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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.

FY2019 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Expenditure Estimates by Object Class

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2017	Estimated FY2018	Revised FY2018	Estimated FY2019	Change Over FY2018	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$504,643,451	\$410,981,500	\$410,121,600	\$555,573,800	\$145,452,200	35.5%
	Main Estimates						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$184,565,687	\$192,920,400	\$192,060,600	\$232,175,300	\$40,114,700	20.9%
	<i>RUNNING COSTS</i>	<i>\$168,678,768</i>	<i>\$182,264,500</i>	<i>\$181,347,400</i>	<i>\$217,315,500</i>	<i>\$35,968,100</i>	<i>19.8%</i>
	Expenditure on Manpower	\$49,299,098	\$52,375,200	\$52,040,100	\$58,547,200	\$6,507,100	12.5%
1200	Political Appointments	2,434,173	2,384,500	2,029,000	2,298,500	269,500	13.3
1500	Permanent Staff	46,785,813	49,831,400	49,854,400	56,081,500	6,227,100	12.5
1600	Temporary, Daily-Rated & Other Staff	79,112	159,300	156,700	167,200	10,500	6.7
	Other Operating Expenditure	\$116,660,510	\$125,805,700	\$116,888,500	\$150,336,300	\$33,447,800	28.6%
2100	Consumption of Products & Services	114,361,775	122,537,800	113,733,000	143,185,900	29,452,900	25.9
2300	Manpower Development	860,626	1,449,500	1,121,500	1,767,500	646,000	57.6
2400	International & Public Relations, Public Communications	1,036,067	1,706,800	1,727,500	5,245,900	3,518,400	203.7
2700	Asset Acquisition	342,112	108,000	239,400	133,200	-106,200	-44.4
2800	Miscellaneous	59,930	3,600	67,100	3,800	-63,300	-94.3
	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Organisations	\$2,719,161	\$4,083,600	\$12,418,800	\$8,432,000	-\$3,986,800	-32.1%
3100	Grants, Subventions & Capital Injections to Statutory Boards	2,719,161	4,083,600	12,418,800	8,432,000	-3,986,800	-32.1
	<i>TRANSFERS</i>	<i>\$15,886,918</i>	<i>\$10,655,900</i>	<i>\$10,713,200</i>	<i>\$14,859,800</i>	<i>\$4,146,600</i>	<i>38.7%</i>
3500	Social Transfers to Individuals	15,733	15,800	15,800	15,800	0	0.0
3600	Transfers to Institutions & Organisations	15,166,018	9,191,900	9,170,200	13,288,800	4,118,600	44.9
3800	International Organisations & Overseas Development Assistance	705,168	1,448,200	1,527,200	1,555,200	28,000	1.8

Code	Object Class	Actual FY2017	Estimated FY2018	Revised FY2018	Estimated FY2019	Change Over FY2018	
	OTHER CONSOLIDATED FUND OUTLAYS	\$30,258,471	\$40,549,700	\$35,159,300	\$37,522,200	\$2,362,900	6.7%
4100	Expenses on Land Sales	30,258,471	40,549,700	35,159,300	37,522,200	2,362,900	6.7
	Development Estimates						
	DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	\$320,077,764	\$218,061,100	\$218,061,000	\$323,398,500	\$105,337,500	48.3%
5100	Government Development	319,943,987	216,649,100	216,649,000	322,470,800	105,821,800	48.8
5200	Grants & Capital Injections to Organisations	133,777	1,412,000	1,412,000	927,700	-484,300	-34.3
	OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	\$4,512,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	n.a.
5500	Land-Related Expenditure	4,512,000	0	0	0	0	n.a.

Establishment List

Category/Personnel	Actual FY2017	Estimated FY2018	Revised FY2018	Estimated FY2019
POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS	2	2	2	2
Minister	1	1	1	1
Senior Minister of State	1	1	1	1
PERMANENT STAFF	453	453	470	468
Administrative	9	9	9	9
Commissioner of Appeals	1	1	1	1
Information Service (2008)	3	3	3	3
Legal	60	60	60	60
Management Executive Scheme (2008)	173	173	190	188
Management Support Scheme (2008)	207	207	207	207
OTHERS	567	569	550	555
Singapore Land Authority	567	569	550	555
TOTAL	1,022	1,024	1,022	1,025

FY2018 BUDGET

The revised total expenditure of the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) in FY2018 is estimated to be \$410.12 million, which is \$94.52 million or 18.7% lower than the actual FY2017 expenditure of \$504.64 million.

Operating Expenditure

The revised operating expenditure in FY2018 is estimated to be \$192.06 million, which is \$7.49 million or 4.1% higher than the actual FY2017 expenditure of \$184.57 million. This increase is mainly due to higher projected manpower costs and higher operating grants to Statutory Boards.

Development Expenditure

The Ministry's development expenditure in FY2018 is estimated to be \$218.06 million, which is \$102.02 million or 31.9% lower than the actual FY2017 expenditure of \$320.08 million. The decrease in expenditure is mainly due to lower projected land acquisition expenditure in FY2018.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The revised agency fees for land sales in FY2018 is \$35.16 million, an increase of \$4.90 million or 16.2% over the actual FY2017 expenditure of \$30.26 million.

FY2019 BUDGET

The total expenditure of MinLaw for FY2019 (excluding agency fees for land sales and land-related expenditure) is projected to be \$555.57 million, an increase of \$145.45 million or 35.5% from the revised FY2018 expenditure of \$410.12 million. Of the total projected FY2019 expenditure, \$232.18 million or 41.8% is for operating expenditure whilst \$323.40 million or 58.2% is for development expenditure.

Operating Expenditure

The FY2019 provision of \$232.18 million is an increase of \$40.11 million or 20.9% from the revised FY2018 operating expenditure of \$192.06 million. This increase is mainly due to higher agency fees and operating grants to Statutory Boards.

Development Expenditure

The FY2019 development expenditure provision of \$323.40 million is an increase of \$105.34 million or 48.3% from the revised FY2018 provision of \$218.06 million. The increase is mainly due to higher land acquisition compensation expenditure anticipated in FY2019 compared to revised FY2018.

Other Consolidated Fund Outlays

The total agency fees for land sales projected for FY2019 is \$37.52 million, an increase of \$2.36 million or 6.7% from the revised FY2018 provision of \$35.16 million. The agency fees for land sales is projected to be higher in FY2019 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	38,787,000	14,859,800	53,646,800	23,870,400	77,517,200
R-B	Information Technology and Data Management	15,037,800	0	15,037,800	0	15,037,800
R-D	Appeals Board	259,200	0	259,200	0	259,200
R-E	Public Trustee	1,935,400	0	1,935,400	0	1,935,400
R-F	Registries of Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers	3,461,300	0	3,461,300	0	3,461,300
R-G	Insolvency	6,972,100	0	6,972,100	0	6,972,100
R-I	Legal Aid	10,232,200	0	10,232,200	261,600	10,493,800
R-J	Support Services	25,536,600	0	25,536,600	0	25,536,600
R-N	Lands and Properties Administration	114,015,600	0	114,015,600	299,266,500	413,282,100
R-O	Community Mediation	1,078,300	0	1,078,300	0	1,078,300
Total		\$217,315,500	\$14,859,800	\$232,175,300	\$323,398,500	\$555,573,800

Development Expenditure by Project

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure Up to end of FY2016	Actual FY2017	Estimated FY2018	Revised FY2018	Estimated FY2019
DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	...	...	\$320,077,764	\$218,061,100	\$218,061,000	\$323,398,500
<i>GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</i>	...	...	<i>319,943,987</i>	<i>216,649,100</i>	<i>216,649,000</i>	<i>322,470,800</i>
Management and Policies Programme						
Refurbishment of 28 Maxwell Road	35,100,000	1,017,028	3,764,541	12,000,000	12,000,000	14,853,600
Minor Development Projects	...	...	2,871,271	2,480,200	2,440,200	5,346,900
New Projects	...	...	0	0	0	2,742,200
Legal Aid Programme						
LAB Case System	0	2,915,004	657,310	108,000	148,000	261,600
Lands and Properties Administration Programme						
New Projects	...	...	0	2,975,300	0	20,802,500
Remediation of former Kallang Gasworks	26,940,000	196,088	49,540	500,000	500,000	20,000,000
Land Acquisition for General Development	0	8,912,996,086	307,078,516	184,105,000	184,405,000	258,114,500
Improvement to State Lands / Provision of Amenities	0	203,191,408	2,522,076	9,670,600	9,370,500	349,500
Completed Projects	...	...	3,000,732	4,810,000	7,785,300	0
<i>GRANTS & CAPITAL INJECTIONS TO ORGANISATIONS</i>	...	...	<i>133,777</i>	<i>1,412,000</i>	<i>1,412,000</i>	<i>927,700</i>
Management and Policies Programme						
Minor Development Projects	...	...	0	1,412,000	1,412,000	927,700
Completed Projects	...	...	133,777	0	0	0

Other Development Fund Outlays

Project Title	Total Project Cost	Actual Expenditure Up to end of FY2016	Actual FY2017	Estimated FY2018	Revised FY2018	Estimated FY2019
OTHER DEVELOPMENT FUND OUTLAYS	\$4,512,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>LAND-RELATED EXPENDITURE</i>	<i>4,512,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Completed Projects	4,512,000	0	0	0

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 FY2016	Actual FY2017	Revised FY2018	Estimated FY2019
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	2 nd	Top 5
	World ranking of Singapore's legal framework in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report - Settling Disputes	1 st	1 st	1 st	Top 5
2. 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	100	100	100 [^]	>95
3. Accessible and effective community mediation services	Settlement rate of cases mediated by the Community Mediation Centre (%)	74	77	76 [^]	>76
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	100	100	97 [^]	>95
5. A vibrant legal services sector	Value-add of the legal services sector (\$ billions)	2.14 ¹	2.14 [^]	2.22 [^]	2.29
6. A sound and efficient insolvency regime	% of discharged bankruptcy cases where all dividends are paid to creditors within 4 weeks of discharge	99.7	98	96 [^]	>95
	World ranking in Ease of Resolving Insolvency in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	29 th	27 th	27 th	25 th
7. Optimal use of land resources	Utilisation rate of State land available for use (%)	95.4	95.4	95.6 [^]	95
	Occupancy rate of usable state properties managed (%)	96.3	96.4	96.4 [^]	95
8. An efficient and reliable land titles registration system	World ranking in registering properties in the World Bank Doing Business Survey	19 th	19 th	21 st	13 th
9. A robust intellectual property infrastructure	World ranking of Singapore's intellectual property protection in the WEF's Global Competitiveness Report	4 th	3 rd	3 rd	Top 5

¹ FY2016 VA updated with latest figures from Department of Statistics (June 2018), at 2 decimal places.

[^] Current estimates.