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MINISTRY OF LAW

OVERVIEW

Mission Statement

To ensure a sound and progressive legal infrastructure, intellectual property infrastructure and insolvency regime, and to optimise land resources to support national goals.

FY2013 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2011	Estimated FY2012	Revised FY2012	Estimated FY2013	Change over FY2012	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$253,333,480	\$487,584,600	\$498,268,100	\$458,729,000	-\$39,539,100	-7.9%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$122,854,957	\$147,347,900	\$171,606,300	\$176,457,000	\$4,850,700	2.8%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$118,267,406</i>	<i>\$137,455,500</i>	<i>\$135,089,900</i>	<i>\$166,006,900</i>	<i>\$30,917,000</i>	<i>22.9%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$29,063,238	\$37,021,100	\$34,545,600	\$39,198,000	\$4,652,400	13.5%
1200	Political Appointments	1,135,790	947,000	1,325,000	1,825,000	500,000	37.7
1500	Permanent Staff	27,334,189	35,155,100	32,617,800	36,532,900	3,915,100	12.0
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	593,259	919,000	602,800	840,100	237,300	39.4
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$88,761,006	\$96,456,100	\$97,794,800	\$118,987,900	\$21,193,100	21.7%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	86,767,204	93,826,300	95,221,600	115,727,700	20,506,100	21.5
2300	Manpower Development	731,100	1,355,400	1,065,200	1,746,500	681,300	64.0
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	883,966	885,800	859,400	1,010,000	150,600	17.5
2700	Asset Acquisition	375,182	378,600	638,600	493,700	-144,900	-22.7
2800	Miscellaneous	3,555	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0.0
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$443,163	\$3,978,300	\$2,749,500	\$7,821,000	\$5,071,500	184.5%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	443,163	3,978,300	2,749,500	7,821,000	5,071,500	184.5
	<i>TRANSFERS</i>	<i>\$4,587,550</i>	<i>\$9,892,400</i>	<i>\$36,516,400</i>	<i>\$10,450,100</i>	<i>-\$26,066,300</i>	<i>-71.4%</i>
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	15,733	15,800	15,800	15,800	0	0.0
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	4,493,116	9,741,000	36,260,600	10,234,300	-26,026,300	-71.8
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	78,702	135,600	240,000	200,000	-40,000	-16.7
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$72,956,792	\$52,610,900	\$72,880,000	\$65,585,400	-\$7,294,600	-10.0%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	72,956,792	52,610,900	72,880,000	65,585,400	-7,294,600	-10.0

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2011	Estimated FY2012	Revised FY2012	Estimated FY2013	Change over FY2012	
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$130,478,523	\$340,236,700	\$326,661,800	\$282,272,000	-\$44,389,800	-13.6%
5100	Government Development	129,697,458	338,253,600	325,738,700	279,644,200	-46,094,500	-14.2
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	781,065	1,983,100	923,100	2,627,800	1,704,700	184.7
	OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$282,800,000	\$282,800,000	n.a.
5500	Land-Related Expenditure	0	0	0	282,800,000	282,800,000	n.a.

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2011	Estimated FY2012	Revised FY2012	Estimated FY2013
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	1	1
Minister of State	0	0	1	1
Senior Parliamentary Secretary	1	1	0	0
PERMANENT STAFF	355	427	438	436
Accounting Profession (2008)	1	1	1	1
Administrative	7	7	7	7
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Corporate Support	58	84	70	70
Information Service (2008)	3	3	3	3
Legal	33	40	45	45
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	104	125	138	138
Management Support Scheme (2008)	128	144	151	149
Management Support Scheme (Language Officer)	3	5	5	5
Operations Support	14	14	14	14
Shorthand Writers	3	3	3	3
OTHERS	514	557	549	582
Library (Technical)	1	1	1	1
Singapore Land Authority	513	556	548	581
TOTAL	871	986	989	1,020

FY2012 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) (excluding agency fees for land sales) in FY2012 is estimated to be \$498.27 million, which is \$244.94 million or 96.7% higher than the actual FY2011 expenditure of \$253.33 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2012 is estimated to be \$171.61 million, which is \$48.76 million or 39.7% higher than the actual FY2011 expenditure of \$122.85 million. The higher estimate is mainly due to higher projected manpower costs and increase in operating grants to external agencies.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2012 is estimated to be \$326.66 million, which is \$196.18 million or 150.4% higher than the actual FY2011 expenditure of \$130.48 million. The increase in expenditure is due to higher compensation costs estimated on the acquisition of more high value land in FY2012.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2012 is \$72.88 million, a marginal decrease of \$76,792 or 0.1% over the actual FY2011 expenditure of \$72.96 million.

FY2013 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw in FY2013 (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) is projected to be \$458.73 million, a decrease of \$39.54 million or 7.9% from the revised FY2012 expenditure of \$498.27 million. Of the total projected FY2013 expenditure, \$176.46 million or 38.5% is for operating expenditure whilst \$282.27 million or 61.5% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2013 provision of \$176.46 million is an increase of \$4.85 million or 2.8% over that of the revised FY2012 provision for operating expenditure. The increase in expenditure is to cater for higher projected manpower costs increases.

Development Expenditure

The FY2013 development provision of \$282.27 million is a decrease of \$44.39 million or 13.6% from the revised FY2012 provision. The decrease is mainly due to projected decrease in the spending on land acquisition for development purposes.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales projected for FY2013 is \$65.59 million, a decrease of \$7.29 million or 10.0% from the revised FY2012 provision. The lower agency fees are mainly due to projected decrease in land sales.

Other Development Fund Outlays

Land-related Expenditure

A sum of \$282.80 million has been provided in FY2013 to cater for expenditure on land-related matters.

Total Expenditure by Programme

Code	Programme	Running Costs	Transfers	Operating Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure
RA	Administration	42,132,600	10,450,100	52,582,700	9,367,600	61,950,300
RB	Computer Services	9,349,100	0	9,349,100	0	9,349,100
RD	Land Acquisition Appeals	181,100	0	181,100	0	181,100
RG	Insolvency and Public Trustee	20,566,500	0	20,566,500	528,900	21,095,400
RI	Legal Aid	9,918,500	0	9,918,500	0	9,918,500
RN	Lands and Properties Administration	82,275,800	0	82,275,800	272,375,500	354,651,300
RO	Community Mediation	1,583,300	0	1,583,300	0	1,583,300
	Total	\$166,006,900	\$10,450,100	\$176,457,000	\$282,272,000	\$458,729,000

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2010	Actual FY2011	Estimated FY2012	Revised FY2012	Estimated FY2013
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$130,478,523	\$340,236,700	\$326,661,800	\$282,272,000
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	129,697,458	338,253,600	325,738,700	279,644,200
Administration Programme						
Computerisation Projects	...	0	0	0	0	1,820,000
Minor Development Projects	...	...	2,774,986	1,000,000	1,375,100	5,719,800
Insolvency and Public Trustee Programme						
Insolvency and Public Trustee's Office Business Information System Phase 2 Computerisation	6,196,000	3,219,501	2,039,190	571,200	1,167,200	528,900
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Land Acquisition for General Development	...	7,260,416,008	114,934,845	319,387,400	311,726,800	261,921,200
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	...	157,887,446	9,948,436	17,230,800	11,455,400	9,654,300
Completed Projects	...	...	0	64,200	14,200	0
<i>GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS</i>	...	...	781,065	1,983,100	923,100	2,627,800
Administration Programme						
Patent Technical Team	612,500	0	0	0	123,900	382,400
Developing Patent Technical Capability in Singapore	1,137,500	0	0	0	230,100	710,200
New Projects	...	...	0	1,242,700	0	735,200
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Singapore Geospatial Collaborative Environment	6,000,000	4,419,413	628,771	569,200	569,100	50,000
New Projects	...	...	0	0	0	750,000
Completed Projects	...	...	152,294	171,200	0	0

Other Development Fund Outlays

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure up to end of FY2010	Actual FY2011	Estimated FY2012	Revised FY2012	Estimated FY2013
OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$282,800,000
<i>LAND-RELATED EXPENDITURE</i>	0	0	0	282,800,000
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
Land Acquisition for General Development	...	0	0	0	0	282,800,000

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Desired Outcomes

- A sound and progressive legal framework
- Promotion and protection of Singapore's international legal interests
- A vibrant legal services hub
- Developing Singapore as an Intellectual Property hub in Asia
- Optimal use of land resources
- An efficient and reliable land titles registration system
- Access to legal help for low income residents
- Accessible and effective community mediation services
- A sound and efficient insolvency regime
- An efficient Public Trustee system

Key Performance Indicators

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2010	Actual FY2011	Revised FY2012	Estimated FY2013
A sound and progressive legal framework	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook	1 st	1 st	1 st	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report – Settling Disputes	1 st	1 st	1 st	Top 5
A vibrant legal services sector	Value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billion)	1.60	1.80	1.88	>1.97
A robust intellectual property infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property rights enforcement in the Institute of Management Development's World Competitiveness Yearbook	5 th	9 th	7 th	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report	3 rd	2 nd	2 nd	Top 5
Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of usable state land managed (%)	84.3	84.8	≥84	≥84
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	98.0	97.4	≥95	≥95
An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	World ranking in registering properties in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	15 th	36 th	36 th	36 th
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	NA	100	99	>95
Accessible and effective community mediation services	Settlement rate of cases mediated by the Community Mediation Centres (%)	70	71	>70	>70

Desired Outcome	Performance Indicator	Actual FY2010	Actual FY2011	Revised FY2012	Estimated FY2013
A sound and efficient insolvency regime	% of discharged bankruptcy cases where all dividends are paid to creditors within 4 weeks of discharge	NA	100	93	≥95
	World ranking in Singapore's recovery rate in closing a business in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd	Top 5
An efficient Public Trustee system	% of beneficiaries of un-nominated CPF monies and small estates who received the distribution from Public Trustee within 4 weeks of receipt of complete documentation and monies	NA	99	≥95	≥95