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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.

FY2024 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2022	Estimated FY2023	Revised FY2023	Estimated FY2024	Change Over FY2023	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$259,660,315	\$315,726,600	\$301,587,500	\$665,777,900	\$364,190,400	120.8%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$211,563,973	\$263,223,400	\$263,219,200	\$278,873,900	\$15,654,700	5.9%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$189,083,068</i>	<i>\$235,294,500</i>	<i>\$233,091,900</i>	<i>\$255,821,000</i>	<i>\$22,729,100</i>	<i>9.8%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$61,329,909	\$70,677,000	\$74,273,200	\$81,406,400	\$7,133,200	9.6%
1200	Political Appointments	1,714,581	1,749,000	1,669,700	1,741,700	72,000	4.3
1500	Permanent Staff	59,530,156	68,815,800	72,322,600	79,383,800	7,061,200	9.8
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	85,172	112,200	280,900	280,900	0	0.0
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$117,655,634	\$155,265,800	\$142,034,300	\$164,888,200	\$22,853,900	16.1%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	111,909,487	144,301,800	131,499,100	153,959,500	22,460,400	17.1
2300	Manpower Development	964,698	2,759,300	1,946,400	2,746,500	800,100	41.1
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	3,605,428	8,124,500	7,454,300	8,104,100	649,800	8.7
2700	Asset Acquisition	1,150,310	60,200	937,700	32,100	-905,600	-96.6
2800	Miscellaneous	25,710	20,000	196,800	46,000	-150,800	-76.6
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$10,097,525	\$9,351,700	\$16,784,400	\$9,526,400	-\$7,258,000	-43.2%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	10,097,525	9,351,700	16,784,400	9,526,400	-7,258,000	-43.2
	<i>TRANSFERS</i>	<i>\$22,480,906</i>	<i>\$27,928,900</i>	<i>\$30,127,300</i>	<i>\$23,052,900</i>	<i>-\$7,074,400</i>	<i>-23.5%</i>
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	21,269,071	25,866,500	28,054,800	20,608,000	-7,446,800	-26.5
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	1,211,835	2,062,400	2,072,500	2,444,900	372,400	18.0
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$28,158,797	\$35,838,500	\$34,517,000	\$43,348,000	\$8,831,000	25.6%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	28,158,797	35,762,900	34,450,000	43,271,000	8,821,000	25.6
4600	Loans and Advances (Disbursement)	0	75,600	67,000	77,000	10,000	14.9

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Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$48,096,342	\$52,503,200	\$38,368,300	\$386,904,000	\$348,535,700 908.4%
5100	Government Development	47,156,401	52,352,800	37,059,300	386,628,000	349,568,700 943.3
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	939,942	150,400	1,309,000	276,000	-1,033,000 -78.9

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2022	Estimated FY2023	Revised FY2023	Estimated FY2024
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	3	3	3	3
Minister	2	2	2	2
Senior Parliamentary Secretary	1	1	1	1
PERMANENT STAFF	540	565	559	591
Administrative	9	9	10	10
Information Service (2008)	9	9	9	9
Legal	83	84	81	81
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	439	463	459	491
OTHERS	528	528	554	551
Singapore Land Authority	528	528	554	551
TOTAL	1,071	1,096	1,116	1,145

FY2023 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) in FY2023 is estimated to be \$301.59 million, which is \$41.93 million or 16.1% higher than the actual FY2022 expenditure of \$259.66 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2023 is estimated to be \$263.22 million, which is \$51.66 million or 24.4% higher than the actual FY2022 expenditure of \$211.56 million. The increase is mainly due to higher expenditure on manpower and operating grant expenditure.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2023 is estimated to be \$38.37 million, which is \$9.73 million or 20.2% lower than the actual FY2022 expenditure of \$48.10 million. The decrease in expenditure is mainly due to revised milestones for development projects in FY2023.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2023 is \$34.45 million, an increase of \$6.29 million or 22.3% over the actual FY2022 expenditure of \$28.16 million, mainly due to a projected increase in land sales.

FY2024 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw for FY2024 (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) is projected to be \$665.78 million, an increase of \$364.19 million or 120.8% from the revised FY2023 expenditure of \$301.59 million. Of the total projected FY2024 expenditure, \$278.87 million or 41.9% is for operating expenditure while \$386.91 million or 58.1% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2024 provision of \$278.87 million is an increase of \$15.65 million or 5.9% from the revised FY2023 operating expenditure of \$263.22 million. This increase is mainly due to higher expenditure on manpower and other operating expenditure, offset by lower grants.

Development Expenditure

The FY2024 development expenditure provision of \$386.91 million is an increase of \$348.54 million or 908.4% from the revised FY2023 provision of \$38.37 million. The increase is mainly due to increased projected land acquisition and development anticipated in FY2024 .

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales projected for FY2024 is \$43.27 million, an increase of \$8.82 million or 25.6% from the revised FY2023 provision of \$34.45 million. The agency fees for land sales are projected to be higher in FY2024 due to an 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 Development	76,676,500	20,659,500	97,336,000	15,250,900	112,586,900
R-D	Appeals Board	336,900	0	336,900	0	336,900
R-E	Public Trustee	2,046,300	0	2,046,300	0	2,046,300
R-F	Registries of Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers	3,618,200	0	3,618,200	0	3,618,200
R-G	Insolvency	11,343,900	0	11,343,900	0	11,343,900
R-I	Legal Aid	9,240,900	0	9,240,900	0	9,240,900
R-J	Policy and Corporate Services	26,982,700	2,393,400	29,376,100	0	29,376,100
R-N	Lands and Properties Administration	123,673,200	0	123,673,200	371,653,100	495,326,300
R-O	Community Mediation	1,902,400	0	1,902,400	0	1,902,400
Total		\$255,821,000	\$23,052,900	\$278,873,900	\$386,904,000	\$665,777,900

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	...	...	\$48,096,342	\$52,503,200	\$38,368,300	\$386,904,000
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	47,156,401	52,352,800	37,059,300	386,628,000
Management and Development Programme						
Development of Legal Technology Platform	9,768,900	5,694,827	7,796,377	7,200,000	1,647,000	3,864,000
Public Defender's Office Case Management System	5,220,800	0	105,864	2,558,400	2,094,000	3,406,900
Minor Development Projects	...	...	1,327,635	4,358,300	2,542,000	7,704,000
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
New Projects	...	...	0	0	0	1,463,800
Proposed Restoration works at 9 & 15 Stadium Link (former Kallang Airport)	8,981,300	5,660,239	2,838,246	1,711,500	770,000	1,819,200
Improving infrastructure of offshore islands	20,750,000	11,048,667	725,916	1,000,000	273,700	1,807,400
Remediation works at Kampong Bugis (aka: Additional funding for Remediation works at Kampong Bugis)	39,000,000	2,410,746	4,461,052	2,175,000	2,735,000	4,066,800
Land Essential Works	39,825,000	3,595,877	2,551,586	1,634,000	3,240,000	1,641,500
CPID	154,680,000	140,515,811	3,777,860	8,031,000	0	10,386,300
Restoration Works at No. 9 Shenton Way	14,340,000	0	12,668	435,500	0	3,205,200
Restoration Works at Tanjong Pagar Railway Station	48,990,000	0	16	909,500	0	8,698,200
Chong Pang Integrated Development	247,650,000	0	0	3,301,500	2,200,000	46,043,700
Building Essential Works for State Properties	84,450,000	11,190,618	11,770,177	4,057,000	8,910,200	9,430,600
Land Acquisition for General Development	0	9,698,549,534	9,809,538	9,664,200	9,725,600	279,784,400
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	0	221,541,178	1,221,987	3,956,900	2,650,900	3,306,000
Completed Projects	...	...	757,479	1,360,000	270,900	0
<i>GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS</i>	...	...	939,942	150,400	1,309,000	276,000
Management and Development Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	939,942	150,400	1,309,000	276,000

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 FY2021	Actual FY2022	Revised FY2023	Estimated FY2024
A sound and progressive legal framework	World Ranking of Singapore's Rule of Law in the IMD's World Competitiveness Yearbook	8 th	4 th	4 th	Top 15
	World Ranking of Singapore's Justice in the IMD's World Competitiveness Yearbook	8 th	7 th	17 th	Top 15
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework - Civil Justice is not subject to unreasonable delay - in the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index	1 st	1 st	1 st	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework - Civil Justice is Effectively Enforced - in the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index	1 st	2 nd	2 nd	Top 5
Access to legal help for low-income residents	% of cases where processing of new aid application is completed within 4 months of registration ¹	97	100	100 ²	>95
Accessible and effective community mediation services	Settlement rate of cases mediated by the Community Mediation Centre (%) ¹	84	79 ³	84 ²	>75
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	96.4	96.0 ⁴	96.0 ⁴	>95
A vibrant legal services sector	Nominal value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billions) ¹	2.68 ⁵	2.75	NA ⁶	2.67
A sound and efficient insolvency regime	% of discharged bankruptcy cases where all dividends are paid to creditors within 4 weeks of discharge ¹	99.6	98 ³	98.1 ²	>95
Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of State land available for use (%)	92.3	93.5 ³	96.0 ²	95.0
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	99.0	98.9 ³	98.2 ²	95.0
An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	[Performance indicator to be determined] ⁷	NA	NA	NA	NA
A robust intellectual property regime	Singapore's Ranking in the World Intellectual Property Organization's Global Innovation Index	8 th	7 th	5 th	Top 5

¹ KPI published on CY not FY basis.

² Current estimate.

³ Revised from previous published figure.

⁴ Current estimate based on the average of FY19 to FY21 as the data extraction is still ongoing following system migration.

⁵ Revised by DOS from previous published figure.

⁶ Pending publication by DOS.

⁷ The previous performance indicator has been removed as the publication of "World Bank Doing Business Survey" has discontinued.