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MINISTRY OF LAW

OVERVIEW

Mission Statement

Advancing access to justice, the rule of law, the economy and society through policy, law and services.

Vision

A Trusted Legal System; A Trusted Singapore.

FY2014 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2012	Estimated FY2013	Revised FY2013	Estimated FY2014	Change over FY2013	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$479,120,100	\$458,729,000	\$441,749,800	\$636,127,600	\$194,377,800	44.0%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$162,713,430	\$176,457,000	\$171,054,000	\$192,815,400	\$21,761,400	12.7%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$128,298,115</i>	<i>\$166,006,900</i>	<i>\$153,802,900</i>	<i>\$184,391,600</i>	<i>\$30,588,700</i>	<i>19.9%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$33,593,271	\$39,198,000	\$39,663,100	\$47,767,000	\$8,103,900	20.4%
1200	Political Appointments	1,123,567	1,825,000	2,240,000	1,893,000	-347,000	-15.5
1500	Permanent Staff	31,929,042	36,532,900	36,919,200	45,297,800	8,378,600	22.7
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	540,661	840,100	503,900	576,200	72,300	14.3
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$92,929,565	\$118,987,900	\$106,000,100	\$127,618,600	\$21,618,500	20.4%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	90,646,957	115,727,700	103,718,100	124,038,700	20,320,600	19.6
2300	Manpower Development	998,196	1,746,500	1,179,700	2,270,800	1,091,100	92.5
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	690,551	1,010,000	909,100	1,080,700	171,600	18.9
2700	Asset Acquisition	592,705	493,700	183,200	218,400	35,200	19.2
2800	Miscellaneous	1,156	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0.0
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$1,775,280	\$7,821,000	\$8,139,700	\$9,006,000	\$866,300	10.6%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	1,775,280	7,821,000	8,139,700	9,006,000	866,300	10.6

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2012	Estimated FY2013	Revised FY2013	Estimated FY2014	Change over FY2013	
	TRANSFERS	\$34,415,315	\$10,450,100	\$17,251,100	\$8,423,800	-\$8,827,300	-51.2%
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	15,733	15,800	15,800	15,800	0	0.0
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	34,224,340	10,234,300	17,013,000	8,268,600	-8,744,400	-51.4
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	175,242	200,000	222,300	139,400	-82,900	-37.3
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$69,975,036	\$65,585,400	\$68,957,500	\$60,381,000	-\$8,576,500	-12.4%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	69,975,036	65,585,400	68,957,500	60,381,000	-8,576,500	-12.4
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$316,406,671	\$282,272,000	\$270,695,800	\$443,312,200	\$172,616,400	63.8%
5100	Government Development	315,353,961	279,644,200	268,877,800	440,496,200	171,618,400	63.8
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	1,052,709	2,627,800	1,818,000	2,816,000	998,000	54.9
	OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	\$9,776,685	\$282,800,000	\$281,398,600	\$129,518,900	-\$151,879,700	-54.0%
5500	Land-Related Expenditure	9,776,685	282,800,000	281,398,600	129,518,900	-151,879,700	-54.0

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2012	Estimated FY2013	Revised FY2013	Estimated FY2014
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	1	1
Minister of State	0	1	1	1
Senior Parliamentary Secretary	1	0	0	0
PERMANENT STAFF	394	436	429	438
Accounting Profession (2008)	1	1	1	1
Administrative	4	7	7	7
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	0
Corporate Support	26	70	70	70
Information Service (2008)	2	3	3	3
Legal	38	45	45	45
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	127	138	129	142
Management Support Scheme (2008)	176	149	151	148
Management Support Scheme (Language Officer)	3	5	5	5
Operations Support	14	14	14	14
Shorthand Writers	2	3	3	3
OTHERS	537	582	563	583
Library (Technical)	1	1	1	1
Singapore Land Authority	536	581	562	582
TOTAL	933	1,020	994	1,023

FY2013 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) in FY2013 is estimated to be \$441.75 million, which is \$37.37 million or 7.8% lower than the actual FY2012 expenditure of \$479.12 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2013 is estimated to be \$171.05 million, which is \$8.34 million or 5.1% higher than the actual FY2012 expenditure of \$162.71 million. The higher estimate is mainly due to higher projected manpower costs and increase in operating grants to external agencies.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2013 is estimated to be \$270.70 million, which is \$45.71 million or 14.4% lower than the actual FY2012 expenditure of \$316.41 million. The decrease in expenditure is due to higher compensation costs on the acquisitions of more high value land in FY2012.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2013 is \$68.96 million, a marginal decrease of \$1 million or 1.5% over the actual FY2012 expenditure of \$69.98 million. The reduction is due to a decrease in land sales through HDB.

Other Development Fund Outlays

Land-related Expenditure

A sum of \$281.40 million has been provided in FY2013, which is \$271.62 million higher than FY2012 expenditure, to cater for compensations on land-related matters taking place in FY2013.

FY2014 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw in FY2014 (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) is projected to be \$636.13 million, an increase of \$194.38 million or 44.0% from the revised FY2013 expenditure of \$441.75 million. Of the total projected FY2014 expenditure, \$192.82 million or 30.3% is for operating expenditure whilst \$443.31 million or 69.7% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2014 provision of \$192.82 million is an increase of \$21.77 million or 12.7% over that of the revised FY2013 provision for operating expenditure. The increase in expenditure is related to the creation of additional supernumerary posts and office refurbishment costs arising from organisational transformation.

Development Expenditure

The FY2014 development provision of \$443.31 million is an increase of \$172.61 million or 63.8% from the revised FY2013 provision. The increase is mainly due to projected increase in the spending on land acquisition for development purposes.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales projected for FY2014 is \$60.38 million, a decrease of \$8.58 million or 12.4% from the revised FY2013 provision. The lower agency fees are mainly due to projected decrease in land sales.

Other Development Fund Outlays***Land-related Expenditure***

A sum of \$129.52 million has been provided in FY2014. This is lower than FY2013 provision of \$281.40 million (\$151.88 million or 54.0% lower) as the bulk of expenditure on land-related matters is expected to be transacted in FY2013.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
RA	Management and Policies	31,871,900	8,423,800	40,295,700	10,044,500	50,340,200
RB	Information Technology	11,944,000	0	11,944,000	0	11,944,000
RD	Appeals Board	189,400	0	189,400	0	189,400
RE	Public Trustee	1,556,500	0	1,556,500	0	1,556,500
RF	Registry of Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers	2,299,800	0	2,299,800	0	2,299,800
RG	Insolvency	9,336,500	0	9,336,500	0	9,336,500
RI	Legal Aid	10,162,400	0	10,162,400	2,500,000	12,662,400
RJ	Support Services	29,774,900	0	29,774,900	0	29,774,900
RN	Lands and Properties Administration	85,793,700	0	85,793,700	430,767,700	516,561,400
RO	Community Mediation	1,462,500	0	1,462,500	0	1,462,500
Total		\$184,391,600	\$8,423,800	\$192,815,400	\$443,312,200	\$636,127,600

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2011	Actual FY2012	Estimated FY2013	Revised FY2013	Estimated FY2014
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$316,406,671	\$282,272,000	\$270,695,800	\$443,312,200
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	<i>315,353,961</i>	<i>279,644,200</i>	<i>268,877,800</i>	<i>440,496,200</i>
Management and Policies Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	1,032,641	5,719,800	1,644,100	9,217,500
Legal Aid Programme						
LAB Case System	7,908,000	0	0	0	0	2,500,000
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Thomson Line	...	0	87,471	0	60,405,300	52,281,100
Resettlement	...	181,422,583	26,617	0	70,500	118,000
Land Acquisition for General Development	...	7,375,350,853	301,231,018	261,921,200	199,951,500	368,200,000
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	...	167,835,882	10,526,579	9,654,300	5,044,000	8,179,600
Completed Projects	...	...	2,449,635	2,348,900	1,762,400	0
<i>GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS</i>	...	...	<i>1,052,709</i>	<i>2,627,800</i>	<i>1,818,000</i>	<i>2,816,000</i>
Management and Policies Programme						
Patent Technical Team	612,500	0	0	382,400	161,900	242,600
Developing Patent Technical Capability in Singapore	1,137,500	0	0	710,200	300,600	450,600
New Projects	...	...	284,606	735,200	722,500	133,800

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2011	Actual FY2012	Estimated FY2013	Revised FY2013	Estimated FY2014
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
3D National Topographical Mapping	4,030,000	0	0	0	0	1,989,000
Completed Projects	...	...	768,103	800,000	633,000	0

Other Development Fund Outlays

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2011	Actual FY2012	Estimated FY2013	Revised FY2013	Estimated FY2014
OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	...	...	\$9,776,685	\$282,800,000	\$281,398,600	\$129,518,900
<i>LAND-RELATED EXPENDITURE</i>	...	...	<i>9,776,685</i>	<i>282,800,000</i>	<i>281,398,600</i>	<i>129,518,900</i>
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Thomson Line	...	0	6,400,685	0	278,518,600	129,518,900
Completed Projects	...	...	3,376,000	282,800,000 ¹	2,880,000	0

¹ This amount was budgeted for the land acquisition of the Thomson Line. The budget has been reclassified under the Thomson Line project in the revised FY2013 estimates.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Desired Outcomes for the Ministry of Law

The desired outcomes for the Ministry of Law include:

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

Key Performance Indicators

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2011	Actual FY2012	Revised ² FY2013	Estimated FY2014
A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook	1 st	2 nd	2 nd	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report – Settling Disputes	1 st	1 st	1 st	Top 5
A vibrant legal services sector	Value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billions)	1.80	1.90	>1.97*	2.00
A robust intellectual property infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property rights enforcement in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook	9 th	7 th	11 th	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd	Top 5
Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of usable state land managed (%)	84.8%	85.0%	85.0%	≥85%
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	97.4%	98.8%	97.4%	≥95%
An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	World ranking in registering properties in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	36 th	35 th	28 th	15 th
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	100%	100%	>95%*	>95%
Accessible and effective community mediation services	Settlement rate of cases mediated by the Community Mediation Centres (%)	71%	71%	72%	>70%

² All figures are actual except those indicated with an asterisk (*) which are estimates.

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2011	Actual FY2012	Revised ² FY2013	Estimated FY2014
A sound and efficient insolvency regime	% of discharged bankruptcy cases where all dividends are paid to creditors within 4 weeks of discharge	100%	96%	98%	≥95%
	World ranking in Singapore's recovery rate in closing a business in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd	Top 5
An efficient system for the administration of small estates and un-nominated CPF monies by the Public Trustee	% 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	99%	95%	95%	≥95%