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OF
THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**on the consideration of proposals for the Variation of
Appropriation for the fiscal year 2016**

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THE COMMITTEE

Mandate of the Committee

1. The Standing Finance Committee is established by Standing Order 82(1) of the House of Representatives Standing Orders. It is the duty of the Committee to consider the Estimates and the Appropriation Bill. The Committee is also empowered to consider and report on all proposals for expenditure which are not included in the Annual Estimates including proposals for supplementary and unforeseen expenditure.

Membership

2. In accordance with the House of Representatives Standing Order 82(1), this Committee is a Committee of the Whole House of Representatives and is chaired by the Speaker.

Meeting

3. The Committee held a public meeting on April 06, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

4. The purpose of this meeting was to consider proposals for the Variation of the Appropriation provided in the Appropriation (Financial Year 2016) Act, 2015.

Variation

5. The approval of the proposals for Variation of the Appropriation for the 2016 fiscal year was required:

- i. to realign the provisions in the fiscal accounts in accordance with the new assignment of responsibilities to Ministers and the restructuring of Ministries as effected by the:

- ❖ Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 97, Volume 54, dated September 23, 2015¹; and
- ❖ Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 125 Volume 54, dated December 04, 2015².

The estimated cost of the realignment of the affected Ministerial portfolios is \$543,434,129.

- ii. to provide additional funds in the sum of \$16,000,000 under the Parliament Department to meet the continued payment to the end of the 2016 fiscal year for salaries to staff of the Constituency Offices and other related operational expenses.
6. The Standing Finance Committee noted:
- ❖ as a result of the mid-year review of Recurrent Expenditure and the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP), which was conducted by the Ministry of Finance, it was necessary to return to Parliament to seek approval for a Variation of the Appropriation Act, 2016 in the sum of \$559,434,129;
 - ❖ savings in the sum of \$16,000,000 were available under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for transfer to the Parliament Department as a result of an administrative oversight in the recording of the loan repayment for the construction of the Brian Lara Cricket Academy; and
 - ❖ sourcing of funds for the Variation of the Appropriation Act, 2016 would be met from sums already appropriated to certain Heads of Expenditure within the Appropriation (Financial Year 2016) Act, 2015.

¹Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 97 of 2015, September 23, 2015. <http://www.news.gov.tt/archive//E-Gazette/Gazette%202015/Gazette/Gazette%20No.%2097.pdf>

² Trinidad and Tobago Gazette No. 125 of 2015, December 04, 2015. <http://www.news.gov.tt/archive//E-Gazette/Gazette%202015/Gazette/Gazette%20No.%20125%20of%202015.pdf>

7. The Departments/Agencies and Programmes which were affected as a result of the re-alignment of ministerial portfolios are provided in Table 1.

Table 1

Re-alignment of Departments / Agencies and Programmes

From	To	Remarks
Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs: Regional Complexes (Community Development)	Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts: Regional Complexes (Community Development)	Based on the authority of Gazette No. 125 dated December 4, 2015
Ministry of Community Development Culture and the Arts: Citizens' Initiative Fund Ecclesiastical Bodies	Office of the Prime Minister: Citizens' Initiative Fund Office of the Prime Minister - Ecclesiastical Bodies	Based on the authority of Gazette Nos. 97 dated September 23, 2015 and 125 dated December 4, 2015 Based on the authority of Gazette Nos. 97 dated 23 rd September, 2015 and 125 dated 4 th December, 2015
Ministry of Education: On-the-Job-Training Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA)	Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development: On-the-Job-Training Ministry of Planning and Development: Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA)	Based on the authority of Gazette Nos. 97 dated September 23, 2015 and 125 dated December 4, 2015 Based on the authority of Gazette No. 125 dated 4 th December, 2015

Ministry of Health: Response to HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS Social Marketing	Office of the Prime Minister: Response to HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS Social Marketing	Based on the authority of Gazette No. 125 dated 4 th December, 2015
Ministry of Social Development & Family Services: Gender Affairs Division & Child Development	Office of the Prime Minister: Gender Affairs Division & Child Development	The following Units/Areas have been re-assigned based on Gazette No. 125 dated 4 th December, 2015 Children's Home - St. Michael's School for Boys and St. Jude's Industrial School for Girls. Orphanages - St. Dominic's Home and St. Mary's Home Child Development, Children with Special Needs, Gender Affairs, Children's Authority, Adoption Board Expenses and Foster Care Expenses
U.N. International Children Emergency Fund	Office of the Prime Minister: Child Development	Based on the authority of Gazette No. 125 dated 4 th December, 2015
Emergency Cases Fund (Probation Services)	Ministry of National Security - Emergency Cases Fund (Probation Services)	Based on the authority of Gazette Nos. 97 dated 23 rd September, 2015 and 125 dated 4 th December, 2015

8. The Standing Finance Committee considered and approved a Variation to the 2016 Appropriation in the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Million, Four Hundred and Thirty

Four Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty Nine Dollars (\$559,434,129). The details of the Variation are provided in Table 2.

Table 2
Variation of 2016 Appropriation

Variation of Appropriation - Decrease		
Head 26	Ministry of Education	\$413,233,000.00
Head 28	Ministry of Health	\$6,000,000.00
Head 61	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	\$16,000,000.00
Head 68	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	\$10,000,000.00
Head 78	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services	\$114,201,129.00
Total		\$559,434,129.00
Variation of Appropriation - Increase		
Head 05	Parliament	\$16,000,000.00
Head 13	Office of the Prime Minister	\$122,661,129.00
Head 22	Ministry of National Security	\$40,000.00
Head 30	Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development	\$374,000,000.00
Head 62	Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts	\$7,500,000.00
Head 67	Ministry of Planning and Development	\$39,233,000.00
Total		\$559,434,129.00

Recommendation

Variation

9. The Committee recommends the Variation of the Appropriation for fiscal year 2016 in the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Four Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty Nine Dollars (\$559,434,129) in order to re-allocate funds to those Ministries affected by the realignment of Ministerial portfolios and to also provide additional funds to the Parliament Department.

10. The Committee respectfully submits this Report for the consideration of the House of Representatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hon. Bridgid Mary Annisette-George, MP
Chairman

April 06, 2016

APPENDICES

Minutes of Meeting

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE
FIRST SESSION (2015/2016), ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY APRIL 06, 2016 AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER,
MEZZANINE FLOOR, OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENT, TOWER D,
INTERNATIONAL WATERFRONT CENTRE, 1A WRIGHTSON ROAD,
PORT OF SPAIN

Members of the Standing Finance Committee

Present

1. Hon. Bridgid Mary Annisette-George, MP - Chairman
(*Speaker of the House*)
2. Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP - Minister of Planning and Development
(*Member for Arouca/Maloney*)
3. Hon. Dr. Keith Rowley, MP - Prime Minister
(*Member for Diego Martin West*)
4. Hon. Colm Imbert, MP - Minister of Finance
(*Member for Diego Martin North/East*)
5. Hon. Stuart Young, MP - Minister in the Ministry of the Attorney General
and Legal Affairs and Minister of State in the
Office of the Prime Minister
(*Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West*)
6. Hon. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP - Minister of Health
(*Member for St Joseph*)
7. Hon. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP - Minister of Works and Transport
(*Member for Laventille West*)
8. Hon. Randall Mitchell, MP - Minister of Housing and Urban Development
(*Member for San Fernando East*)
9. Hon. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP - Minister of Tourism
(*Member for Tobago West*)
10. Hon. Ancil Antoine, MP - Minister of Public Utilities
(*Member for D'abadie/Omeara*)
11. Hon. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn, MP - Minister of Social Development
and Family Services
(*Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West*)
12. Mr. Esmond Forde, MP - Deputy Speaker
(*Member for Tunapuna*)
13. Hon. Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP - Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister
(*Member for Tobago East*)
14. Hon. Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, MP - Minister of Community Development Culture,
and the Arts

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| 15. Hon. Nicole Olivierre, MP | - | <i>(Member for St. Ann's East)</i>
Minister of Energy and Energy Industries
<i>(Member for La Brea)</i> |
| 16. Hon. Maxie Cuffie, MP | - | Minister of Public Administration and
Communications
<i>(Member for La Horquetta/Talparo)</i> |
| 17. Hon. Anthony Garcia, MP | - | Minister of Education
<i>(Member for Arima)</i> |
| 18. Hon. Darryl Smith, MP | - | Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs
<i>(Member for Diego Martin Central)</i> |
| 19. Hon. Dr. Lovell Francis, MP | - | Minister State in the Ministry of Education
<i>(Member for Moruga/Tableland)</i> |
| 20. Mr. Adrian Leonce, MP | - | Member for Laventille East/Morvant |
| 21. Mrs. Glenda Jennings-Smith, MP | - | Parliamentary Secretary in the
Ministry of National Security
Member for Toco/Sangre Grande |
| 22. Mr. Ganga Singh, MP | - | Member for Chaguanas West |
| 23. Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar SC, MP | - | Leader of the Opposition
<i>(Member for Siparia)</i> |
| 24. Mr. David Lee, MP | - | Member for Pointe-a-Pierre |
| 25. Mr. Fazal Karim, MP | - | Member for Chaguanas East |
| 26. Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan, MP | - | Member for Tabaquite |
| 27. Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, MP | - | Member for Caroni Central |
| 28. Mrs. Christine Newallo-Hosein, MP | - | Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla |
| 29. Dr. Tim Gopeesingh, MP | - | Member for Caroni East |
| 30. Mrs. Vidia Gayadeen-Gopeesingh, MP | - | Member for Oropouche West |
| 31. Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP | - | Member for Oropouche East |
| 32. Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP | - | Member for Couva South |
| 33. Mr. Rodney Charles, MP | - | Member for Naparima |
| 34. Mr. Barry Padarath, MP | - | Member for Princes Town |
| 35. Dr. Lackram Bodoie, MP | - | Member for Fyzabad |
| 36. Mr. Rushton Paray, MP | - | Member for Mayaro |

Excused

1. Hon. Edmund Dillon, MP - Minister of National Security
(*Member for Point Fortin*)
2. Dr. Fuad Khan, MP - Member for Barataria/San Juan
3. Ms. Ramona Ramdial, MP - Member for Couva South
4. Mr. Prakash Ramadhar, MP - Member for St. Augustine

Absent

1. Hon. Faris Al-Rawi, MP - Attorney General
(*Member for San Fernando West*)
2. Ms. Marlene Mc Donald, MP - Member for Port-of-Spain South

Also Present

1. Sen. the Hon. Dennis Moses - Minister in the Ministry of National Security
2. Sen. the Hon. Jennifer Baptiste Primus - Ministry of Labour and
Small Enterprise Development

COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.
- 1.2 The Chairman indicated that in accordance with Standing Order 82 (6) and 87, a meeting of the Standing Finance Committee was convened to consider proposals for the Variation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2016.
- 1.3 Members were advised that in accordance with Standing Order 45(1) the speaking time in Standing Finance Committee shall not exceed five (5) minutes on each intervention.
- 1.4 The procedure for the consideration of the Heads of Expenditure was outlined.

PROPOSALS FOR THE VARIATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016

Head 26: Ministry of Education – Decrease

- 3.1 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 26, Ministry of Education be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$413,233,000.
- 3.2 The Leader of the Opposition sought clarification. The Minister of Finance provided an explanation for the variation and agreed to provide an explanation in writing.

- 3.3 The question was put and agreed that Head 26, Ministry of Education be varied by the sum of \$413,233,000.

Head 28: Ministry of Health – Decrease

- 3.4 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 28, Ministry of Health be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$6,000,000.
- 3.5 The Leader of the Opposition sought clarification. The Minister of Health provided an explanation for the variation.
- 3.6 The question was put and agreed that Head 28, Ministry of Health be varied by the sum of \$6,000,000.

Head 61: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development – Decrease

- 3.7 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 61, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$16,000,000.
- 3.8 The Leader of the Opposition and the Member for Oropouche East sought clarification. The Minister of Housing and Urban Development provided an explanation for the variation.
- 3.9 The question was put and agreed that Head 61, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development be varied by the sum of \$16,000,000.

Head 68: Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs – Decrease

- 3.10 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 68, Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$10,000,000.
- 3.11 The Leader of the Opposition sought clarification. The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs provided an explanation for the variation and agreed to provide an explanation in writing.
- 3.12 The question was put and agreed that Head 68, Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs be varied by the sum of \$10,000,000.

Head 78: Ministry of Social Development and Family Services – Decrease

- 3.13 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 78, Ministry of Social Development and Family Services be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$114,201,129.
- 3.14 The Leader of the Opposition sought clarification. The Minister of Social Development and Family Services and the Minister of Finance provided an explanation for the variation and agreed to provide an explanation in writing.
- 3.15 The question was put and agreed that Head 78, Ministry of Social Development and Family Services be varied by the sum of \$114,201,129.

Total Decrease

- 3.16 The question was put and agreed that the 2016 appropriation be varied by a total decrease in the sum of \$559,434,129.

Head 05: Parliament - Increase

- 4.1 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 05, Parliament be varied by an increase in the sum of \$16,000,000.
- 4.2 The question was put and agreed that Head 05, Parliament be varied by an increase in the sum of \$16,000,000.

Head 13: Office of the Prime Minister - Increase

- 4.3 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 13, Office of the Prime Minister be varied by an increase in the sum of \$122,661,129.
- 4.4 The Leader of the Opposition sought clarification. The Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister agreed to provide an explanation in writing for the variation.
- 4.5 The question was put and agreed that Head 13, Office of the Prime Minister be varied by an increase in the sum of \$122,661,129.

Head 22: Ministry of National Security - Increase

- 4.6 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 22, Ministry of National Security be varied by an increase in the sum of \$40,000.
- 4.7 The Leader of the Opposition sought clarification. The Minister in the Ministry of National Security provided an explanation for the variation and agreed to provide an explanation in writing for the variation.
- 4.8 The question was put and agreed that Head 22, Ministry of National Security be varied by an increase in the sum of \$40,000.

Head 30: Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development - Increase

- 4.9 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 30, Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development be varied by an increase in the sum of \$374,000,000.
- 4.10 The Member for Oropouche East, the Member for Chaguanas East, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for Caroni East sought clarification. The Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development provided an explanation for the variation.
- 4.11 The question was put and agreed that Head 30, Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development be varied by an increase in the sum of \$374,000,000.

Head 62: Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts – Increase

- 4.12 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 62, Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts be varied by an increase in the sum of \$7,500,000.
- 4.13 The question was put and agreed that Head 62, Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts be varied by an increase in the sum of \$7,500,000.

Head 67: Ministry of Planning and Development – Increase

- 4.14 The Chairman proposed the question that Head 67, Ministry of Planning and Development be varied by an increase in the sum of \$39,233,000.
- 4.15 The question was put and agreed that Head 67, Ministry of Planning and Development be varied by an increase in the sum of \$39,233,000.

Total Increase

- 4.16 The question was put and agreed that the 2016 appropriation be varied by a total increase in the sum of \$559,434,129.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 The Chairman informed Members that the debate for the adoption of the Committee's Report will take place on Friday April 08, 2016 at 1.30 pm.
- 5.2 The adjournment was taken at 2.40 p.m.

We certify that these Minutes are true and correct.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

April 06, 2016

APPENDIX II

Verbatim Notes

VERBATIM NOTES OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HELD IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, LEVEL 2, TOWER D, THE PORT-OF-SPAIN INTERNATIONAL WATERFRONT CENTRE, 1A WRIGHTSON ROAD, PORT OF SPAIN, ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 06, 2016 AT 1.30 P.M.

Madam Chairman: Good afternoon, Members. Welcome to this Standing Finance Committee meeting, and in accordance with Standing Orders 82(6) and 87, this meeting of the Standing Finance Committee was convened to consider proposals for the Variation of Appropriation for the fiscal year 2016.

Members are just reminded that in accordance with Standing Order 45(1), the speaking time in the Standing Finance Committee shall not exceed five minutes on each intervention. The procedure shall be as follows: the proposals for decreases will be considered prior to the proposals for increases. The Head and the amount to be decreased or increased will be announced. I will then propose the question that the Head be decreased or increased. After that, a debate may take place on that question, during which any Member may seek clarification from the relevant Minister. Once this is concluded, I will then put the question that the sum to be decreased or increased be approved. This procedure will be repeated for each Head.

I therefore now will invite us to consider the proposals for the decrease and increase of appropriation for the fiscal year 2016. Hon. Members, we shall now consider the proposals for decreases for fiscal year 2016 and the first Head we have is:

Head 26: Ministry of Education, \$413,233,000.

Question proposed: That Head 26, Ministry of Education, be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$413,233,000.

I now invite Members who wish to seek clarification. Member for Siparia.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I note that a total of \$413.2 million is the decrease being sought. I note from the finance note that was presented to us that that money is to go to two other Heads: the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development with respect to a Sub-Item – On the Job Training – and to the Ministry of Planning and Development with respect to a sub-item for the Institute of Marine Affairs. However, when I look at the Draft Estimates of Expenditure, I note that \$374 million was the amount appropriated by budget 2016 for OJT. That entire sum has now gone from Education to OJT. However, the additional moneys being asked to be transferred here to the Ministry of Planning and Development is, in fact, 39.3 – for the Institute of Marine Affairs, yes, 33.048.

Madam, I know you are asking us to deal with increases and decreases separately, but they are, in some ways, interlinked because what is happening here, when you add the amounts coming out of the IMA and you add the amounts coming out of the OJT, you are getting \$430 million. But under the IMA there is only 33, yet 39 is being increased there, and I would like an explanation as to why – where is that extra \$6 million coming from, and from which projects and so on.

Madam Chairman: We are dealing with decreases first.

Mr. Imbert: My understanding of the procedure outlined by the hon. Speaker was that we will deal with decreases first. That is an increase that you are talking about.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: But your finance note, hon. Member, indicates where the money is going to, and the maths just do not add up. The money is being taken out of the Ministry of Education, being sent off to two other ministries, that is, the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development – OJT, \$374 plus million; the Ministry of Planning – the Institute of Marine Affairs, \$39 million. The numbers are not adding up.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Speaker, I am in your hands. If you want to go the way the hon. Member wants to go, deal with both, no problem.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Member for Siparia, I would ask the Minister of Finance to note the point, because under increases, therefore, I guess the question will be from where would that additional \$6 million, according to your maths, come from.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: But then when I get to that – when I get to, for example, the increase for the Ministry of Labour and then you confine us to only asking about the Ministry of Labour, and then when I get to the Ministry of Planning and Development, which is the other part of the MOE (Ministry of Education), how am I going to ever be able to link the two to show that the maths is – I am asking – does not appear to be adding up? How will I ever be able to ask that if you confine it to just the one Head? Because the things are distinctly interrelated. I mean, what we are doing here, we are just taking out of one ministry, placing it in another. We are not creating any new projects, any new money. It is coming out of the portfolio realignments and so on, and they are inextricably linked.

So when I get to Planning, Madam, with your leave, of course, subject to your ruling, when I get to Labour, where the money is now being increased for OJT, taken and put there as OJT increases, and then for Planning, how do I link to show it is not adding up; that the amounts coming out of Education are not adding up to the amounts being now transferred? And nowhere else in the finance note does it tell us where the \$6 million is coming from.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Member – Minister of Finance – I think the question would have to be answered in any event, so that I would suggest to probably get it out the way – is it that you are not in a position to answer it at all?

Mr. Imbert: Well, I would like to get the question framed properly first, Madam Speaker. If the Member for Siparia could frame a proper question I will answer it. What is the question?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: The question is that the total being transferred from Head 26, Ministry of Education is, as indicated in your finance note, a total of \$413.233 million. This is on page 3 of the finance note that was shared with us for this meeting. Thereafter, your finance note tells us that this money coming from the Ministry of Education is coming from two areas. One is coming from OJT, and if we look at your appropriations budget, 2016, you would see that \$374 million was for the OJT. Your finance note tells us that the \$374 million is going to the Ministry of Labour for OJT. So that is out of the way.

Your finance note further tells us that out of the Ministry of Education, the Institute of Marine Affairs has been transferred by the portfolio realignment – has been transferred from Education to the Ministry of Planning and Development. When you look at the allocation in the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure – and I could point you to the pages if you wish – the IMA, page 206, Sub-Item 02, from the Ministry of Education, it is \$33.04 million. Yet in your finance note, you are saying that the Ministry of Planning and Development will be gaining the sum of \$39.233. There is a discrepancy or a variance of about \$6 million. So where is it coming from? From which projects is it being taken to go into these two areas – that extra \$6 million?

Mr. Imbert: All right. Well, firstly, your mathematics are all wrong, but I will explain. The On the Job Training Programme, the allocation in the Ministry of Education that is being transferred to the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development is \$374 million.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Agree.

Mr. Imbert: So the OJT allocation is \$374 million. The Institute of Marine Affairs, the allocation for that, which is currently in the Ministry of Education, is being transferred to the Ministry of Planning and Development because the responsibility for the Institute of Marine Affairs is being transferred to Planning and Development. And what you are not considering, because you are operating on the false assumption that we are dealing only with recurrent expenditure, is that \$10 million is also being transferred from the Development Programme of the Institute of Marine Affairs for a number of things, including marine research field station, construction of a building for the Institute of Marine Affairs, and so on.

So the error being made is that you are not taking into account \$10 million in the Development Programme which is also being transferred, and that is why there is an apparent discrepancy. It is really not a discrepancy. Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Certainly. But you are saying \$10 million, and be that as it may, which is not reflected in your documents here but would have been in this allocation, I am seeing a discrepancy of \$6 million – the 33 versus the 39. The Ministry of Planning and Development is receiving 39 –

Mr. Imbert: The figures I have, \$374 million for OJT –

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Yes, we agreed with OJT. We are agreeing with the OJT.

Mr. Imbert: I have an OJT movement, 374, IMA movement, \$29,233,000 and DPA of \$10 million. That is what I have. The figures add up.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: It is not 29 and 10, Sir, but if that is your answer. It is 33 in your document – it is 39.

Mr. Imbert: Where is the 33 in the document, please?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: The 33 is what is allocated here in the Draft Estimates of Expenditure.

Mr. Imbert: No, in this document. This is what is before us, not that.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Yes, Sir. That is what is before us, but the allocation that you are lifting out of the IMA is coming out of your allocation in budget 2016. It is not coming from out of the sky. It is not new money. In fact, there is no new money in any of this.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Speaker, through you –

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Chairman.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman – still the Speaker – through you, what the hon. Member does not realize is that we are in April. The IMA did not come to an end on the 30th of September, 2015. It has been in existence for the last six months. It has been expending money for salaries, for wages, for goods and services, for electricity, for water, et cetera, and therefore, if you look at the allocation –

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Does it change it from 39?

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, I am answering the question. If you look at the allocation in the Estimates of Expenditure, which are for the whole 12 months of fiscal 2015, for the IMA, you will make an error because the

IMA has been spending money for the last six months because it has been operating. It is in existence, and this is why the numbers are 374, 29 and 10. The maths are correct. The error you are making is you are not considering the fact that the IMA has been operating. And this will apply to everything here, before we get into an argument over everything. Programmes that have been operating for the last six months in a ministry, the allocation will be reducing because they have been in existence. Okay? I hope that explains everything.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Madam Chair – through you, Madam. Madam Chair, with the greatest of respect, it is the exact \$374 million allocated in October, appropriated by the Appropriation Bill – that is the exact 374 you are now transferring to the OJT, exactly. So if you are saying expenditures – and, in fact, that is the other question when we get there: how much has been expended? How much has been committed for all these transfers? That is another question.

Then when you come to the IMA, which is the one I am asking about, with respect to the IMA you are saying the moneys would be less but, in fact, you are appropriating more. You are appropriating 39 when the allocation in here was the 33. So it is not that moneys were expended.

1.45 p.m.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, I have said twice already that the hon. Member is taking no account of the development programme of capital expenditure and is only looking at estimates of recurrent expenditure.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: You said it was \$10 billion.

Mr. Imbert: I do not know how better to explain that. The recurrent estimates will not have capital expenditure in them, and the hon. Member knows that. She was a Prime Minister after all.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Certainly, \$33 million was recurrent. You are saying \$10 million was development. That will give you \$43 million, but you are not transferring that with the greatest of respect. With the greatest of respect, Sir, the maths is not adding up.

Madam Chairman: Member for Caroni Central.

Dr. Tewarie: No, I was just saying given what the Minister of Finance is saying here, where is the documentation which allows us to see clearly whether \$29 million is coming from recurrent and \$10 million from development.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Minister of Finance, maybe if you say it one more time, one may grasp what is trying to be communicated.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, the Ministry of Education is being decreased by 413,233,000, the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development is being increased by \$374 million, and the Ministry of Planning and Development is being increased by \$39,233,000.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Madam Chairman, with respect to –

Madam Chairman: Member for Siparia.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you – the decrease from the Ministry of Education where the purchase is going from OJT education to OJT in the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development, would the Minister kindly tell us how much out of that has been expended in the past six months; how many persons have been employed and paid in the OJT; and if not expended, how much is committed to date?

Mr. Imbert: I cannot answer that now. I will take note of the question and I will answer it in the earliest possible time.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Further then, if you taking notes, would you kindly let us know what are your policy proposals for this expenditure of \$374 million in fiscal 2016?

Mr. Imbert: What?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: The same \$374 million, the details.

Madam Chairman: Member for Siparia, you will want to take that under the increase?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Certainly ma'am, we can take it there.

Mr. Imbert: What is the question?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: I will withdraw that question and put it as Madam Chair has indicated. [Crosstalk] Yes, it is how many people, where, when, how. You know that.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, let me just make it clear. Let me just make it clear.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Member, that question will be taken under increases on the other side.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 26 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$430,233,000.

Head 28: Ministry of Health \$6 million.

Question proposed: That Head 28 be varied of a decrease in the sum of \$6 million.

Madam Chairman: I now invite questions on this. Member for Siparia.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you, Madam. Through you, Madam Chair, ask the hon. Ministry to indicate which line items are being transferred to the Ministry? Well being moved out; where the decrease is coming from? That is to say it is for the HIV Programme. But if you would kindly point to us moneys allocated in budget 2016 in October, which of those line items under Head 28 are being decreased by the \$6 million?

Madam Chairman: Hon. Minister of Health.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Thank you, Madam Chair. Under Head 28 the line items are: 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies; 009 Other Transfers; 08 Response to HIV/Aids. Under the Development Programme –

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: And that is \$2 million?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Yes.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Go ahead.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Under the Development Programme, line item 09 Development Programme; 004 Social Infrastructure; 14 Social and Community Services, and C. Welfare Services; 086 HIV/Aids Social Marketing.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Two million dollars also?

Mr. Deyalsingh: No, ma'am.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: How much it is?

Mr. Deyalsingh: That is \$4 million. So \$4 million and \$2 million, \$6 million.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Through you, Madam, thank you, hon. Minister. I note that there was another allocation in budget 2016—while that appropriations in October—of another \$2 million under the same transfers at page 219, Sub-Item 01, Regional Health Authority, Community HIV Programme, \$2 million, that is going to stay then in the Ministry of Health?

Mr. Deyalsingh: I am advised that that is so.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much. Through you again, Madam Chair, how much out of this money has been expended by the Ministry of Health in the past six months, \$6 billion?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Under the recurrent expenditure to date, \$906,466 –

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: I am sorry, please.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Sorry, 906,466. Under the Development Programme, \$441,925.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Through you again, Madam Chair, would the hon. Minister—and hon. Minister, you are very well prepped. I say you must thank your Permanent Secretary. You have answers really in place. Would you be kind enough to tell us the amounts expended thus far out of your \$6 million? Would you be able to tell us exactly what kinds of programmes initiatives were carried out?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Member, I think I just did.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Nine and four, \$1.3

Mr. Deyalsingh: Yes, approximately 1.31, 1.4.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Can you identify projects under HIV/Aids Social Marketing, Response to HIV/Aids?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Sure.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: The kinds of initiatives that this \$1.3 would have cost?

Mr. Deyalsingh: What was expended already?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Yes, expended.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Okay. Sorry. Good. Under the recurrent: UWI Workshops \$77,206; purchase of HIV kits \$827,520; accommodation and meals, Tobago, for the Director to attend a meeting, \$1,740. Under the Development Programme: World Aids Day \$177,653; workshops seminars \$29,355; advertising \$33,917; UWI Workshop \$210,000; and some stipends were also paid. \$201,000 sorry. Let me just repeat the last one. UWI Workshop \$201,000.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you, hon. Ministry. And this has already been expended, is there any amount committed to date and not yet expended?

Mr. Deyalsingh: Under commitments, hon. Member, I am seeing no sums committed.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Through you, Madam Chair, I thank the hon. Minister for a very thorough and comprehensive response.

Mr. Deyalsingh: Thank you.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 28 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$6 million.

Head 61: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development \$16 million.

Question proposed: That Head 61 be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$16 million.

Madam Chairman: I now invite questions. Member for Siparia.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you, Madam Chair. I see the explanation given in the Finance Note is that you have realized \$16 million in savings, which is what you are decreasing this by – Finance Note page 3, paragraph 4. Your Finance Note says that you have had savings in the sum of \$16 million under Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for transfer – and you are transferring this to Parliament – as a result of an administrative oversight in the recording of the loan repayment for the construction of the Brian Lara Cricket Academy. I would be grateful, through you, Madam Chair, to explain what this really means.

Mr. Mitchell: Well it is an error made by the Budget's Division. The loan repayment for the Brian Lara Cricket Academy is the responsibility of the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs. So similar allocation was made under the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Head 68.

Mr. Singh: Duplication.

Mr. Mitchell: Yes, duplication.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: So therefore when we are being told about the amount of loans outstanding, we will have to minus this \$16 million, is that so?

Mr. Mitchell: I am sorry?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: If you had a duplication of the loan repayment, it means that when we are given these totals of loans that have to be paid the \$16 million was an administrative oversight.

Mr. Mitchell: It was an administrative oversight, yes.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Such therefore be excluded?

Mr. Mitchell: Yes.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: It is in fact a savings.

Mr. Mitchell: Yes.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much, hon. Minister.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Member for Oropouche East.

Dr. Moonilal: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. My question became smaller now. Given the explanation of the hon. Minister and the fact that UDeCOTT is involved in the Brian Lara Cricket Academy, I wanted to ask the question on whether or not by Friday we can get an answer as to an update on the sums expended by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago on the repayment of all loans for the Brian Lara Cricket Academy; how much have been paid; how much is outstanding; and when would the final payments be made on all loans taken to construct the Brian Lara Cricket Academy?

Madam Chairman: Hon. Minister, I believe that is asked as information for the debate.

Mr. Mitchell: Okay.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 61 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$16 million.

Head 68: Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs \$10 million.

Question proposed: That Head 68 be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$10 million.

Madam Chairman: At this stage, I will invite any questions which to be posed by Members. Hon. Member for Siparia.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you, Madam Chair. I note that the decrease of \$10 million refers to moneys being transferred because of regional complexes that are being given to the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs. So that \$10 million is coming out of your items for regional complexes. Would you be kind enough to tell us how many regional complexes we are referring to and where each is located?

Mr. Smith: I know there are 17 total, and of the top of my head right now I do not have all the locations. I could give you that in writing where they are actually located.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you. Again ma'am, can you give us a status update as to each of these complexes?

Mr. Smith: I could also provide that in writing.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Can you tell us how much has been expended per complex?

Hon. Member: What is a status update?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Well, this might help. Status update, Madam Chair.

Mr. Smith: Update or expenditure, what does that mean?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: State of completion, a status update, where has it reached? Is it in designed phase; is it in construction phase?

Mr. Smith: No, they are existing facilities. There is no construction available.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Okay. In terms of scope of works, how far is it along, or status update?

Mr. Smith: They are already there, established.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: So they are all completed? Therefore, this money has already been expended, \$10 million?

2.00 p.m.

Mr. Smith: This is operational expenses, Madam Chairman. The operations of the facilities, nothing to do with construction.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Okay. Out of this \$10 million, would the hon. Minister be kind enough to tell us how much has been expended on the operational costs?

Mr. Smith: \$4.3 so far.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: And how much is committed thus far?

Mr. Smith: None.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: No commitments.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Member, any other question?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: No, Madam. Thank you very much.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 68 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$10,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I thank the Minister and the PS. You all are relieved.

Head 78: Ministry of Social Development and Family Services \$114,201,129.

Question proposed: That Head 78 be varied by a decrease in the sum of \$114,201,129.

Madam Chairman: I now invite any questions from Members seeking clarification. Member for Siparia.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you, again, Madam Chair. Would the hon. Minister be kind enough to give us a breakdown? I know in the Finance Note on page 5, it identifies the matters coming out of social development, namely Gender Affairs Division and Child Development including children's homes, orphanages, gender affairs, Children's Authority, Adoption Board, foster care.

Through you, Madam Chair, is it possible for us to get a breakdown of how much is being transferred to each of these agencies and units that have been identified as having been removed from the portfolio of social development and now placed in the Office of the Prime Minister, Gender Affairs Division and Child Development? If it cannot be done today –

Mrs. Crichlow-Cockburn: Madam Chairman, under Gender Affairs, Personnel Expenditure, the total is \$6,208,000 and an additional \$372,216. Under Goods and Services, General Administration, it is \$8,925,220 and an additional \$1,822,955.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: I thank the hon. Member for her response. Would the hon. Minister be able to tell us the breakdown with respect to the children's homes: St. Michael's Boys, St. Jude's, St. Dominic's, St. Mary's that is now being transferred? We know what the total is, hon. Minister, and you have given Gender Affairs, but you have given us in your Finance Note, the Items, the units and the areas being reassigned. How much is being assigned to each of these? Now if we had the Draft Estimates, they would have been listed in there. So how much? If it cannot be done today, in time for the debate.

Mrs. Crichlow-Cockburn: Okay. In terms of the St. Mary's Children's Home, you are looking at \$12,587,200; St. Dominic's Children's Home \$11,333,334; and then St. Michael's home, we are looking at \$9,370,000 and for St. Jude's, \$7,904,608.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: The Children's Authority, Madam, how much is being transferred?

Mrs. Crichlow-Cockburn: In terms of the Children's Authority, we are looking at \$30 million.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Out of that \$30 million which was allocated and appropriated in October, how much is being expended and for what purpose?

Mrs. Crichlow-Cockburn: Madam Chair, we would not be able to provide that at this point in time. We will provide it subsequently.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you.

Mr. Imbert: Madam, let me just intervene here, if you do not mind. When the report of this meeting comes to the Parliament, there will be a detailed Schedule that will give you all the details that you are seeking, all of these figures.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Well, I thank you very much for that assurance but we have heard that many times before, Sir.

Mr. Imbert: No, I am telling you.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: With due respect, right here in Standing Finance Committee. So I prefer that we ask them. I think that is the purpose of the Standing Finance Committee, that we ask, it is recorded –

Mr. Imbert: Member for Siparia, I am not contradicting you.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Minister, please allow the Member to continue and complete.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: I thank you and I think the hon. Minister is attempting to answer and is giving the assurances that so she will do. So for the Children's Authority –

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, I need to say something for the benefit of all Members. There is a document called the Schedule relating to the variation of estimates which gives details of every single Head, Sub-Head and Sub-Item. As is the practice and has been the practice for the last 50 years, when we finish this Committee meeting, when the report goes to the Parliament, you will get the Schedule with the detailed Items.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much, Madam Chair and we will await the document, but I think it is our right to ask the questions –

Mr. Imbert: But you can ask, I am just telling you.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC:—and should the answers not be provided today, certainly it can be provided. But should we fail to ask those questions, they are not addressed, then they say we did not ask. What is the purpose of this Committee? If a Schedule is going to be given to us on Friday, what is the purpose of the Committee?

Madam Chairman: Hon. Member, please, I would like us to look at it in terms of it is not prohibiting you from asking your question.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: I thank you very much, Madam Chairman. Again, with respect to the Children's Authority which we all know is a very important authority, there were several concerns about staffing and other areas so I would be very grateful if you could give us an update on the expenditure and the purpose of that expenditure thus far for the Children's Authority out of the \$30 million.

Mrs. Crichlow-Cockburn: That will be provided.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much, hon. Minister.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 78 varied by a decrease in the sum of \$114,201,129.

Madam Chairman: I want to thank you, hon. Minister and Permanent Secretary.

Question put and agreed to.

Appropriation for the fiscal year 2016 varied by \$559,434,129.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Members, we shall now consider the proposals for increase for fiscal year 2016.
Head 05: Parliament \$16,000,000.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 05 varied by an increase in the sum of \$16,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I thank you, Madam Clerk.

Head 13: Office of the Prime Minister \$122,661,129.

Question proposed: That Head 13 be varied by an increase in the sum of \$122,661,129.

Madam Chairman: At this stage, I invite any debate on this Item. Member for Siparia.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you, Madam Chair. The increase of \$122.661 is coming from several places so I do not know if I will be permitted to speak to each of these at this time or if I will have to wait until that Ministry's Head is called. For example, \$122.661 is coming from Head 62 Community Development is coming from Head 28 Ministry of Health is coming from Head 78 Ministry of Social Development, so I do not know how to proceed.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Member, this is under increases so that you will have to speak to them now. You will have to speak to them now under the name increase.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Now, so I could refer to other Heads coming into here?

Madam Chairman: Yes.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Okay. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. From the Finance Note again, we see that two Items have been removed from the Ministry of Community Development and were placed by the Gazette last December under the Office of the Prime Minister. Two initiatives there. One is the Citizens' Initiative Fund and the ecclesiastical bodies. Those two Items coming out of Community Development. Now, Madam Chair, it is \$1 million in the first instance and \$1.5 million in the second instance.

Now, I have a difficulty and seek your guidance is, again, I would like to ask what has happened with these two sets of moneys for the past six months, how many citizens have received any initiatives from that fund, how many ecclesiastical bodies. But it is not under decrease or increase elsewhere so that is the past and it would have been under the past Ministry of Community Development that that money, \$1.5, is being taken off. So the question is this then, through you, for guidance, how much has been expended in the past six months for these two Items and for what initiatives under the Citizens' Initiative Fund and under the ecclesiastical bodies, which ones and how much given thus far. So it will really be from Community Development.

Mrs. Webster-Roy: That will be given in writing.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Sure, and then the third part of that will now be with it being transferred into Head 13, OPM, what are the proposals for expenditure in terms of the same Citizens' Initiative Fund and ecclesiastical bodies? So expended, committed and proposed to be.

Mrs. Webster-Roy: You will get it in writing.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much, Madam. Still with Head 13, OPM, from the Ministry of Health, the hon. Minister of Health gave a very detailed breakdown, comprehensive breakdown of where the moneys was coming from and how much had already been expended, so the balance that remains unexpended and uncommitted, if the hon. Minister would be kind enough to provide us details of the expenditure under response and social marketing for the balance of fiscal 2016, and Government's initiatives coming out of these moneys for HIV/AIDS with respect to dealing with what seems to be a rise.

2.15 p.m.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: The statistics recently reported very high, especially in the very young age group. I think it might be from age 15 to 25, if I am not mistaken but a really high amount. So we will appreciate the Minister's proposals for the further expenditure of the HIV/AIDS money to deal with what you have here as response to HIV/AIDS and social marketing, as you proceed for the next half of the fiscal year.

Madam Chairman: That would be given in writing, Minister?

Mrs. Webster-Roy: Yes.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you Madam. There is still another one, again. Still again coming in as an increase for the OPM Head 13 coming from Head 78: Ministry of Social Development, the total \$114,201. I think the Minister initially had given us the breakdown of the units and agencies as listed on page 5 of the Finance Note. The question now will be the balance, what you will now have as not expended for these matters, what are your proposals for dealing with all these various institutions, and it picks up again the Children's Authority as well. So that is with respect to the—

One more, OPM has been increased, Head 13, from Head 78: Ministry of Social Development, with respect to a sub-item known as UN International Children Emergency Fund. I think it is only about \$96,000 from what was allocated here being transferred. How much has already been expended with children or where? How much out of this funding has been spent on whom and where? It says a UN Children Emergency Fund and proposals for the rest of fiscal 2016.

Mrs. Webster-Roy: Madam Chair, we have a very comprehensive strategic plan and all the information requested would be supplied to the Member in a timely fashion.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: I thank you very much, through you, Madam Chair. Thank you.

Madam Chairman: Question put and agreed to.
Head 13 varied by an increase in the sum of \$122,661,129.

Madam Chairman: I thank the hon. Minister and the Permanent Secretary.

Head 22: Ministry of National Security \$40,000.

Question proposed: That Head 22 be varied by an increase in the sum of \$40,000.

Madam Chairman: At this stage I invite any questions. Member for Siparia.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much Madam. I do not know if there are others but I do have questions. I thank you. This increase in national security is in the sum of \$40,000, as you have pointed out. It is coming from Head 78: Ministry of Social Development and it is with respect, as the Government Finance Note tells us it is for emergency cases fund, probation services. The question again is: thus far, half the fiscal year has gone. How much has been expended and for how many emergency probation services and then for the increase that is coming to you now, your proposal for expending whatever is balance. So expended, committed and to be spent.

Mr. Moses: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. There has been no drawdown on this sum thus far.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: So there has been no emergency cases in the probation services?

Mr. Moses: Through you, Madam Chairman, the response is that there has been no drawdown thus far.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Then, as it is an increase, proposals and criteria for the use of the funds now coming into the Ministry of National Security, the \$40,000.

Mr. Moses: The criteria, or rather what I would respond, by way of information is that it is managed internally by the probation services and it is meant to cover supplies, resources, in respect of server YTEPP, MiLAT and MYPART. If further specific information is required, it can be conveyed later in written form. However, I can supply, if so required, further details on what the coverage, the particular items that are covered by that funding.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you Madam. Thank you hon. Minister.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 22 varied by an increase in the sum of \$40,000.

Madam Chairman: Thank you, hon. Minister and the Permanent Secretary.

Head 30: Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development.

Question proposed: That Head 30 be varied by an increase in the sum of \$374 million.

Madam Chairman: I invite any questions to take place at this time.

Dr. Moonilal: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. To the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development, this is, of course, moving the OJT programme from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Labour. In a simple way, why do this, and is there a policy contradiction between the OJT programme as existing now and what might be your objective of moving it there?

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: If you can recall hon. Member, the OJT was under the Ministry of Labour previously. As a consequence, therefore, this present Government holds the view that such a programme would be better implemented under the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development.

Dr. Moonilal: Okay, you believe it would be better suited there. Could I ask is this also connected in any way to support that would be provided to the over 5,000 dismissed workers in the country, in terms of retraining, in terms of accessing jobs, and so on?

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Sure, Madam Chair, I would be only too glad to facilitate the hon. Member. As you may be aware, Cabinet approved a ten-point plan for assisting unemployed in the country. The OJT would come in only if such unemployed falls inside the age category of 35 years and under.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Again the same questions, of the \$374 million, how much has been expended in the first six months of fiscal 2016? How much remains outstanding, and what do you plan to do with the balance?

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Hon. Member for Siparia, I would answer you last question firstly, which is the easier one. We aim to spend the balance just how we spent the earlier ones. [Desk thumping]

The current balance, we have spent so far \$182,639,570. Did I forget one of your questions?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: I asked you how much you had spent, what is the balance and what you plan to do. Thank you for your answer. You have expended \$182 million. Can you give an idea of the number of persons who might have been employed under the OJT for whom this \$182 million was spent? How many persons?

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Most certainly, hon. Member. The number of trainees in the programme to date and it is real time as of yesterday, 7381.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: And your proposal for fiscal, the balance of the fiscal? What is it, three minus one, two; the balance that you will have now.

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Well the balance would be spent on maintaining these same numbers and if the budget can accommodate a small expansion, then certainly.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: And so these persons then, based on the question from my colleague, these persons would not have been those with the loss of jobs, these are already in the system from October, from probations in October?

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Absolutely.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Is that correct to say?

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Yes, absolutely.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much, Madam.

Mr. Karim: Would the Minister, through you, be kind enough to indicate, subsequent to the 2016 budget statement, whether part of these moneys have been committed, or are people receiving the increased stipends, as has been promised?

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Actually, hon. Member for Chaguanas East, my intention, as a matter of fact it is in draft, a Note to the Cabinet requesting that the increase be implemented. Madam Chair, permit me. But not for all levels. At least in the first instance for the first level where those OJTs would be earning \$2,500. We are suggesting that the increase be implemented incrementally because of the economic situation. We are looking at the hard-pressed level, which is \$2,500, firstly.

Dr. Gopeesingh: Would the Hon. Minister indicate, from the knowledge of the 5,000 who have, unfortunately lost their jobs how many of those by chance you would happen to know who are under 35 years of age, as you indicated you may be considering hiring them if they are under 35 on the OJT programme?

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: Madam Chair, I am not in a position to convey the information that the hon. Member is seeking to obtain the Ministry, through the National Employment Services have established a register where we hope to capture not only the information you are seeking but to allow our information to be a little more accurate.

Mr. Karim: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Would the hon. Minister indicate whether part of that \$374 million would be allocated to what was promised in the 2016 budget, with respect to the graduate recruitment programme as well?

Mrs. Baptiste-Primus: No.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 30 varied by an increase in the sum of \$374 million.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chair, could I just clarify a point that was brought up earlier, where there was some confusion as to why in one case the transfers on the Arithmetic does not appear to add up?

Madam Chairman: One minute.

Mr. Imbert: I am on that same one, \$374 million. Why in one case there seem to be a problem with the Arithmetic adding up and whereas in another case the entire allocation has gone and the explanation is, if you go to the fourth and fifth pages of the document, you will see the date of the Gazette, which tells when the programme was moved. And if these programmes, a number of them were moved on the 23rd of September.

So they were moved prior to the start of fiscal 2016, which began on the 1st of October, but a number of others were moved on the 4th of December. So they would continue to expend funds in the Ministry that they were originally allocated in until the Gazette was published to transfer the allocation to another Ministry.

2.30 p.m.

In the case of this one, in the case of OJT, this was gazetted on September 23rd, so the entire allocation moved to the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development from October 01, 2016.

In the case of the other one that was bothering you, which is the Institute of Marine Affairs that moved after September. It actually moved in December, and that is why some of the allocation would have been expended in the case of the IMA, and all of the allocation would have been transferred in the case of the OJT.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: I thank the hon. Minister for attempting to explain it. I would say the moneys were not allocated. They could not have been transferred until they came to Parliament, which is what is happening today. What would have happened, as happens as you said, whichever Ministry the money was allocated in, that Ministry would pay the bills even though it was being administered in another Ministry by alignment of the portfolios. Do you think for six months the OJT people would not have been paid with the moneys in the Ministry?

Mr. Imbert: That is not what I said.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: No, no, the Minister is saying because of the dates of the Gazette that is why there are differences.

Mr. Imbert: That is not what I said. Madam Chairman –

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: With the greatest of respect –

Madam Chairman: Just one minute.

Mr. Imbert: – I would like an opportunity to clarify.

Madam Chairman: You would be allowed an opportunity to clarify.

Mr. Imbert: That is not what I said.

Madam Chairman: Member for Siparia, have you finished your contribution?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Well, unless the Minister wishes to further clarify.

Madam Chairman: Are you finished with your contribution? Are you?

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: At this point, yes Madam.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Minister of Finance, I will give you an opportunity to clarify.

Mr. Imbert: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Yes, I would clarify for the second time. When one looks at the document circulated to all hon. Members, including Members opposite, and you go in the remarks column on page 4 and page 5, one would see different dates for the gazetting of the transfer of portfolio from one Ministry to another. If the gazetting was done before October 01, 2015, then the entire allocation would be transferred to another Ministry and, therefore, there would be no reduction in the expenditure.

If on the other hand, as occurs with the Institute of Marine Affairs, the Gazette was dated December 04th, then part of the original allocation would have been expended, so when you do the transfer, you transfer less because expenditure has already taken place within that particular item. But in the case of items which were gazetted before the beginning of the fiscal year, all the entire allocation has gone, and that is why there is a difference when you do the maths in terms of the increases and the decreases.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: I thank the hon. Member, Madam. That is not the position. Indeed, in every one of these if you check the estimates 2016, October 2016, Appropriation Bill, what is being transferred to these Ministries as by the Parliament today on will be passed and approved today to be passed in the Bill on Friday, these are the allocations. If you check them you will see in every case it is identical except for this \$33 million and this \$39 million. So, I thank the hon. Minister. I am not convinced by his explanation.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, I am sorry, I would have to intervene again. That is not correct. In the case of the Institute of Marine Affairs, the Ministry of Education spent part of the allocation between October 01st and December 04th, so the remainder of the allocation is now being transferred to the Ministry of Planning and Development.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: If I were to understand you, does it mean that in the six months all these things here that are being transferred by the Bill that would come on Friday and by this Committee approved, are you saying that every one of those cases that the entire amount was not transferred by this? It cannot be transferred. It cannot be allocated unless the Parliament approves. Whether it was in September or whether it was in December, once it was appropriated under a Ministry by Parliament, it remains there until Parliament removes it. It does not mean that you cannot spend it, but the amount remains in that Ministry until Parliament removes it. That is what the Parliament is for.

Mr. Imbert: Madam Chairman, that is not correct. If a portfolio responsibility was transferred before the beginning of the fiscal year, the entire appropriation will be transferred. If it was transferred after the beginning of the fiscal year, the balance or remainder would be transferred. That is very simple to understand.

Madam Chairman: Minister of Finance, could you just for the record say what was the date of the fiscal year?

Mr. Imbert: The fiscal year began on October 01st. With respect to the appropriation that is causing so much trouble, page 4, bottom of the page: the Gazette to transfer the Institute of Marine Affairs to Planning was published on December 04, 2015. That is two months and three days after the beginning of the fiscal year and, therefore, money was spent during that two months and three days in the Ministry of Education and, therefore, the remaining appropriation is now coming to the Ministry of Planning and Development. It is as simple as that. Cannot make it more simple.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Thank you very much. Through you again, Madam –

Mr. Imbert: You could repeat yourself 100 times you know.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar SC: Should that be the case then it means that all these appropriations that are going into the Office of the Prime Minister, because that was only created by that same notice by that Gazette in December, then it should be less money, not the same money. If you look at it, it is the same moneys allocated budget October 2016. It is not less. So, if I were to take your word that it would be less because it went in December then that is not the case. Madam, I rest my case. I rest my case.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 30 varied by an increase in the sum of \$374,000,000.

Madam Chairman: I thank the hon. Minister and the Permanent Secretary.

Head 62: Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts \$7,500,000.

Question proposed: That Head 62 be varied by an increase in the sum of \$7,500,000.

Madam Chairman: At this stage, I would invite any debate on this item.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 62 varied by an increase in the sum of \$7,500,000.

Head 67: Ministry of Planning and Development \$39,233,000.

Question proposed: That Head 67 be varied by an increase in the sum of \$39,233,000. Madam Chairman: At this stage, I would invite debate on this question.

Question put and agreed to.

Head 67 varied by an increase in the sum of \$39,233,000.

Madam Chairman: Hon. Members, the question is that the 2016 Appropriation be varied by a total increase in the sum of \$559,434,129.

Question agreed to.

The 2016 Appropriation varied by a total increase in the sum of \$559,434,129.

Madam Chairman: I thank the hon. Minister and the Permanent Secretary.

Hon. Members, please note that the debate for the adoption of the Committee's Report will take place on Friday, April 08, 2016 at 1.30 p.m. The meeting of the Standing Finance Committee is now adjourned.

Thank you.

2.40 p.m.: Standing Finance Committee adjourned.

APPENDIX III

Schedule relating to the Variation of Estimates 2016

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
			\$	\$	\$	\$	
HEAD	05	PARLIAMENT	136,241,500	152,241,500	16,000,000		
SUB-HEAD	02	GOODS AND SERVICES	91,865,500	107,865,500	16,000,000		
Item	001	General Administration	84,120,000	100,120,000	16,000,000		
Sub-item	64	Operations of Constituency Offices	17,500,000	33,500,000	16,000,000		Variation of Appropriation
HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER	267,934,700	390,595,829	122,661,129		
SUB-HEAD	01	PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE	32,750,000	38,330,216	5,580,216		
Item	001	General Administration	32,750,000	37,958,000	5,208,000		001 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Sub-item	01	Salaries and COLA	18,000,000	22,258,000	4,258,000		
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to NIS	1,800,000	2,750,000	950,000		
Item	002	Gender Affairs Division	0	372,216	372,216		002 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
Sub-item	01	Salaries and COLA	0	302,912	302,912		
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to NIS	0	67,393	67,393		
Sub-item	27	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly-Paid Officers	0	1,911	1,911		
HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (continued)					
SUB-HEAD	02	GOODS AND SERVICES	230,179,000	240,927,175	10,748,175		
Item	001	General Administration	230,179,000	239,104,220	8,925,220		001 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Sub-item	01	Travelling and Subsistence	2,500,000	2,514,000	14,000		
Sub-item	05	Telephones	3,500,000	4,241,000	741,000		
Sub-item	09	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	75,000	132,000	57,000		
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	1,800,000	2,270,000	470,000		
Sub-item	11	Books and Periodicals	100,000	143,500	43,500		
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	700,000	706,500	6,500		
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	600,000	750,000	150,000		
Sub-item	15	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	225,000	278,000	53,000		
Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	12,000,000	15,724,000	3,724,000		
HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (continued)					
Sub-item	17	Training	800,000	1,020,000	220,000		
Sub-item	22	Short Term Employment	4,000,000	4,720,000	720,000		

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Sub-item	23	Fees	15,000,000	15,011,720	11,720		
Sub-item	27	Official Overseas Travel	6,000,000	6,217,000	217,000		
Sub-item	28	Other Contracted Services	12,000,000	12,707,700	707,700		
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	1,000,000	1,240,000	240,000		
Sub-item	43	Security Services	17,000,000	17,600,000	600,000		
Sub-item	57	Postage	20,000	21,300	1,300		
Sub-item	58	Medical Expenses	500,000	503,500	3,500		
Sub-item	62	Promtions, Publicity and Printing	1,400,000	2,190,000	790,000		
Sub-item	66	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	3,000,000	3,150,000	150,000		
Sub-item	99	Employee Assistance Programme	60,000	65,000	5,000		
HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (continued)					

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Item	002	Gender Affairs Division	0	1,822,955	1,822,955		002 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
Sub-item	01	Travelling and Subsistence	0	155,200	155,200		
Sub-item	05	Telephones	0	39,442	39,442		
Sub-item	08	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	0	256,000	256,000		
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	0	32,250	32,250		
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	0	4,200	4,200		
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	0	60,000	60,000		
Sub-item	15	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	0	3,750	3,750		
Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	0	583,736	583,736		
HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (continued)					
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	0	15,000	15,000		
Sub-item	43	Security Services	0	537,377	537,377		

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Sub-item	62	Promtions, Publicity and Printing	0	31,000	31,000		
Sub-item	66	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	0	75,000	75,000		
Sub-item	96	Fuel and Lubricants	0	30,000	30,000		
SUB-HEAD	03	MINOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	3,985,700	4,251,700	266,000		
Item	001	General Administration	3,985,700	4,251,700	266,000		001 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
Sub-item	02	Office Equipment	980,000	1,070,000	90,000		
Sub-item	03	Furniture and Furnishings	360,000	453,000	93,000		
	04	Other Minor Equipment	445,700	528,700	83,000		
HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (continued)					
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	1,020,000	95,786,738	94,766,738		

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Item	003	United Nations Organizations	0	96,000	96,000		003 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
Sub-item	01	UN International Children Emergency Fund	0	96,000	96,000		
Item	005	Non-Profit Institutions	0	60,370,738	60,370,738		
Sub-item	01	Ecclesiastical Bodies	0	1,500,000	1,500,000		01 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts
Sub-item	02	Other Social Programmes	0	300,000	300,000		02-10 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
Sub-item	03	Non-Profit Institutions (Childrens' Home)	0	2,800,000	2,800,000		
Sub-item	04	St. Mary's Children Home	0	12,537,200	12,537,200		
Sub-item	05	St. Dominic's Children Home	0	13,600,000	13,600,000		
HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (continued)					

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Sub-item	06	Non-Profit Institutions (Gender Affairs)	0	9,939,030	9,939,030		
Sub-item	07	Non-Profit Institutions - PRP - Child Development	0	2,000,000	2,000,000		
Sub-item	08	Heroes Foundation	0	420,000	420,000		
Sub-item	09	St Michael's School for Boys	0	9,370,000	9,370,000		
Sub-item	10	St. Jude's Home for Girls	0	7,904,508	7,904,508		
Item	007	Households	0	31,300,000	31,300,000		
Sub-item	01	Adoption Board Expenses	0	100,000	100,000		01-03 Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
Sub-item	02	Foster Care Expenses	0	1,200,000	1,200,000		
Sub-item	03	Childrens' Authority	0	30,000,000	30,000,000		
HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (continued)					
Item	009	Other Transfers	1,020,000	4,020,000	3,000,000		

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Sub-item	11	Citizens' Initiative Fund	0	1,000,000	1,000,000		11 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts
Sub-item	12	Response to HIV/AIDS	0	2,000,000	2,000,000		12 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Health
SUB-HEAD	09	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	0	11,300,000	11,300,000		
Item	004	Social Infrastructure	0	11,300,000	11,300,000		
Sub-item	14	Social and Community Services	0	11,300,000	11,300,000		
Project Group	C	Welfare Services	0	11,300,000	11,300,000		
Project Descr.	086	HIV/AIDS Social Marketing	0	4,000,000	4,000,000		086 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Health
Project Descr.	087	National Strategy for Promotion and Protection of Child Rights	0	500,000	500,000		087-098 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
Project Descr.	088	Establishment of a National Children's Registry	0	500,000	500,000		

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
HEAD	13	OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (continued)					
Project Descr.	089	Customization and Outfitting of an Assessment Centre in Sangre Grande	0	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Project Descr.	090	Establishment of Places of Safety	0	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Project Descr.	091	Development and Implementation of a Regulatory Regime for Nurseries	0	1,200,000	1,200,000		
Project Descr.	092	Establishment of a Child Protection Library	0	500,000	500,000		
Project Descr.	093	Conduct of Key Research Studies by the Children's Authority	0	200,000	200,000		
Project Descr.	094	Database Management System Expansion for the Children's Authority	0	800,000	800,000		
Project Descr.	095	Digitization of Adoption Records	0	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Project Descr.	096	National Child Policy	0	400,000	400,000		
Project Descr.	097	Formulation of Nursery Policy	0	100,000	100,000		
Project Descr.	098	Early Childhood Development Policy	0	100,000	100,000		

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
HEAD	22	MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY	6,522,972,960	6,523,012,960	40,000		
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	498,584,490	498,624,490	40,000		
Item	007	Households	82,300,000	82,340,000	40,000		
Sub-item	14	Emergency Cases Fund (Probation Services)	0	40,000	40,000		14 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Social Development and Family Services
HEAD	26	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	7,781,013,421	7,367,780,421		413,233,000	
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	3,008,436,060	2,634,436,060	0	374,000,000	
Item	007	Households	632,668,052	258,668,052	0	374,000,000	
Sub-Item	21	On- the- Job Training Programme	374,000,000	0	0	374,000,000	21-Transferred to Head- Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprises Development
Sub-Head	06	CURRENT TRANSFERS TO STATUTORY BOARDS AND SIMILAR BODIES	258,993,960	229,760,960	0	29,233,000	

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Item	004	Statutory Boards					
Sub-item	02	Institute of Marine Affairs	33,048,000	3,815,000	0	29,233,000	02- Transferred to Head-Ministry of Planning and Development
SUB-HEAD	09	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	559,245,000	549,245,000	0	10,000,000	
Item	004	Social Infrastructure	326,445,000	324,445,000	0	2,000,000	
Sub-Item	04	Education	326,445,000	324,445,000	0	2,000,000	
Project Group	J	Science, Technology and Applied Arts	143,945,000	141,945,000	0	2,000,000	
HEAD	26	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (continued)					
Project Description	026	Establishment of a Marine Research Field Station	2,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	026- Transferred to Head-Ministry of Planning and Development
Item	005	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	224,800,000	216,800,000	0	8,000,000	
Sub- Item	06	General Public Services	224,800,000	216,800,000	0	8,000,000	
Project Group	F	Public Buildings	129,000,000	121,000,000	0	8,000,000	

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Project Description	017	Construction of Institute of Marine Affairs	8,000,000	0	0	8,000,000	017- Transferred to Head-Ministry of Planning and Development
HEAD	28	MINISTRY OF HEALTH	4,835,784,248	4,829,784,248		6,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	3,665,239,550	3,663,239,550		2,000,000	
Item	009	Other Transfers	3,558,047,500	3,556,047,500		2,000,000	
Sub-Item	08	Response to HIV/AIDS	2,000,000	0		2,000,000	08-Transferred to Head-Office of the Prime Minister
SUB-HEAD	09	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	126,800,000	122,800,000		4,000,000	
Item	004	Social Infrastructure	83,300,000	79,300,000		4,000,000	
Sub-Item	14	Social and Community Services	4,000,000	0		4,000,000	
Project Group	C	Welfare Services	4,000,000	0		4,000,000	
Project Descr.	086	HIV/AIDS Social Marketing	4,000,000	0		4,000,000	086-Transferred to Head-Office of the Prime Minister

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
HEAD	30	MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	212,147,500	586,147,500	374,000,000		
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	46,370,000	420,370,000	374,000,000		
Item	007	Households	0	374,000,000	374,000,000		
Sub-item	03	On- the- Job Training Programme	0	374,000,000	374,000,000		03-Transferred from Head- Ministry of Education
HEAD	61	MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	1,409,017,035	1,393,017,035		16,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	1,183,978,035	1,167,978,035		16,000,000	
Item	011	Transfers to State Enterprises	609,178,035	593,178,035		16,000,000	
Sub-item	22	UDeCOTT - Principal payment on TT\$497Mn Brian Lara Cricket Academy	51,619,507	35,619,507		16,000,000	Variation of Appropriation

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
HEAD	62	MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND THE ARTS	611,793,326	619,293,326	7,500,000		
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	152,635,000	160,135,000	7,500,000		
Item	005	Non- Profit Institutions	65,275,000	73,775,000	8,500,000		
Sub-Item	04	Regional Complexes	0	10,000,000	10,000,000		04-Transferred from Head-Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs
Sub-item	22	Ecclesiastical Bodies	1,500,000	0	0	1,500,000	22- Transferred to Head-Office of the Prime Minister
Item	009	Other Transfers	59,900,000	58,900,000	0	1,000,000	
Sub-item	05	Citizens' Initiative Fund	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	05- Transferred to Head-Office of the Prime Minister
HEAD	67	MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	445,945,850	485,178,850	39,233,000		
SUB-HEAD	06	CURRENT TRANSFERS TO STATUTORY BOARDS AND SIMILAR BODIES	10,000,000	39,233,000	29,233,000		

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Item	004	Statutory Boards	10,000,000	39,233,000	29,233,000		
Sub-item	02	Institute of Marine Affairs	-	29,233,000	29,233,000		02 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Education.
SUB-HEAD	09	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	100,700,000	110,700,000	10,000,000		
Item	004	Social Infrastructure	24,650,000	26,650,000	2,000,000		
Sub-item	04	Education	0	2,000,000	2,000,000		
Project Group	J	Science, Technology and Applied Arts	0	2,000,000	2,000,000		
Project Descr.	001	Establishment of a Marine Research Field Station	0	2,000,000	2,000,000		001 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Education
Item	005	Multi-Sectoral and Other Services	68,250,000	76,250,000	8,000,000		
Sub-item	06	General Public Services	39,050,000	47,050,000	8,000,000		
Project Group	F	Public Buildings	0	8,000,000	8,000,000		
Project Descr.	014	Construction of Institute of Marine Affairs	0	8,000,000	8,000,000		014 - Transferred from Head - Ministry of Education

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
HEAD	68	MINISTRY OF SPORT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS	516,807,924	506,807,924		10,000,000	
SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	338,920,146	328,920,146		10,000,000	
Item	005	Non- Profit Institutions	65,604,600	55,604,600		10,000,000	
Sub-Item	34	Regional Complexes (Community Development)	10,000,000	0		10,000,000	34 - Transferred to Head-Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts
HEAD	78	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES	4,792,928,472	4,678,727,343		114,201,129	
SUB-HEAD	01	PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE	62,098,056	56,517,840		5,580,216	
Item	001	General Administration	29,080,200	23,872,200		5,208,000	001-Transferred to Head - Office of the Prime Minister
Sub-item	01	Salaries and COLA	21,400,000	17,142,000		4,258,000	
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to NIS	1,520,000	570,000		950,000	

HEAD/SUB-HEAD/ITEM AND SUB-ITEM			Provision in Estimates 2016 including Direct Charges, Transfers & Virements	Revised Provision 2016	Increase (Net)	Decrease (Net)	Explanation
Item	004	Gender Affairs Division	422,066	49,850		372,216	004-Transferred to Head - Office of the Prime Minister
Sub-item	01	Salaries and COLA	350,000	47,088		302,912	
Sub-item	05	Government's Contribution to NIS	70,000	2,607		67,393	
Sub-item	27	Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance - Monthly-Paid Officers	2,066	155		1,911	
SUB-HEAD	02	GOODS AND SERVICES	153,540,520	142,792,345		10,748,175	
Item	001	General Administration	131,820,200	122,894,980		8,925,220	001-Transferred to Head - Office of the Prime Minister
Sub-item	01	Travelling	2,505,300	2,491,300		14,000	
Sub-item	05	Telephones	4,800,000	4,059,000		741,000	
HEAD	78	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES (continued)					
Sub-item	09	Rent/Lease - Vehicles and Equipment	115,500	58,500		57,000	
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	1,406,250	936,250		470,000	

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Sub-item	11	Books and Periodicals	191,470	147,970		43,500	
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	251,000	244,500		6,500	
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	477,912	327,912		150,000	
Sub-item	15	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	696,000	643,000		53,000	
Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	26,790,000	23,066,000		3,724,000	
Sub-item	17	Training	576,000	356,000		220,000	
Sub-item	22	Short Term Employment	27,750,000	27,030,000		720,000	
Sub-item	23	Fees	36,600	24,880		11,720	
Sub-item	27	Official Overseas Travel	1,365,000	1,148,000		217,000	
Sub-item	28	Other Contracted Services	1,920,000	1,212,300		707,700	
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	2,602,500	2,362,500		240,000	
Sub-item	43	Security Services	7,968,750	7,368,750		600,000	
HEAD	78	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES (continued)					
Sub-item	57	Postage	15,750	14,450		1,300	
Sub-item	58	Medical Expenses	76,500	73,000		3,500	

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Sub-item	62	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	3,937,580	3,147,580		790,000	004-Transferred to Head - Office of the Prime Minister
Sub-item	66	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	7,950,000	7,800,000		150,000	
Sub-item	99	Employee Assistance Programme	37,875	32,875		5,000	
Item	004	Gender Affairs Division	2,220,450	397,495		1,822,955	
Sub-item	01	Travelling	160,000	4,800		155,200	
Sub-item	05	Telephones	45,750	6,308		39,442	
Sub-item	08	Rent/Lease - Office Accommodation and Storage	256,000	0		256,000	
Sub-item	10	Office Stationery and Supplies	32,250	0		32,250	
Sub-item	12	Materials and Supplies	4,200	0		4,200	
Sub-item	13	Maintenance of Vehicles	60,000	0		60,000	
Sub-item	15	Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	3,750	0		3,750	
HEAD	78	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES (continued)					

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Sub-item	16	Contract Employment	607,500	23,764		583,736	
Sub-item	37	Janitorial Services	15,000	0		15,000	
Sub-item	43	Security Services	900,000	362,623		537,377	
Sub-item	62	Promotions, Publicity and Printing	31,000	0		31,000	
Sub-item	66	Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions	750,000	675,000		75,000	
Sub-item	96	Fuel and Lubricants	30,000	0		30,000	
SUB-HEAD	03	MINOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	1,264,600	998,600		266,000	
Item	001	General Administration	667,200	401,200		266,000	001-Transferred to Head - Office of the Prime Minister
Sub-item	02	Office Equipment	170,000	80,000		90,000	
Sub-item	03	Furniture and Furnishings	93,000	0		93,000	
Sub-item	04	Other Minor Equipment	85,000	2,000		83,000	
HEAD	78	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES (continued)					

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SUB-HEAD	04	CURRENT TRANSFERS AND SUBSIDIES	4,501,248,796	4,410,942,058		90,306,738	
Item	003	United Nations Organization	96,000	0		96,000	003-Transferred to Head - Office of the Prime Minister
Sub-item	01	UN International Children Emergency Fund	96,000	0		96,000	
Item	005	Non Profit Institutions	105,548,780	46,678,042		58,870,738	005-Transferred to Head - Office of the Prime Minister
Sub-item	02	Other Social Programmes	15,000,000	14,700,000		300,000	
Sub-item	33	Non-Profit Institutions (Children's Homes)	2,800,000	0		2,800,000	
Sub-item	34	St. Mary's Children's Home	13,500,000	962,800		12,537,200	
HEAD	78	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES (continued)					
Sub-item	35	St. Dominic's Children's Home	13,600,000	0		13,600,000	
Sub-item	41	Non-Profit Institutions (Gender Affairs)	10,000,000	60,970		9,939,030	

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Sub-item	42	Non-Profit Institutions - PRP - Child Development	2,000,000	0		2,000,000	
Sub-item	45	Heroes Foundation	420,000	0		420,000	
Sub-item	46	St. Michael's School for Boys	10,100,000	730,000		9,370,000	
Sub-item	47	St. Jude's Home for Girls	8,500,000	595,492		7,904,508	
Item	007	Households	4,337,204,016	4,305,864,016		31,340,000	
Sub-item	01	Emergency Cases Fund (Probation Services)	40,000	0		40,000	01-Transferred to Head - Ministry of National Security
Sub-item	14	Adoption Board Expenses	100,000	0		100,000	14-16: Transferred to Head - Office of the Prime Minister
Sub-item	15	Foster Care Expenses	1,200,000	0		1,200,000	
Sub-item	16	Children's Authority	30,000,000	0		30,000,000	
HEAD	78	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES (continued)					
SUB-HEAD	09	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	40,800,000	33,500,000		7,300,000	

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Item	004	Social Infrastructure	29,800,000	22,500,000		7,300,000	004-Transferred to Head - Office of the Prime Minister
Sub-item	14	Social and Community Services	29,800,000	22,500,000		7,300,000	
Project Group	C	Welfare Services	29,800,000	22,500,000		7,300,000	
Project Descr.	114	National Strategy for Promotion and Protection of Child Rights	500,000	0		500,000	
Project Descr.	115	Establishment of a National Children' Registry	500,000	0		500,000	
Project Descr.	116	Customization and Outfitting of an Assessment Centre in Sangre Grande	1,000,000	0		1,000,000	
Project Descr.	117	Establishment of Places of Safety	1,000,000	0		1,000,000	
Project Descr.	118	Development and Implementation of a Regulatory Regime for Nurseries	1,200,000	0		1,200,000	
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Project Descr.	119	Establishment of a Child Protection Library	500,000	0		500,000	
Project Descr.	120	Conduct of Key Research Studies by the Children's Authority	200,000	0		200,000	
Project Descr.	121	Database Management System Expansion for the Children's Authority	800,000	0		800,000	
Project Descr.	122	Digitization of Adoption Records	1,000,000	0		1,000,000	
Project Descr.	123	National Child Policy	400,000	0		400,000	
Project Descr.	124	Formulation of Nursery Policy	100,000	0		100,000	
Project Descr.	125	Early Childhood Development Policy	100,000	0		100,000	