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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.

FY2016 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2014	Estimated FY2015	Revised FY2015	Estimated FY2016	Change over FY2015
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$611,216,642	\$500,494,400	\$496,325,900	\$560,749,800	\$64,423,900 13.0%
	Main Estimates					
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$176,809,412	\$180,264,400	\$177,247,400	\$181,470,800	\$4,223,400 2.4%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$168,935,296</i>	<i>\$167,925,300</i>	<i>\$163,985,000</i>	<i>\$166,308,400</i>	<i>\$2,323,400</i> <i>1.4%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$41,917,014	\$48,742,800	\$47,951,400	\$49,351,900	\$1,400,500 2.9%
1200	Political Appointments	2,016,684	1,891,000	2,120,000	2,293,000	173,000 8.2
1500	Permanent Staff	39,613,753	46,275,600	45,639,400	46,867,300	1,227,900 2.7
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	286,577	576,200	192,000	191,600	-400 -0.2
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$116,773,152	\$118,267,900	\$115,941,800	\$114,976,200	-\$965,600 -0.8%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	114,114,915	112,899,700	110,712,400	110,830,000	117,600 0.1
2300	Manpower Development	1,220,779	2,267,900	1,260,400	2,122,200	861,800 68.4
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	934,341	2,870,200	1,519,700	1,912,500	392,800 25.8
2700	Asset Acquisition	368,568	65,100	823,800	109,500	-714,300 -86.7
2800	Miscellaneous	134,549	165,000	1,625,500	2,000	-1,623,500 -99.9
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$10,245,130	\$914,600	\$91,800	\$1,980,300	\$1,888,500 n.a.
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	10,245,130	914,600	91,800	1,980,300	1,888,500 n.a.
	<i>TRANSFERS</i>	<i>\$7,874,116</i>	<i>\$12,339,100</i>	<i>\$13,262,400</i>	<i>\$15,162,400</i>	<i>\$1,900,000</i> <i>14.3%</i>
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	15,733	15,800	15,800	15,800	0 0.0
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	7,576,351	11,245,700	12,157,800	13,870,400	1,712,600 14.1
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	282,032	1,077,600	1,088,800	1,276,200	187,400 17.2

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2014	Estimated FY2015	Revised FY2015	Estimated FY2016	Change over FY2015	
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$51,527,913	\$49,683,000	\$36,852,700	\$36,605,600	-\$247,100	-0.7%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	51,527,913	49,683,000	36,852,700	36,605,600	-247,100	-0.7
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$434,407,230	\$320,230,000	\$319,078,500	\$379,279,000	\$60,200,500	18.9%
5100	Government Development	432,049,141	317,937,200	316,848,000	378,202,500	61,354,500	19.4
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	2,358,090	2,292,800	2,230,500	1,076,500	-1,154,000	-51.7
	OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	\$134,634,248	\$7,580,000	\$7,580,000	\$5,100,000	-\$2,480,000	-32.7%
5500	Land-Related Expenditure	134,634,248	7,580,000	7,580,000	5,100,000	-2,480,000	-32.7

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2014	Estimated FY2015	Revised FY2015	Estimated FY2016
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	1	1
Senior Minister of State	1	1 ¹	1	1
PERMANENT STAFF	508	508	522	522
Administrative	9	9	9	9
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Information Service (2008)	3	3	3	3
Legal	59	59	60	60
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	185	185	207	207
Management Support Scheme (2008)	251	251	242	242
OTHERS	534	590	577	581
Singapore Land Authority	534	590	577	581
TOTAL	1,044	1,100	1,101	1,105

¹ Updated for Revenue and Expenditure Estimates for FY2016/2017.

FY2015 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) in FY2015 is estimated to be \$496.33 million, which is \$114.89 million or 18.8% lower than the actual FY2014 expenditure of \$611.22 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2015 is estimated to be \$177.25 million, which is \$0.44 million or 0.2% higher than the actual FY2014 expenditure of \$176.81 million. This increase is mainly due to higher projected manpower costs offset by lower operating grants to our Statutory Boards.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2015 is estimated to be \$319.08 million, which is \$115.33 million or 26.5% lower than the actual FY2014 expenditure of \$434.41 million. The decrease in expenditure is due to lower payouts for the acquisitions of land in FY2015.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2015 is \$36.85 million, a decrease of \$14.68 million or 28.5% over the actual FY2014 expenditure of \$51.53 million. The reduction is mainly due to a decrease in land sales through land sales agents.

Other Development Fund Outlays

Land-related Expenditure

A sum of \$7.58 million has been provided in FY2015, which is \$127.05 million or 94.4% lower than FY2014 expenditure of \$134.63 million. The reduction is because the bulk of the compensation payments to owners affected by the development of Thomson Line and Downtown Line has been made in FY2014.

FY2016 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw for FY2016 (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) is projected to be \$560.75 million, an increase of \$64.42 million or 13.0% from the revised FY2015 expenditure of \$496.33 million. Of the total projected FY2016 expenditure, \$181.47 million or 32.4% is for operating expenditure whilst \$379.28 million or 67.6% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2016 provision of \$181.47 million is an increase of \$4.22 million or 2.4% over that of the revised FY2015 provision for operating expenditure. This increase is mainly due to higher agency fees and operating grants to Statutory Boards and other agencies.

Development Expenditure

The FY2016 development expenditure provision of \$379.28 million is an increase of \$60.20 million or 18.9% from the revised FY2015 provision. This increase is mainly due to higher anticipated land acquisition compensation costs.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales projected for FY2016 is \$36.61 million, a decrease of \$0.25 million or 0.7% from the revised FY2015 provision. The agency fees for land sales are projected to be lower in FY2016 due to a drop in the number of sale sites.

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

A sum of \$5.10 million has been provided in FY2016. This is \$2.48 million or 32.7% lower than FY2015 provision of \$7.58 million as the bulk of the expenditure for land-related matters is expected to be completed in FY2014 and FY2015.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
RA	Management and Policies	22,626,000	15,162,400	37,788,400	4,091,000	41,879,400
RB	Information Technology and Data Management	9,826,000	0	9,826,000	0	9,826,000
RD	Appeals Board	230,000	0	230,000	0	230,000
RE	Public Trustee	1,640,800	0	1,640,800	0	1,640,800
RF	Registries of Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers	2,357,600	0	2,357,600	0	2,357,600
RG	Insolvency	11,029,400	0	11,029,400	0	11,029,400
RI	Legal Aid	6,314,200	0	6,314,200	540,000	6,854,200
RJ	Support Services	25,069,400	0	25,069,400	0	25,069,400
RN	Lands and Properties Administration	85,771,600	0	85,771,600	374,648,000	460,419,600
RO	Community Mediation	1,443,400	0	1,443,400	0	1,443,400
Total		\$166,308,400	\$15,162,400	\$181,470,800	\$379,279,000	\$560,749,800

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2013	Actual FY2014	Estimated FY2015	Revised FY2015	Estimated FY2016
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$434,407,230	\$320,230,000	\$319,078,500	\$379,279,000
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	<i>432,049,141</i>	<i>317,937,200</i>	<i>316,848,000</i>	<i>378,202,500</i>
Management and Policies Programme						
Refurbishment of 28 Maxwell Road	...	0	0	0	77,800	939,500
Minor Development Projects	...	...	4,998,776	2,327,400	2,327,400	3,017,700
Legal Aid Programme						
LAB Case System	7,908,000	0	239,942	839,800	839,800	540,000
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Downtown Line 3	...	1,372,485	2,459,105	3,018,100	2,531,000	2,291,100
Remediation of former Kallang Gasworks	26,940,000	0	0	525,000	125,100	584,500
Environmental Site Assessment and Consultancy Services at Pasir Panjang	3,150,000	0	0	105,000	410,100	350,700
Land Acquisition for General Development	...	7,882,571,271	369,175,451	300,318,900	300,184,100	358,597,500
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	...	182,587,766	2,515,713	6,656,600	6,205,100	11,881,500
Completed Projects	...	...	52,660,153	4,146,400	4,147,600	0
<i>GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS</i>	...	...	<i>2,358,090</i>	<i>2,292,800</i>	<i>2,230,500</i>	<i>1,076,500</i>
Management and Policies Programme						
NUS Law	...	722,500	133,777	133,800	133,800	133,800

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2013	Actual FY2014	Estimated FY2015	Revised FY2015	Estimated FY2016
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Geospace	15,500,000	5,785,413	0	0	300,000	201,700
OneMap 2.0	2,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	337,700	741,000
Completed Projects	...	...	2,224,313	1,159,000	1,459,000	0

Other Development Fund Outlays

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2013	Actual FY2014	Estimated FY2015	Revised FY2015	Estimated FY2016
OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	...	...	\$134,634,248	\$7,580,000	\$7,580,000	\$5,100,000
<i>LAND-RELATED EXPENDITURE</i>	...	...	<i>134,634,248</i>	<i>7,580,000</i>	<i>7,580,000</i>	<i>5,100,000</i>
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Downtown Line 3	...	3,376,000	4,316,000	7,580,000	7,580,000	5,100,000
Completed Projects	...	...	130,318,248	0	0	0

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Desired Outcomes

- 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 FY2013	Actual FY2014	Revised ² FY2015	Estimated FY2016
A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the IMD's World Competitiveness Yearbook	2 nd	1 st	2 nd	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report - Settling Disputes	1 st	1 st	1 st	Top 5
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 Centre (%)	72	75	>70*	>70
An efficient public trustee system	% of beneficiaries of un-nominated CPF monies and small estates who received the distribution from Public Trustee within four weeks of receipt of complete documentation and monies	99	100	99*	>95
A vibrant legal services sector	Value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billions)	1.9 ³	2.1 ⁴	2.1*	2.2
A sound and efficient insolvency regime	% of discharged bankruptcy cases where all dividends are paid to creditors within 4 weeks of discharge	99.3	99.7	99.7*	>95.0
	World ranking in Ease of Resolving Insolvency in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	4 th	19 th ⁵	26 th	20 th

² All revised FY2015 figures are actual except those indicated with an asterisk (*) which are estimates.

³ Data updated based on latest data from Department of Statistics (April 2015).

⁴ Based on available preliminary data.

⁵ The World Bank Doing Business Survey ranking methodology was changed in FY2014.

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2013	Actual FY2014	Revised ² FY2015	Estimated FY2016
Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of State land available for use (%)	94.0	94.9	95.0*	95.0
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	97.4	97.3	95.0*	95.0
An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	World ranking in registering properties in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	28 th	16 th ⁶	17 th	16 th
A robust Intellectual Property Infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report	2 nd	2 nd	4 th	Top 5

⁶ The World Bank Doing Business Survey ranking methodology was changed in FY2015 and the World Bank has adjusted the previous year's ranking based on the new methodology.