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01. Chairman's Message

Land Survey Council
Surveyor General's Office
No.150
Colombo 05.
21-02-2025

The Land Survey Council has been established in March 2003 in pursuance of the provisions of the Survey Act, No. 17 of 2002 at the Survey Department which was established on 02 August 1800.

It is tasked with maintaining the procedure relating to land surveying, maintaining professional conduct of surveyors whilst engaging in land surveying activities, maintaining highest standards for professional studies, promotional activities, registration of graduates in Surveying Science passed out from the Sabaragamuwa University and General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University in addition to the those who passed out from the Institute of Surveying and Mapping located at Diyathalawa, issuance of the Annual Practicing License to engage in the profession of surveying.

Its main objective is to promotion of professional development programmes, to build up perfect professionals equipped with the state-of-the art technology and knowledge, and as well as providing professional recognition etc.

Further, it is noteworthy that has been able to deliver proper service delivery to general public by intermediation into solving problems arisen to them in surveying activities.

I extend my gratitude to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, actg. Secretary and the Council Members who have rendered appreciable service towards accomplishing the said objectives during the year 2024.

I wish that the Council will be capable enough to accomplish the envisaged tasks and to deliver friendly service to general public by intervening into resolve issues arisen in surveying activities.

Y.G.Gnanathilaka
Chairman

02. Vision and Mission

Vision

The vision of the Council is to ensure the optimal and sustainable utilization of our physical and natural resources for national development whilst maintaining the integrity of a proper regulatory framework for land surveying and thereby strengthening the professional environment focusing on land surveying services with qualitative as well as professional expertise within the competitive global market circumstances.

Mission

The mission of the Council is to ensure that the profession of surveying and its practices are well regulated and that those who are entering the profession receive education and training commensurate with the modern technological demands and ethical standards expected from the profession, so that practitioners maintain the highest standards of professional conduct.



03. Land Survey Council

The Land Survey Council was established at the ground floor of the Surveyor General's Office Building located at No.150, Bernard De Soyza Mawatha, Colombo 05 in March 2003 pursuant to the provisions stipulated in Section 26 of the Survey Act, No. 17 of 2002.

Section 27 of the Survey Act provides for the constitution of the members of the Land Survey Council. In accordance with the said provisions, the Council consists of seven (07) members and the procedure for their appointment to the Council is given below.

(a) Ex-officio Members

- i. Chairman - The Surveyor General
- ii. Vice Chairman - A registered surveyor not below the rank of a Deputy Surveyor General nominated by the Surveyor General
- iii. Member - The Director of the Institute of Surveying and Mapping established by the Institute of Surveying and Mapping Act, No. 21 of 1969.

(b) Appointed Members

- i. Member - Three registered surveyors who possess wide experience and proven competences in land surveying, nominated by the Surveyors' Institute of Sri Lanka incorporated by the Surveyor's Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. 22 of 1982.
- ii. Member - One academic in the field of Education, Administration, Management or Engineering from a University, nominated by the University Grants Commission established by the University Grants Commission Act, No. 16 of 1978.

Those appointments are made by the Minister.

04. Functions of the Land Survey Council

In terms of Section 37 of the Act, the Functions of the Council are as follows.

- (a) To maintain standards and procedures relating to land surveying and professional discipline among persons engaged in land surveying.
- (b) To receive applications from surveyors for registration as registered surveyors and to register such surveyors where the Council is satisfied that such surveyors possess the prescribed qualifications and experience and have the ability and skills to practice land surveying.
- (c) To receive applications from registered surveyors for the issue of Annual Practicing Licenses and to issue such licenses to surveyors where the Council is satisfied that such surveyors possess the knowledge and skill to practice the profession of land surveying.
- (d) To promote the maintenance of high standards of professional education among persons engaged in land surveying.
- (e) To promote programmes which provide for professional development by improving the knowledge and skills of persons practicing land surveying and those who are required to obtain an Annual Practicing Licence.
- (f) To recognize academic and professional qualifications in land surveying, establish practical experience requirements and conduct qualifying examinations and professional interviews for candidates for registration as registered surveyors and for the issue of Annual Practicing Licenses.
- (g) To negotiate and administer reciprocal arrangements with the relevant authorities in the foreign countries for the purpose of securing uniformity and reciprocity in the education, training and recognition of persons engaged in land surveying.
- (h) To coordinate with the institutions engaged in education and training with respect to activities related to land surveying and land information in Sri Lanka in order to maintain specified educational standards.
- (i) To coordinate with other relevant organizations in Sri Lanka in the maintenance of high professional standards.

05. Powers vested with the Land Survey Council

05.1 The powers vested with the Land Survey Council as provided in Section 38 of the Survey Act are as follows-

- (a) to acquire, hold, take or give on lease or hire, mortgage, pledge, sell or otherwise dispose of, any movable or immovable property;
- (b) to accept gifts, grants or donations whether in cash or otherwise, and to apply them for discharging its functions;
- (c) to appoint such officers and servants as may be necessary for carrying out the work of the Council;
- (d) to determine the remuneration payable to the officers and servants so appointed;
- (e) to appoint committees for the effective discharge of its functions;
- (f) to establish a social security scheme, and provide welfare and recreational facilities for its officers and servants;
- (g) to make rules in respect of the administration of the affairs of the Council;
- (h) generally, to do all such other things as are necessary to facilitate the proper discharge of the functions of the Council.

05.2 The disciplinary powers vested with the Land Survey Council in terms of Section 47 of the Survey Act are as follows -

- (1) Where the Council, after conducting an inquiry in accordance with this Part, is satisfied that a registered surveyor is guilty of professional misconduct, the Council may make one or more of the following orders:-
 - (a) make an order that the registration of the Registered Surveyor be cancelled and name of such surveyor be removed from the register;
 - (b) make an order that the registration of the Registered Surveyor be suspended for a period not exceeding three years;
 - (c) make an order that the annual practicing license issued to a Registered Surveyor be cancelled;
 - (d) make an order that the Registered Surveyor may, for a period not exceeding three years, engage in the practice of land surveying subject to conditions as the Council may impose;
 - (e) make any other appropriate order as to costs or otherwise as the Council considers appropriate.
- (2) While any order of suspension of registration under this Section remains in force, the person shall be deemed for the purpose of this Act not to be registered. But forthwith on the expiry of the Order, his rights and privileges as a Registered Surveyor shall be granted again as from the date of such expiry.
- (3) All costs and expenses payable under this Section shall be recoverable as a debt due to the Council.

06. Performance of the Land Survey Council in 2024

06.1 The composition of the Council and the dates of appointment of the Council's Members for the period under review from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024 are as follows

S.No.	Name	Designation	Duration
1	Mr.W.S.L.C.Perera	Chairman	From 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024
2	Mr.U.M.A.B.Alahakoan	Vice Chairman	From 01.01.2024 to 22.12.2024
3	Mr.U.K.S.P.Wijesinghe	Vice Chairman	From 23.12.2024 to 31.12.2024
4	Mr.U.K.S.P.Wijesinghe	Member	From 23.02.2023 to 15.01.2024
5	Mr.F.L.Karunarathne	Member	From 15.01.2024 to 22.12.2024
6	Mr.R.L.K.Jayasundara	Member	From 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024
7	Mr.W.S.S.A.Fernando	Member	From 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024
8	Mr.M.G.Nazoor	Member	From 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024
9	Prof.K.M.C.Konthesinghe	Member	From 01.01.2024 to 31.05.2024
10	Dr.Varuna Adikarawattage	Member	From 01.06.2024 to 31.12.2024

Note:

In terms of the Survey Act, a Treasury Representative also participates at the monthly Council's meetings in addition to the aforementioned composition of the Council. The participation of the Treasury Representative during the period under review from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024 was as follows.

S.No.	Name	Duration
1	Mrs.D.C.Jayadeva	From 01.01.2024 to 26.11.2024
2	Mrs.R.A.P.Rajapaksha	From 27.11.2024 to 31.12.2024

06.2 09 monthly meetings, 07 meetings in respect of investigations into the public complaints and 07 Sub Committee Meetings were held during the period under review from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024.

The participation of each and every member at the said meetings of the Council was as follows.

S.No.	Name	Designation	Monthly Meetings	Meetings related to Investigations	Sub Committee Meetings
1	Mr.W.S.L.C.Perera	Chairman	09	04	01
2	Mr.U.M.A.B.Alahakoan	Vice Chairman	09	05	04
3	Mr.U.K.S.P.Wijesinghe	Vice Chairman	-	-	-
4	Mr.U.K.S.P.Wijesinghe	Member	-	-	-
5	Mr.F.L.Karunarathne	Member	09	06	03
6	Mr.R.L.K.Jayasundara	Member	08	05	07
7	Mr.W.S.S.A.Fernando	Member	08	06	08
8	Mr.M.G.Nazoor	Member	08	05	09
9	Prof.K.M.C.Konthesinghe	Member	02	-	-
10	Dr.Varuna Adikarawattage	Member	03	-	02

07. Staff of the Land Survey Council

In accordance with Section 55 of the Survey Act, the Council has the authority to appoint officers and servants as it considers necessary for the efficient discharge of its functions. As such, the staff of the Land Survey Council for the period under review from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024 is as follows.

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
1	Mr.P.D.Arunasiri	Secretary (Actg.)	01.03.2023
2	Mr.P.H.N.Nimalaweera	Secretary (Actg.)	01.03.2024
3	Mr.C.J.Wellage	Secretary (Actg.)	01.04.2024
4	Ms.K.L.A.N.Sandamali	Accountant/ Part Time	05.10.2021
5	Mr.W.D.S.P.Siriwardena	Accountant/ Part Time	01.09.2024
6	Ms.W.A.S.Priyadharshanee	Computer Programming Assistant/ Clerk	24.05.2024
7	Ms.H.K.Kulatunga	Computer Programming Assistant/ Clerk (Contract Basis)	18.07.2024
8	Ms.A.H.Dahanayake	Computer Programming Assistant/ Clerk (Contract Basis)	10.11.2024
9	Ms.M.D.H.Hansanie	Computer Programming Assistant/ Clerk (Contract Basis)	08.12.2024
10	Mr.T.G.Fernando	Office Assistant	15.07.2024
11	Mr.T.G.Fernando	Office Assistant (Contract Basis)	04.11.2024

08. Activities of the Land Survey Council

08.1. Formulating New Regulations pertaining to Registration with the Land Survey Council and Issuance of the Annual Practicing Licenses

The procedure so far adopted to grant registration at the Land Survey Council in respect of the Surveyors with Degree in Surveying or Post Graduate Degree was to provide the practical training after being recruited to the Survey Department as per the vacancies available in the Department and thereafter to offer registration at the Council. However, under the prevailing circumstances, all the Surveyors with Degree in Surveying or Post Graduate Degree have not been recruited to the Department. This has led to a situation where considerable number of professional surveyors faces problems relating to obtaining registration. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions provided in the Act, new regulations have been published in the Government Gazette No. 2417 dated 27.12.2024. Further, Regulations pertaining to issuance of Annual Practicing Licence to the Surveyors who wish to engage in private surveying activities have also been included in the said Gazette.

Calling applications from the graduates of Surveying Science to obtain the practical qualification that is required to obtain registration at the Land Survey Council was done in the year 2024 as similar to the year 2023 by means of Gazette Notification No. 2407 dated 18.10.2024 and further action in this respect is being taken. The required practical qualification will be provided by the Institute of Surveying and Mapping at Diyathalawa.

8.1 Registration

09 applicants (including 03 applications brought forward from the year 2023), who has fulfilled academic qualifications and required practical qualification in terms of the schedule read together with Section 39 of the Survey Act, submitted applications during the period under review from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024 to obtain registration at the Land Survey Council.

Upon verification of the academic qualifications and specified practical qualification, ability and skills and the physical fitness required to apply for registration with the Council, 09 applicants were granted registration at the Land Survey Council. During the year 2023, 29 applicants were granted registration at the Council. When compared with the previous year, there was a decrease of 20.

Further, the Council has rejected 03 applications on the grounds of not fulfilling the required academic qualifications, practical qualifications and/ or not following the proper procedure in forwarding the applications. Accordingly, the total number of surveyors registered with the Council stood at 2,480 as at 31 December 2024.

The graphical presentation of statistical details on the number of Annual Practicing Licenses issued by the Land Survey Council to the applicants who have fulfilled prescribed qualifications, practical qualifications in 2023 and 2024 is given below.

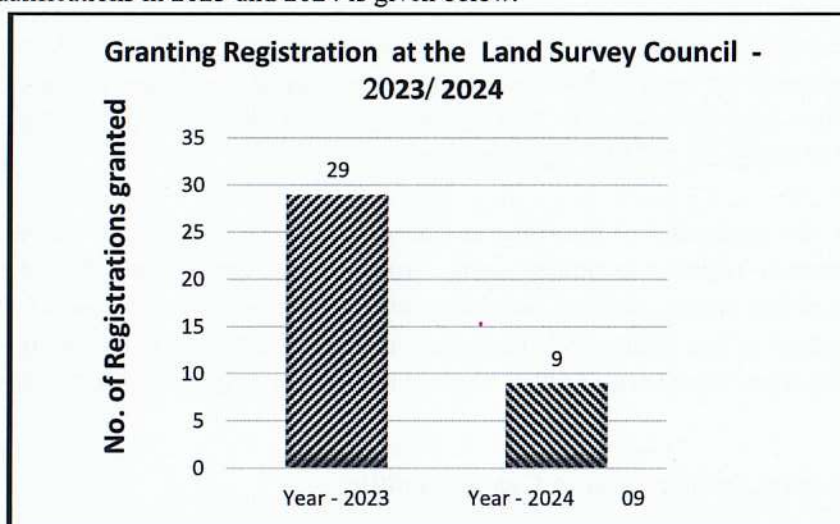


Figure 1

08.3 Annual Practicing Licence to Practice Land Surveying

Calling applications pertaining to the year under review to issue Annual Practicing Licence from the registered surveyors to practice land surveying was commenced in October 2024. Accordingly, 910 applications had been received to obtain Annual Practicing Licence for the year 2024 and 26 applications out of the total applications received had been rejected due to various shortcomings. Therefore, 884 Annual Practicing Licences had been issued for the year 2024.

During the year 2023, the Land Survey Council has issued 903 Annual Practicing Licenses. In comparison to the year under review, issuance of the Annual Practicing Licence had been decreased by 13 and it was 1.46 as a percentage. The graphical presentation of the number of

Annual Practising Licence issued by the Land Survey Council to the registered surveyors in 2023 and 2024 is given below.

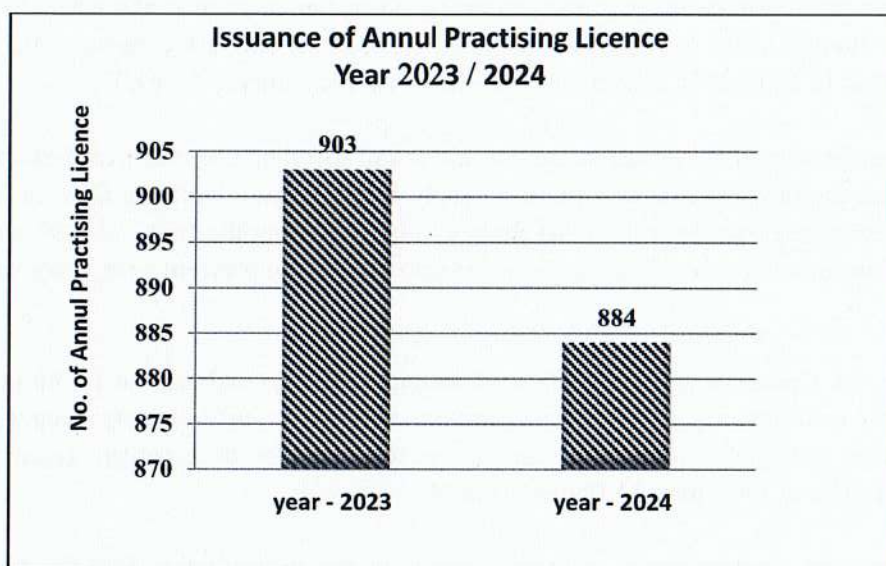


Figure 2

The basic details viz. name with initials, registration number, and National Identity Card Number of the registered surveyors who have obtained the Annual Practising Licence during the year under review from 01 January to 31 December 2024 was published in the Gazette Notification No. 2378 of March 28, 2024 by the Council.

Moreover, the particulars of the registered surveyors who have obtained the Annual Practising Licence namely registration number, name with initials, name in full, National Identity Card number, residing district, address, telephone numbers, number of the Annual Practising Licence, validity period of the license etc. have been uploaded to the official website of the Council (www.landsurvecouncil.org). Further, the said information is being updated on quarterly basis.

08.4 Providing information to General Public

Given the general public is well aware on the services provided by the Land Survey Council, significant number of people visit the Council seeking personal details of the registered surveyors with annual practicing licenses who dealt with the survey plans which even dates back to more than hundred years. The Land Survey Council has already taken action to maintain a data system by inclusion of personal address, registration number and number of the Annual Practising Licence of all the Registered Surveyors enabling to provide requisite information accurately and expeditiously. Since the contact details of the Registered Surveyors have also been included in the System as much as possible, the public can reach them via telephone facility to request for survey plans. However, the Council has not yet satisfied with the assistance provided by the Council to general public to obtain the earlier survey plans which had been prepared by the licensed surveyors. The Council has identified that obtaining the copies of the survey plans prepared by the Licensed Registered Surveyors and other related information are the main issues confronted

by the general public and the Council has paid their attention on formulating a methodology to resolve this issue.

In response to the public requests, the Council has provided the requisite information on 114 occasions during the year under review.

08.5 Public Complaints received by the Land Survey Council

One of the main tasks entrusted to the Council is to conduct investigations into the complaints received from the general public with respect to surveying and the surveyor plans made by Registered Licensed Surveyors. Inquiries into such complaints are held pursuant to the provisions laid under Section 46 of the Survey Act. The Council members convene once or twice (pertaining to no. of complaints received) in every month to make investigations into such inquiries and no. of inquiries ranging between 6-7 are being investigated at the each Council meeting. It enables the general public to resolve their land surveying or survey plans related issues and also pave the way to maintain professional conduct of the surveyors.

However, on certain instances, the Council is not in a position to make orders due to the nature of certain complaints, viz., cases subject to court proceedings, complaints which do not have sufficient evidence to substantiate the charges, court commissioned surveys carried out pursuant to the court orders, complaints which fall outside the statutory purview of the Council. On such instances, the complainants are advised to solve their problems through court proceedings or take other appropriate measures.

The following is a list detailing the complaints received prior to 2024 but yet to be investigated, the complaints received during the year under review and the investigations completed in 2024.

No. of pending inquiries as @ 31.12.2023	= 149
Total number of complaints received during 2024	= 56
Number of complaints rejected in 2024 due to defects	= 00
Total number of inquiries into complaints on which	
Investigations had been completed in 2024	= 42
Total number of pending inquiries as @31.12.2024	= 163

The total number of complaints received during the year 2023 was stood at 80 and as such, 30% decrease was observed in respect of complaints received during the year 2024. Further, the total number of complaints resolved in 2023 stood at 63 and whereas it is observed that the number of complaints resolved in 2024 shown a decrease by 33.33%.

The said data is graphically presented in the graph below.

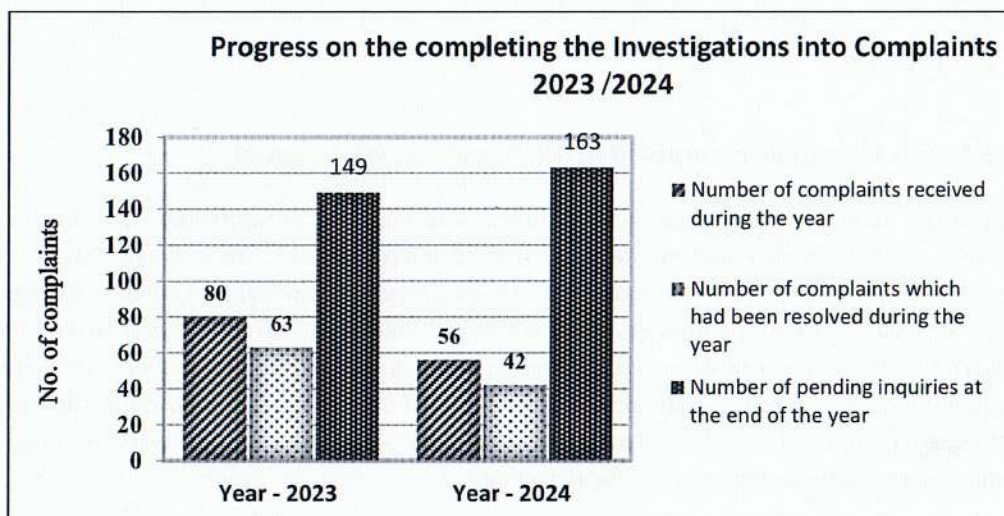


Figure 3

08.6 Action taken on the professional and other misconducts of the Registered Licensed Surveyors

On instances when the Council determines that a registered surveyor is guilty of professional misconduct during surveying, a punishment can be imposed after holding an inquiry as provided under Section 47 of the Survey Act, No. 17 of 2002.

As described in the paragraph 8.4 above, in terms of the decisions arrived subsequent to the investigating into the inquiries on the complaints received, the Land Survey Council has charged inquiry fees and made warnings on several occasions on the accused Surveyors. However, any such warnings or charging inquiry fees had not been done during the year 2024.

The Council had taken action to cancel the registration in respect of one Registered Licence Surveyor.

Registration No.	Name of the Surveyor	Decision
20082470	Mrs.C.W,Kulasinghe	To cancel the registration with effect from 26.07.2024

09. Educational and Training Programmes

09.1 Workshops for the Surveyors who wish to obtain licenses for the first time to practicing surveying as a profession

The Land Survey Council also conducts orientation courses for the registered surveyors who obtained Annual Practicing Licenses for the first time to pursue a career of a professional surveyor. Eminent registered surveyors with wide experience and proven capabilities are selected as resource personnel to impart knowledge, understanding and guidance in surveying to the newly registered surveyors. The main objective of these orientation courses to provide licensed surveyors with competencies to provide qualitative service from the inception of their service to this profession without any issues.

However, given the economic crisis and other circumstances that prevailed in the country during 2024, it had not been able to conduct an orientation course during the year under review for the Surveyors who wish to obtain licenses for the first time to practicing surveying as a profession.

09.2 Continuing Professional Development (CDP) Programmes

The subject of surveying particularly requires a Continuing Professional Development Programmes as an essential element. The knowledge and guidance in line with current economic, social and legal aspects and also the technological changes delivered through these programmes are of immense importance to the professionals engaged in surveying.

One of the functions of the Land Survey Council as provided in Section 37 of the Survey Act is that it shall promote programmes which provide for professional development by improving the knowledge and skills of persons practicing land surveying and who are required to obtain an Annual Practicing Licence. To this effect, the Land Survey Council continuously encourages all registered licensed surveyors to participate in training courses/workshops on novel techniques and methods related to profession of land surveying.

In this regard, orientation courses for surveyors who obtained annual practicing licenses for the first time to pursue a career of a professional surveyor and programmes on novel technological methods for experienced surveyors are being conducted separately. In addition to the programmes conducted by the Council, the said programmes are being conducted by other reputed institutions such as the Surveyors' Institute of Sri Lanka and other District Licensed Surveyors' Association etc. under the supervision of the Council.

On instances where external institutes or organizations conduct the Continuing Professional Development programmes, the Land Survey Council make special consideration with respect to the academic and professional excellence and expertise in the area of representation of the resource personnel mobilized for such programmes.

Further, the Land Survey Council is extremely satisfied with the dedication of the Surveyor's Institute of Sri Lanka, Licensed Surveyors' Associations of Gampaha, Kurunegala and Jaffna

Districts towards holding Continuing Professional Development Programmes for registered surveyors and registered licensed surveyors in addition to the commitment of the Council towards the same purpose, and the Council has recognized the programmes so conducted.

A summary of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Courses conducted in 2024 is given below.

	Institution	Professional Development Course	Date of Conduct
1	Land Survey Council	Management of tenement list in digital environment and cadaster system	09.02.2024
2	Surveyor's Institute of Sri Lanka	Land Valuation	18.02.2024
3	Licensed Surveyors' Association – Kandy District	Online Tenement List Preparation & Subdivision surveys in Bim Saviya Area	20.02.2024
4	Surveyor's Institute of Sri Lanka	Geometric Accuracies of Remotely Sensed Images	11.03.2024
5	Land Survey Council	Land Management	19.04.2024
6	Land Survey Council	Professional Ethics	14.06.2024
7	Licensed Surveyors' Association – Jaffna District	sustainable Land Administration System for National Development	21.06.2024
8	Land Survey Council	Bim Saviya & Subsequence Surveys	30.07.2024
9	Surveyor's Institute of Sri Lanka	Procedures of Subsequent Surveys of Bim Saviya Surveys	31.08.2024
10	Land Survey Council	Sustainable Land Administration System for National Development	12.09.2024
11	Licensed Surveyors' Association – Jaffna District	Advantages of using National Coordinates & QGIS Applications	28.09.2024
12	Land Survey Council	GNSS Technology and SLCORS Network	25.10.2024
13	Land Survey Council	LIS and future Development	22.11.2024
14	Surveyor's Institute of Sri Lanka	The Role of Hydrography in Riverine Management	

10. Financial Management

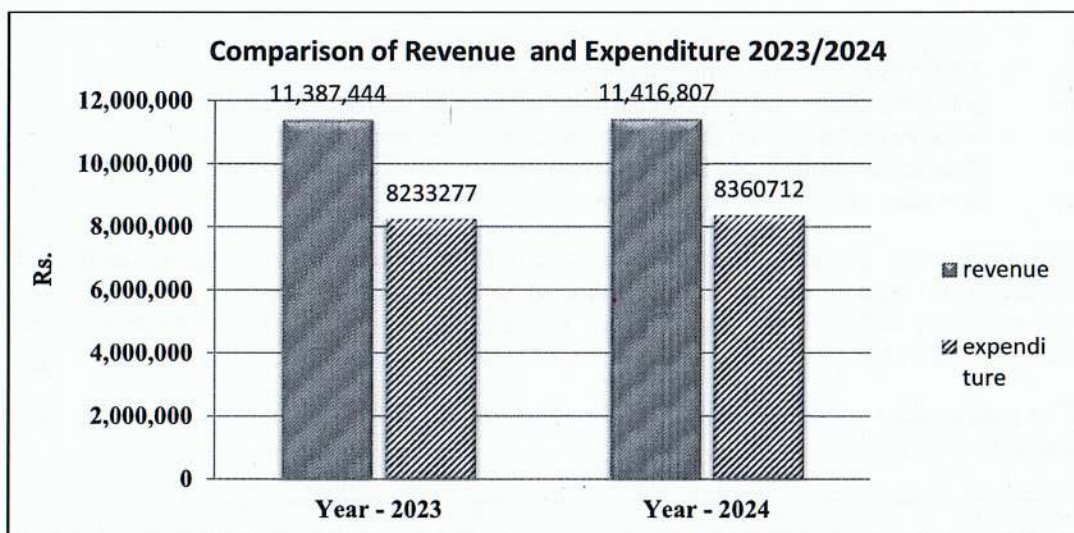
10.1 Revenue and Expenditure

The revenue earned by the Land Survey Council during the year 2023 was amounted to Rs. 11,387,444.00 and the revenue for the year 2024 was stood at Rs.11,416,807.00. Accordingly, the revenue earned by the Council has been increased by Rs.29,363.00 as compared to the year 2023.

The expenditure incurred by the Council for the year 2023 was stood at Rs. 8,233,277.00 and whereas the expenditure for the year 2024 was Rs. 8,360,412.00.

Accordingly, the Council has earned a net profit of Rs. 3,029,875.00 in 2024.

The graphical presentation of the total revenue and expenditure pertaining to the years 2023 and 2024 is given below.



10.2 Funds of the Council

The Section 56(2) of the Survey Act provides the manner in which monies to be collected to the fund of the Council. As such, all sums of money as may be available to the Council out of the Consolidated Fund and all sums of money as may be received by the Council in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers and functions entrusted to the Council under the Survey Act should be paid into the fund. Further, all sums of money as may be received by the Council by way of gifts, grants or donations should also be paid into the fund. Pursuant to Section 56(3) of the Survey Act, all sums of money as are required to defray the expenditure incurred by the Council in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers and functions entrusted to the Council under this Act shall be paid out of the Fund.

The Land Survey Council has not received financial allocations from the General Treasury in 2024 as well, similar to the previous years. Thus, the Council has incurred all its institutional and administration expenses from its fund in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers and functions. All sums of money so collected by the Council are managed by the Council itself.

The main source of revenue for the fund of the Council is the income received from issuing Annual Practicing Licenses for the surveyors engaged in the profession of land surveying. In addition, revenue is collected to the Fund by means of granting registration at the Council for the persons who possess the academic qualifications, conducting training programmes and workshops, issuing necessary information to general public, accepting public complaints and inquiring into the same, and investigation charges levied against the accused surveyors etc.

As at 31 December 2024, the balance of the Fixed Deposit Account of the Land Survey Council stood at Rs. 23,200,000.00

10.3 Financial Audit Activities of the Council

10.3.1 Internal Audit and Management Committee Meetings

The financial activities carried out by the Land Survey Council are subject to an audit performed by the Auditor General annually. Further, an Audit and Management Committee has also been appointed by the Council and it is comprised of the following Officials.

- i. A Representative from the Ministry of Finance (Chairman)
- ii. A Member from the Land Survey Council (Member)
- iii. A Representative from the Department of Auditor General (Observer)
- iv. A Representative from the Ministry of Lands (Member)
- v. Accountant of the Land Survey Council
- vi. Secretary of the Land Survey Council

This committee is usually convened in every three months and analytically examined the Council's activities in detail. The committee reports are subsequently referred to consideration and necessary action of the Land Survey Council. Three Audit and Management Committee meetings were conducted during the year 2024.

The participation of the members of the Committee and the Council's officials to the said meetings were as follows.

S.No.	Name	Designation	No. of Meetings attended
1	Mrs.D.C.Jayadewa	Chairman	03
2	Mrs.K.G.S.J.Samaranayake	Observer	03
3	Mr.M.G.Nazoor	Member	03
4	Mrs.B.R.L.Perera	Member	03
5	Mr.W.D.S.P.Siriwardena	Accountant (Part time)	01
6	Mrs.K.L.A.N.Sandamali	Accountant (Part time)	01
7	Mr.C.J.Wellage	Secretary (Acting)	03

The Auditor General's Report for the year 2024 has been included in this Report.

Sgd./ D.P.Wickremesinghe
Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands
and Irrigation

Sgd./ Y.G.Gnanathilaka
Chairman
Land Survey Council

11. Financial Statements of the Year 2024

(Annexures)

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation

Land Survey Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 31st December 2024

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	Notes	2024	2023
Assets			
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents		949,774	2,029,117
Receivables	5	936,855	1,509,668
Stock	2	196,234	300,842
Distress Loans	3	-	76,547
Festival Advanced		-	2,500
In advance Postal Expenditure		-	24,970
Withholding Tax		123,898	79,404
		2,206,761	4,023,047
<u>Non Current Assets</u>			
Fixed Deposits	4	23,200,000	18,515,585
Intangible Assets	1	13,159	16,449
Property Plant & Equipment	1	76,153,002	76,065,946
		99,366,160	94,597,979
Total Assets		101,572,921	98,621,027
Equity & Liabilities			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Accrued Expenses	7	503,218	769,337
Income received in Advance	8	8,252,365	7,716,362
Income tax payable		854,864	-
		9,610,447	8,485,699
<u>Non Current Liabilities</u>			
Provision for Gratuity	6	454,860	803,225
Total liabilities		10,065,307	9,288,924
Net Assets		91,507,614	89,332,103
<u>Equity</u>			
<u>Capital Contributed by:</u>			
General Treasury		1,043,030	1,043,030
Accumulated Fund		88,289,573	85,158,406
Surplus/(Deficit)		2,175,011	3,130,667
		90,464,584	88,289,073
Total Equity		91,507,614	89,332,103

The members of the Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements on behalf of the Land Survey Council. The most appropriate accounting policies as disclosed in the notes to the financial statements have been adapted.

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Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation
Land Survey Council
Statement of Financial Performance
For the year ended 31st December 2024

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	Notes	2024	2023
<u>Revenue</u>			
License fees		4,962,500	4,987,500
Registration Fees		95,000	236,000
FD Interest	9	2,477,929	3,358,893
Other Income	10	1,495,253	579,051
Workshop Net Income	11	2,386,125	2,226,000
Total Revenue		11,416,807	11,387,444
<u>Less: Expenses</u>			
<u>Administration & Establishment</u>			
Audit Fee		169,920	239,040
Amortization	1	3,290	1,828
Depreciation	1	507,287	226,639
Electricity		201,600	134,400
Other Allowances	13	1,700,395	1,975,241
Other expenses	16	929,345	929,923
Personal Emoluments	12	3,620,789	3,035,366
Plant machinery & Equipment Maintenance	15	179,043	251,620
Provision for gratuity	6	21,635	51,185
Refreshment for Meeting		197,140	235,335
Stationery	2	233,631	341,713
Telecom/ Postal and Telecommunication		211,830	275,600
Travelling	14	377,607	530,588
Water		7,200	4,800
		8,360,712	8,233,277
<u>Financial & Other</u>			
Bank Charges		26,220	23,500
Total Expenses		8,386,932	8,256,777
Surplus/(Deficit) before taxation		3,029,875	3,130,667
Less: Income tax expenses		(854,864)	-
Surplus/(Deficit)		2,175,011	3,130,667

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Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 31st December 2024

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	Notes	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities			
Surplus/ (Deficit) before taxation		3,029,875	3,130,667
Adjustments for			
Amortization	1	3,290	1,828
Depreciation	1	507,287	226,639
Non cash income tax expenses		123,898	-
Gratuity provision	6	21,635	51,185
(Over) / Under Provision for bad debtors	16	-	32,800
Prior year adjustments to Accumulated fund	17	500	(124,377)
Fixed Deposit Interest		(2,477,930)	(3,358,893)
Operating Profit before working capital changes		1,208,555	(40,152)
Working Capital Changes			
(increase)/Decrease in Stock	2	104,608	82,506
(increase)/Decrease in Distress Loan	3	76,547	109,992
(increase)/Decrease in Festival Advance & Other advances		2,500	(2,500)
(increase)/Decrease Receivables	5	(6,000)	(833,621)
(increase)/Decrease In advance Postal Expenditure		24,970	(24,970)
Increase/(Decrease) Payables	7	(266,118)	180,008
Increase/(Decrease) Income received in advance	8	536,003	(811,800)
Increase/(Decrease) Withholding Tax		(44,495)	(79,404)
Net cash flows from operations		1,636,570	(1,419,941)
Gratuity payment		(370,000)	-
Net cash flows from operating activities		1,266,570	(1,419,941)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment in Fixed Deposit	4	(13,000,000)	(19,015,585)
Proceeds received from the Fixed Deposit maturities		8,315,585	18,440,464
Purchase of Fixed Assets	1	(594,343)	(214,004)
Interest Received	9	2,932,845	3,358,892
Net cash flows from investing activities		(2,345,913)	2,569,767
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(1,079,343)	1,149,827
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		2,029,117	879,290
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		949,774	2,029,117

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Description	Notes	Capital Grant	Accumulated surplus/ (deficits)	Total
Balance as at 1st January 2024		1,043,030	88,289,073	89,332,103
Prior Year Adjustments to Accumulated fund	17	-	500	500
Surplus/(Deficit) 2024		-	2,175,011	2,175,011
Balance as at December 31,2024		1,043,030	90,464,584	91,507,614

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NOTE 1: PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT**COST**

Item	Balance as at 2024.01.01	Addition during the year	Deduction	Adjustment	Balance as at 2024.12.31
<u>Tangible Assets</u>					
Land	75,100,000	-	-	-	75,100,000
Machinery	678,488	-	-	-	678,488
Furniture	736,166	-	-	-	736,166
Computer & Accessories	1,426,719	327,250	-	-	1,753,969
Office Equipment	94,967	267,093	-	-	362,060
LSC Name Board	82,252	-	-	-	82,252
Building & Structure (Partitio	430,397	-	-	-	430,397
	78,548,989	594,343	-	-	79,143,332
<u>Intangible Assets</u>					
Account Software	50,949	-	-	-	50,949
	50,949	-	-	-	50,949
Total	78,599,938	594,343	-	-	79,194,281

DEPRECIATION / IMPAIRMENT

Item	Balance as at 2024.01.01	Annual Depreciation	Deduction	Depreciation %	Adjustment	Balance as at 2024.12.31
<u>Tangible Assets</u>						
Machinery	576,326	34,054		-		610,380
Furniture	379,932	71,247		33.33%		451,179
Computer & Accessories	1,014,019	246,626		20%		1,260,645
Office Equipment	92,113	134,974		33.33%		227,087
LSC Name Board	75,628	3,312		50%		78,940
Building & Structure (Partitio	345,026	17,074		50%		362,100
	2,483,043	507,287	-		-	2,990,331
<u>Intangible Assets</u>						
Account Software	34,500	3,290		20%		37,790
	34,500	3,290	-		-	37,790
	2,517,544	510,577	-		-	3,028,121

NET BOOK VALUE**Tangible Assets**

Item	Balance as at 2024.01.01	Balance as at 2024.12.31
Land	75,100,000	75,100,000
Machinery	102,162	68,108
Furniture	356,234	284,987
Computer & Accessories	412,700	493,324
Office Equipment	2,854	134,973
LSC Name Board	6,624	3,312
Building & Structure (Partitio	85,371	68,297
	76,065,946	76,153,002
<u>Intangible Assets</u>		
Account Software	16,449	13,159
	16,449	13,159
	76,082,394	76,166,160

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NOTE 1.1 - CHANGE IN RATES

During the financial year 2024, the Council has revised the depreciation rates for all asset classes based on updated estimates of useful lives. These changes have been made in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS) and have been applied prospectively.

The impact of these changes on the financial statements is as follows:

- The revision of depreciation rates has resulted in an additional depreciation expense of LKR. 127,049/-.

NOTE 2:	Stock as at 31st December 2024		
Stock opening balance as at 01st January 2024		300,842	
Add: During the year Purchasing		129,023	
Stationery expenses for the year ended 31st December 2024		(233,631)	
	Closing stock 2024		196,234

NOTE 3: DISTRESS LOANS

W.A.S.Priyadarshani		-	
T.G.Fernanado		-	
Total			-

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NOTE 4:		FIXED DEPOSITS			
FD NO.	OPENING DATE	PERIOD	AMOUNT		
87153136	2021.02.22	1 YEAR	1,000,000		
88345281	2022.01.07	1 YEAR	1,000,000		
90657158	2023.04.26	1 YEAR	700,000		
90753437	2023.05.18	1 YEAR	3,000,000		
90949435	2023.05.23	1 YEAR	3,500,000		
91319643	2023.08.02	06 MONTH	1,000,000		
91319580	2023.08.02	06 MONTH	1,000,000		
92945763	2024.06.14	01 YEAR	1,000,000		
92967681	2024.06.20	01 YEAR	2,500,000		
93378243	2024.09.12	01 YEAR	1,000,000		
93441060	2024.09.26	06 MONTH	2,000,000		
93745781	2024.11.25	01 YEAR	1,000,000		
92213783	2024.01.29	06 MONTH	1,500,000		
93627324	2024.10.30	06 MONTH	3,000,000		
				23,200,000	
Total					23,200,000

NOTE 5:		RECEIVABLE INCOME	
Receivable FD Interest		929,855	929,855
Receivable inquiry fee		7,000	
Provision for bad debtors		-	7,000
Total			936,855

NOTE 6:		PROVISION OF GRATUITY			
NAME	Enrolment Year	Up to 2023	Provision for the year	Payment made	Total
W.A.S.Priyadarshani	2004	454,860	-	-	454,860
T.G.Fernando	2004	348,365	21,635	(370,000)	-
Total		803,225	21,635	(370,000)	454,860

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NOTE 7: ACCRUED EXPENSES		
Accrued Audit Fee	169,920	
Accrued Telecommunication & Postal Charges	4,592	
Accrued Council Allowance	21,000	
Stamp Duty Payable	259,500	
Accrued Accsoft Solution	11,773	
Accrued LSC Traveling	12,000	
Accrued Translation Fee	24,433	
Accrued Smart License Printing	-	
Total		503,218

NOTE 8: INCOME RECEIVED INADVANCE		
Registration Fee	125,700	
In Advance CPD	4,791,652	
Registration (CA/WRIT/108/2021)	535,513	
Late Lic.Income Rec.	13,000	
In Advance License Income Received	2,786,500	
Total		8,252,365

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NOTE 9:		FIXED DEPOSIT INTEREST		
FIXED DEPOSIT NO.		INTEREST	REC.BLE INTREST	WHT RECEIVABLE
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 90657158		40,950	43,151	2,158
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 90731647		240,205	-	-
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 90753437		228,086	149,996	7,895
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 90777631:FD INTEREST 90949435		257,638	172,672	9,088
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 91319580		65,699	34,356	1,718
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 91319643		65,699	34,356	1,718
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 91646794		170,137	-	-
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 91795666		14,301	-	-
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 91937807		142,732	-	-
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 92118669		28,671	-	-
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 92945763		-	46,808	2,340
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 92967681		-	113,527	5,676
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 93378243		1,292	24,557	1,292
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 93441060		-	46,507	2,325
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 93627324		-	44,014	2,201
FD INTEREST:FD INTEREST 93745781		430	8,186	431
FD INTEREST:FD INTREST 87153136		97,096	79,575	3,979
FD INTEREST:FD INTREST 88345281		82,631	107,890	5,395
FD INTEREST:FD INTREST 92213783		84,999	51,768	2,725
Total		1,520,565	957,364	48,940

2,477,929

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NOTE 10:	OTHER INCOME	
Complain Income	89,000	
Exam Fee Ma 2024	750,000	
PIR Sale	37,500	
Service Charge Income	2,000	
Late License Fee Income	447,000	
Distress Loan Interest	1,296	
Other Income	116,240	
No Pay	23,667	
Issuing Information Public	28,550	
Total		1,495,253

NOTE 11:	WORKSHOP NET INCOME	
INCOME:CPD-30	197,500	
INCOME:CPD-34	330,000	
INCOME:CPD-35	480,000	
INCOME:CPD-37	579,000	
INCOME:CPD-39	231,000	
INCOME:CPD-41	294,000	
INCOME:CPD-43	66,000	
SISL CPD income	-	
Out CPD Income	208,625	
Total		2,386,125

NOTE 12:	PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	
Salary Basic	2,045,246	
Cost of Living Allowance	351,600	
EPF Contribution 12%	375,352	
ETF Contribution 3%	93,838	
Arrears Allowance	25,000	
Other Allowance	729,753	
Total		3,620,789

NOTE 13:	OTHER ALLOWANCE	
Chairman Allowance	450,000	
Vice Chairman Allowance	360,025	
Allowance for Secretary	159,525	
Allowance for Accountant	142,845	
Audit & Management Allowance	48,000	
Council Allowance	540,000	
Total		1,700,395

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NOTE 14: TRAVELLING

LSC Meetings	284,009	
Staff Training	13,500	
Courts	17,720	
Travelling For Domestic	62,378	
Total		377,607

NOTE 15: PLANT MACHINERY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Plant Machinery And Equipment	167,270	
QB Package	11,773	
Total		179,043

NOTE 16: OTHER EXPENSES

Advertising- Gazette Notice	268,356	
Translation	123,808	
Printing And Binding	31,730	
Smart Licenses Printing	314,175	
Registration Interview	19,338	
CPD Expenses	66,360	
Unrecoverable W. H. T.	79,404	
Miscellaneous Expense	26,174	
Total		929,345

NOTE 17: PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTEMENTS TO ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance as at 01.01.2023	88,289,073			
Stamp Duty	240699/19770726 A.N.ALWIS	500		
			500	
Balance after adjustments				88,288,573.00

NOTE 18: Court Case

CA(WRIT)219/2019	D.M.P.Hemanthi Perera	2019.07	Against Decision By Lsc And Surveyor General
SPL 256	Premakumara Ranasinghe	2020.10.12	Against Decision By Lsc And Surveyor General
SC/SPL/LA/466/2019	Saliya Wickramasinghe	2020.05.27	Appeal To Supreme Court
SC/SPL/LA/184/2021	Bhathiya Udumagala	2021.10.26	Appeal To Supreme Court
SC/SPL/LA/376/2019	Ajith Pushpakumara	2019.11.14	Appeal To Supreme Court
SC/SPL/LA/382/2019	Ajith Pushpakumara	2020.01.08	Appeal To Supreme Court

Above court cases are currently ongoing in Supreme courts and appeal courts.

Ministry of Tourism and Lands
Land Survey Council
General Accounting Policies
For the year ended 31st December 2024

1. General Accounting Policies.

1.1. Basis of Preparation

Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and provisions of the finance Act No.38 of 1971

1.2 The Financial Statements are prepared on accrual basis.

1.3. The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

2. Property Plant & Equipment

Basis of recognition

Land- land stated at Fair value

Other Assests-Recognized at Historical Cost

2.1. Property plant and equipment's are stated at written down value.

2.2. Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated consistently with the previous year using the Redusing Balance Method at the following rate. Assets are fully depreciated in the year of purchase and not depreciated in the year of disposal.

<u>Type of assets</u>	<u>%</u>
Machinery	33.33
Furniture	20
Computer & Accessories	33.33
Office Equipment	50
LSC Name Board	50
Building & Structure (partition)	20
Account Software	20

3. Deposits with bank and cash at bank

The Deposits with banks consist entirely of fixed deposits in Bank of Ceylon

4. Recognition of Interest Income

Interest Income is recognized on an accrual basis, and receivable fixed deposit inerest is inculded in the interest income of the year.

5. Provision for bad debtors

100% provision will be made for debtors more than one year.

12. Auditor General's Report - 2024

Letter No. ARI/F/LSC/1/24/17 dated 18 July 2025 from the National Audit Office addressed to the Chairman of the Land Survey Council.

Chairman
Land Survey Council

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements and other Legal and Regulatory Requirements of the Land Survey Council for the year ended 31 December 2024 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the Land Survey Council for the year ended 31 December 2024 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024 and the statement of financial performance, the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements including information relating to significant accounting policies was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with the provisions in the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, Survey Act, No. 17 of 2022 and the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971. My Report to Parliament in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(6) of the Constitution will be tabled in due course.

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Council gives true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for the Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuS). My responsibilities on the financial statements under these standards are further described in the section on Auditor's Responsibilities on the Audit of the Financial Statements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Other information included in the Annual Report 2024 of the Council

Other information consists of the information included in the Annual Report 2024 of the Council, which is expected to be made available to me after the date of this Auditor's Report, however not included in the financial statements and my audit report on the same. The management is responsible for the said other information.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not either make assurance whatsoever or express any opinion having regard to it.

My responsibility with relevance to my audit on the financial statements is to read the other information as identified above whenever it becomes available and, in doing so to consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or with my knowledge obtained in the audit or by other means.

If I conclude that there are material misstatements in the other information on the basis of other information which I have obtained before the date of this Auditor's Report or on the basis of actions I have taken, it is required to report the said fact by me. I have nothing to report in this regard.

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

The management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards and presented in a fair manner and to determine the internal control that is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, it is the responsibility of the management to assess the Council's ability to continue as a going concern and it is also the responsibility of the management to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis and to disclose the matters related to going concern, unless it either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease the operational activities when there is no other alternative.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Council.

In terms of Sub Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Council shall require to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities to enable preparation of annual and periodic financial statements of the Council.

1.5 Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is 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 the auditor's report that includes my opinion. Although reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee to the effect that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatement when they exists. Misstatements can be arisen to a quantitative extent due to the effects of fraud and error on individual or aggregate basis, and it is expected to influence on the economic decisions taken by the users on the basis of these financial statements.

I undertook the audit in terms of Sri Lanka Auditing Standards with professional judgment and professional skepticism. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatements 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 or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the Council 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 internal control.

- evaluate the appropriateness of the accounting policies adopted, reasonableness of the accounting estimates and the related disclosures made by the management.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the use of going concern basis of accounting based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate whether the underlying transactions and events relevant to the structure and content of the financial statements are included appropriately and reasonably and evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements with disclosures.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding the significant audit findings, major internal control deficiencies and other matters that have been identified during my audit.

2. Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

2.1 The National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 includes specific provisions in respect of the following requirements.

2.1.1 I have obtained all the information and explanations that required for the audit and as far as appears from my examination, proper financial records have been kept by the Council as per the requirement of Section 12(a) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 except for the matters described in the Section 1.2 in my report.

- 2.1.2 The financial statements presented are consistent with the preceding year as per the requirement of Section 6(1) (d) (iii) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.
- 2.1.3 The recommendations made by me on the financial statements in the preceding year had been included in financial statements presented in the year under review as per the requirement of Section 6(1) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.
- 2.2 Based on the procedures which had been adopted and the evidence obtained which was limited to matters that are material, nothing has come into my consideration to express following statements.
- 2.2.1 Pursuant to the requirement of Section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, to state that the Council has any direct or indirect interest in any contract entered into by the Council beyond the normal course of business.
- 2.2.2 Except for the below mentioned observations, to state that the Council has not compiled with any applicable written law or other general or special directions issued by the Council as per the requirement of Section 12 (f) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

<u>Reference to laws and rules/ directives</u>	<u>Non-compliance</u>
(a) Section 25 (1) (a) of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016	Even though it is specified in the Act that an Information Officer shall, as expeditiously as possible and within fourteen working days upon receipt of a request, communicate to the citizen who made the request, information requested have not been provided even at the end of the year 2024 in respect of the 03 requests received in 2022 and 06 requests received in 2023. Of the 14 requests received during the year 2024, requested information have not been provided in respect of 02 requests. Of the 12 requests to which information had been provided, providing of information had been delayed by 05 to 307 days exceeding the granted time of 14 days with respect to 05 such requests.
(b) Public Enterprises Circular No.	

PED/01/2021 dated 16
November 2021 on the
'Guidelines on Corporate
Governance for State Owned
Enterprises'

Paragraph 2.3

Strategic Plan for the year under review
had not been prepared.

(c) Survey Act, No.17 of 2002
dated 04th October 2002

(i) Section 32(1)

There shall be a Secretary to the Council
who shall be appointed by the Council.
However, a Secretary had not been
appointed from 2002 to the year under
review.

(ii) Section 37(g)

Tasks relating to negotiate and administer
reciprocal arrangements with the relevant
authorities in the foreign countries for the
purpose of securing uniformity and
reciprocity in the education training and
recognition of persons engaged in Land
surveying had not been implemented

(iii) Section 39(3)

Even though application for registration as
a surveyor shall be in the prescribed form
accompanied by the prescribed fee, there
had not been proper supervision on the
payment of registration fee and submission
of application. The late period ranged
between 14 days to 10 years relating to
issuance of the registration number and
payment of fees for the same. The said
long overdue period had been occurred
when such overdue amounts are recovered
at the time of renewal of registration and
obtaining the certificate.

2.2.3 As per the requirement of Section 12 (g) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, to
state that the Council has not performed according to its powers, functions and duties.

2.2.4 As per the requirement of Section 12 (h) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, to
state that the resources of the Council had not been procured and utilized
economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance
with the applicable laws, except for the following observation.

2.3 Other Matters

- (a) Even though the Council should conduct inquiries into the complaints made to the Council against the professional misconduct of surveyors, there were 134 compliants that had not been resolved as at 31st December 2022 and 78 complaints received during the year 2023 and the cummulative number of the complaints stood at 212 and 63 out of the said amount had been resolved. The percentage value relating to resolving the complaints was 30. With 56 complaints received during the year 2024, the total number of complaints stood at 205 and 42 complaints had been resolved. The percentage value relating to resolving the complaints during the yaer 2024 was 20. Therefore, the percentage value of resloving complaints had been reduced by 10 percent. It had been scheduled in the annual action paln of the year 2024 to resolve 90 compliants.

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