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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.

FY2022 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2020	Estimated FY2021	Revised FY2021	Estimated FY2022	Change Over FY2021	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$217,686,307	\$481,422,800	\$404,401,200	\$287,016,200	-\$117,385,000	-29.0%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$196,191,144	\$261,058,400	\$211,814,300	\$228,565,800	\$16,751,500	7.9%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$184,203,681</i>	<i>\$238,648,400</i>	<i>\$193,584,700</i>	<i>\$208,700,000</i>	<i>\$15,115,300</i>	<i>7.8%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$51,464,676	\$58,255,600	\$59,894,400	\$65,880,300	\$5,985,900	10.0%
1200	Political Appointments	1,337,766	1,320,800	1,311,700	1,436,900	125,200	9.5
1500	Permanent Staff	50,082,898	56,873,900	57,605,000	63,967,800	6,362,800	11.0
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	44,012	60,900	977,700	475,600	-502,100	-51.4
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$124,336,584	\$167,753,400	\$126,018,000	\$129,419,300	\$3,401,300	2.7%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	121,046,478	157,463,400	119,753,000	120,240,500	487,500	0.4
2300	Manpower Development	804,575	2,478,900	1,429,900	1,786,200	356,300	24.9
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	1,392,014	7,668,900	4,460,300	7,191,200	2,730,900	61.2
2700	Asset Acquisition	1,093,161	130,200	200,200	191,400	-8,800	-4.4
2800	Miscellaneous	354	12,000	174,600	10,000	-164,600	-94.3
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$8,402,421	\$12,639,400	\$7,672,300	\$13,400,400	\$5,728,100	74.7%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	8,402,421	12,639,400	7,672,300	13,400,400	5,728,100	74.7
	<i>TRANSFERS</i>	<i>\$11,987,463</i>	<i>\$22,410,000</i>	<i>\$18,229,600</i>	<i>\$19,865,800</i>	<i>\$1,636,200</i>	<i>9.0%</i>
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	122,043	0	0	0	0	n.a.
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	10,522,720	20,106,700	16,545,500	17,700,000	1,154,500	7.0
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	1,342,701	2,303,300	1,684,100	2,165,800	481,700	28.6

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2020	Estimated FY2021	Revised FY2021	Estimated FY2022	Change Over FY2021	
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$25,334,132	\$36,166,300	\$28,015,000	\$30,479,600	\$2,464,600	8.8%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	25,334,132	36,166,300	28,015,000	30,479,600	2,464,600	8.8
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$21,495,163	\$220,364,400	\$192,586,900	\$58,450,400	-\$134,136,500	-69.6%
5100	Government Development	19,908,961	218,987,700	192,506,900	57,847,700	-134,659,200	-70.0
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	1,586,203	1,376,700	80,000	602,700	522,700	653.4

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2020	Estimated FY2021	Revised FY2021	Estimated FY2022
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	2	2	2	2
PERMANENT STAFF	529	529	538	560
Administrative	9	9	9	9
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	0	0
Information Service (2008)	3	3	9	9
Legal	69	69	79	110
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	240	240	441	432
Management Support Scheme (2008)	207	207	0	0
OTHERS	565	565	613	610
Singapore Land Authority	565	565	613	610
TOTAL	1,096	1,096	1,153	1,172

FY2021 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) in FY2021 is estimated to be \$404.40 million, which is \$186.71 million or 85.8% higher than the actual FY2020 expenditure of \$217.69 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2021 is estimated to be \$211.81 million, which is \$15.62 million or 8.0% higher than the actual FY2020 expenditure of \$196.19 million. The increase is mainly due to higher expenditure on manpower and other operating expenditure.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2021 is estimated to be \$192.59 million, which is \$171.09 million or 796.0% higher than the actual FY2020 expenditure of \$21.50 million. The increase in expenditure is mainly due to higher projected land acquisition and development expenditure in FY2021.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2021 is \$28.02 million, an increase of \$2.68 million or 10.6% over the actual FY2020 expenditure of \$25.33 million, mainly due to a projected increase in land sales.

FY2022 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw for FY2022 (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) is projected to be \$287.02 million, a decrease of \$117.38 million or 29.0% from the revised FY2021 expenditure of \$404.40 million. Of the total projected FY2022 expenditure, \$228.57 million or 79.6% is for operating expenditure while \$58.45 million or 20.4% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2022 provision of \$228.57 million is an increase of \$16.75 million or 7.9% from the revised FY2021 operating expenditure of \$211.81 million. This increase is mainly due to higher expenditure on manpower and higher operating grant expenditure.

Development Expenditure

The FY2022 development expenditure provision of \$58.45 million is a decrease of \$134.14 million or 69.6% from the revised FY2021 provision of \$192.59 million. The decrease is mainly due to lower land acquisition compensation and development expenditure anticipated in FY2022 compared to revised FY2021.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales projected for FY2022 is \$30.48 million, an increase of \$2.46 million or 8.8% from the revised FY2021 provision of \$28.02 million. The agency fees for land sales is projected to be higher in FY2022 due to increase in sale of land sites expected.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
R-A	Management and Policies	50,295,800	19,865,800	70,161,600	15,115,400	85,277,000
R-B	Information Technology	20,834,300	0	20,834,300	0	20,834,300
R-D	Appeals Board	249,100	0	249,100	0	249,100
R-E	Public Trustee	2,041,500	0	2,041,500	0	2,041,500
R-F	Registries of Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers	3,156,300	0	3,156,300	0	3,156,300
R-G	Insolvency	9,337,800	0	9,337,800	0	9,337,800
R-I	Legal Aid	7,171,100	0	7,171,100	0	7,171,100
R-J	Support Services	22,387,800	0	22,387,800	0	22,387,800
R-N	Lands and Properties Administration	92,182,400	0	92,182,400	43,335,000	135,517,400
R-O	Community Mediation	1,043,900	0	1,043,900	0	1,043,900
	Total	\$208,700,000	\$19,865,800	\$228,565,800	\$58,450,400	\$287,016,200

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure Up to end of FY2019	Actual FY2020	Estimated FY2021	Revised FY2021	Estimated FY2022
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$21,495,163	\$220,364,400	\$192,586,900	\$58,450,400
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	19,908,961	218,987,700	192,506,900	57,847,700
Management and Policies Programme						
Development of Legal Technology Platform	10,440,900	0	0	0	3,650,000	6,790,900
Minor Development Projects	...	...	2,717,927	7,658,900	6,539,100	7,721,800
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
New Projects	...	...	0	11,574,900	12,839,700	6,584,100
Restoration of Sultan Properties	6,210,000	2,555,136	283,083	1,500,100	842,500	578,700
Proposed Restoration works at 9 & 15 Stadium Link (former Kallang Airport)	8,981,300	1,893,400	672,480	6,329,900	3,080,300	983,800
Improving infrastructure of offshore islands	20,750,000	10,507,627	45,892	1,519,600	605,000	1,985,300
Remediation works at Kampong Bugis (aka: Additional funding for Remediation works at Kampong Bugis)	39,000,000	0	0	7,032,300	1,669,500	5,250,000
Land Essential Works	39,825,000	521,187	279,759	3,610,000	2,003,900	1,613,300
CPID	337,610,000	0	217,487	155,362,200	144,839,600	14,159,300
Safeguarding public safety on offshore islands	15,260,000	0	0	0	85,000	604,000
Land Acquisition for General Development	...	9,672,496,101	9,774,710	11,511,800	9,799,700	9,809,500
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	...	216,061,464	2,442,118	5,680,200	2,811,200	1,767,000
Completed Projects	...	...	3,475,504	7,207,800	3,741,400	0
<i>GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS</i>	...	...	1,586,203	1,376,700	80,000	602,700
Management and Policies Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	1,586,203	1,376,700	80,000	602,700

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 FY2019	Actual FY2020	Revised FY2021	Estimated FY2022
1. A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the IMD's World Competitiveness Yearbook	2 nd	2 nd	1 st	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report - Settling Disputes	1 st	Ranking Paused by WEF [#]	Pending Publication	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	94	94*	97 [^]	>95
3. Accessible and effective community mediation services	Settlement rate of cases mediated by the Community Mediation Centre (%) ^o	79	85*	80 [^]	>75
4. 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	96	95.7*	96.5 [^]	>95
5. A vibrant legal services sector	Nominal value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billions) ^o	2.45**	2.31*	2.43 [^]	2.54
6. A sound and efficient insolvency regime	% of discharged bankruptcy cases where all dividends are paid to creditors within 4 weeks of discharge	90*	93.9*	98.4 [^]	>95
	World ranking in Ease of Resolving Insolvency in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	27 th	Publication Discontinued ^{##}	Publication Discontinued ^{##}	NA
7. Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of State land available for use (%)	93.4	90.9*	92.8 [^]	95
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	98	98.4	98.8 [^]	95
8. An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	World ranking in registering properties in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	21 st	Publication Discontinued ^{##}	Publication Discontinued ^{##}	NA
9. A robust intellectual property infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report	2 nd	Ranking Paused by WEF [#]	Pending Publication	Top 3

[^] Current estimate

* Revised from previous published figure

** Revised by DOS from previous published figure

^o KPI published on CY not FY 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.

^{##} World Bank has discontinued their Doing Business Report, citing data irregularities in recent reports.