

Explanations for Transfers – 2021

Head 01 – President - \$328,400

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and COLA for the fiscal period ending September 30, 2021 - \$137,400.

To pay severance and retirement benefits owed to former employees of the President's household - \$191,000.

Reasons for Savings

The Covid-19 Pandemic resulted in the curtailment of functions which were scheduled to be held in fiscal 2021- \$328,400.

Head 03 – Judiciary - \$5,060,467

Reasons for Transfer

To enable the payment of contract gratuity to persons whose contract had come to an end - \$998,000.

To meet the initial principal and interest payments on a TT\$39.99Mn UDeCOTT loan to facilitate the outfitting of Tower D, International Waterfront Centre to accommodate the Civil High Court, Port of Spain and the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal.- \$4,062,407

Reasons 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 2021 - \$2,000,000.

Savings were realized because negotiations to enable the award of contracts for the provision of security services at UTT O'Meara Campus and Tower D Waterfront Complex had not been finalized - \$3,060,467.

Head 05 – Parliament - \$1,340,000

Reasons for Transfer

To meet costs associated with the supply and installation of Fortinet Firewall as well as the acquisition of printers and other items of office equipment for the Office of the Ombudsman - \$140,000.

To facilitate the payment of gratuity to persons whose contract appointments came to an end - \$1,200,000.

Reasons for Savings

Since funding allocated for Goods and Services as well as Minor Equipment Purchases was not fully utilized, balances from the Sub-items shown hereunder were available for transfer:

- Contract Employment - \$ 40,000
- Training - \$ 25,000
- Official Overseas Travel - \$800,000
- Promotions, Publicity and Printing - \$ 25,000
- Hosting of Conferences, Seminars and Other Functions - \$ 50,000
- Furniture and Furnishings - \$400,000

Head 06 – Service Commissions - \$400,000

Reasons for Transfer

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

- Allowances - \$110,000
- NIS - \$ 90,000
- Remuneration to Board Members - \$200,000

Reasons for Savings

The expenditure incurred under Rent/Lease – Office Accommodation and Storage was re-scheduled for payment in fiscal 2022 - \$400,000.

Head 09 – Tax Appeal Board - \$157,000

Reasons for Transfer

To supplement the funding allocated to meet expenditure under Salaries and COLA; NIS; Government’s Contribution to Group Health Insurance (Monthly paid officers) as well as Short Term Employment - \$157,000.

Reasons for Savings

The funding allocated to Sub-items under Goods and Services; Minor Equipment Purchases and Current Transfers and Subsidies was not fully utilized in fiscal 2021, thereby enabling the balances to be transferred to meet expenditure under Personnel Expenditure - \$157,000.

Head 11 – Registration, Recognition and Certification Board - \$125,525

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and COLA to officers on the monthly paid establishment as well as persons who were employed under short term employment - \$125,525.

Reasons for Savings

The remuneration paid to Board Members as well as the gratuity payments made to former contract officers were lower than the funding allocated to meet those expenditure for fiscal 2021 - \$125,525.

Head 12 – Public Service Appeal Board - \$224,455

Reasons for Transfer

To enable the Board to meet expenditure to September 30, 2021 under the following Sub-items - \$224,455:

- Salaries and COLA - \$168,000
- NIS - \$ 18,000
- Remuneration to Board Members - \$ 36,885
- Group Health Insurance (Monthly Paid) - \$ 1,600

Reasons for Savings

The funding allocated to meet the cost of rent and salaries to contract officers were not fully utilized in fiscal 2021, as a result the balances were available for transfer to meet costs incurred under Personnel Expenditure.

Head 13 – Office of the Prime Minister - \$6,912,721

Reasons for Transfer

To enable the Government Printery to pay for janitorial services provided to September, 2021 - \$82,621.

To pay five (5) service providers who facilitated and operationalized projects under Non Profit Institution – Child Development Policy - \$330,000.

To facilitate reimbursement to UDeCOTT in respect of bills submitted for expenditure incurred in December 2019 - \$1,000,000.

To meet the cost of security services provided during the period August, 2019 to April, 2020 - \$1,000,000.

To enable the National Security Council to meet its operational expenditure to September 30, 2021 - \$2,850,000.

For the purchase of laptops, computers and specialized software - \$1,000,000.

To meet expenditure associated with the upgrade of the telephone system at the Office of the Prime Minister - \$650,100.

Reasons for Savings

The impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic led to a reduction of overtime expenditure for fiscal 2021 - \$82,621.

Because some of the activities relevant to Child Development were funded by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) the money allocated for that purpose was not fully utilized in fiscal 2021 - \$330,000.

Cabinet by Minute No.2187 dated October 31, 2019 agreed that the Ministry of Finance meet the interest payment in respect of UDeCOTT \$500Mn loan facility. As a result the funding allocated under OPM to meet this same expenditure became available for transfer - \$6,500,100.

Head 16 – Central Administrative Services, Tobago - \$208,100

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate payments under the following Sub-items of Personnel Expenditure:

- Salaries and COLA - \$72,500
- Allowances - \$27,600
- Overtime - \$20,000

To meet expenditure incurred in the maintenance of the air condition units and replacement of lighting fixtures at the Meteorological Services Building - \$68,000.

To pay for sanitization and janitorial services provided at the Registrar General Department - \$20,000.

Reasons for Savings

After equipment for the Meteorological Services Division had been acquired a balance of funding became available for transfer - \$100,100.

The acquisition of items of minor equipment was deferred to fiscal 2022 - \$108,000.

Head 17 – Personnel Department - \$1,264,500

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of salaries and cost of living allowance for the month of September, 2021 - \$1,173,500.

To facilitate the payment of NIS for the month of September 2021 - \$91,000.

Reasons for Savings

Expenditure under the following votes was less than the funding allocated for fiscal 2021 - \$1,264,300:

- Rent/Lease Office Accommodation - \$ 88,285
- Other Contracted Services - \$1,121,109
- Furniture and Furnishings - \$ 55,106

Head 18 – Ministry of Finance - \$746,507,151

Reasons for Transfer

The transfer is to facilitate payments under Sub-items of Personnel Expenditure as detailed - \$8,750,000:

- Salaries and COLA - \$8,730,000
- Government's Contribution to Group Health Insurance (Monthly Paid Officers) - \$ 50,000

To meet the cost of the installation of new security cameras at the Customs and Excise Division - \$2,400,000.

To pay for infrastructural works completed on the container examination section of the Customs and Excise Division at Point Lisas - \$1,995,000.

The transfer is required to bring to account debit advices with respect to the interest on overdraft held by the Central Bank - \$733,332,151.

Reasons for Savings

The impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic led to reduced expenditure being incurred under the following Sub-items:

- Materials and Supplies - \$8,920,000
- Maintenance of Vehicles - \$1,000,000
- Repairs and Maintenance – Equipment \$5,520,000

The Covid-19 Pandemic stymied the recruitment of persons to fill vacant contract positions of Field Assessors - \$3,260,000.

After negotiations had been completed with Leidos for the provision of maintenance services for the mobile scanners used by the Customs and Excise Division, a savings was realized from the sum allocated to meet the insurance cost - \$995,000.

The Covid-19 pandemic restricted the implementation of projects funded under the Infrastructure Development Fund. Accordingly the expenditure projected to be incurred for fiscal was not realized. - \$260,000,000.

Because the deadline date for wire transfers had elapsed payment was effected to the Caribbean Development Fund - \$118,000,000.

Although a request was made for the release of from this vote approval was not granted. - \$43,332,151.

Restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic led to a reduction in the funding disbursed to farmers from the fiscal incentive programme . - \$312,000,000.

Head 22 – Ministry of National Security - \$3,713,500

Reasons for Transfer

To enable the procurement of specialist items required for border security operations - \$3,713,500.

Reasons for Savings

Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic several training activities which were planned for fiscal 2021 had to be re-scheduled. As a result a savings was realized. - \$3,713,500.

Head 23 – Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs - \$4,004,800

Reasons for Transfer

To meet rental cost in respect of a building occupied by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force - \$418,000.

To meet expenditure incurred in the acquisition of computer software and hardware necessary for the computerization and digitization of Departments within the Ministry - \$2,381,100.

To settle bills received from NIDCO for the provision of construction services - \$1,205,700.

Reasons for Savings

The Covid-19 Pandemic restricted overseas travel in fiscal 2021 - \$418,000.

Delays in the certification of bills resulted in payment being rescheduled to fiscal 2022 - \$3,586,800.

Head 26 – Ministry of Education - \$115,166,959

Reasons for Transfer

To enable the Metal Industries Company Ltd (MIC) to meet its operational cost to September 30, 2021 - \$5,085,700.

To meet a shortfall in the funding allocated for the payment of salaries to contract officers for fiscal 2021 - \$31,000,000.

To meet expenditure incurred under the following votes - \$14,000,000:

- Fees - \$6,000,000
- Janitorial Services - \$4,000,000
- Security Services - \$4,000,000

To facilitate payments totalling \$65,081,259 to or on behalf of recipients of National/Additional Scholarships and Bursaries as detailed:

- National/Additional Scholarships based on
Advanced Level Education - \$60,220,539
- Scholarships and Bursaries - \$ 4,860,720

Reasons for Savings

Since the expenditure related to the procurement of laptops for primary and secondary school students was incurred under the Development Programme, a savings was realized under the Other Minor Equipment vote - \$29,000,000.

The closure of schools due to the Covid-19 Pandemic led to a reduction in the incurrence of expenditure under the following Sub-items - \$81,081,259:

- Grants to Government Secondary Schools - \$ 7,000,000
Education Programme
- National Schools Dietary Services Limited - \$74,081,259

Following an analysis of the bank statements submitted by the National Institute of Higher Education (Research Science and Technology) the subvention disbursed to the Board for fiscal 2021 was reduced - \$5,085,700.

Head 28 – Ministry of Health - \$75,782,967

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Government's Contribution to NIS - \$1,592,579.

To meet the shortfalls in funding allocated to nine (9) Sub-items under Goods and Services - \$4,122,886.

To effect payment of salaries to Medical Interns for the fiscal period ending September 30, 2021 - \$15,000,000.

To pay Global Medical Response of Trinidad and Tobago (GMRTT) for the provision of transportation services - \$3,000,000.

To pay the National Insurance Development Company Limited (NIPDEC) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) for supply of drugs and other related materials and supplies \$45,510,272.

To facilitate payment to World Health Organisation (WHO) Regular Budget of the assessed contribution for Financial Year 2021 - \$1,339,730.

For the payment of severance/retirement benefits to former employees - \$1,196,000.

To enable the payment of gratuity to persons whose contract appointment would have ended - \$795,500.

Reasons for Savings

The principal payment on a UDeCOTT USD\$35.6Mn Bridge Facility in respect of the Pt. Fortin Hospital which was due to be paid in fiscal 2021 has been scheduled to be re-financed in fiscal 2022 - \$60,272,695.

The non-finalization of the terms of reference delayed tendering procedures for the award of a contract for the establishment of a Health Information System for the Arima and Pt. Fortin Hospitals - \$15,510,272.

Head 30 – Ministry of Labour - \$7,136,300

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of acting allowance owed to officers employed on the monthly paid establishment - \$301,415.

To meet expenditure of the Ministry's Liaison Office which is located in Canada and charged with responsibilities relevant to the Commonwealth Caribbean Seasonal Agricultural Workers Programme - \$526,894.

To enable the Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies to meet its operational costs to September 30, 2021 - \$6,307,991.

Reasons for Savings

The Covid-19 Pandemic severely restricted the number of trainees deployed from the On the Job Training (OJT) Programme to Public and Private Sector Institutions - \$7,136,300.

Head 31 – Ministry of Public Administration and Digital Transformation - \$2,500,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and Cost of Living Allowance to September 2021- \$2,500,000.

Reasons for Savings

The recruitment of persons to fill vacant positions on the contract establishment was not completed in fiscal 2021 - \$2,500,000.

Head 38 – Environmental Commission - \$381,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the purchase of 35 desktop and 4 laptop computers as well as 14 printers - \$381,000.

Reasons for Savings

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

- Travelling and Subsistence - \$ 41,000
- Short Term Employment - \$230,000
- Janitorial Services - \$ 50,000
- Security Services - \$ 60,000
- \$381,000

Head 39 – Ministry of Public Utilities - \$36,443,422

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate payment to the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) for street lighting as well as the lighting and maintenance (electrical) of parks and recreation grounds - \$13,195,800.

To meet the Principal and Interest payments on a US\$76Mn. GORTT Guaranteed Loan - \$23,247,622.

Reasons for Savings

The Covid-19 Pandemic restricted overseas travel in fiscal 2021 - \$182,100.

The sum allocated for the payment of refunds to WASA re: Water Improvement Rates was more than the expenditure incurred as at September 30, 2021 - \$23,247,622.

Because the expenditure incurred in fiscal 2021 was less than the funding allocated, the balance from the following sub-items were available for transfer:

- Refunds to T&TEC Rebate on electricity bills - \$12,048,910
- Gratuities to Contract Officers - \$ 964,780

Head 42 – Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government - \$4,005,260

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Salaries and COLA to the end of fiscal 2021 - \$600,000.

To meet NIS contributions to September 30, 2021 - \$300,000.

To pay for uniforms to be used by the Municipal Police Officers - \$1,777,260.

To pay T&TEC for electricity supplied to September, 2021 - \$150,000.

To meet the cost of janitorial services to the end of fiscal 2021 - \$378,000.

To facilitate the acquisition of arms and ammunition for use by the Municipal Police - \$800,000.

Reasons for Savings

The Covid-19 Pandemic limited operations of the National Reforestation and Watershed Rehabilitation Programme in fiscal 2021- \$4,005,260.

Head 43 – Ministry of Works and Transport - \$31,861,851

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of Wages and COLA to daily rated workers attached to the Maintenance Division to September 30, 2021 - \$9,535,225.

To pay TSTT for services provided - \$996,680.

To enable the acquisition of two (2) Trucks - \$625,290.

To meet the cost of the lease/rental of equipment utilized in the clearing, cleaning and desilting of rivers and other water courses - \$12,000,000.

To facilitate the acquisition of surveying equipment and related accessories -\$200,307.

To pay suppliers for goods and services provided to the Transport Division - \$1,504,349.

To meet expenditure incurred with the implementation of the Desilting Programme - \$7,000,000.

Reasons for Savings

Because all of the funding allocated for Goods and Services was not utilized, the balances under the following votes were available for transfer:

- Materials and Supplies - \$189,690
- Repairs and Maintenance – Building - \$200,207
- Other Contracted Services - \$435,600

Interruption of the Inter Island Ferry Service due to the Covid-19 Pandemic led to a reduction in the operational cost of the service - \$12,996,680.

The expenditure incurred by the Traffic Enforcement Unit was below the sum allocated for use in fiscal 2021 - \$1,504,349.

Since repayment on a NIDCO TT\$300Mn Fixed Loan was made under Head 18 – Ministry of Finance funding allocated to the Ministry of Works and Transport for that purpose became available for transfer - \$7,000,000.

Delays in the certification of bills which were received from three (3) projects under the Development Programme led to funds being available for transfer. - \$9,535,225.

Head 61 – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development - \$10,265,500

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate payment for arrears of increment, salaries and allowances for fiscal 2021 - \$900,000.

To pay NIS contributions for the month of September 2021 - \$60,000.

To supplement funds allocated in fiscal 2021 to eight (8) sub-items under Goods and Services - \$9,305,500.

Reasons for Savings

After the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) paid the Principal and Interest on a \$650Mn. Term Loan Facility a balance was available for transfer - \$10,265,500.

Head 64 – Trinidad and Tobago Police Service - \$27,900,000

Reasons for Transfer

To enable the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) to pay Salaries and Cola for the month of September, 2021 - \$13,900,000.

To pay salaries to contract officers for the month of September, 2021 - \$2,000,000.

To facilitate the payment of rent - \$3,000,000.

To pay various service providers for repair works completed on police vehicles; buildings; as well as the servicing of air condition units and the sanitizing of various offices - \$6,000,000.

To meet costs for the renewal of software licences - \$3,000,000.

Reasons for Savings

Savings have been realized from two (2) projects under the Development Programme which were re-scheduled for implementation in fiscal 2022 - \$15,900,000.

The funding allocated for the acquisition of items of Other Minor Equipment was not fully utilized in fiscal 2021 thereby enabling the balance to be transferred to meet expenditure under Goods and Services - \$5,000,000.

The Covid-19 Pandemic led to the curtailment of activities which were scheduled for implementation under the following votes:

- Police Youth Clubs - \$2,000,000
- Trinidad & Tobago Police Academy - \$5,000,000

Head 75 – Equal Opportunity Tribunal - \$178,500

Reasons for Transfer

To meet expenditure incurred under three (3) Sub-items detailed hereunder:

- Salaries and COLA - \$159,700
- Government’s Contribution to NIS - \$ 14,500
- Government’s Contribution to Group Health Insurance (Monthly paid officers) - \$ 4,300

Reasons for Savings

The funds allocated in fiscal 2021 to meet expenditure under Goods and Services were not fully utilized. As a result, savings from seven (7) votes were available for transfer - \$96,500.

Due to an administrative setback, the payment of contract gratuity was delayed to fiscal 2022 - \$82,000.

Head 77 – Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries - \$12,020,000

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the purchase of a tractor truck for use by the Ministry’s Engineering Division - \$1,300,000.

To pay the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO) for the “Market Boxes” of fresh produce which were supplied to citizens and permanent residents adversely affected by Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic - \$3,000,000.

To settle travelling and subsistence claims brought forward from fiscal 2020 - \$3,708,160.

To facilitate the payment of bills received from TSTT and Flow for services provided over the period 2019 to 2020 - \$1,000,700.

To enable payment to be effected for security services provided during the period December 2019 – August 2020 - \$1,400,000.

Reasons for Savings

Savings were identified as contracts for the desilting of watercourses and road repair works were rescheduled for award in fiscal 2022 - \$1,300,000.

Because the expenditure under Salaries and Wages and COLA was less than the sum allocated in fiscal 2021, the remaining balances were available for transfer as detailed:

- Salaries and COLA - \$7,720,000
- Wages and COLA - \$3,000,000

Head 78 – Ministry of Social Development and Family Services - \$13,124,403

Reasons for Transfer

To facilitate the payment of salaries to contract officers to September 30, 2021 - \$7,000,000.

To meet remuneration costs to persons appointed to Committees and Boards - \$1,000,000.

To pay the National Maintenance, Training and Security Company Limited (NMTS) for security services provided from January 2019 to the end of fiscal 2021 - \$4,000,000.

To meet the cost of advertisements which were placed in the Trinidad Express, Newsday and Trinidad Guardian - \$500,000.

To pay Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) for electricity services provided to the San Fernando Local Board– \$624,403.

Reasons for Savings

Because there were no major natural disasters in fiscal 2021, savings were realized from the funding allocated for that purpose - \$13,124,403.

Head 79 – Ministry of Sport and Community Development - \$6,500,000

Reasons for Transfer

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

- Telephones - \$2,100,000
- Rent/Lease - \$1,500,000
- Janitorial Services - \$1,000,000
- Security Services - \$1,100,000
- Employee Assistance Programme - \$200,000

Reasons for Savings

Expenditure incurred due to the payment of Salaries and COLA was less than the funding allocated for that purpose in fiscal 2021 - \$4,500,000.

The Covid-19 Pandemic caused a reduction in number of grants and incentives issued in fiscal 2021 - \$2,000,000.

Head 80 – Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts - \$980,000

Reasons for Transfer

To enable payments to be made under Personnel Expenditure as detailed:

- Salaries and COLA - \$900,000
- Wages and COLA - \$ 25,000
- Government's Contribution to NIS - \$ 55,000

Reasons for Savings

The Covid-19 Pandemic impacted negatively on marketing and other promotional activities in respect of Eco Tourism for fiscal 2021 - \$980,000.

Head 81 – Ministry of Youth Development and National Service - \$2,446,678

Reasons for Transfer

To meet rental costs to September 30, 2021 - \$1,155,678.

To facilitate the payment of Salaries to officers on contract - \$1,291,000.

Reasons for Savings

The Community Recovery Programme was at a developmental stage and therefore the programme could not have been implemented in fiscal 2021 - \$2,446,678.