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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.

FY2021 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2019	Estimated FY2020	Revised FY2020	Estimated FY2021	Change Over FY2020	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$528,454,961	\$389,042,900	\$223,124,700	\$481,422,800	\$258,298,100	115.8%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$217,615,917	\$243,663,800	\$200,680,000	\$261,058,400	\$60,378,400	30.1%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$209,008,116</i>	<i>\$221,793,700</i>	<i>\$187,128,800</i>	<i>\$238,648,400</i>	<i>\$51,519,600</i>	<i>27.5%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$50,245,128	\$59,891,800	\$53,292,100	\$58,255,600	\$4,963,500	9.3%
1200	Political Appointments	2,149,870	2,298,500	1,262,500	1,320,800	58,300	4.6
1500	Permanent Staff	48,028,783	57,432,300	51,994,400	56,873,900	4,879,500	9.4
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	66,475	161,000	35,200	60,900	25,700	73.0
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$145,830,231	\$148,843,500	\$124,051,500	\$167,753,400	\$43,701,900	35.2%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	137,320,444	137,738,100	120,223,400	157,463,400	37,240,000	31.0
2300	Manpower Development	952,328	2,187,100	1,696,500	2,478,900	782,400	46.1
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	6,722,137	8,784,300	1,939,400	7,668,900	5,729,500	295.4
2700	Asset Acquisition	814,683	122,000	178,800	130,200	-48,600	-27.2
2800	Miscellaneous	20,640	12,000	13,400	12,000	-1,400	-10.4
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$12,932,757	\$13,058,400	\$9,785,200	\$12,639,400	\$2,854,200	29.2%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	12,932,757	13,058,400	9,785,200	12,639,400	2,854,200	29.2
	<i>TRANSFERS</i>	<i>\$8,607,802</i>	<i>\$21,870,100</i>	<i>\$13,551,200</i>	<i>\$22,410,000</i>	<i>\$8,858,800</i>	<i>65.4%</i>
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	0	0	122,000	0	-122,000	-100.0
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	7,028,915	19,442,600	10,966,500	20,106,700	9,140,200	83.3
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	1,578,887	2,427,500	2,462,700	2,303,300	-159,400	-6.5

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2019	Estimated FY2020	Revised FY2020	Estimated FY2021	Change Over FY2020	
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$29,720,941	\$39,630,000	\$28,146,800	\$36,166,300	\$8,019,500	28.5%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	29,720,941	39,630,000	28,146,800	36,166,300	8,019,500	28.5
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$310,839,043	\$145,379,100	\$22,444,700	\$220,364,400	\$197,919,700	881.8%
5100	Government Development	310,518,739	144,201,100	20,858,500	218,987,700	198,129,200	949.9
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	320,304	1,178,000	1,586,200	1,376,700	-209,500	-13.2

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2019	Estimated FY2020	Revised FY2020	Estimated FY2021
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	2	2
Senior Minister of State	1	1	0	0
PERMANENT STAFF	490	492	529	529
Administrative	9	9	9	9
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Information Service (2008)	3	3	3	3
Legal	69	69	69	69
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	201	203	240	240
Management Support Scheme (2008)	207	207	207	207
OTHERS	558	550	565	565
Singapore Land Authority	558	550	565	565
TOTAL	1,050	1,044	1,096	1,096

FY2020 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) in FY2020 is estimated to be \$223.12 million, which is \$305.33 million or 57.8% lower than the actual FY2019 expenditure of \$528.45 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2020 is estimated to be \$200.68 million, which is \$16.94 million or 7.8% lower than the actual FY2019 expenditure of \$217.62 million. The decrease is mainly due to lower agency fees and other operating expenditure.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2020 is estimated to be \$22.44 million, which is \$288.39 million or 92.8% lower than the actual FY2019 expenditure of \$310.84 million. The decrease in expenditure is mainly due to lower projected land acquisition expenditure in FY2020.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2020 is \$28.15 million, a decrease of \$1.57 million or 5.3% over the actual FY2019 expenditure of \$29.72 million, mainly due to a projected decrease in land sales.

FY2021 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw for FY2021 (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) is projected to be \$481.42 million, an increase of \$258.30 million or 115.8% from the revised FY2020 expenditure of \$223.12 million. Of the total projected FY2021 expenditure, \$261.06 million or 54.2% is for operating expenditure while \$220.36 million or 45.8% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2021 provision of \$261.06 million is an increase of \$60.38 million or 30.1% from the revised FY2020 operating expenditure of \$200.68 million. This increase is mainly due to higher agency fees and higher other operating expenditure.

Development Expenditure

The FY2021 development expenditure provision of \$220.36 million is an increase of \$197.92 million from the revised FY2020 provision of \$22.44 million. The increase is mainly due to higher land acquisition compensation expenditure anticipated in FY2021 compared to revised FY2020.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales projected for FY2021 is \$36.17 million, an increase of \$8.02 million or 28.5% from the revised FY2020 provision of \$28.15 million. The agency fees for land sales is projected to be higher in FY2021 due to more sale sites with higher agency fees.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
R-A	Management and Policies	42,883,700	22,410,000	65,293,700	13,112,900	78,406,600
R-B	Information Technology and Data Management	18,185,100	0	18,185,100	0	18,185,100
R-D	Appeals Board	252,800	0	252,800	0	252,800
R-E	Public Trustee	1,945,000	0	1,945,000	0	1,945,000
R-F	Registries of Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers	3,096,100	0	3,096,100	0	3,096,100
R-G	Insolvency	30,316,100	0	30,316,100	0	30,316,100
R-I	Legal Aid	7,435,900	0	7,435,900	0	7,435,900
R-J	Support Services	25,690,400	0	25,690,400	0	25,690,400
R-N	Lands and Properties Administration	107,829,300	0	107,829,300	207,251,500	315,080,800
R-O	Community Mediation	1,014,000	0	1,014,000	0	1,014,000
Total		\$238,648,400	\$22,410,000	\$261,058,400	\$220,364,400	\$481,422,800

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure Up to end of FY2018	Actual FY2019	Estimated FY2020	Revised FY2020	Estimated FY2021
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$310,839,043	\$145,379,100	\$22,444,700	\$220,364,400
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	310,518,739	144,201,100	20,858,500	218,987,700
Management and Policies Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	4,697,981	2,594,700	3,726,000	7,658,900
New Projects	...	...	0	2,981,200	0	4,077,300
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
New Projects	...	...	0	31,141,100	2,043,000	11,574,900
Remediation of former Kallang Gasworks	26,940,000	3,423,788	17,941,046	5,130,500	1,995,000	3,130,500
Restoration of Sultan Properties	6,210,000	2,529,516	25,620	1,000,000	250,000	1,500,100
Proposed Restoration works at 9 & 15 Stadium Link (former Kallang Airport)	8,981,300	1,177,670	715,729	3,250,000	750,000	6,329,900
Improving infrastructure of offshore islands	20,750,000	0	10,507,627	108,500	76,000	1,519,600
Remediation works at Kampong Bugis (aka: Additional funding for Remediation works at Kampong Bugis)	39,000,000	0	0	2,869,500	0	7,032,300
Land Essential Works	39,825,000	0	521,187	310,000	187,900	3,610,000
CPID	337,610,000	0	0	0	130,000	155,362,200
Land Acquisition for General Development	0	9,404,479,601	268,016,500	91,974,800	9,789,700	11,511,800
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	0	212,137,319	3,924,145	2,090,400	917,500	5,680,200
Completed Projects	...	...	4,168,904	750,400	993,400	0
<i>GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS</i>	...	...	320,304	1,178,000	1,586,200	1,376,700
Management and Policies Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	320,304	1,178,000	1,586,200	1,376,700

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 FY2018	Actual FY2019	Revised FY2020	Estimated FY2021
1. A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the Institute for Management Development's (IMD) World Competitiveness Yearbook	2nd	2nd*	2nd	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Competitiveness Report - Settling Disputes	1 st	1 st	Ranking Paused by WEF#	Top 5
2. Access to legal help for low income residents	% assistance and aid cases completed by the Legal Aid Bureau within the respective performance standards of the services ^o	93	94	96 [^]	>95
3. Accessible and effective community mediation services	Settlement rate of cases mediated by the Community Mediation Centre (%) ^o	81	79*	85 [^]	>75
4. An efficient public trustee system	% of beneficiaries of un-nominated Central Provident Fund (CPF) monies and small estates who received the distribution from Public Trustee within four weeks of receipt of complete documentation and monies	98	96*	96 [^]	>95
5. A vibrant legal services sector	Nominal value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billions) ^o	2.34**	2.43**	2.28 [^]	2.39
6. A sound and efficient insolvency regime	% of discharged bankruptcy cases where all dividends are paid to creditors within 4 weeks of discharge	37*	90*	97.2 [^]	>95
	World ranking in Ease of Resolving Insolvency in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	27 th	27 th	Pending publication	25 th
7. Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of State land available for use (%)	95.1	93.4*	91 [^]	95
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	96.9	98*	98.4 [^]	95
8. An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	World ranking in registering properties in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	21 st	21 st	Pending publication	13 th
9. A robust intellectual property infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report	3 rd	2 nd	Ranking Paused by WEF#	Top 5

[^] Current estimate

* Revised from previous published figure

** Revised by Department of Statistics (DOS) from previous published figure

^o KPI published on Calendar Year not Financial Year basis

WEF will not be releasing the ranking in its special edition 2020 Global Competitiveness Report, as this year's report will focus on recovery, revival and transformation.