,600	135,600	16,000	13.4
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$63,483,388	\$40,964,000	\$74,902,700	\$52,610,900	-\$22,291,800	-29.8%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales Development Estimates	63,483,388	40,964,000	74,902,700	52,610,900	-22,291,800	-29.8
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$147,962,048	\$88,991,000	\$134,156,600	\$340,236,700	\$206,080,100	153.6%
5100	Government Development	144,517,703	86,737,000	133,502,600	338,253,600	204,751,000	153.4
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	3,444,345	2,254,000	654,000	1,983,100	1,329,100	203.2

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2010	Estimated FY2011	Revised FY2011	Estimated FY2012
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	1	1
Minister of State	1	1	0	0
Senior Parliamentary Secretary	0	0	1	1
PERMANENT STAFF	308	365	422	427
Accounting Profession (2008)	1	1	1	1
Administrative	7	7	7	7
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Corporate Support	80	83	82	84
Information Service (2008)	2	2	3	3
Legal	32	35	40	40
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	89	102	121	125
Management Support Scheme (2008)	71	109	144	144
Management Support Scheme (Language Officer)	4	5	5	5
Operations Support	14	15	14	14
Shorthand Writers	7	5	4	3
OTHERS	501	541	528	557
Library (Technical)	1	1	1	1
Singapore Land Authority	500	540	527	556
TOTAL	811	908	952	986

FY2011 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (excluding agency fees for land sales) in FY2011 is estimated to be \$258.17 million, which is \$9.02 million or 3.4% lower than the actual FY2010 expenditure of \$267.19 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2011 is estimated to be \$124.01 million, which is \$4.79 million or 4.0% higher than the actual FY2010 expenditure of \$119.23 million. The higher estimate is mainly due to increase in manpower costs from headcount increases and greater spending on the operations of SG-Space¹.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2011 is estimated to be \$134.16 million, which is \$13.81 million or 9.3% higher than the actual FY2010 expenditure of \$147.96 million. The decrease in expenditure is mainly due to lower compensation costs estimated on the acquisition of land for public purposes in FY2011 compared to FY2010.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2011 is \$74.90 million, an increase of \$11.42 million or 18.0% over the actual FY2010 expenditure of \$63.48 million, due to an increase in land sales in response to a more buoyant property market in FY2011.

FY2012 BUDGET

The total expenditure of Ministry of Law in FY2012 (excluding agency fees for land sales) is projected to be \$487.58 million, an increase of \$229.41 million or 88.9% from the revised FY2011 expenditure of \$258.17 million. Of the total projected FY2012 expenditure, \$147.35 million or 30.2% is for operating expenditure; \$340.24 million or 69.8% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2012 provision of \$147.35 million is an increase of \$23.33 million or 18.8% over that of the revised FY2011 provision for operating expenditure. The increase in expenditure is to cater for higher projected manpower costs increases, management of state properties and increase in operating grants.

Development Expenditure

The FY2012 development provision of \$340.24 million is an increase of \$206.08 million or 153.6% from the revised FY2011 provision. The increase is mainly due to a projected increase in the spending on land acquisition for public purposes.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales for FY2012 are projected to be \$52.61 million, a decrease of \$22.29 million or 29.8% from the revised FY2011 provision. The lower agency fees are mainly due to a projected decrease in land sales.

¹ A national framework and infrastructure to facilitate 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	23,035,300	9,892,400	32,927,700	2,413,900	35,341,600
RB	Computer Services	6,502,500	0	6,502,500	0	6,502,500
RD	Land Acquisition Appeals	190,000	0	190,000	0	190,000
RG	Insolvency and Public Trustee	22,008,100	0	22,008,100	571,200	22,579,300
RI	Legal Aid	9,044,600	0	9,044,600	0	9,044,600
RN	Lands and Properties Administration	75,209,000	0	75,209,000	337,251,600	412,460,600
RO	Community Mediation	1,466,000	0	1,466,000	0	1,466,000
Total		\$137,455,500	\$9,892,400	\$147,347,900	\$340,236,700	\$487,584,600

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2009	Actual FY2010	Estimated FY2011	Revised FY2011	Estimated FY2012
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$147,962,048	\$88,991,000	\$134,156,600	\$340,236,700
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	<i>144,517,703</i>	<i>86,737,000</i>	<i>133,502,600</i>	<i>338,253,600</i>
Administration Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	333,649	1,000,000	2,986,000	1,000,000
Insolvency and Public Trustee Programme						
Insolvency and Public Trustee's Office Business Information System Phase 2 Computerisation	6,196,000	1,497,684	1,721,817	1,097,500	3,139,500	571,200
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Exhumation of Kwong Hou Sua Cemetery Phase 2	2,400,000	1,629,692	0	64,200	63,500	64,200
Land Acquisition for General Development	...	7,130,685,614	129,730,394	69,208,000	116,922,600	319,387,400
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	...	145,255,989	12,631,456	13,867,300	10,091,000	17,230,800
Completed Projects	...	...	100,387	0	0	0
<i>GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS</i>	...	...	<i>3,444,345</i>	<i>2,254,000</i>	<i>654,000</i>	<i>1,983,100</i>
Administration Programme						
Innovation Fund	...	...	32,577	1,500,000	300,000	171,200
New Projects	...	...	0	0	0	1,242,700
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Singapore Geospatial Collaborative Environment	...	1,168,429	3,250,984	629,000	654,000	569,200
Completed Projects	...	...	160,784	125,000	0	0

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Desired Outcomes

- A sound and progressive legal framework
- A vibrant legal services hub
- A robust intellectual property infrastructure
- Optimal use of land resources
- An efficient and reliable land titles registration system
- Access to legal help for low income residents
- Accessible and effective community mediation services
- A sound and efficient insolvency regime
- An efficient public trustee system

Key Performance Indicators

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2009	Actual FY2010	Revised FY2011	Estimated FY2012
A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook ²	2 nd	1 st	1 ^{st3}	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report – Settling Disputes ²	1 st	1 st	1 ^{st3}	Top 5
A vibrant legal services sector	Value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billions) ²	1.60	1.70	1.81	1.89
A robust intellectual property infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property rights enforcement in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook ²	4 th	5 th	9 ^{th3}	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report ²	1 st	3 rd	2 ^{nd3}	Top 5
Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of usable state land managed (%)	84.4	84.3	≥84.0	≥84.0
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	98.9	98	≥95	≥95
An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	World ranking in registering properties in the World Bank Doing Business Survey ²	16 th	15 th	15 ^{th 3}	Top 15

² Data for indicator is based on Calendar Year.

³ Revised based on actual performance.

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2009	Actual FY2010	Revised FY2011	Estimated FY2012
Access to legal help for low income residents	% of persons who received legal advice, assistance and aid from the Legal Aid Bureau within the respective performance standards of the services ^{2,4}	-	-	≥95	≥95
Accessible and effective community mediation services	Settlement rate of cases mediated by the Community Mediation Centres (%) ²	68	70	≥70	≥70
A sound and efficient insolvency regime	% of discharged bankruptcy cases where all dividends are paid to creditors within 4 weeks of discharge ^{2,5}	-	-	≥95	≥95
	World ranking in Singapore's recovery rate in closing a business in the World Bank Doing Business Survey ²	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd ³	Top 5
An efficient public trustee system	% of beneficiaries of un-nominated CPF monies and small estates who received the distribution from Public Trustee within 4 weeks of receipt of complete documentation and monies ^{2,4}	-	-	≥95	≥95

⁴ Past data is not available as this is a new indicator tracked starting FY2011.

⁵ Past data is not available as this is a new indicator was revised in quarter 3 2011 and tracking started quarter 4 2011.