

Explanations for Transfers – 2020

Head 02 – Auditor General - \$54,200

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the procurement of twenty (20) laptop computers - \$50,200.

To pay membership contribution to the Caribbean Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (CAROSAI) - \$4,000.

Reasons for Savings

Since funding allocated for Goods and Services was not fully utilized, balances from the votes shown hereunder were available for transfer:

- Office Stationery and Supplies - \$24,200
- Maintenance of Vehicles - \$ 5,000
- Official Entertainment - \$ 5,000
- Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings - \$10,000
- Medical Expenses - \$ 5,000
- Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions - \$ 5,000

Head 03 – Judiciary - \$2,620,000

Reason for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of electricity bills in respect of Courts located in Trinidad and Tobago - \$2,620,000.

Reason for Savings

The increments and acting allowances paid to officers on the monthly paid establishment were lower than the funding allocated for that purpose in fiscal 2020 - \$2,620,000.

Head 06 – Service Commissions - \$400,000

Reasons for Transfer

To meet shortfalls in respect of funding allocated to the following Sub-items:

- Salaries and COLA - \$300,000
- Allowances - \$ 30,000
- Remuneration of Board Members - \$ 70,000

Reasons for Savings

Arrangements for the filling of vacant positions on the contract establishment were not finalized - \$400,000.

Head 07 – Statutory Authorities, Service Commission - \$108,455

Reasons for Transfer

To enable the payment of contract gratuity to persons whose contract appointment had come to an end - \$45,960.

To facilitate the purchase of seven (7) laptop computers - \$62,495.

Reasons for Savings

Funding to meet contract gratuity payments was erroneously allocated under Sub-item 16 – Contract Employment - \$32,160.

The Corona Virus Pandemic resulted in the curtailment of activities which were scheduled for implementation under the following Sub-items:

- Training - \$62,495
- Promotions, Publicity and Printing - \$13,800

Head 08 – Elections and Boundaries Commission - \$2,321,500

Reasons for Transfer

To pay HID Global (formerly De La Rue International Limited) for services provided in accordance with the Support Agreement for the Voter Registration and Election Management System - \$196,500.

To facilitate the settlement of outstanding electricity and telephone bills:

- Electricity - \$250,000
- Telephones - \$800,000

To pay salaries to persons who were employed on a short term basis - \$1,075,000.

Reasons for Savings

Funding to pay HID Global (formerly De La Rue International Limited) for services provided in accordance with the Support Agreement for the Voter Registration and Election Management System was incorrectly allocated to Sub-item 28 – Other Contracted Services - \$196,500.

Leave reliefs were not required as had been projected and this resulted in less expenditure being incurred under Salaries and COLA - \$1,000,000.

Since arrangements were not finalized to enable the filling of vacant positions a savings was realized - \$75,000.

The funding allocated to Sub-items under Minor Equipment Purchases was not fully utilized in fiscal 2020, thereby enabling the balances to be transferred to settle outstanding electricity and telephone bills - \$1,050,000.

Head 09 – Tax Appeal Board - \$144,900

Reasons for Transfer

To meet cost associated with the installation of computer software - \$37,800.

To enable the acquisition of two (2) Servers - \$107,100.

Reasons for Savings

Due to an administrative set back finalization of some contract gratuity payments had been delayed - \$144,900.

Head 12 – Public Service Appeal Board - \$317,826

Reasons for Transfer

To meet the cost of expenditure incurred under the following Sub-items - \$317,826.

- Electricity - \$ 70,403
- Telephones - \$ 25,000
- Rent/Lease – Office Accommodation and Storage - \$160,313
- Other Contracted Services - \$ 38,110
- Security Services - \$ 24,000

Reason for Savings

Because all of the funding allocated to meet Salaries and COLA and Gratuities to Contract Officers were not fully utilized in fiscal 2020, the balances were available for transfer to meet expenditure incurred under Goods and Services - \$317,826.

Head 13 – Office of the Prime Minister - \$7,300,000

Reasons for Transfer

To meet the cost associated with the care and upkeep of children accommodated at Community Residences over the period June – September 2020 - \$2,700,000.

To enable the Children’s Authority to meet its operational expenditure to the end of fiscal 2020 - \$4,600,000.

Reason for Savings

Savings have been realized from projects under the Development Programme which were either not completed in fiscal 2020 or re-scheduled for implementation in fiscal 2021 - \$7,300,000.

Head 18 – Ministry of Finance - \$868,413,242

Reason for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Salaries to persons employed on contract as Field Assessors - \$5,000,000.

To bring to account Debit Advices from the Treasury Suspense Account in respect of interest charged on the overdraft facility held at the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago re fiscal 2020 - \$853,413,242.

Reason for Savings

Funding allocated under Sub-item 08 – Vacant Posts – Salaries and COLA (without incumbents) was not utilized because arrangements to enable the filling of vacant posts were not finalized in fiscal 2020 - \$5,000,000.

The Covid-19 pandemic delayed the engagement of consultancy services which were required for the divestment of state enterprises - \$84,000,000.

Savings were realized because the amount to be paid as Trinidad and Tobago's contribution to Caribbean Development Bank for 2020 was not finalized - \$12,213,242.

Continuous review of the Food Support Programme has resulted in a reduction in the number of persons meeting the qualifying criteria for food cards. This has resulted in a savings under the Programme - \$105,200,000.

The thorough scrutiny of applications submitted for the Salary Relief Grant ensured only applicants who satisfied the criteria received payment. As a result a balance was realized under the vote - \$233,000,000.

The Covid-19 pandemic led to a delay in the continued implementation of several projects under the Infrastructure Development Fund - \$113,000,000.

The principal repayment of \$400Mn which was due to be paid in fiscal 2020 on behalf of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Ltd. has been re-scheduled for payment in fiscal 2028 - \$230,000,000.

The Covid-19 pandemic led to a delay in construction of the Terminal and Associated Facilities at the ANR Robinson International Airport - \$86,000,000.

Head 22 – Ministry of National Security - \$101,179,814

Reason for Transfer

To effect final payment to Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT) for the provision of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) System Services - \$101,179,814.

Reasons for Savings

Savings have been realized from projects under the Development Programme which were re-scheduled for implementation in fiscal 2021 - \$65,300,000.

Funds allocated for the acquisition of two (2) Naval Patrol Vessels were not utilized because payment for the vessels was made through a loan facility arrangement with the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation of Australia (EFIC) - \$35,879,814.

Head 26 – Ministry of Education - \$64,700,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of salaries to persons employed on contract - \$58,200,000.

To effect the payment of salaries to persons employment on a short term basis - \$6,500,000.

Reasons for Savings

Workplace restrictions which were imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic led to delays in the processing of approvals for payment of acting appointments as well as the upgrading of Primary and Secondary School Teachers - \$58,700,000.

The closure of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic led to the curtailment of expenditure under the Education Programme for Government Secondary School - \$6,000,000.

Head 28 – Ministry of Health - \$28,276,665

Reasons for Transfer

To pay travelling and subsistence allowances owed to Public Health Inspectors and Health Control Officers who were promoted retroactively from January 02, 2012 – December 31, 2018 - \$3,357,180.

To pay the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT) for expenses incurred in the maintenance of the Couva Medical and Multi-Training Facility - \$14,873,545.

To meet a downpayment to the GAVI Alliance in respect of the purchase of an approved COVID-19 Vaccine - \$10,045,940.

Reason for Savings

After the payment of Principal and Interest had been made on five (5) loan facilities, the remaining balances became available for transfer - \$28,276,665.

Head 30 – Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development - \$6,000,000

Reason for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of stipends to Trainees engaged in the On The Job Training Programme (OJT) - \$6,000,000.

Reason for Savings

A reduction in the number of branches operated by the National Entrepreneurship Development Company (NEDCO) led to a reduction in the amount disbursed to the company to meet the cost of rental accommodation - \$6,000,000.

Head 39 – Ministry of Public Utilities - \$309,156

Reason for Transfer

To meet the cost associated with the overseas travel of the Minister of Public Utilities to attend the 63rd Independence Day Celebration of the Republic of Ghana over the period March 1st – March 10th, 2020 - \$309,156.

Reason for Savings

The cost of consultancy services provided to Water Resource Management was less than amount allocated in fiscal 2020 for that purpose - \$309,156.

Head 40 – Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries - \$2,500,000

Reason for Transfer

To enable the National Quarries Company Limited to meet its operational expenditure to September 30, 2020 - \$2,500,000.

Reason for Savings

Funding allocated in fiscal 2020 for the acquisition of a rock drill and a stone crusher was available for transfer since the two (2) pieces of equipment had been purchased in September 2019 - \$2,500,000.

Head 42 – Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government - \$21,884,282

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of salaries to persons employed on contract - \$4,600,000.

To meet the annual contribution to Caribbean Association of Local Government Authorities (CALGA) and annual membership fee to the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) - \$220,205.

To enable two (2) Corporations to meet the cost of scavenging during the last quarter of fiscal 2020 as detailed:

- Chaguanas Borough Corporation - \$5,126,690
- Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation - \$ 782,187

To pay Gratuities benefits to former daily rated employees of the following Corporations:

- Point Fortin Borough Corporation - \$2,536,000
- Chaguanas Borough Corporation - \$1,319,000

To enable the Diego Martin Regional Corporation to purchase items of minor equipment for its Municipal Police - \$300,000.

To enable all Municipal Corporations to provide food support to burgesses who were adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic - \$7,000,000.

Reasons for Savings

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a delay in the recruitment of 300 persons for enlistment into the Municipal Police Service. This resulted in savings being realized under the following Sub-items:

- Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance - \$15,055,000
- Allowances (Monthly Paid Officers) - \$ 6,529,082

Owing to the re-prioritization of activities for fiscal 2020, the procurement of a Double Cab Pick-up for the Diego Martin Municipal Police has been deferred to fiscal 2021 - \$300,000.

Head 43 – Ministry of Works and Transport - \$27,852,814

Reasons for Transfer

To meet the cost of the lease/rental of equipment used in the clearing and desilting of water courses - \$14,797,463.

To pay contractors engaged in the maintenance and servicing of traffic control signals - \$4,055,351.

To facilitate the payment of severance and retirement benefits to former Daily Rated Workers - \$9,000,000.

Reasons for Savings

The protracted interruption in the Inter Island Ferry Service due to the COVID-19 pandemic, led to a reduction in the the operational cost of the service - \$14,797,463.

Balances were realized from six (6) projects under the Development Programme which either experienced delays in finalizing the tendering process for the award of contract or where bills submitted for payment - \$4,055,351.

The COVID-19 pandemic reduced considerably the need for the employment of leave relief workers against the Daily Rated Establishment – \$9,000,000.

Head 48 – Ministry of Trade and Industry - \$1,485,516

Reason for Transfer

To meet costs associated with the rent of office accommodation for the period August 2020 – September 2020 - \$1,485,516.

Reason for Savings

Payment of Trinidad and Tobago’s contribution to the Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA) for 2020 was deferred to fiscal 2021 - \$1,485,516.

Head 64 – Trinidad and Tobago Police Service - \$95,000,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and COLA as well as Allowances for the months of August and September, 2020 as detailed:

Salaries and COLA	-	\$42,000,000
Allowances	-	<u>\$50,000,000</u>
Total	-	<u>\$92,000,000</u>

To enable the payment of ex-gratia awards to police officers who were injured in the performance of their duty - \$3,000,000.

Reason for Savings

Through the suppression of expenditure under fifteen (15) votes shared among Sub Heads: Goods and Services, Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies, sufficient balances were realized to facilitate the transfer of funds - \$95,000,000.

Head 65 – Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs - \$16,243,250

Reasons for Transfer

To enable the payment of Trinidad and Tobago’s quarterly contributions to the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM) - \$15,240,000.

To facilitate acquisition of official motor vehicles for Trinidad and Tobago Ambassadors to Washington, New Dehli and Nigeria - \$1,003,250.

Reasons for Savings

The COVID-19 pandemic stymied activities which had been planned for implementation in fiscal 2020. As a result the balance of funding which was allocated for the undermentioned activities was available for transfer - \$14,003,250:

- The filling of vacant positions on the monthly paid, daily rated, and contract establishments - \$6,500,000;
- The relocation of overseas staff as well as the auditing of overseas missions - \$1,203,250;
- The payment for overtime, travelling allowances, honoraria and official entertainment - \$2,000,000.
- Opening of the Trinidad and Tobago mission in Qatar - \$4,300,000.

Expenditure was suppressed under the following Sub-items to enable the balances to be utilized for transfer as detailed - \$2,240,000:

- Electricity - \$100,000
- Office Stationery and Supplies \$300,000
- Maintenance of Vehicles - \$700,000
- Fees - \$500,000
- Other Contracted Services - \$640,000

Head 67 – Ministry of Planning and Development - \$7,622,000

Reasons for Transfer

To meet the payment of bills brought forward from fiscal 2019 as well as the cost of expenditure incurred to September 2020 in respect of the following Sub-items - \$7,622,000:

- Telephones - \$3,000,000
- Rent/Lease Office Accommodation
and Storage - \$ 151,000
- Contract Employment - \$1,200,000
- Short Term Employment - \$2,105,000
- Fees - \$980,000
- Janitorial Services - \$143,000
- Security Services - \$ 43,000

Reason for Savings

Savings have been realized under eleven (11) projects which were re-scheduled for implementation in fiscal 2021 - \$7,622,000.

Head 77 – Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries - \$20,811,557

Reasons for Transfer

To meet expenditure totaling \$20,207,857 which was incurred under nine (9) Sub-items detailed hereunder:

• Travelling and Subsistence	-	\$1,400,000
• Uniforms	-	\$2,914,935
• Electricity	-	\$3,700,000
• Telephones	-	\$3,200,000
• Rent/Lease Office Accommodation and Storage	-	\$1,530,000
• Repairs and Maintenance Buildings	-	\$ 300,000
• Fees	-	\$4,800,000
• Janitorial Services	-	\$ 101,900
• Security Services	-	\$2,261,022

To facilitate the payment of gratuity benefits - \$603,700.

Reason for Savings

Vacant positions on the monthly paid and daily rated establishment were not filled as had been anticipated. As a result the budgeted allocations under Salaries and COLA and Wages and COLA were not fully utilized - \$20,811,557.