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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 Statement

A Trusted Legal System; A Trusted Singapore.

FY2018 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2016	Estimated FY2017	Revised FY2017	Estimated FY2018	Change Over FY2017	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	$557,873,318	$523,388,100	$508,397,700	$410,981,500	-$97,416,200	-19.2%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	$180,554,226	$188,303,100	$188,303,100	$192,920,400	$4,617,300	2.5%
	RUNNING COSTS	*$165,689,114*	*$172,940,600*	*$172,049,000*	*$182,264,500*	*$10,215,500*	*5.9%*
	Expenditure on Manpower	$47,317,166	$49,000,000	$52,364,100	$52,375,200	$11,100	0.0%
1200	Political Appointments	2,273,030	2,337,400	2,384,500	2,384,500	0	0.0
1500	Permanent Staff	44,909,632	46,455,100	49,819,500	49,831,400	11,900	0.0
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	134,505	207,500	160,100	159,300	-800	-0.5
	Other Operating Expenditure	$116,481,014	$121,615,600	$117,434,900	$125,805,700	$8,370,800	7.1%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	113,905,866	117,734,200	114,038,400	122,537,800	8,499,400	7.5
2300	Manpower Development	1,164,083	1,975,900	1,446,800	1,449,500	2,700	0.2
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	966,646	1,875,700	1,519,500	1,706,800	187,300	12.3
2700	Asset Acquisition	430,623	26,000	388,000	108,000	-280,000	-72.2
2800	Miscellaneous	13,796	3,800	42,200	3,600	-38,600	-91.5
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	$1,890,934	$2,325,000	$2,250,000	$4,083,600	$1,833,600	81.5%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	1,890,934	2,325,000	2,250,000	4,083,600	1,833,600	81.5
	TRANSFERS	*$14,865,111*	*$15,362,500*	*$16,254,100*	*$10,655,900*	*-$5,598,200*	*-34.4%*
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	15,733	15,800	15,800	15,800	0	0.0
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	14,152,209	14,063,700	14,702,300	9,191,900	-5,510,400	-37.5
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	697,170	1,283,000	1,536,000	1,448,200	-87,800	-5.7

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2016	Estimated FY2017	Revised FY2017	Estimated FY2018	Change Over FY2017	
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	$31,611,074	$33,235,400	$31,762,900	$40,549,700	$8,786,800	27.7%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	31,611,074	33,235,400	31,762,900	40,549,700	8,786,800	27.7
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	$377,319,093	$335,085,000	$320,094,600	$218,061,100	-$102,033,500	-31.9%
5100	Government Development	376,990,776	334,951,200	319,960,800	216,649,100	-103,311,700	-32.3
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	328,317	133,800	133,800	1,412,000	1,278,200	955.3
	OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	$588,000	$0	$4,512,000	$0	-$4,512,000	-100.0%
5500	Land-Related Expenditure	588,000	0	4,512,000	0	-4,512,000	-100.0

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2016	Estimated FY2017	Revised FY2017	Estimated FY2018
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	1	1
Senior Minister of State	1	1	1	1
PERMANENT STAFF	522	467	453	453
Administrative	9	9	9	9
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Information Service (2008)	3	3	3	3
Legal	60	60	60	60
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	207	174	173	173
Management Support Scheme (2008)	242	220	207	207
OTHERS	562	562	562	569
Singapore Land Authority	562	562	562	569
TOTAL	1,086	1,031	1,017	1,024

FY2017 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) in FY2017 is estimated to be $508.40 million, which is $49.48 million or 8.9% lower than the actual FY2016 expenditure of $557.87 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2017 is estimated to be $188.30 million, which is $7.75 million or 4.3% higher than the actual FY2016 expenditure of $180.55 million. This increase is mainly due to higher projected manpower costs and higher operating grants.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2017 is estimated to be $320.09 million, which is $57.22 million or 15.2% lower than the actual FY2016 expenditure of $377.32 million. The decrease in expenditure is mainly due to decrease in land acquisition expenditure in FY2017.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2017 is $31.76 million, a slight increase of $0.15 million or 0.5% over the actual FY2016 expenditure of $31.61 million.

Other Development Fund Outlays

Land-related Expenditure

A sum of $4.51 million has been provided in FY2017, which is $3.92 million higher than actual FY2016 expenditure of $0.59 million. The expenditure for land-related matters is expected to be completed in FY2017.

FY2018 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw for FY2018 (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) is projected to be $410.98 million, a decrease of $97.42 million or 19.2% from the revised FY2017 expenditure of $508.40 million. Of the total projected FY2018 expenditure, $192.92 million or 46.9% is for operating expenditure whilst $218.06 million or 53.1% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2018 provision of $192.92 million is an increase of $4.62 million or 2.5% over that of the revised FY2017 operating expenditure of $188.30 million. This increase is mainly due to higher agency fees and IT operating expenditure.

Development Expenditure

The FY2018 development expenditure provision of $218.06 million is a decrease of $102.03 million or 31.9% from the revised FY2017 provision of $320.09 million. This decrease is mainly due to lower land acquisition compensation expenditure anticipated in FY2018 compared to revised FY2017.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales projected for FY2018 is $40.55 million, an increase of $8.79 million or 27.7% from the revised FY2017 provision. The agency fees for land sales is projected to be higher in FY2018 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 FY2018.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
R-A	Management and Policies	28,945,800	10,655,900	39,601,700	15,892,200	55,493,900
R-B	Information Technology and Data Management	13,970,000	0	13,970,000	0	13,970,000
R-D	Appeals Board	254,900	0	254,900	0	254,900
R-E	Public Trustee	1,733,200	0	1,733,200	0	1,733,200
R-F	Registries of Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers	3,359,200	0	3,359,200	0	3,359,200
R-G	Insolvency	6,914,300	0	6,914,300	0	6,914,300
R-I	Legal Aid	7,100,000	0	7,100,000	108,000	7,208,000
R-J	Support Services	24,146,400	0	24,146,400	0	24,146,400
R-N	Lands and Properties Administration	94,785,400	0	94,785,400	202,060,900	296,846,300
R-O	Community Mediation	1,055,300	0	1,055,300	0	1,055,300
	Total	$182,264,500	$10,655,900	$192,920,400	$218,061,100	$410,981,500

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure Up to end of FY2015	Actual FY2016	Estimated FY2017	Revised FY2017	Estimated FY2018
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	$377,319,093	$335,085,000	$320,094,600	$218,061,100
GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT	...	...	*376,990,776*	*334,951,200*	*319,960,800*	*216,649,100*
Management and Policies Programme						
Refurbishment of 28 Maxwell Road	35,100,000	77,328	939,700	16,311,400	7,211,400	12,000,000
Minor Development Projects	...	...	1,982,538	2,749,500	2,949,100	2,480,200
Legal Aid Programme						
LAB Case System	0	1,349,814	1,565,190	1,033,700	734,800	108,000
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
New Projects	...	...	0	0	0	2,975,300
Remediation of former Kallang Gasworks	26,940,000	125,054	71,034	200,000	70,000	500,000
Environmental Site Assessment and Consultancy Services at Pasir Panjang	3,150,000	416,371	250,064	380,000	200,000	500,000
Restoration of Sultan Properties	6,210,000	0	0	1,450,000	1,072,500	2,060,000
Environmental Site Assessment at Kranji	3,750,000	0	0	0	800,000	2,250,000
Land Acquisition for General Development	0	8,553,732,679	359,263,407	308,840,000	302,368,700	184,105,000
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	0	191,421,688	11,769,720	3,986,600	2,484,000	9,670,600
Completed Projects	...	...	1,149,123	0	2,070,300	0

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GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS	*...*	*...*	*328,317*	*133,800*	*133,800*	*1,412,000*
Management and Policies Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	0	0	0	1,412,000
Completed Projects	...	...	328,317	133,800	133,800	0

Other Development Fund Outlays

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure Up to end of FY2015	Actual FY2016	Estimated FY2017	Revised FY2017	Estimated FY2018
OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	...	...	$588,000	$0	$4,512,000	$0
LAND-RELATED EXPENDITURE	*...*	*...*	*588,000*	*0*	*4,512,000*	*0*
Completed Projects	...	...	588,000	0	4,512,000	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 FY2015	Actual FY2016	Revised [1] FY2017	Estimated FY2018
A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the IMD's World Competitiveness Yearbook	2nd	2nd	2nd	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report - Settling Disputes	1st	1st	1st	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	100*	>95
Accessible and effective community mediation services	Settlement rate of cases mediated by the Community Mediation Centre (%)	76	74	76*	76
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	100*	>95
A vibrant legal services sector	Value-add of the legal services sector ($ billions)	2.1	2.1[2]	2.2*	2.3
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	98*	>95
	World ranking in Ease of Resolving Insolvency in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	28th [3]	29th	27th	Top 25
Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of State land available for use (%)	95.1	95.4	95.2*	95.0
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	96.9	96.3	96.9*	95.0

[1] All figures indicated with an asterisk (*) are current estimates based on available data.
[2] FY2016 VA estimate based on available data from Department of Statistics (December 2017).
[3] Ranking subsequently revised by World Bank Doing Business Survey in FY16 (from 27th to 28th and 17th to 22nd respectively).

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2015	Actual FY2016	Revised [1] FY2017	Estimated FY2018
An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	World ranking in registering properties in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	22nd [3]	19th	19th	18th
A robust Intellectual Property Infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report	4th	4th	4th	Top 5