



Republic of Mauritius

# ANNUAL REPORT ON PERFORMANCE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  
(RODRIGUES AND OUTER  
ISLANDS DIVISION)**

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# ABOUT THIS REPORT

- The Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division of the Prime Minister's Office has prepared its Annual Report on Performance for the Financial Year 2024/2025 in accordance with the statutory requirements of section 4B of the Finance and Audit Act.
- This Report provides information pertaining to this Office, its financial performance and achievements, the targets set out relative to the approved estimates as well as the strategic direction for the coming years.
- The structure of the Annual Report is as follows:

## ***Part I: About the Office***

Part I provides an overview of the Office, including its vision, mission, roles, functions, and a gender statement. It also details the responsibilities of the major agencies under its purview.

## ***Part II: Achievements & Challenges***

Part II highlights the major achievements, the status of budget measures for the financial year 2024/2025, and an implementation plan for addressing the Director of Audit's recommendations on the examination of accounts and records for financial year 2023/2024.

## ***Part III: Financial Performance***

Part III provides the financial highlights for the year, including an overview of significant changes in the fiscal year 2024/2025 and detailed statements of revenue and expenditure.

## ***Part IV: Way Forward***

Part IV identifies the key trends, challenges and strategic directions for the Office.

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# FOREWORD

*I have the pleasure to present this Annual Report, which provides a comprehensive account of our performance, our achievements, challenges encountered, and the strategic initiatives undertaken to enhance service delivery at the Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division of the Prime Minister's Office over the last financial year.*

*Throughout the year, we have geared our efforts towards achieving the objectives set and improving operational efficiency. For instance, this year has witnessed the construction works for a new Forensic Science Laboratory equipped with a state-of-the-art facilities to be ready by early 2026.*

*We have invested in capacity building of our staff, our greatest asset being our human capital. This has helped to better respond to the public expectations.*

*I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the dedicated team of officers for their professionalism and unwavering support provided during the year for the implementation of the government policies and programmes.*

*I would also like to seize this opportunity to extend my appreciation to our stakeholders whose collaboration have been instrumental in our achievements.*

*While we celebrate our successes, we remain committed to addressing areas requiring improvement. As we look towards the future, we remain resolute in our commitment to delivering quality services, upholding the highest standards of integrity, and contributing meaningfully to the goals.*

*30 October 2025*

*Mrs B. Rajahbalee-Cader  
Permanent Secretary*

Part I

ABOUT

THE

OFFICE

## 1.1 Vision and Mission



### OUR VISION

A secure, peaceful and integrated Republic of Mauritius with maritime zones and territorial integrity

### OUR MISSION

To provide efficient, effective and quality services for the safety and well-being of all the citizens of the Republic of Mauritius through:

- the reinforcement of national security and territorial integrity
- an evidence-based criminal justice system
- the management and rehabilitation of offenders
- the administration of maritime zones
- the sustainable development of Rodrigues and the Outer Islands
- a clean and embellished environment to ensure sustainability
- the implementation of safe city cameras for a safer environment for its citizens

## 1.2 Roles and Functions

- Adopting a zero-tolerance policy in the relentless fight against drug trafficking.
- Rehabilitating offenders for their reintegration in society.
- Effectively resolving criminal cases through scientific evidence using state-of-the-art technology.
- Supporting the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to consolidate and accelerate the socio-economic development of Rodrigues.
- Establishing institutional and legal framework for the early exploration and the sustainable exploitation of the natural resources in the maritime zones of the Republic of Mauritius as well as in the Mauritius/Seychelles Extended Continental Shelf in the Mascarene Plateau Region.
- Ensuring territorial integrity through regional, international and institutional cooperation and collaboration.
- Facilitating the socio-economic development of the Outer Islands.
- Enhancing national security and public safety with the assistance of Safe City systems.

### 1.3 Core Values

<b>INTEGRITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guided by the highest standards of professional ethics.</li></ul>
<b>QUALITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strongly committed to providing the highest quality services to our customers.</li></ul>
<b>TIMELINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Responsive and strive to meet set targets.</li></ul>
<b>TEAMWORK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teamwork is inherent in our culture.</li></ul>
<b>TRANSPARENCY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transparent in our activities with a view to enhancing discipline, responsibility and accountability.</li></ul>
<b>CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All personal information and documents are treated in strict confidentiality.</li></ul>
<b>EQUITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Honest, friendly and courteous and guided by the principle of fairness and social justice.</li></ul>
<b>TRUST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strongly committed in building trust within our organisation and among our stakeholders.</li></ul>

## 1.4 Key Legislations

The following key legislations provide the legal framework for the activities of the Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division:

Agalega Island Council Act

Chagossian Welfare Fund Act

Children's Act

Community Services Order Act

Dangerous Drugs Act

DNA Identification Act

Maritime Zones Act

National Agency for Drug Control Act

Outer Islands Development Corporation Act

Probation of Offenders Act

Reform Institutions Act

Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act

Transfer of Prisoners Act

## **1.5 Overview of organisations under the purview of the Office**

The following organisations and bodies operate under the purview of the Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division:

### **(a) Rodrigues Regional Assembly**

The Rodrigues Regional Assembly was set up under the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act and is empowered to make regulations pertaining to issues for which it has jurisdiction. The exercise of its functions is regarded as being conducted on behalf of the Republic of Mauritius.

It is the responsibility of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to formulate and/or implement policies in respect of areas falling under its purview.

The Commissioner responsible for finance, prepares and presents to the Regional Assembly annual draft budgetary estimates for the coming financial year. Once approved, these are considered by the Cabinet of Ministers before being incorporated in the National Appropriation Bill. The budgetary provision for the Rodrigues Regional Assembly features as a one-line all-comprehensive item in the National Budget.

The functions of the Regional Assembly are carried out by the Executive Council which comprises the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner and five Commissioners. The Commissioners have the responsibility of exercising general direction and control over the Departments falling under the purview of their respective Commission in line with the set policy.

As the Supervising Officer, the Island Chief Executive is vested with the responsibility for the efficient administration of all the functions of the Executive Council and the staff of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly operates under his administrative control.

### **(b) Outer Islands Development Corporation**

The Outer Islands Development Corporation (OIDC), established under the OIDC Act, is responsible for the management and development of the Outer Islands, namely Agalega and Saint Brandon.

Since 1983, the OIDC has taken appropriate measures to promote the socio-economic development of Agalega. It also provides decent accommodation, water, electricity and services such as health, education and travelling facilities to the employees and the residents of Agalega, including the personnel of

Ministries/Departments on tour of service. It ensures a timely and adequate delivery of food supplies and other provisions to the inhabitants.

The administration of the affairs of the Corporation is vested in the Outer Islands Development Board which is composed of:

- a Chairperson;
- a representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of fisheries;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Outer Islands;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of public infrastructure;
- the Director of the Meteorological Services or his representative;
- the Director of Civil Aviation or his representative;
- a person with experience in fishing activities;
- a person with experience of work conditions on the Outer Islands; and
- a person with experience of the Outer Islands.

The General Manager is responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and for the control and management of the day-to-day business of the Corporation. The management and operations of OIDC are carried out at two different locations; namely in Mauritius where the Head Office is situated and in Agalega where mostly all the operational activities take place.

**(c) Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration**

The mission of the Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration (CSMZAE) is primarily to ensure the effective management of the maritime zones and to delineate and establish the maritime zones in accordance with the Maritime Zones Act, international laws and conventions.

The CSMZAE is also responsible for the formulation of policies in ocean affairs and for the establishment of legal and regulatory frameworks governing the sustainable management of the non-living resources in the maritime zones of Mauritius including hydrocarbon and mineral exploration and development.

The role of CSMZAE will be instrumental in the transformation of our economic development with the opening of a new ocean frontier.

The main objectives of the Department are, *inter alia*, to:

- ensure orderly, safe, rational management of non-living ocean resources including the seabed area and the underlying sub-soil;
- ascertain sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting our non-living ocean resources;
- carry out the delimitation of our maritime boundary as provided for, under international conventions;
- develop regulatory and operational framework to enable exploration and exploitation activities in our maritime zones;
- regulate petroleum activities and oversee related upstream activities in the maritime zones of Mauritius;
- rationalise and harmonise all ocean-resources related matters;
- regulate Marine Scientific Research;
- contribute to energy security and maritime safety and surveillance;
- prepare the submissions for Extended Continental Shelf and a Marine Spatial Plan for the Republic of Mauritius; and
- contribute to the safeguard of our territorial integrity in carrying out Maritime Boundary Delimitation and ensuring through the establishment of appropriate legal frameworks, our sovereignty over Mauritius' vast maritime zones.

#### **(d) Forensic Science Laboratory**

Set up in the 1950s, the Forensic Science Laboratory is the sole provider of forensic and advisory services to law enforcement agencies in Mauritius and is fast becoming an increasingly prominent forensic service provider in the region.

The Forensic Science Laboratory is accredited by the Mauritius Accreditation Service (MAURITAS) and meets all requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, thus, demonstrating technical competence and operation of a laboratory Quality Management System (QMS). Experts from the Forensic Science Laboratory depone in all courts of law.

The Forensic Science Laboratory provides forensic examination and analysis in the following areas:

- Crime Scene Investigation
- Evidence Recovery and examination of biological materials
- DNA profiling
- Paternity Dispute
- Drugs and Toxicological analysis
- Ballistics/Physical Examination
- Fire and explosion investigation

- Document examination
- Accident investigation

**(e) Mauritius Prison Service**

The Mauritius Prison Service plays key role in protecting society by keeping detainees in safe and humane custody and their rehabilitation for their reintegration in society.

The Mauritius Prison Service in mainland comprises 10 prisons and the Correctional Youth Centre (CYC). The CYC comprises two buildings, one for boys and one for girls. Pursuant to the Reform Institutions Act 1988, the Commissioner of Prisons is vested with the administration of the institutions and the control and supervision of detainees.

The main objectives of the Mauritius Prison Service are to:

- provide a safe and healthy environment which is conducive to the detainees' rehabilitation, spiritual enhancement and vocational training.
- provide the detainees with all the required structures for their mental and physical development through sports and games.
- apprise and sensitize the detainees on the ill effects of substance abuse and to empower them so that they may lead a drug-free life.
- continuously upgrade and rethink the existing physical structures of the prison so that they may be congruent with a healthy and peaceful environment.

**(f) Probation and Aftercare Service**

The Probation and Aftercare Service, as a social agency, is headed by the Commissioner. It provides timely and quality services to Courts, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Attorney General's Office and to other agencies such as the National Adoption Council, the Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy, the International Social Service amongst others through its 10 District Probation Offices. Its main objectives are to:

- assist the Courts in the sentencing of offenders;
- assist competent authorities in informed decision-making;
- rehabilitate offenders in community;
- assist families and safeguard the welfare of children in situations of conflict; and
- educate people on social problems through preventive work.

The Probation and Aftercare Service is also responsible for the supervision and management of the two Probation Institutions. These institutions accommodate minors in conflict with the law or those having serious behavioral problems. Children placed in Probation Institutions are subjected to a softer regime than that previously imposed on inmates of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and they are allowed to continue their studies in the normal stream. Both institutions are managed by a Committee appointed by the Minister and each institution receives an annual grant from Government to cover all expenses in relation thereto.

**(g) Rehabilitation Youth Centre**

The Rehabilitation Youth Centre (RYC) has been established under the Reform Institutions Act. The RYC caters for the detention and training of youngsters aged 14 and below 18, who have been subject to Committal Order from a Court.

The RYC operates under the supervision of the Commissioner of Prisons and the Superintendent is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Centre. The RYC comprises a centre for boys and a centre for girls, who are accommodated in two separate buildings on the same premise at Barkly, Beau Bassin. Each building can accommodate 44 inmates.

The rehabilitation of inmates is well oriented through education, vocational training, sports activities and life skills programme as well as continuous follow-up by a psychologist for a well-balanced life.

Due to the fact that there was no admission at both centres in the Financial Year 2024-2025, the Officers of the RYC and other personnel have been temporarily posted in different departments with effect from 18 February 2025.

**(h) National Agency for Drug Control**

The National Agency for Drug Control (NADC) was established under the NADC Act 2025 as the central coordinating authority in the national response to drug use and trafficking. It provides strategic direction, policy guidance, and oversight to ensure that all interventions are coherent and mutually reinforcing. The Agency also acts as the Secretariat of the Drug Control Board, thereby supporting its decisions and ensuring effective follow-up.

In line with its statutory mandate, the NADC is responsible for the formulation, coordination, and monitoring of national drug control policies and strategies. A central feature of its work is the preparation and implementation of the National Master Plan for Drug Control, which will serve as the overarching framework for addressing both supply and demand aspects of the drug problem.

The Agency's functions extend to facilitating cooperation among law enforcement, health, education, social, and community stakeholders; monitoring the implementation and impact of programmes; and ensuring the collection and dissemination of reliable data on drug trends. It also promotes preventive education, awareness campaigns, and community-based initiatives, while supporting early detection, treatment, and rehabilitation efforts.

At the international level, the NADC represents Mauritius in regional and global fora on drug matters and strengthens partnerships with international organisations. In addition, the Agency fosters capacity building and encourages research to promote evidence-based approaches in the fight against drugs.

### **(i) Chagossian Welfare Fund**

The Chagossian Welfare Fund was established under the Chagossian Welfare Fund Act 21 of 1999. The main objectives of the Chagossian Welfare Fund are to:

- promote the welfare of the members of Chagossian Community and their descendants in Mauritius;
- develop programmes and projects for the total integration of the members of Chagossian Community and their descendants into the Republic of Mauritius; and
- maintain and manage the two Chagossian Community Centres in Mauritius for the benefit of members of the Chagossian Community and their descendants.

Since its inception, the Chagossian Welfare Fund has been administered by a Board which comprises the following:

- a Chairperson appointed by the Prime Minister;
- a representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of family welfare;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of social security;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of education;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of youth; and
- seven Representatives of the Chagossian community, two of whom shall be children of members of the Chagossian community.

The Chagossian Welfare Fund operates a Head Office at Baie du Tombeau and two Community Centres as follows:

- Marie Charlesia Alexis Chagossian Community Centre at Baie du Tombeau
- Marie Lisette Talate Chagossian Community Centre at Pointe-Aux-Sables

Through the Fund, Government ensures the social development and integration of the Chagossian Community and their descendants within the Republic of Mauritius, by organising the following activities:

- Scholarships to eligible students
- Graduation Ceremony in respect of young graduates
- Provision of transport facilities to Chagossians to attend Hospitals
- Assistance to needy Chagossians for repair of their houses
- Birthday celebrations for elders of the Chagossian Community
- Visit to Chagossians in Homes every 3 months and provision of fruits and clothes
- Residential Camp for Senior Citizens
- Distribution of food items to Senior Citizens
- Gifts to Chagossian residents in Home on the occasion of Christmas and New Year
- Gifts to children on the occasion of Christmas
- Funeral grants of Rs 10,000 to families of deceased Chagossians and Rs 3000 to families of Chagossian descendants
- Prayers held in memory of deceased Chagossians
- Wreath Laying Ceremony on 3rd November at Quay C, Mauritius Ports Authority

#### **(j) Agalega Island Council**

The Agalega Island Council was established under the Agalega Island Council Act 2004. The objectives of the Council are to:

- advise the Minister on matters pertaining to development projects in Agalega;
- assist in the implementation of such projects as the Minister may refer to it;
- organise activities that may foster co-operation and social harmony among the inhabitants of Agalega; and
- consider grievances from the inhabitants of Agalega and assist in taking corrective measures as appropriate.

The Agalega Island Council comprises the following:

- a Chairperson, appointed by the Prime Minister;
- three residents of Agalega;
- a representative of the Outer Islands Development Corporation;
- a representative of the private sector; and
- a relative of the Agalegans living in Mauritius.

**(k) Citizen Support Unit**

The Citizen Support Unit is responsible for the management of the Citizen Support Portal. The Portal was launched on 28 April 2017 to address public service needs through a digital platform. Over the past seven years, the system has evolved to meet emerging needs, incorporating expanded support for local authorities, a mobile application, improved accessibility features for disabled users, SMS notifications, and synchronization with Local Authorities. The citizens can avail of the services at the 35 Citizens Advice Bureaux or 95 Post Offices across the island to register complaints. More than 3000 public officers from the 400 Government departments are connected to the CSP dashboard to treat the complaints/tickets received.

**(l) Rodrigues Subsidy Account**

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account is established under the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations which came into effect on 01 July 2018. The objects of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account are to subsidise:

- all the costs involved in transporting, storing and distributing petroleum products (Mogas, Gas Oil, Dual Purpose Kerosene) for domestic use and Liquefied Petroleum Gas of 5, 6, 12 kgs, ration rice and flour supplied by the State Trading Corporation, so that the retail prices in Rodrigues are kept at par with their respective retail prices prevailing in Mauritius; and
- such costs for the supply of bagged cement to Rodrigues as may be decided by the Government.

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account is financed by proceeds from the levies incorporated in the price structure of Petroleum Products and Liquefied Petroleum Gas which are credited in the Rodrigues Subsidy Account created for that purpose, by the Accountant General.

The Account is administered and managed by a Management Committee consisting of:

- the Accounting Officer responsible for Rodrigues or his representative, who shall be the Chairperson;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Rodrigues;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;

- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of commerce; and
- a representative for the Ministry responsible for the subject of shipping.

**(m) Committees**

➤ ***Central Probation Committee***

The Central Probation Committee is appointed under Regulation 3 of the Probation of Offenders Regulations by the Minister responsible for the Reform Institutions. The Committee consists of the following members:

- (i) the Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court who shall be the Chairman of the Central Probation Committee;
- (ii) a representative of the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division);
- (iii) a representative of the Ministry of Health and Wellness;
- (iv) a representative of the Ministry of Youth and Sports;
- (v) a representative of the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare;
- (vi) a representative of the Ministry of Education and Human Resource;
- (vii) the Commissioner of Police or his representative;
- (viii) the Commissioner of Prisons or his representative;
- (ix) the Commissioner of Probation and Aftercare as Secretary; and such other members as the Minister may appoint by notice in the Gazette.

The Committee supervises the work of Probation Officers and performs other duties in connection with the Probation of Offenders Act. Pertinent issues concerning the Probation and Aftercare Service are raised and discussed. The Committee meets on a yearly basis.

➤ ***District Probation Committees***

District Probation Committees are appointed in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Probation of Offenders Regulations. There are 10 District Probation Committees: two for Plaines Wilhems and one for each of the other 8 districts. The Committees are chaired by the respective Presiding Magistrate of the District Court and the Probation Officer of the respective Probation Office acts as Secretary.

The Committees comprise the following:

- (i) the District Magistrate as Chairperson;
- (ii) the Commissioner of Probation and Aftercare or his representative;
- (iii) a representative of the Ministry of Youth and Sports;
- (iv) a representative of the Social Welfare Division of the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare;
- (v) a representative of the *Brigade pour la Protection de la Famille*;
- (vi) a representative of the District/Municipal Councils;

- (vii) a priest;
- (viii) two Members to be appointed by the Minister; and
- (ix) a Probation Officer as Secretary.

The functions of the District Committees are as follows: -

- to receive and consider the written or oral report of the Probation Officer and any other communication found necessary;
- to discuss with the Probation Officer the progress of each case under his supervision from time to time and extend such help and advice in carrying out his duties; and
- to exercise a general supervision over the making and keeping of the Probation records.

➤ ***Probation Hostel and Probation Home***

The Probation Hostel and Home (Amendment) Regulations 2021 was promulgated with effect from 01 January 2022 to provide for a Management Committee for the Probation Hostel for Boys and the Probation Home for Girls. The Committee comprises a Chairperson appointed by the Hon. Prime Minister on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Probation and Aftercare and 12 members, of whom at least 2 shall be women.

The Probation Hostel for Boys and the Probation Home for Girls are semi-open institutions, which provide residential rehabilitation treatment for juvenile offenders on probation with a residence requirement in accordance with Section 4(5) of the Probation Offenders Act 1947 (Amended in 2009) and children with serious behavioural concerns as per (sections 41 and 42 of the Children's Act 2020). These juveniles are sent there, upon order of the Court, as the conditions prevailing in their homes are not favourable and conducive for their rehabilitation.

The residents continue their normal schooling/vocational training/ apprenticeship in an institution near to the Home/Hostel. Furthermore, they also participate in indoor games, educational outings, pro-social skills training programme conducted by the Probation and After Care Service as well as in activities organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports and NGOs.

➤ ***Rehabilitation Youth Centre (RYC) Board of Visitors***

As per section 53(3)(a) of the Reform Institutions Act, a Board assigned to a Rehabilitation Youth Centre shall be composed of not less than eight members.

The functions of the Board of Visitors are to: -

- enquire into the condition of detention of the detainee;
- hear any complaint which may be made by a detainee and, where the detainee so requests, hear the complaint privately; and
- inquire into and report to the Minister on:

- any abuse within an institution;
- any repair which may be urgently required in an institution; and
- any matter which it may consider expedient.

➤ ***Training Committee***

The Training Committee is chaired by a Deputy Permanent Secretary and comprises of representatives of the Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration, Probation and Aftercare Service, Rehabilitation Youth Centre and the Forensic Science Laboratory as well as heads of the Human Resources, Financial Operations, Procurement and Supply and a representative of the Civil Service College.

➤ ***Anti-Corruption Committee***

In accordance with the Public Sector Anti-Corruption Framework, the Anti-Corruption Committee was set up under the Chair of a Deputy Permanent Secretary and comprising all Heads of Sections/Departments as members.

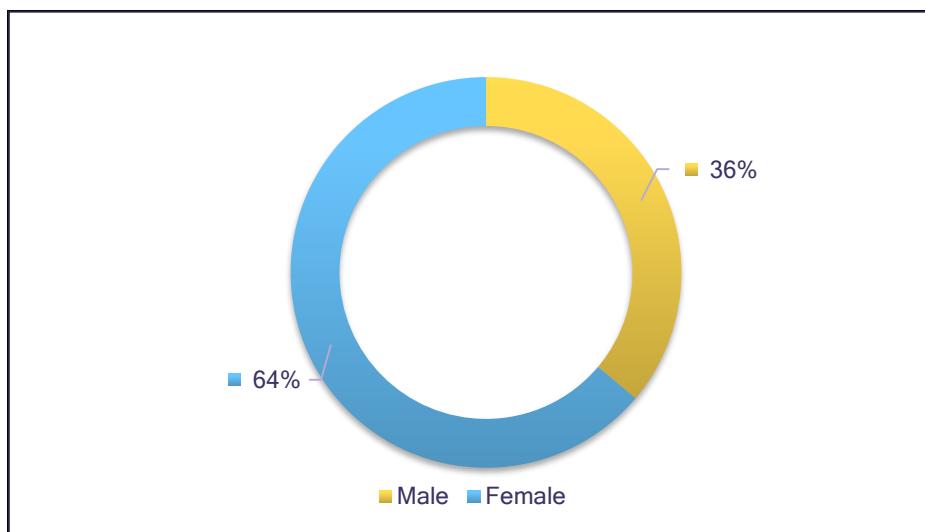
## 1.6 Gender Statement

The Gender Policy which was formulated in 2018 lays emphasis on the pivotal role of the Office and its ability to act as a catalyst in the promotion of gender equality at both the national and international levels and to provide high-level strategic directions to ensure that gender mainstreaming integrates all sectors.

The Gender Policy aims at ensuring that norms, attitudes and legal frameworks are conducive to making meaningful changes in the society, at home and the place of work, through empowerment, capacity building, networking and partnership building with all stakeholders.

**Gender Distribution**

S.N	Department	Male	Female	Total
1	Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division	21	44	65
2	Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	8	14	22
3	Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	52	85	137
4	Forensic Science Laboratory	26	45	71
TOTAL		107	188	295



**Gender Distribution of the Prime Minister's Office  
(Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division)**

## 1.7 About Our People

### Organisation Chart



## 1.8 Staff on Pensionable and Permanent Establishment

### Vote Item: 2-6 Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division

SN	GRADE	FUNDED	IN POST
1	Permanent Secretary	1	1
2	Deputy Permanent Secretary	2	2
3	Assistant Permanent Secretary	3	2
4	Public Relations and Welfare Officer	1	1
5	Manager, Financial Operations	1	1
6	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	1	1
7	Principal Financial Operations Officer	1	1
8	Financial Officer/Senior Financial Officer	-	-
9	Assistant Financial Operations Officer	3	2
10	Manager (Procurement and Supply)	1	-
11	Assistant Manager (Procurement and Supply)	1	1
12	Procurement and Supply Officer/Senior Procurement and Supply Officer	2	2
13	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	1	1
14	Manager, Human Resources	1	1
15	Assistant Manager, Human Resources	1	1
16	Human Resource Executive	2	2
17	Office Management Executive	2	2
18	Office Management Assistant	6	5
19	Management Support Officer	20	17
20	Confidential Secretary	5	1
21	Word Processing Operator	4	2
22	Clerk (Personal)	1	1
23	Driver	9	8
24	Head Office Auxiliary	1	1
25	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	7	6
26	Resident Caretaker (Personal)	1	1
27	Stores Attendant	1	1
28	Handy Worker (Special Class) (New)	-	-
29	General Worker	1	1

**Vote Item: 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation**

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED	IN POST
<b>Probation and Aftercare Service</b>			
1	Commissioner Probation and After Care	1	
2	Deputy Commissioner Probation and After Care	1	
3	Assistant Commissioner Probation and After Care	5	
4	Principal Probation Officer	15	
5	Senior Probation Officer	21	
6	Probation Officer	38	
7	Psychologist (Clinical and Social)	2	
8	Assistant Permanent Secretary	1	
9	Office Management Executive	1	
10	Office Management Assistant	3	
11	Management Support Officer	12	
12	Confidential Secretary	1	
13	Word Processing Operator	3	
14	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	8	
15	General Worker	10	
<b>Rehabilitation Youth Centre</b>			
16	Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1	1
17	Assistant Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1	-
18	Woman Assistant Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	-	1
19	Welfare Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre (Male)	-	-
20	Welfare Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre (Female)	-	-
21	Psychologist (Clinical and Social)	1	1
22	Chief Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	2	2
23	Principal Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	4	4
24	Senior Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	8	8
25	Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	9	8
26	Trainee Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	-	-
27	Chief Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1	0
28	Principal Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	2	2
29	Senior Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	4	4
30	Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	10	10
31	Trainee Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	-	
32	Handy Worker (Special Class) (New) formerly Handy Worker	-	

## Vote Item: 2-8 Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED	IN POST
1	Director-General	1	1
2	Director	4	4
3	Research Development Officer/Senior Research Development Officer	10	7
4	Management Support Officer	3	3
5	Confidential Secretary	3	3
6	Word Processing Operator	1	1
7	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	3	3

## Vote Item: 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED	IN POST
1	Director, Forensic Science Laboratory	1	0
2	Deputy Director, Forensic Science Laboratory	1	1
3	Chief Forensic Scientist	3	1
4	Forensic Scientist/Senior Forensic Scientist	30	28
5	Chief Forensic Technologist	3	3
6	Principal Forensic Technologist	4	2
7	Forensic Technologist/Senior Forensic Technologist.	21	11
8	Forensic Support Officer	8	5
9	Principal Procurement and Supply Officer	1	1
10	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	2	1
11	Human Resource Executive	1	1
12	Office Management Executive	1	1
13	Management Support Officer	4	3
14	Confidential Secretary	1	1*
15	Receptionist/Telephone Operator	1	1
16	Senior Forensic Laboratory Auxiliary	1	1
17	Forensic Laboratory Auxiliary	8	6
18	Driver	1	1
19	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	2	2
20	Handy Worker	1	1

\* 1 WPO assigned duties of CS

Part II

ACHIEVEMENTS

AND

CHALLENGES

## **2.1 Major Achievements in FY2024/2025**

### **2.1.1 Delivery of e-Services**

#### **(a) E-Procurement System**

For the financial year 2024-2025, the Procurement Section catered for the following sections:

- Continental Shelf, Maritimes Zones Administration and Exploration;
- Probation and Aftercare Service;
- Rehabilitation Youth Centres;
- Rodrigues Division;
- National Drug Secretariat;
- Citizen Support Unit.

In line with Government's Plan towards a full-fledged digital society acquiring increased use of ICT in public administration, this Ministry embarked on the e-Procurement System since 14 February 2019.

During the period under review, 268 bids were launched under the e-Procurement system.

#### **(b) Electronic Inventory Management System**

The Electronic Inventory Management System (e-IMS) is a web-based integrated system hosted at the Government Online Centre and can be accessed through the Government Intranet System. The e-IMS has been implemented since 03 July 2018 and is meant to replace the current paper-based manual system of recording warehouse operations. All movements of stock, i.e. receipts and issues, warehousing operations and stock management are performed electronically by using the barcode technology.

For the financial year 2024/2025, 284 Goods Form 1 were issued and 759 Goods Form 5 have been processed.

### **2.1.2 Rodrigues**

#### **(a) Special Holiday Package and Subsidy on Airfare**

For the period under review, funds amounting to Rs 135,376,463 were disbursed under the Special Rodrigues Holiday Package and Rs 48,531,213 under the Subsidy on Airfare from Rodrigues.

**(b) Government Quarters**

Thirteen students were accommodated at the Government Quarters M2 at Floreal.

Since March 2023, the Government Quarters No 15 Britannia Park at Vacoas was put at the disposal of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the accommodation of its Officials proceeding on mission to Mauritius.

**(c) Rodrigues Subsidy Account**

For FY 2024/2025, subsidies amounting to Rs 211.9 M under the Rodrigues Subsidy Account were provided to maintain the prices of petroleum products, rice, flour and cement in Rodrigues at par with those prevailing in Mauritius.

The Director of Audit has issued a clear certificate for the Financial Statements of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account for the year ended 30 June 2025. A copy of the audited Financial Statements is at Appendix.

### **2.1.3 Mauritius Prison Service**

**(a) Rehabilitation Programme**

The Mauritius Prison Service pursued with the implementation of a series of rehabilitation programmes such as life skills, vocational training and faith-based activities to enable detainees to reintegrate in society after their release with the objectives to reducing re-offending, equipping them with marketable skills for their employability and engaging them in constructive work thus contributing towards security in prisons.

Additionally, during the period under review, the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives has trained detainees in entrepreneur skills so that on release they may create their own business. The rug mat project was introduced at the Garment Making of Women Prison with the collaboration of CIEL Group in a view to enhance the rehabilitation programme for both remand and convicted detainees thereat.

**(b) Vocational Training**

Detainees benefited from a wide range of vocational programmes led by prison staff, covering areas such as welding, masonry, garment making, cabinet making, shoemaking, tailoring, bakery, pastry, agriculture, hydroponics, and handicraft



Accredited NC3 courses were offered in collaboration with the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development in metal fabrication, pastry, woodwork, garment making, and masonry. These programmes equipped detainees with employable skills to facilitate their reintegration into society.



### (c) Payback Mauritius Scheme

Under this scheme, detainees engaged in community-based activities such as public beach clean-ups, environmental campaigns, and maintenance works at Salazie Animal Farm, contributing positively to society.

**(d) Educational Programme**

Education remains a core rehabilitation pillar, ranging from literacy and numeracy support to arts, music, and preparation for national and international examinations.

Detainees sat for the National Certificate of Education (NCE), GCE 'O' and 'A' Levels, with a few pursuing undergraduate studies through distance learning.

**(e) Faith-based Activities**

Faith and moral development were supported through religious observances, fasting programmes, bereavement support, and moral instruction sessions.

**(f) Treatment of Substance Abusers**

Comprehensive rehabilitation services were provided, including counselling, group therapy, psychosocial support, motivational interviewing, and needs assessment. Medical interventions such as methadone induction were complemented by wellness activities including yoga, meditation, breathing techniques, Tai Chi, and life skills training.

**(g) Dynamic Security and Peer Support**

The Dynamic Security Support Unit continued to foster a rehabilitative environment through peer support programmes and detainees' councils, enhancing constructive engagement and trust.

**(h) Recreational & Cultural Activities**

Indoor and outdoor games, music and arts events, annual concerts, and commemorations of national and international days enriched detainees' daily lives, fostering socialisation and personal development.

**(i) Communication with the Outside World**

Detainees maintained ties with relatives through visits, telephone and Skype facilities. Embassies and consulates also conducted visits. Pre- and post-release programmes, supported by NGOs and religious organisations, facilitated the reintegration of detainees.



## (j) Agricultural Production

The Mauritius Prison Service strived towards self-sufficiency through extensive vegetable cultivation. Notable outputs included 53,220 kg of cabbage, 20,633 kg of potatoes, 4,824 kg of tomatoes, and 3,977 kg of white radish, along with bananas, aubergines, beans, papayas, and other produce. Compost production reached 2,530 kg.



## (k) Workshops & Production Units

Several workshops were organized aiming at skills training and prison self-sufficiency. The tailor shop produced over 1,200 pairs of trousers, 541 shirts, 3,171 bedsheets, and 636 remand garbs. Locksmith operations handled more than 190 lock and key repairs. Bakery output exceeded 2.9 million loaves of bread. Basketry workshops produced 228 baskets and other handcrafted items, while the aluminium workshop manufactured doors, windows, cupboards, and partitions. The carpentry unit produced furniture and decorative items, including 37 repaired tables, 40 palette stools, and 12 map frames of Mauritius. The shoemaking unit assembled 576 pairs of shoes and 52 pairs of boots.

Poultry farming yielded 500,398 eggs, 24,172 kg of live birds, and 15,396 kg of processed poultry. The fish processing plant harvested 1,697 kg of fish. The pastry unit prepared over 82,000 mini cakes and 19,553 event cakes, while the laundry service processed more than 12,500 items. Rug mat and garment workshops produced household items, clothing, and decorative goods. The metal workshop fabricated 157 bed fixations and 51 poultry trays.



## 2.1.4 Outer Islands Development Corporation

### (a) Children playground Equipment



Children's playground equipment have been procured and installed in Agalega Island. This initiative addresses the longstanding absence of dedicated recreational facilities for children in the community. Playgrounds play a vital role in child development by offering a safe space for physical activity, creativity, and social interaction. In an isolated environment such as Agalega, the installation of structured play areas not only enhances the quality of life of young residents but also aligns with OIDC's commitment to improve the well-being and social infrastructure of the islands.

The benefits of this project are immediate and far-reaching. Children now have access to modern play facilities that promote healthier lifestyles, reduce risks associated with unsupervised outdoor play, and foster a stronger sense of community. OIDC recognized the pressing need to provide children with safe and engaging recreational opportunities. OIDC has contributed to nurturing a supportive environment that encourages growth, happiness, and the overall social development of Agalega's younger generation.

### (b) Acquisition of 2 4X4 Double Cab Vehicles (North & South Islands)

Two 4x4 double cab vehicles have been procured for the North and South Islands of Agalega. The main objective of this acquisition was to ease transport facilities across the islands, where mobility has always been a challenge due to poor road conditions and limited means of transport. In the South Island, one vehicle is dedicated to transporting students safely to and from school, ensuring regular attendance and reducing the hardship faced by families who previously had to rely on inadequate or informal arrangements. The second vehicle on the North Island is being used to facilitate staff mobility, official duties, and the transport of essential supplies. With these acquisitions, OIDC has directly improved the quality of life for Agalegans and reinforced its commitment to community welfare.



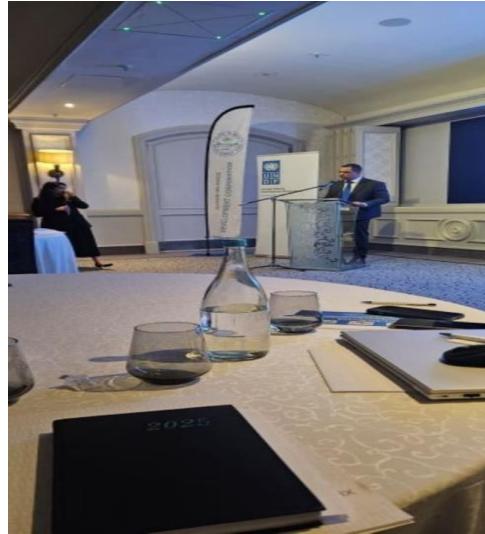
### **(c) Rotary Slashers**

Three rotary slashers – two units of 1800 model and one unit of 1200 model – have been purchased for Agalega to strengthen land management and maintenance operations. Vegetation on both islands grows rapidly due to climatic conditions, and without proper equipment, it becomes difficult to maintain the airstrip, community spaces, and agricultural plots. The 1800 models are intended for large open areas such as the surroundings of the airstrip and common fields, while the 1200 model is suited for smaller and tighter areas where flexibility is needed. These machines will ensure efficient land clearing, reduce manual workload, and keep critical infrastructures operational. With the new rotary slashers, OIDC is now better equipped to ensure cleanliness, safety, and sustainable land use in both islands.

### **(d) Masterplan for the development of Agalega**

The OIDC initiated the elaboration of a comprehensive Masterplan in close consultation with the relevant Ministries and Departments, while also taking into account the needs and aspirations of the Agalegan community. The Masterplan is designed to serve as a roadmap for decision-making, integrating social, economic, and environmental dimensions specific to Agalega. It will guide the phased implementation of infrastructural and community-based projects, ensuring sustainable development that enhances quality of life for the islanders.

In this context, several site visits were conducted, where representatives from various Ministries and Departments conducted surveys and assessments. Their findings and recommendations will provide the technical basis of the Masterplan. Furthermore, international and national agencies, including the UNDP and the Central Electricity Board (CEB), are actively engaged in supporting specific projects under the Plan. One such initiative is the installation of solar panels, aimed at promoting renewable energy, reducing dependency on diesel generators, and strengthening energy security for the islands. OIDC has prioritized the Masterplan project by ensuring that immediate and long-term needs of Agalega are adequately addressed.



#### **(e) Cyclone Chido – Disaster Impact and OIDC's Reconstruction Response**

On 11 December 2024, Cyclone Chido severely struck Agalega, leaving more than 90% of the islands affected. The cyclone caused extensive damage to infrastructure, housing, community facilities, and vegetation, disrupting the daily lives of the Agalegan population.



In the immediate aftermath, the situation demanded swift and coordinated intervention to stabilise conditions and begin the process of recovery. Recognizing the urgency, the OIDC mobilized resources without delay to ensure that essential services were restored and that affected families received timely assistance.

OIDC took the lead in deploying teams and coordinating reconstruction works to remedy the situation effectively. Skilled personnel, equipment, and emergency supplies were dispatched to Agalega to assist with clearing debris, repairing critical infrastructure, and rehabilitating damaged community facilities. Temporary relief measures were also extended to ensure the well-being of islanders during the recovery phase. OIDC's proactive response demonstrated its strong commitment to safeguarding the welfare of the Agalegan people. By acting swiftly and decisively, OIDC not only mitigated the impact of the cyclone but also reinforced confidence that the Corporation stands ready to protect and rebuild the islands in times of crisis.



## 2.1.5 Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

### (a) Extended Continental Shelf (ECS) Submission to UNCLCS

- In collaboration with the Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute of the University of Tokyo, the Department conducted a Marine Scientific Research campaign (October–November 2024) to collect additional scientific data east of Rodrigues in support of Mauritius' submission.
- The submission, presently under examination by the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS), concerns an additional 185,000 sq. km of extended continental shelf.
- The partial submission for the Rodrigues region was under examination between October 2024 and March 2025.

### (b) Joint Management Area (JMA)

- Marine Scientific Research (MSR) to understand the characteristics of the Seychelles–Chagos Thermocline Ridge (SCTR) was conducted by the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST) in 2024, with the participation of two Mauritian scientific officers. The final cruise report and datasets have been submitted to the Department.
- Completion of the GEF/UNDP JMA Demonstration Project and upgrading of the JMA Server.
- Over five exploratory fisheries surveys for sea cucumbers were undertaken in the Mascarene Plateau region.

### (c) Maritime Boundary Delimitation – EEZ

- Following the April 2023 judgment of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), a desktop study was carried out to delimit the Maritime Zones of Mauritius. A reviewed list of geographical coordinates and amended legislation defining the baseline and outer limit lines of the EEZ was submitted to the United Nations in March 2025.
- Deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, pursuant to Mauritius' obligations under UNCLOS, the official list of geographical coordinates defining:
  - Basepoints and baselines for measuring the breadth of the Territorial Sea.
  - The outer limit of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- Review of the outer limit lines of the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone with a view to drafting regulations under section 27 of the Maritime Zones Act.

**(d) Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)**

- Successfully hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System and Allied Programmes in May 2025.
- Deployment of a Wave Rider Buoy in Mauritian waters for hydrodynamic and sea-state monitoring.

**(e) Mauritius Ocean Observatory E-Platform**

- Updated and customised the Ocean Observatory E-platform to the latest stable version of GeoNode software.
- Revised and published updated Administrator and User Manuals.
- Capacity-building programme conducted (02 October 2024) for system administrators on Linux-based updates and FileZilla-based content management.

**(f) Mauritius Underwater Cultural Heritage**

- Two major Underwater Cultural Heritage surveys were carried out:
  - Pointe aux Feuilles (November 2024): shipwrecks of *The Speaker* and *Le Coureur*, and artefacts at Brisant Pointe.
  - Flat Island (February 2025): exploration of artefacts and structures at Palissade Bay, the *Labourdonnais* shipwreck, jetty, and barge.
- Publication of the scientific report *La Méduse Shipwreck – Status of Ongoing Search Efforts and Findings* (March 2025).
- Contribution to the Natural History Museum exhibition commemorating the 190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UNESCO Routes of Enslaved Peoples (February–March 2025).
- Publication of a peer-reviewed article in January 2025: *Marine Environmental Archaeology: The Ecology of Shipwrecks in Mauritius* in the International Journal of Historical Archaeology.

**(g) Marine Protected Area**

- Prepared the first draft framework for the creation of a Marine Protected Area in the region of the Chagos Archipelago.

## **(h) Marine Scientific Research**

- Participation in several international Marine Scientific Research expeditions, including:
  - Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde (IOW): expedition in Mauritius' waters (July–August 2024) involving bathymetric surveys and data collection.
  - University of Tokyo (Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute): Rodrigues-based survey (October–November 2024) in support of the submission for the proposed Extended Continental Shelf.
  - Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) - Nansen Programme 2025: Exploratory Expedition on Fisheries Resources and Oceanographic Studies in the Republic of Mauritius – bathymetry mapping and oceanographic survey.
- Issued Marine Scientific Research authorisations to:
  - Local NGOs such as Marine Discovery Centre, Marine Megafauna Conservation Organisation (MMCO), and Green Attitude Foundation for research on turtles, sharks, and whales.
  - International partners, including the Quieter Western Indian Ocean Expedition, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology, and the EAF-Nansen Programme (2025 exploratory fisheries expedition in Mauritius' EEZ with strong capacity-building elements).

## **(i) Seabed Exploration for Hydrocarbons & Minerals**

- Represented Mauritius at International Seabed Authority (ISA) Council meetings (15–26 July 2024 and 17–28 March 2025).
- Participated in the ISA–Cook Islands Investment Corporation National Expert Deployment Programme (October–December 2024) on physical oceanography, enhancing the capacity of Mauritian experts in deep-sea exploration.
- Took part in the ISA Workshop on the Regional Environmental Management Plan (REMP) for the Indian Ocean (Qingdao, China, April–May 2025) to develop conservation and protection zones for deep-sea biodiversity.

## 2.1.6 National Environment Cleaning Authority (NECA)

### (a) Cleaning Programme for Motorways M1 and M2

The Road Development Authority is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of Motorways M1 & M2 for a total length of 70.7 km stretching from SSR International Airport to Sottise, Grand Baie. It is worthwhile to emphasise that the cleaning activities along M1 & M2 were, in a recent past, entrusted to different entities. Nonetheless, in spite of the fact that the RDA was short of manpower, it did its level best to maintain the Motorways in a state of road worthiness.

Since February 2023 and in line with the Budget Speech 2023/2024, NECA has continued its efforts to monitor the cleaning of the shoulders of the Motorways M1 & M2, in collaboration with Mauri-Facilities Management Co. Ltd and other stakeholders, whereas the RDA continued to maintain the central verge.

NECA has been constantly overseeing the cleaning projects throughout the fiscal year 2024/2025, alongside various stakeholders.

The cleaning operations were being carried out along both shoulders of the Motorways M1 & M2, covering an average stretch of 5 meters in width. As a result, approximately 700,000 square meters of surface area were regularly being cleaned, with a dedicated workforce of around 250 Cleaning Technicians of Mauri-Facilities Management Co. Ltd.

### (b) World Clean-Up Day 2024

World Clean-Up Day is an international undertaking and it is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of September. Both public and private sector organisations as well as volunteers around the globe use to join hands to fight solid waste pollution and enhance sustainable waste management.

On 21 September 2024, in the context of the celebration of World Clean-Up Day 2024, NECA, in line with its objectives as laid out in the *National Environment Cleaning Authority Act 2022* and in collaboration with its stakeholders both from Public and Private Sectors, organised a clean-up day at Le Morne Road and Pas Géométriques de Labonté, Le Morne.

During the clean-up campaign, 42 sites and their surroundings were cleaned; a general and thorough cleaning of the Pas Géométriques Labonté at Le Morne Village stretching over a length of approximately 1 Km was carried out with the participation of some 125 volunteers. All waste collected on site were carted away by the Local Authorities.

## 2.1.7 Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)

- FSL managed a total of 7,607 cases in FY 2024/2025, including 3,222 drug cases, 1,048 drug driving cases, 1,798 Biology cases, 741 Toxicology cases.
- FSL has contributed to major cases over the course of the year, in particular significant drug seizures.
- FSL has worked closely with Mauritius Police Force and the Customs Anti Narcotic Division of Mauritius Revenue Authority over the year to prioritise where FSL can have most impact and deliver results effectively, with active engagement in the investigation over the life of the case.
- FSL has also supported investigations by attending crime scenes and brainstormed with Scene of Crime Office (SOCO) personnel and investigating officer.
- One of the key services was to provide analysis in cases of Drug Driving further to the amendment of The Road Traffic Act, whereby impaired driving is an offence. FSL Drug unit started reporting in drug driving cases since July 2022.
- Following tender procedures, the contract for the construction works for the new FSL Laboratory was awarded to URC Construction Private Limited on 01 June 2023. The construction works have contractually started on 29 November 2023. As at 30 June 2025, all four floors had been completed and associated works were still ongoing. Ballistics and fire range construction have started.

## 2.1.8 Probation and Aftercare Service

### (a) Social Enquiry

Probation Officers are required to carry out social enquiries and submit reports to various agencies in order to assist them in taking the most appropriate action with regard to specific problems. Some of these agencies are the Supreme Court, the Intermediate and District Courts, Children's Court, Office of Solicitor General, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the National Adoption Council, the Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy, Police Department, the Prime Minister's Office and the International Social Service.

During the period July 2024 – June 2025, 3195 enquiries were conducted by the Probation and Aftercare Service.

### (b) Supervision and Aftercare

The Service supervises several categories of offenders: probationers, persons subjected to community service orders, boys and girls on aftercare, parolees, bailees, juveniles under preventive supervision and cases referred by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions as well as Domestic Violence Cases referred by Courts.

Following the enactment of the Children's Act 2020, the Service is also supervising cases of children with serious behavioural concerns (Parenting Support Intervention and Preventive Intervention Order), child suspect under 14, etc.

During the period July 2024 - June 2025, a total number of 822 persons were under supervision:

Probationers	106
Community Service Workers	532
Aftercare cases (RYC)	1
Parolees	1
Throughcare cases (Probation Institutions)	14
Bailees	4
Preventive supervision	5
DPP follow-up cases	1
Children with serious behavioural concerns (PSI)	99
Child suspect under fourteen	56
PIO – Child within household	3
Child subject to diversion program	Nil

### **(c) Institutional Care**

The Probation and Aftercare Service has under its responsibility two semi-open institutions, namely the Probation Hostel for Boys and Probation Home for Girls. They provide residential rehabilitative treatment for convicted minors, children with serious behavioural concerns placed thereat by the Children's Court through a Preventive Intervention Order. In exceptional cases, children under the age of 14 suspected of having committed an offence may also be temporarily placed thereat. Some residents may reside there until the age of majority. Both institutions provide a congenial environment for children whose home surroundings are not sufficiently conducive for their proper character formation and development and therefore necessitate removal and placement in a more favourable milieu.

Seven boys and ~~six~~ seven girls were being rehabilitated in the institutions during the period July 2024 - June 2025. They were also followed by regional Probation Officers under the throughcare system.

### **(d) Counselling**

Probation Officers are called upon to carry out counselling work in connection with problems often related to a wide variety of family issues. These may include cases of alimony, child custody, premarital difficulties, drug addiction, unruly children as well as neighbour disputes. Probation Officers may even refer some specific cases to the Magistrate sitting in Chambers for further counselling and dispute resolution.

The Service attended to 1047 cases during the period July 2024 – June 2025.

#### **(e) Attendance Centre/Pro Social Skills Programme**

Since July 2011, probationers have to follow a pro-social skills programme at the Attendance Centre as a requirement of their probation order. 20 probationers have completed the programme during FY 2024/2025.

#### **(f) Preventive Work**

The officers of the Probation and Aftercare Service also deliver talks on juvenile delinquency, criminality and other social problems in schools, colleges, community centres and social welfare centres upon requests. One preventive talk was delivered at Case Noyale Social Welfare Centre during FY 2024/2025.

### **2.1.9 National Agency for Drug Control**

The fight against drug trafficking and abuse remains a central mandate of Government, reflecting its commitment to safeguard public health, uphold the rule of law, and protect communities from the harmful consequences of illicit substances.

In line with this mandate, the National Agency for Drug Control (NADC) has been established under the National Agency for Drug Control Act 2025 as the central coordinating authority for national drug control efforts.

The Agency has embarked on the elaboration of the National Drug Control Masterplan 2025-2029, which will serve as a comprehensive roadmap for institutional development, strategic planning, and coordinated implementation across enforcement, prevention, rehabilitation, and international cooperation. Once launched, the Masterplan will guide the systematic execution of national priorities and measurable interventions.

### **2.1.10 Agalega Island Council**

The following activities were held during FY 2024/2025:

- (i) Organisation of a recreational trip for Agalegans working at the OIDC; and
- (ii) Purchase of blankets for Agalegans.

## 2.1.11 Chagossian Welfare Fund

The following activities were carried out by the Chagossian Welfare Fund for the Financial year 2024/2025:

- (i) Home visits and donation of food/clothing to 70 bedridden of the Chagossian Community during the months of December 2024 and March 2025.
- (ii) Wreath Laying Ceremony held on 03 November 2024 to commemorate the deportation of the Chagossian community.
- (iii) Grocery distribution to 250 senior citizens on 16 December 2024.
- (iv) Scholarships awarded to 16 students. A total of Rs 128,000 was disbursed in terms of scholarship fees.
- (v) An amount of Rs 83,000 disbursed in funeral grants to 9 bereaved families.
- (vi) MoU signed with the District Council of Pamplemousses in April 2025 for managing the Mini Soccer Pitch at Baie du Tombeau.

## 2.1.12 Citizen Support Unit

Out of 345,464 complaints registered on the Citizen Support Portal, 96% of cases have been settled with monitoring and follow up with different ministries and departments.



Training has been provided to 472 officers of different Ministries and Departments as back-end users of the Citizen Support Portal.



Sensitization Programme with Ombudsperson for Children conducted in collaboration with CABs Office around the island, have empowered 960 members of the public to raise awareness, strengthen vigilance and encourage proactive support for children and young people.

## 2.2 Status on Implementation of Budget Measures

Para in Budget Speech	Budget Measure	Status
340	<p>To maintain competitive and affordable air connectivity, the subsidy on the Special Rodrigues Holiday Package and the Subsidy on Airfare from Rodrigues is being maintained until September 2025.</p>	Implemented
351	<p>In order to make full use of the opportunities, Rs 15 million has been provided for the implementation of the masterplan for the development of Agalega.</p>	<p>An amount of Rs 2.2M was disbursed for the chartering of flights to Agalega to carry out a survey prior to the elaboration of the masterplan.</p> <p>Following the passage of cyclone Chido in Agalega, the remaining amount was used for the reconstruction works in Agalega.</p>
352	<p>Rs 49.1 million has been provided for the acquisition of equipment and vehicles as well as the development of small infrastructure projects that are of immediate need for Agalega.</p>	<p>An amount of Rs 35.6 million has been disbursed for the acquisition of equipment and vehicles.</p>

## 2.3 Implementation Plan – Director of Audit Comments

In line with the Government decision that Ministries/Departments should set up an Audit Committee with a view to minimising the number of audit queries, an Audit Committee has been set up at the Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division. The Audit Committee was chaired by a Deputy Permanent Secretary and comprised two officers in the grade of Assistant Permanent Secretary as members.

Issues (Report Ref)	DOA Comments	Status of Actions Taken
3.4.1 Governance Issues – Non- Compliance with legislation	<p>The Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act requires the Chief Executive Officer of a statutory body to submit the annual report, including the financial statements, to the auditor not later than 4 months after the end of every financial year.</p> <p>As of 31 December 2024, the Chagossian Welfare Fund (CWF) and the Outer Islands Development Corporation (OIDC) have not submitted their financial statements for FY 2023/24 for auditing.</p>	<p>The Financial Statements of the CWF for the year ended 30 June 2024 were submitted to the National Audit Office on 06 March 2025. The auditing exercise is still ongoing. 0</p> <p>In regard to the OIDC, the financial statements are being prepared.</p>

## 2.4 Capacity Building

### Training Courses/Workshops attended by Employees In FY 2024/2025

SN	Training Course	No of participants
<b>Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division</b>		
1	Training on Managing Risk at Workplace for Representatives of Safety and Health Committee	6
2	Training on Managing Safety for Line Managers (Officer in charge of Worksites/outstations	7
3	Training on Safety and Health in the Workplace for Office Management Assistants	4
4	Training on Safety and Fire Risk Management	3
5	Training on Fire Safety and Fire Risk Management Frontline Workers	3
6	Training on Safety and Health in the Workplace for Management Support Officers	7
7	Training in Advanced Microsoft Excel	5
<b>Probation and Aftercare Services</b>		
8	Digital Proficiency Course conducted by Mauritius Digital Promotion Agency	1
9	Comprehensive Training Opportunity: Government Asset Register Practical Sessions	1
10	Comprehensive Training Opportunity: Government Asset Register Practical Sessions	1
11	Leadership & Management Training Programme for Frontline/ Supervisory/Technical Grade	1
12	Training Programme on "Safety and Health in the Workplace" for Management Support Officer	1
13	Training: Dealing with Difficult Children - Youth and Problematic Behaviour conducted by Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare	53
14	Induction Course for Office Auxiliary/ Senior Office Auxiliary	1

SN	Training Course	No of participants
15	Training on e-HR System for Electronic Attendance	1
16	Training Programme on 'Managing Safely for Line Managers (Officer-in Charge of Worksites/Outstations)	4
17	Government Asset Register Training	2
18	Foundation Course for Newly Recruited Management Support Officer	1
19	One-day Managing Risk at Workplace	1
20	Professional Development Programme for Word Processing Operators/Senior Word Processing Operators	1
21	Court Proceedings	3
22	Professional Development Programme for Confidential Secretaries	1

#### **Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration**

23	2-day training on the "Implementation of FAIR Principles to African Marine and Coastal Data", at KMFRI-Mombasa, Kenya from 23 to 26 September 2024	1
24	FASEP workshop for mapping the seabed of the Mauritius maritime zones held at the CSMZAE on 26 September 2024	11
25	Workshop on SOS Mangrove: Strategies for Restoration and Conservation on 25 October 2024	1
26	Inception Workshop for the Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (GBF-EAS) project on the 14 March 2025	1
27	Consultation workshop for the Ocean Prediction Enhancement in Regions of Africa (OPERA) project from 8 to 10 April 2025 in Cape Town South Africa.	1
28	ISA Workshop – regional environmental monitoring plan (REMP) for Indian Ocean concerning the deep sea mineral activities, Qingdao, China to establish conservation and protection zones with regards to deep ocean biodiversity from 27 April to 01 May 2025.	1

SN	Training Course	No of participants
29	20th Annual meeting of the Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System (IOGOOS) and Allied Programs from 5 to 9 May 2025.	10
30	Fisheries acoustic training course on the Norwegian research vessel R/V Dr. Fridtjof Nansen in the maritime zones of the Republic of Mauritius from 16 June to 25 June 2025	1
31	Capacity Building Workshop on Study of risks related to coastal erosion and marine submersion hazards on mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues organised by the Ministry of Environment on 26-27 June 2025.	1
32	33rd Session of the IOC UNESCO General Assembly between 25 June to 3 July, 2025 at the UNESCO Headquarters, Paris.	1

## 2.5 Major Challenges in FY2024/2025

### (a) Outer Islands Development Corporation

- Agalega faces specific constraints caused by several factors, namely, remoteness, frail ecosystems, lack of transport and communication facilities, poor natural resources, limited fresh water supplies and heavy dependence on imports from mainland Mauritius.
- In view of the remoteness of the Outer Islands, the Outer Islands Development Corporation faces practical difficulties to retain service providers and contractors to carry out required works thereat.

### (b) Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

- Inadequate state-of-the-art technology to survey the vast extent of the maritime zones and for maritime security.
- Climate change impacts and adaptation in ascertaining sustainable exploration and exploitation of marine non-living resources.

### (c) Forensic Science Laboratory

- Environmental laboratory conditions not conducive to optimum laboratory testing.
- Lack of IT equipment and IT assistance from qualified personnel.
- Limited exposure to international symposiums/conferences.
- Shortage of staff and space constraints.

### (d) Mauritius Prison Service

- Shortage of human resources to deal with new challenges.
- Rise in the scourge of synthetic drugs.
- Increase in number of detainees who are drug addicts.
- Need to adapt rehabilitation programmes to cater for an increasing number of young offenders and children with serious behavioural concerns.

### (e) National Agency for Drug Control

- Coordination Needs: Seamless collaboration among stakeholders remains a priority.
- Emerging Drug Trends: Synthetic drugs, psychotropic substances, and online trafficking require specialized responses.
- Resource Constraints: Human, technical, and financial resources need reinforcement to fully implement national programmes.
- Data and Monitoring: Enhanced data collection and analysis are essential to guide policies and measure outcomes.

# Part III

# FINANCIAL

# PERFORMANCE

### **3.1 Financial Highlights**

As per the Budget Estimates, the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division) had the following votes under its control: -

- Vote 2-6 Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division.
- Vote 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation.
- Vote 2-8 Continental Shelf Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration.
- Vote 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory.
- Vote 2-10 Prison Service.

As such, appropriation of funds by the National Assembly is made through the Votes.

### **3.2 Analysis of Major Changes**

#### **➤ Expenditure**

Under the Vote 2-6 Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division, 92.14% of the expenditure has been incurred under “*Other General Government Units*” which comprises Recurrent and Capital Grant to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly as follows:

(a)	Recurrent Grant	Rs 5,430,000,000
(b)	Capital Grant	Rs 654,177,862

### 3.3 Statement of Revenue and Expenditure

#### ➤ Revenue

Revenue Collection in respect of Votes 2-6, 2-7, 2-8 and 2-9 is nil.

#### ➤ Expenditures

Expenditures in respect of Vote 2-6, 2-7, 2-8 and 2-9 for the Financial Year 2024 - 2025 are as follows:

Statement of Expenditure - Vote 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9		
Head/Sub Head of Expenditure	2024/2025 Estimates-Rs	2024/2025 Actual-Rs
<b>Vote 2-6 Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division</b>	<b>6,863,000,000</b>	<b>6,602,851,575</b>
Compensation of Employees	42,700,000	42,450,808
Goods and Services	39,700,000	8,538,185
Subsidies	110,000,000	183,907,676
Recurrent Grants	5,185,000,000	5,638,422,970
Capital Grants	1,355,400,000	676,546,936
Other Expense	130,200,000	52,985,000
<b>Vote 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation</b>	<b>112,000,000</b>	<b>102,553,997</b>
Compensation of Employees	84,200,000	82,961,655
Goods and Services	14,000,000	12,753,647
Other Expenses	6,000,000	6,000,000
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	7,800,000	838,695
<b>Vote 2-8 Continental Shelf Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration</b>	<b>32,800,000</b>	<b>28,629,164</b>
Compensation of Employees	17,100,000	16,888,346
Goods and Services	11,700,000	11,740,818
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	4,000,000	-
<b>Vote 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory</b>	<b>586,000,000</b>	<b>315,426,227</b>
Compensation of Employees	49,200,000	47,006,468
Goods and Services	76,700,000	70,205,562
Grants	100,000	26,855
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	460,000,000	198,187,342
<b>Total Expenditures for Votes 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9</b>	<b>7,593,800,000</b>	<b>7,049,460,963</b>

Part IV

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FORWARD

## **4.0 STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

### **(a) Rodrigues**

- Support the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to consolidate and accelerate the socio-economic development of Rodrigues.

### **(b) Outer Islands Development Corporation**

- Improving sea and air connectivity to Agalega following the construction of a new jetty and a new airstrip with a view to promoting the sustainable development of the island and enhancing the standard of living of the Agalegans.

### **(c) Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration**

- Establishing the institutional and legal framework for a judicious exploration and sustainable exploitation of our natural non-living resources in the maritime zones of the Republic of Mauritius and in the Mauritius/Seychelles Extended Continental Shelf.
- Promoting and conducting multi-disciplinary marine scientific exploration of the seabed and sub-soil including the Continental Shelf for the well-being of our people.
- Delimitating and mapping our Maritime Zones to safeguard our territorial integrity and sovereignty.

### **(d) Forensic Science Laboratory**

- To be recognized as a reliable forensic laboratory in providing an impartial, high quality and timely forensic service in support of the justice system.
- To promote the use of Science and Innovative Technologies in crime investigation.
- To provide a seamless service to relevant stakeholders, taking into account the product, customer, geographical and technological dimensions.
- To expand the regional and international footprint of the FSL, with regard to providing state-of-the-art services to neighbouring islands and beyond.
- Construction of a new forensic laboratory which will include a dedicated specialized laboratory for drug detection.
- Recruitment of key staff at managerial and technical levels.

**(e) Mauritius Prison Service**

- (i) Reduce recidivism and rehabilitate detainees for re-integration in society
  - Implement best correctional practice and comprehensive rehabilitation programmes;
  - Enhance opportunities for vocational and education training; and
  - Adapt rehabilitation programmes to cater for an increasing number of young offenders.
- (ii) Reduce cost of maintaining detainees in custody
  - Increase vegetable production so as to achieve self-sufficiency;
  - Involve detainees in constructive activities of high rehabilitative value and which meet the demand of the labour market in order to re-integrate the society as law-abiding citizens; and
  - Offsetting rising cost of imprisonment by reducing utility cost through eco-friendly solutions and revamping of water network.

**(f) Probation and Aftercare Service**

- Use of community-based sentencing and programmes, psycho-educational approach especially with children, multi-agency approach in the rehabilitation of offenders and participation in sensitization campaigns to reduce crime in the community.
- Migrating from a criminal justice system to a biopsychosocial justice system, with a view to better channeling and rehabilitating offenders, to achieve an improved output and outcome for society.
- Use of a whole-of-society approach, with no stakeholder left behind, with a view to being more efficient, effective and sustainable in integrating the rehabilitated offender to the community.
- Focus on the criminogenic needs of the delinquents, so as to identify the root causes behind the attitude and behavior of the latter and consequently, mounting an appropriate and customized programme to resolve the issues at source.

**(g) Rehabilitation Youth Centre**

- To inculcate values and reintegrate these children back in society within the timeframe ordered by Court and providing them with the rehabilitation program that would change them into law abiding citizens through education, vocational training in the utter most respect of each child's religion, race and culture.

## **(h) National Agency for Drug Control**

Upon the launching of the National Drug Control Masterplan 2025-2029, the National Agency for Drug Control will undertake a series of strategic actions to strengthen national drug control efforts and fully implement Government's mandate:

### **(i) Strengthening Institutional Coordination**

- Centralize leadership and oversight of all drug control activities to ensure coherent strategies across prevention, enforcement, and rehabilitation sectors.
- Establish formal coordination mechanisms between law enforcement, health services, education authorities, and community organizations to facilitate real-time information sharing and joint operations.
- Develop clear mandates and roles for all stakeholders to avoid duplication and ensure efficient use of resources.

### **(ii) Enhancing Capacity and Resources**

- Recruit and train specialized personnel across enforcement, intelligence, treatment, and prevention divisions.
- Upgrade technological and operational capabilities, including data management systems, surveillance tools, and laboratory facilities for testing-controlled substances.
- Secure sustainable funding to support long-term prevention, enforcement, and rehabilitation programmes.

### **(iii) Promoting Evidence-Based Policy and Monitoring**

- Establish a standardized national database for drug-related incidents, seizures, treatment admissions, and rehabilitation outcomes.
- Conduct regular research and trend analysis to anticipate emerging drug threats and inform timely interventions.
- Implement monitoring and evaluation frameworks to assess programme effectiveness and report progress to Government and stakeholders.

### **(iv) Integrating Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation**

- Develop national prevention campaigns targeting youth, high-risk communities, and workplaces, using evidence-based approaches.
- Standardize treatment protocols, accreditation systems for rehabilitation centres, and reintegration programmes to reduce relapse and improve social inclusion.
- Promote community-based support networks and aftercare programmes to sustain recovery and prevent re-offending.

(v) **Strengthening Regional and International Cooperation**

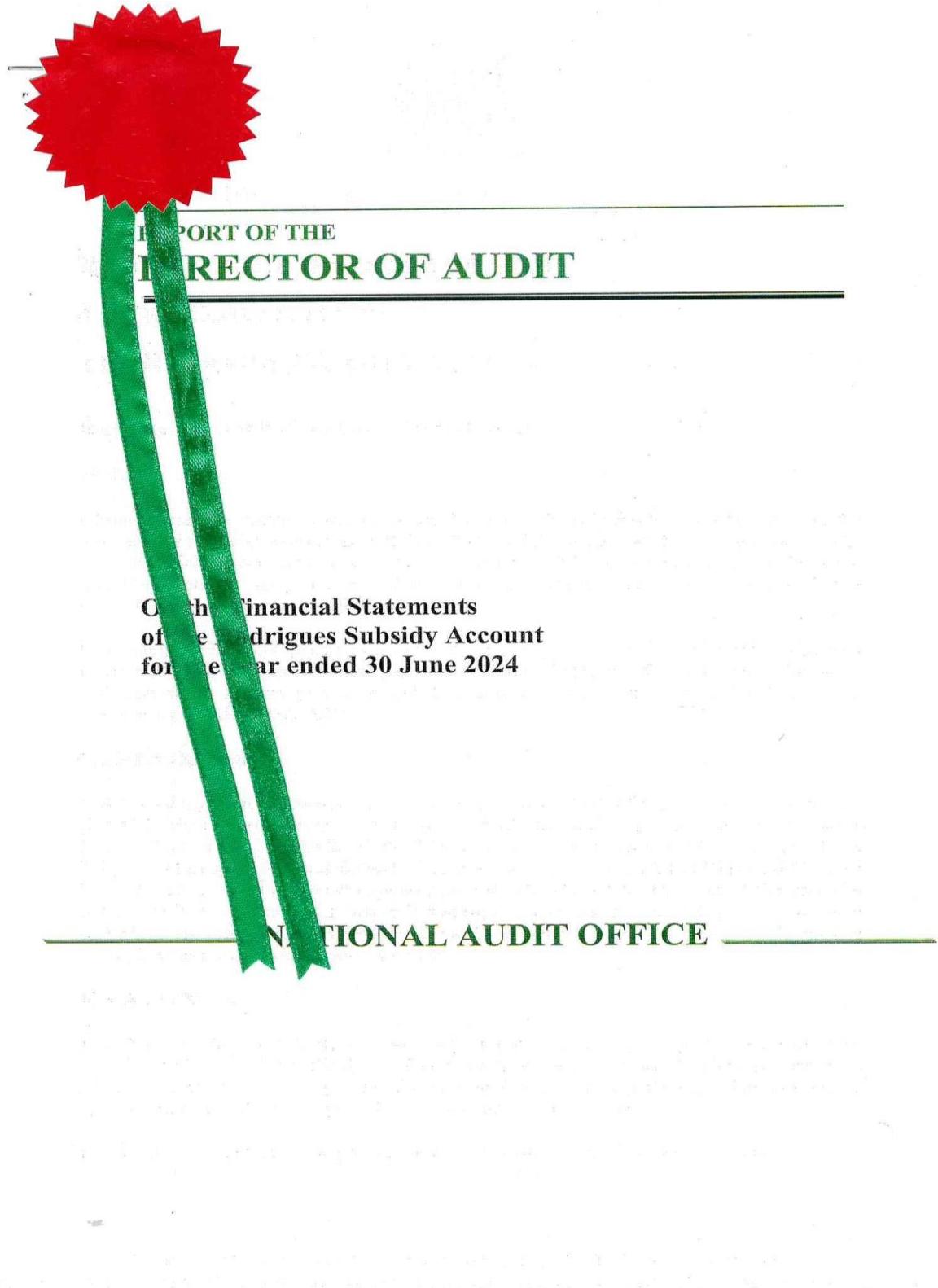
- Expand partnerships with regional and international drug control agencies to share best practices, intelligence, and technical expertise.
- Engage in joint operations and cross-border initiatives to combat trafficking and emerging drug threats.
- Align national policies with international conventions and recommendations to ensure compliance and enhance Mauritius' global standing.

(vi) **Phased Implementation of the Masterplan**

- Prioritize actions based on urgency, impact, and resource availability, ensuring a structured roll-out of initiatives across sectors.
- Set measurable milestones and timelines to track progress and ensure accountability.
- Review and update the Masterplan periodically to incorporate lessons learned, emerging trends, and evolving policy priorities.

**(i) Citizen Support Unit**

- Deliver responsive, data-driven, and equitable public services that address citizens' evolving needs through innovation, analytics, and proactive governance.
- Foster inclusive, transparent, and ethical governance by promoting cross-sectoral collaboration, sustainability, and the responsible use of technology to serve people and society.





Republic of Mauritius

## NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE RODRIGUES SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

##### Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Rodrigues Subsidy Account which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets/equity, statement of cash flows and statement of budgets and actual amounts for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs).

##### Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report. I am independent of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account in accordance with the INTOSAI Code of Ethics together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Mauritius, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

##### Key Audit Matters

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in my professional judgment, were of most significance in my audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of my audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming my opinion thereon, and I do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

I have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in my report.

## **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with IPSASs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern, and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management intends to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's financial reporting process.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report.

However, future events or conditions may cause the Rodrigues Subsidy Account to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or, when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

## **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

### **Opinion**

#### **Finance & Audit Act**

I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit.

In accordance with the requirements of the Finance and Audit Act, in my opinion, as far as could be ascertained from my examination of the records;

- (a) all reasonable precautions have been taken to safeguard the collection of public money;
- (b) all laws, directions or instructions relating to public money have been duly observed;
- (c) all money appropriated or otherwise disbursed has been applied to the purpose for which Parliament intended to provide and that the expenditure conformed to the authority which governed it;
- (d) adequate directions or instructions existed for the guidance of public officers entrusted with duties and functions connected with finance or storekeeping and that such directions or instructions have been duly observed; and
- (e) satisfactory management measures have been taken to ensure that resources are procured economically and utilised efficiently and effectively.

## **Basis for Opinion**

I performed procedures, including the assessment of the risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations, to obtain audit evidence to discharge my responsibilities as described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities' section of my report as referred to below. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

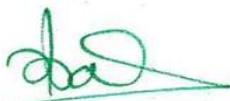
### ***Management's Responsibilities for Compliance***

In addition to the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements described above, management is also responsible for ensuring that the operations of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations, including compliance with the provisions of laws and regulations that determine the reported amounts and disclosures in the entity's financial statements.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities***

In addition to the responsibility to express an opinion on the financial statements described above, I am also responsible to report to the Committee whether:

- (a) I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit;
- (b) all reasonable precautions have been taken to safeguard the collection of public money;
- (c) all laws, directions or instructions relating to public money have been duly observed;
- (d) all money appropriated or otherwise disbursed has been applied to the purpose for which Parliament intended to provide and that the expenditure conformed to the authority which governed it;
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- (f) satisfactory management measures have been taken to ensure that resources are procured economically and utilised efficiently and effectively.



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4 November 2025

*RODRIGUES SUBSIDY ACCOUNT*

*FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

*FOR*

*YEAR ENDED*

*30 JUNE 2024*

**Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024**

	Note	30 June 2024 Rs	30 June 2023 Rs
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	Note 4	300,272,251	229,159,720
Trade receivables	Note 5	41,802,872	35,975,954
		<b>342,075,123</b>	<b>265,135,675</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade Payables	Note 7	72,484,268	82,846,725
Provision for cargo handling charges		20,000,000	-
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>249,590,855</b>	<b>182,288,950</b>
<b>Represented by</b>			
Accumulated Fund	Note 8	249,590,855	182,288,950
		<b>249,590,855</b>	<b>182,288,950</b>

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Member  
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M. Toree (Mrs)  
Accountant  
30.09.2024

**Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2024**

		30 June 2024	30 June 2023
		Rs	Rs
<b>Income</b>			
Revenue from non-exchange transactions-petroleum products		222,331,725	210,190,635
Revenue from non-exchange transactions-Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)		23,160,985	22,267,485
		<b><u>245,492,710</u></b>	<b><u>232,458,119</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Transportation charges	Note 10	96,028,502	93,436,224
Management fees and other charges		6,592,992	6,155,860
Subsidy	Note 11	23,481,716	23,573,213
Expenses icw rice and flour		31,819,523	27,148,150
Handling charges		20,000,000	19,739,111
Administrative charges	Note 12	268,072	284,919
		<b><u>178,190,805</u></b>	<b><u>170,337,477</u></b>
Surplus arising on Operations		<b><u>67,301,905</u></b>	<b><u>62,120,642</u></b>

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**Statement of changes in Net Assets/Equity for the Year ended 30 June 2024**

	Rs
Balance as at 30 June 2023	182,288,950
Surplus for the year	67,301,905
Balance as at 30 June 2024	249,590,855

**Statement of changes in Net Assets/Equity for the Year ended 30 June 2023**

	Rs
Balance as at 30 June 2022	120,168,307
Surplus for the Year	62,120,642
Balance as at 30 June 2023	182,288,950

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**Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2024**

	<b>30 June 2024</b>	<b>30 June 2023</b>
	Rs	Rs
Surplus arising on operations	67,301,905	62,120,642
Add Provision	20,000,000	(20,000,000)
less decrease in creditors	(10,362,456)	50,781,919
	76,939,449	92,902,561
Less increase in debtors	(5,826,918)	(2,258,500)
	71,112,531	90,644,060
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2023</b>	<b>229,159,720</b>	<b>138,515,660</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>300,272,251</b>	<b>229,159,720</b>



Statement of Budgets and Actual amounts for year ended 30 June 2024					
		Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount on a comparative basis		Variance between Budgeted amount and Actual Amount
		Rs M	Rs M		Rs M
<b>Revenue</b>					
<i>Total Levy collections on LPG and Petroleum Products</i>		230	242		12
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Rice and flour		28.4	31.8		3
Cement		32.0	33.0		1
Petroleum and LPG		110.0	109.0		(1)
Administration expenses		0.2	0.3		0.03
<b>Total Expenses</b>		176.6	174.1		(2.5)
<b>Net</b>		53.4	68.0		14.6

#### Note 1

The collections from levy on petroleum and LPG products depend on the amount of products actually imported. Actual amount collected is Rs 242 M compared to budgeted amount of Rs 230M for the year.

#### Note 2

A 10% increase was factored in the expenses for year 2023/24 for all components. In general, the rates charged have remained unchanged except for increases in rates charged by Velologic Haulage Services Ltd (VHS Ltd) and Rogers Shipping Ltd.

#### Notes to Accounts:

##### General Information

##### 1.The Rodrigues Subsidy Account

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account (RSA) is established under Section 3 of the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018.

##### 2.The objects of the Account shall be to subsidise:

(a) all the costs involved in transporting, storing and distributing petroleum products, ration rice and flour supplied by the State Trading Corporation so that the retail prices in Rodrigues are kept at par with their respective retail prices prevailing in Mauritius;

(b) such costs for the supply of bagged cement to Rodrigues as may be decided by the Government.

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account principal place of business is c/o Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) 6th floor, New Government Centre Port Louis and also benefits from a rent free building and free use of utilities from the Ministry.



### 3. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards(IPSAS) in compliance with the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account Regulations 2021).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The principal accounting policies are set below:

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. It represents the amounts receivable on levy on petroleum products and Liquefied Petroleum Gas.

#### Trade receivables

Trade receivables do not carry any interest and are stated at their nominal value as reduced by appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts.

#### Trade payables

Trade payables are not interest bearing and are stated at their nominal value.

These include all expenses incurred in the transportation of petroleum products, LPG products, rice and flour to Rodrigues.

They also include subsidy on cement exported to Rodrigues.

### 4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	30 June 2024 Rs	30 June 2023 Rs
Rodrigues Subsidy Account	<u>300,272,251</u>	<u>229,159,720</u>

### 5. Trade receivables

	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
State Trading Corporation - petroleum products	37,272,678	33,882,937
State Trading Corporation - LPG	2,119,058	2,093,017
Prepayment Cementis (Mauritius) Ltd	2,411,136	-
	<u>41,802,872</u>	<u>35,975,954</u>

### 6. Contingent asset

The RSA has claimed for a refund of Rs 5,737,002 from AEL DDS representing refund of expenses involved in the transportation of 50 kg LPG cylinders to and from Rodrigues for period 2014 to 2019. The outcome of this claim has still not been finalised.

### 7. Trade Payables

	30 June 2024 Rs	30 June 2023 Rs
Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd (MSCL)	25,797,471	32,515,392
Velologic Haulage Services Ltd (VHS Ltd)	1,594,796	923,904
Rogers Shipping Ltd	1,150,925	537,136
AEL DDS Ltd	1,771,099	1,684,976
Accounting fees	45,318	35,284
State Trading Corporation	37,092,463	19,688,782
Cementis (Mauritius Ltd)	1,313,760	3,323,040
Kolos Cement Ltd	3,658,436	4,730,518
Audit fees	60,000	60,000
Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd	-	19,347,693
	<u>72,484,268</u>	<u>82,846,725</u>

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**8. Provision**

A provision of Rs 20M has been made for cargo handling charges for year 2023-2024 for which no invoice has been received yet but for which payment is probable.

9. Net Assets/Equity	Rs
Accumulated Fund at 1 July 2023	182,288,950
Surplus for period	67,301,905
<b>Net Assets/ Equity at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>249,590,855</b>

10. Transportation charges	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	Rs	Rs
MSCL Freight and other shipping charges	88,664,979	87,115,026
Transportation of containers/tanktainers - Mauritius	4,485,130	3,631,853
Transportation of containers/tanktainers - Rodrigues	2,878,393	2,689,345
	<b>96,028,502</b>	<b>93,436,224</b>

11. Subsidies on cement	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	Rs	Rs
Cementis Ltd - Subsidy on cement	5,873,280	7,403,425
Kolos Cement Ltd - Subsidy on cement	11,114,356	9,868,428
MSCL - Subsidy on freight for cement	6,494,080	6,301,360
	<b>23,481,716</b>	<b>23,573,213</b>

12. Administrative charges	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	Rs	Rs
Fees and allowances	207,507	222,684
Audit fees	60,000	60,000
Bank and other charges	565	2,235
	<b>268,072</b>	<b>284,919</b>

**13. Related Party Transaction**

The Managing Committee members of the RSA comprise public officers who also form part of the management of the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division). These parties are considered to be related as they have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the RSA or exercise significant influence over the financial and operating decision making or vice versa.

**14. Currency risk and Interest rate risk**

Currency risk - RSA is not exposed to any currency risk and it does not make any payments in foreign currency.

Interest rate risk - RSA is not exposed to any interest rate risk.

#### **15. Credit risk**

The receivables of the RSA consist of the amount of levy collected by State Trading Corporation and remitted to RSA. The remission of the levy to the RSA is done on a regular basis and as the STC is a trading arm of the Government of Mauritius, any credit risk associated to it is considered to be low.

#### **16. Key Management Personnel**

The key personnel of the RSA includes the Deputy Permanent Secretary, the Assistant Permanent Secretary from the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) and the Accountant from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development.

The aggregate remuneration of key management personnel for the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) was Rs 28,655 as per the provision of the Pay Research Bureau and Rs 92,616 for the Accountant for the financial year ended 30 June 2024. Moreover, an amount of Rs 20,000 is payable to the Accountant for the preparation of financial statements.

17. A prepayment for the amount of Rs 2,411,136 has been made to Cementis(Mauritius)Ltd. This amount has already been offset against invoices of Cementis Ltd for period April 2024 to August 2024.

#### **18. IPSAS issued**

IPSAS 41- Financial Instruments

IPSAS 42- Social Benefits

IPSAS 43 - Leases (not yet effective)

Only IPSAS 41 is applicable to the Rodrigues Subsidy Account.