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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

OVERVIEW

Mission Statement

The mission of the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) is to enhance Singapore's peace and security through deterrence and diplomacy, and should these fail, to secure a swift and decisive victory over the aggressor.

To achieve this mission, MINDEF will strengthen the military and manpower capabilities, and technological edge of the SAF, whilst fostering close relations with friendly countries in the region and beyond through greater dialogue, confidence-building and co-operation.

Desired Outcomes

- A safe and secure environment where Singapore's territorial integrity and sovereignty are protected and preserved.
- Safe and secure access to Singapore's air and sea lines of communications.
- A strong network of defence ties in the region and beyond.
- Committed National Servicemen who are dedicated to Total Defence.
- An operationally ready and well-equipped SAF that can deal with a broad range of threats to Singapore's security.
- A highly skilled, professional and technologically advanced SAF.

FY2024 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2022	Estimated FY2023	Revised FY2023	Estimated FY2024	Change Over FY2023	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$16,951,587,042	\$17,976,573,800	\$19,756,573,800	\$20,249,571,800	\$492,998,000	2.5%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$16,342,970,794	\$17,105,263,800	\$18,885,263,800	\$19,344,181,600	\$458,917,800	2.4%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$16,332,951,757</i>	<i>\$17,096,063,800</i>	<i>\$18,873,669,900</i>	<i>\$19,332,939,900</i>	<i>\$459,270,000</i>	<i>2.4%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$18,375,317	\$17,792,400	\$17,792,400	\$17,792,400	\$0	0.0%
1200	Political Appointments	2,336,032	2,459,400	2,459,400	2,459,400	0	0.0
1500	Permanent Staff	16,039,286	15,333,000	15,333,000	15,333,000	0	0.0
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$16,314,576,439	\$17,078,271,400	\$18,855,877,500	\$19,315,147,500	\$459,270,000	2.4%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	27,897,040	31,534,500	31,534,500	33,282,500	1,748,000	5.5
2300	Manpower Development	102,532	166,000	166,000	166,000	0	0.0

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2022	Estimated FY2023	Revised FY2023	Estimated FY2024	Change Over FY2023	
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	6,812	20,000	20,000	20,500	500	2.5
2800	Miscellaneous	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0.0
2900	Military Expenditure	16,286,570,055	17,044,550,900	18,822,157,000	19,279,678,500	457,521,500	2.4
	<i>TRANSFERS</i>	<i>\$10,019,037</i>	<i>\$9,200,000</i>	<i>\$11,593,900</i>	<i>\$11,241,700</i>	<i>-\$352,200</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	10,019,037	9,200,000	11,593,900	11,241,700	-352,200	-3.0
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$4,214,014	\$22,827,900	\$22,827,900	\$20,737,200	-\$2,090,700	-9.2%
4600	Loans and Advances (Disbursement)	4,214,014	22,827,900	22,827,900	20,737,200	-2,090,700	-9.2
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$608,616,247	\$871,310,000	\$871,310,000	\$905,390,200	\$34,080,200	3.9%
5100	Government Development	608,616,247	871,310,000	871,310,000	905,390,200	34,080,200	3.9
	OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	\$471,753,531	\$580,000,000	\$485,000,000	\$535,000,000	\$50,000,000	10.3%
5500	Land-Related Expenditure	471,753,531	580,000,000	485,000,000	535,000,000	50,000,000	10.3

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2022	Estimated FY2023	Revised FY2023	Estimated FY2024
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	3	3	3	3
Minister	1	1	1	1
Senior Minister of State	2	2	2	2
PERMANENT STAFF	279	279	279	279
Administrative	12	12	12	12
Education Service (2008)	10	10	10	10
Language Executive Scheme (2008)	1	1	1	1
Legal	15	15	17	17
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	185	185	185	185
Management Support Scheme (2008)	56	56	54	54
TOTAL	282	282	282	282

FY2023 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) in FY2023 is projected to be \$19.76 billion, an increase of \$2.80 billion or 16.5% over the actual FY2022 expenditure of \$16.95 billion. The increase is due to heightened inflationary pressures, catching up of critical projects deferred or disrupted due to COVID-19, and the acceleration of digitalisation and non-kinetic capabilities build-up.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure of \$18.89 billion is an increase of \$2.54 billion or 15.6% over the actual FY2022 operating expenditure of \$16.34 billion. The increase is due to heightened inflationary pressures, catching up of critical projects deferred or disrupted due to COVID-19, and the acceleration of digitalisation and non-kinetic capabilities build-up.

Development Expenditure

The revised development expenditure is \$871.31 million, an increase of \$262.69 million or 43.2% over the actual FY2022 development expenditure of \$608.62 million. The increase is mainly attributed to higher construction requirements for development work, including projects previously affected by COVID-19, and the commencement of the development of NS Square.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

Loans and Advances (Disbursement)

A sum of \$22.83 million is allocated for advance disbursements to meet operational requirements.

Other Development Fund Outlays

Land-related Expenditure

A sum of \$485.00 million is allocated for land-related expenditure to make land available for development needs.

FY2024 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MINDEF in FY2024 is projected to be \$20.25 billion, an increase of \$493.00 million or 2.5% over the revised FY2023 expenditure of \$19.76 billion. Of this, \$19.34 billion or 95.5% is for operating expenditure and the balance of \$905.39 million or 4.5% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The provision of \$19.34 billion for FY2024 operating expenditure represents an increase of \$458.92 million or 2.4% from the revised FY2023 operating expenditure of \$18.89 billion.

A total sum of \$19.28 billion or 99.7% of the FY2024 operating expenditure goes towards the Armed Forces. This includes payments for the purchase of military equipment, maintenance of equipment and camps, and the allowances and salaries of full-time national servicemen, operationally ready national servicemen and regular servicemen. Compared with the revised FY2023 expenditure, the projected Armed Forces expenditure for FY2024 shows an increase of \$457.52 million.

Salaries of civilian personnel and operating costs of MINDEF HQ account for the remaining \$64.50 million or 0.3% of operating expenditure.

Development Expenditure

The projected development expenditure for FY2024 is \$905.39 million, an increase of \$34.08 million or 3.9% from the revised FY2023 development expenditure of \$871.31 million. The increase is mainly attributed to higher construction costs for development works, including projects previously delayed or disrupted by COVID-19 and the development of NS Square.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays***Loans and Advances (Disbursement)***

A sum of \$20.74 million is projected for advance disbursements to meet operational requirements.

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

A sum of \$535.00 million, an increase of \$50.00 million or 10.3% from the revised FY2023 land-related expenditure of \$485.00 million, will be allocated for land-related expenditure to make land available for development needs. The increase is mainly due to higher infrastructure development requirements.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
J-A	National Defence	19,332,939,900	11,241,700	19,344,181,600	905,390,200	20,249,571,800
	Total	\$19,332,939,900	\$11,241,700	\$19,344,181,600	\$905,390,200	\$20,249,571,800

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure Up to end of FY2021	Actual FY2022	Estimated FY2023	Revised FY2023	Estimated FY2024
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$608,616,247	\$871,310,000	\$871,310,000	\$905,390,200
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	<i>608,616,247</i>	<i>871,310,000</i>	<i>871,310,000</i>	<i>905,390,200</i>
National Defence Programme						
Armed Forces	608,616,247	871,310,000	871,310,000	905,390,200

Other Development Fund Outlays

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure Up to end of FY2021	Actual FY2022	Estimated FY2023	Revised FY2023	Estimated FY2024
OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	\$471,753,531	\$580,000,000	\$485,000,000	\$535,000,000
<i>LAND-RELATED EXPENDITURE</i>	<i>471,753,531</i>	<i>580,000,000</i>	<i>485,000,000</i>	<i>535,000,000</i>
National Defence Programme						
Armed Forces	471,753,531	580,000,000	485,000,000	535,000,000