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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.

FY2017 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2015	Estimated FY2016	Revised FY2016	Estimated FY2017	Change over	FY2016
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$492,631,005	\$560,749,800	\$558,957,200	\$523,388,100	-\$35,569,100	-6.4%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$173,872,028	\$181,470,800	\$181,399,400	\$188,303,100	\$6,903,700	3.8%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$163,457,934</i>	<i>\$166,308,400</i>	<i>\$164,853,200</i>	<i>\$172,940,600</i>	<i>\$8,087,400</i>	<i>4.9%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$45,706,189	\$49,351,900	\$49,215,000	\$49,000,000	-\$215,000	-0.4%
1200	Political Appointments	2,114,465	2,293,000	2,273,000	2,337,400	64,400	2.8
1500	Permanent Staff	43,386,970	46,867,300	46,724,800	46,455,100	-269,700	-0.6
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	204,754	191,600	217,200	207,500	-9,700	-4.5
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$117,637,572	\$114,976,200	\$113,684,800	\$121,615,600	\$7,930,800	7.0%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	114,729,881	110,830,000	110,643,700	117,734,200	7,090,500	6.4
2300	Manpower Development	1,081,088	2,122,200	1,416,000	1,975,900	559,900	39.5
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	1,186,681	1,912,500	1,491,000	1,875,700	384,700	25.8
2700	Asset Acquisition	613,751	109,500	119,300	26,000	-93,300	-78.2
2800	Miscellaneous	26,171	2,000	14,800	3,800	-11,000	-74.3
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$114,173	\$1,980,300	\$1,953,400	\$2,325,000	\$371,600	19.0%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	114,173	1,980,300	1,953,400	2,325,000	371,600	19.0
	<i>TRANSFERS</i>	<i>\$10,414,094</i>	<i>\$15,162,400</i>	<i>\$16,546,200</i>	<i>\$15,362,500</i>	<i>-\$1,183,700</i>	<i>-7.2%</i>
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	15,733	15,800	15,800	15,800	0	0.0
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	9,954,459	13,870,400	15,216,800	14,063,700	-1,153,100	-7.6
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	443,903	1,276,200	1,313,600	1,283,000	-30,600	-2.3

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2015	Estimated FY2016	Revised FY2016	Estimated FY2017	Change over	FY2016
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$35,668,507	\$36,605,600	\$27,693,400	\$33,235,400	\$5,542,000	20.0%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	35,668,507	36,605,600	27,693,400	33,235,400	5,542,000	20.0
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$318,758,977	\$379,279,000	\$377,557,800	\$335,085,000	-\$42,472,800	-11.2%
5100	Government Development	317,014,319	378,202,500	377,424,000	334,951,200	-42,472,800	-11.3
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	1,744,658	1,076,500	133,800	133,800	0	0.0
	OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	\$5,550,000	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000	\$0	-\$5,100,000	-100.0%
5500	Land-Related Expenditure	5,550,000	5,100,000	5,100,000	0	-5,100,000	-100.0

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2015	Estimated FY2016	Revised FY2016	Estimated FY2017
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	1	1
Senior Minister of State	1	1	1	1
PERMANENT STAFF	508	522	467	467
Administrative	9	9	9	9
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Information Service (2008)	3	3	3	3
Legal	59	60	60	60
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	195	207	174	174
Management Support Scheme (2008)	241	242	220	220
OTHERS	551	581	562	562
Singapore Land Authority	551	581	562	562
TOTAL	1,061	1,105	1,031	1,031

FY2016 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) in FY2016 is estimated to be \$558.96 million, which is \$66.33 million or 13.5% higher than the actual FY2015 expenditure of \$492.63 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2016 is estimated to be \$181.40 million, which is \$7.53 million or 4.3% higher than the actual FY2015 expenditure of \$173.87 million. This increase is mainly due to higher projected manpower costs and higher operating grants.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2016 is estimated to be \$377.56 million, which is \$58.80 million or 18.4% higher than the actual FY2015 expenditure of \$318.76 million. The increase in expenditure is mainly due to increase in land acquisition costs in FY2016.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2016 is \$27.69 million, a decrease of \$7.98 million or 22.4% over the actual FY2015 expenditure of \$35.67 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 \$5.10 million has been provided in FY2016, which is \$0.45 million lower than FY2015 expenditure of \$5.55 million. The bulk of the expenditure for land-related matters is expected to be paid in FY2015 and FY2016.

FY2017 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw for FY2017 (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) is projected to be \$523.39 million, a decrease of \$35.57 million or 6.4% from the revised FY2016 expenditure of \$558.96 million. Of the total projected FY2017 expenditure, \$188.30 million or 36.0% is for operating expenditure whilst \$335.09 million or 64.0% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2017 provision of \$188.30 million is an increase of \$6.90 million or 3.8% over that of the revised FY2016 provision for operating expenditure of \$181.40 million. This increase is mainly due to higher agency fees and IT operating expenditure.

Development Expenditure

The FY2017 development expenditure provision of \$335.09 million is a decrease of \$42.47 million or 11.2% from the revised FY2016 provision of \$377.56 million. This decrease is mainly due to lower land acquisition compensation anticipated in FY2017 compared to FY2016.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales projected for FY2017 is \$33.24 million, an increase of \$5.55 million or 20.0% from the revised FY2016 provision. The agency fees for land sales are projected to be higher in FY2017 due to a projected increase in the number of sale sites.

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

There is no provision set aside for land-related expenditure in FY2017.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
RA	Management and Policies	22,008,200	15,362,500	37,370,700	19,194,700	56,565,400
RB	Information Technology and Data Management	10,761,600	0	10,761,600	0	10,761,600
RD	Appeals Board	234,100	0	234,100	0	234,100
RE	Public Trustee	1,697,500	0	1,697,500	0	1,697,500
RF	Registries of Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers	2,423,900	0	2,423,900	0	2,423,900
RG	Insolvency	11,610,700	0	11,610,700	0	11,610,700
RI	Legal Aid	6,510,400	0	6,510,400	1,033,700	7,544,100
RJ	Support Services	24,704,800	0	24,704,800	0	24,704,800
RN	Lands and Properties Administration	91,462,800	0	91,462,800	314,856,600	406,319,400
RO	Community Mediation	1,526,600	0	1,526,600	0	1,526,600
Total		\$172,940,600	\$15,362,500	\$188,303,100	\$335,085,000	\$523,388,100

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2014	Actual FY2015	Estimated FY2016	Revised FY2016	Estimated FY2017
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$318,758,977	\$379,279,000	\$377,557,800	\$335,085,000
GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT	...	...	317,014,319	378,202,500	377,424,000	334,951,200
Management and Policies Programme						
Refurbishment of 28 Maxwell Road	0	0	77,328	939,500	939,500	16,311,400
Minor Development Projects	...	...	2,073,283	3,017,700	2,957,000	2,749,500
Legal Aid Programme						
LAB Case System	0	239,942	1,109,872	540,000	797,000	1,033,700
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Remediation of former Kallang Gasworks	26,940,000	0	125,054	584,500	69,800	200,000
Environmental Site Assessment and Consultancy Services at Pasir Panjang	3,150,000	0	416,371	350,700	340,000	380,000
Restoration of Sultan Properties	6,210,000	0	0	0	0	1,450,000
Land Acquisition for General Development	0	8,251,746,722	301,985,957	358,597,500	357,352,200	308,840,000
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	0	185,103,480	6,318,208	11,881,500	11,852,600	3,986,600
Completed Projects	...	...	4,908,246	2,291,100	3,115,900	0
GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS	...	...	1,744,658	1,076,500	133,800	133,800
Management and Policies Programme						
NUS Law	0	856,277	133,777	133,800	133,800	133,800
Completed Projects	...	...	1,610,881	942,700	0	0

Other Development Fund Outlays

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2014	Actual FY2015	Estimated FY2016	Revised FY2016	Estimated FY2017
OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	...	...	\$5,550,000	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000	\$0
<i>LAND-RELATED EXPENDITURE</i>	...	...	<i>5,550,000</i>	<i>5,100,000</i>	<i>5,100,000</i>	<i>0</i>
Completed Projects	...	...	5,550,000	5,100,000	5,100,000	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 FY2014	Actual FY2015	Revised ¹ FY2016	Estimated FY2017
A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the IMD's World Competitiveness Yearbook	1 st	2 nd	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 (%)	75	76	74*	>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	100	100	>95*	>95
A vibrant legal services sector	Value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billions)	1.95 ²	2.10 ²	2.15*	2.25
A sound and efficient insolvency regime	% of discharged bankruptcy cases where all dividends are paid to creditors within 4 weeks of discharge	99.7	99.7	>95*	>95
	World ranking in Ease of Resolving Insolvency in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	25 th ³	28 th ³	29 th	20 th
Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of State land available for use (%)	94.9	95.1	95.0*	95.0
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	97.3	96.9	95.0*	95.0

¹ All revised FY2016 figures are actual except those indicated with an asterisk (*) which are estimates.

² Data updated based on latest data from Department of Statistics (March 2016).

³ The World Bank Doing Business Survey rankings reported previously were revised by the World Bank subsequently.

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2014	Actual FY2015	Revised ¹ FY2016	Estimated FY2017
An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	World ranking in registering properties in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	16 th ³	22 nd ³	19 th	19 th
A robust Intellectual Property Infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report	2 nd	4 th	4 th	Top 5