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(Examinations Conducted during the period from 19.03.2024 to
09.05.2024)

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Chair of the Committee on Public Accounts, on 6th March 2026

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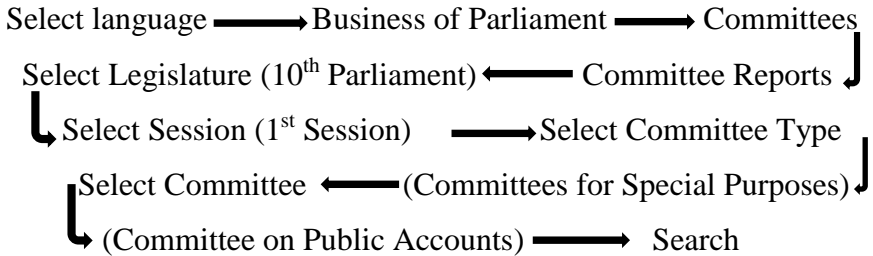
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Chair of the Committee Note

I hereby present the 5th report of the Committee on Public Accounts, which includes the examinations conducted by the Committee on Public Accounts from 19.03.2024 to 09.05.2024 during the Fifth Session of the Ninth Parliament. I would like to state here that the Committee on Public Accounts is paying more attention to guiding institutions to avoid past shortcomings in the future, as it is more effective to actively prevent inefficiencies while providing solutions to the weaknesses identified during the post-audit process.

Accordingly, I would like to state that at present, in parallel with the examination of public institutions by calling them to Parliament, the Committee on Public Accounts is also successfully conducting the annual evaluation process of all public institutions through the Online information management system(MIS). I am of the opinion that this will enable the Committee's investigations to be conducted in a more up-to-date manner and that it will provide an opportunity to identify the weaknesses and shortcomings in the institutions and guide them to correct them through timely and important policy decisions.

My extensive experience working in Committees has convinced me of the need to correct the shortcomings and errors identified during the examination of institutions, to enhance existing positive traits and trends, and to protect the dignity of public officials when conducting Committee meetings.

The success of the Committee on Public Accounts is the result of the cooperation of all stakeholders involved. Therefore, I gratefully acknowledge the support of all Members of this Committee, regardless of whether they are in the Government or Opposition, in the follow-up process to ensure the proper functioning of the public finance mechanism.

Furthermore, I would like to state here that the Committee would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to the Auditor General and her staff, the officials of the Treasury, and all the officials of the Public Accounts Secretariat, including the Secretary-General of Parliament, for their support in carrying out the work of the Committee efficiently, despite various challenges.

Kabir Hashim

Chair

Committee on Public Accounts

Concise Report

This report contains the matters discussed, explanations made by the Chief Accounting Officers and recommendations made by the Committee in relation to the institutions examined by the Committee on Public Accounts during the fifth session of the Ninth Parliament.

The institutions examined by the Committee on Public Accounts from 19.03.2014 to 09.05.2024 and the relevant Auditor General's reports.

	Institution	Period of the Auditor General's Report Considered /Progress in Implementation of Previous Committee Recommendations / Current Performance	Date of Examination
01	Ministry of Health	Review of the progress of the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts to Examine Issues Concerning Medical Supplies and Related Matters in the Ministry of Health	19 th March 2024
02	Department of Immigration and Emigration	Examination of the audit reports issued by the Auditor General for the financial years 2020, 2021 and 2022 regarding the Department of Immigration and Emigration and the current performance of the Department of Immigration and Emigration	02 nd April 2024
03	Ministry of Education	Progress of the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS), findings in the Auditor General's Report of the Ministry of Education for the year 2022 and the current performance	24 th April 2024
04	Ministry of Tourism	Examination of the audit reports issued by the Auditor General	07 th May 2024

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		regarding the Ministry of Tourism based on the financial years 2020, 2021 and 2022 and the current performance of the Ministry of Tourism	
05	Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs and the Department of Public Trustee	Examination of the Performance Audit Report on the Management of Testamentary Property Entrusted to the Public Trustee issued by the Auditor General on 30 th April 2021	08 th May 2024
06	Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies	Reviewing the progress of the recommendations made by the Committee on Public Accounts on 24.01.2024 under its leadership and in collaboration with the Committee on Public Finance, the Committee on Ways and Means, the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Planning and the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Mitigating the Impact of the Economic Crisis concerning Sri Lanka Customs, the Department of Inland Revenue and the Department of Excise including the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.	09 th May 2024

Special Examinations Conducted by the Committee

	Special Examinations	Date of Examination
01.	Examination of the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project and the current performance of the Colombo Municipal Council	20 th March 2024
02.	Examination of the facts disclosed by the audit inquiry concerning, the entry of a ship into the country, carrying containers of rotten fish from Seashells to Thailand, via Colombo Port.	20 th March 2024

Special Observations

During the period under review, the Committee on Public Accounts observed the following common problems related to the institutions.

- ❖ Absence of internal audit units and not conducting audit and management committee meetings.
- ❖ Staff vacancies.
- ❖ Failure to provide responses to the recommendations of the previous Committees on Public Accounts within the stipulated time frame.
- ❖ Delay in collecting the revenues to the government on the due date.
- ❖ Misuse of government funds.
- ❖ Lack of proper coordination between institutions.

**Main Issues Identified, Observations and Recommendations
made in respect of each of the Institutions Examined**

	Main Points Discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarifications by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO)/Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/ recommendations of the Committee
<p>Ministry of Health</p> <p><i>(Review of the progress of the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts to Examine Issues Concerning Medical Supplies and Related Matters in the Ministry of Health)</i></p> <p>Date of Examination- 19th March 2024</p>		
<p>Institutions Summoned -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ministry of Health ❖ National Medicines Regulatory Authority ❖ State Pharmaceuticals Corporation 		
01	<p><u>Taking steps to complete the e-procurement system before March 31, 2024, after considering the recommendations proposed by the Sub-Committee.</u></p>	<p>The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that several rounds of discussions were held with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and the National Procurement Commission in this regard and the necessary data was provided to them, but the Ministry of Health could not be satisfied with the current progress in this regard.</p> <p>Officials from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that some part of this procurement process was expected to be completed by 31.03.2024 and the</p>

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		<p>system was expected to be completed by 31.12.2024.</p> <p>However, officials of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies further stated that a new agreement had to be signed having reviewed the agreement with the relevant company with the aid of World Bank assistance, and that it is expected to prepare and complete by 31.08.2024 the procurement part of the National Competitive Bidding and International Competitive Bidding related to the recommendations given by this Committee.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended to the CAO/AO of the Ministry of Health to follow the steps suggested by the Audit Division until the electronic procurement system is developed by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.</p> <p>The Committee recommended to the CAO/ AO of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to discuss the</p>

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		<p>e-procurement system with the Ministry of Health and the National Procurement Commission and submit a report to the Committee before 2nd April 2024, including the steps taken and the specific dates for its completion.</p>
02	<p><u>Implementing Swastha Software System</u></p>	<p>The Committee's attention was drawn to the Swastha software system existing in the Ministry of Health. The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that it was not possible to obtain statistical data related to all hospitals through the previous system and that such information can be obtained through the new Swastha Software System. It was further stated that the drug estimates for the year 2024 were prepared through this methodology.</p> <p>It was explained how the system checks the details including the quantities of medicines available in hospitals across the island and the expiry date of their stocks.</p> <p>The Committee inquired about obtaining information from all hospitals across the country regarding the level of restocking</p>

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		orders and the CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that 1161 hospitals and 361 Medical Officer of Health(MOH) offices have already been connected to the Swastha Software System. The CAO of the Ministry of Health also stated that information related to human resources and medical equipment can also be added to this system.
03	<u>The State Pharmaceuticals Corporation has not initiated the procurement process until hard copies of drug orders are received.</u>	The Chairman of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation expressing his views at this point stated that since other relevant documents were not displayed when ordering medicines through the previous software system, the procurement process could not be initiated until hard copies of the documents were received.
04	<u>Inability to implement the Swastha Software System all the way down to the clinics and the patients</u>	The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that it is not necessary to include data on the issuing of medicines up to the patient level in the Swastha Software System for the management of drug stocks. He further stated that the expected annual cost for the infrastructure required for that process is

		<p>enormous, and that it is a huge expense to bear for a state like Sri Lanka.</p>
05	<p><u>Expanding the Swastha Software System for patient records and clinical work</u></p>	<p>The CAO Ministry of Health stated that an agreement has been reached to establish a separate system for this purpose through the Global Fund and, once the expected funds are received, an Electronic Patient Record System (EPR) is expected to be developed and completed in 30 hospitals by June 2025.</p> <p>The electronic information systems are currently operating in about 90 hospitals across the country in addition to the above-mentioned 30 hospitals, and the CAO of the Ministry of Health further stated that it will be possible to establish an electronic patient record system covering all of the country's major hospitals, since assistance is being provided through global funding to develop an integrated system to implement all of those systems into a network.</p>
06	<p><u>Taking immediate steps to prevent suppling medical supplies again from the companies/institutions that have blacklisted</u></p>	<p>The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that the Ministry has requested information in writing regarding the suppliers who have been blacklisted by institutions under the Ministry of Health. The CAO of the Ministry of Health further stated that discussions were held with officials of the National Procurement Commission and the Treasury regarding the preparation of the criteria for blacklisting suppliers, but that specific</p>

		<p>guidelines have not yet been prepared regarding this blacklisting and National Procurement Commission is going to be prepared and be submitted such guidelines.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended the CAO of the Ministry of Health to obtain the methodology for blacklisting companies/institutions that have provided substandard medical supplies, from the National Procurement Commission and that action should be taken against the companies/institutions that have provided substandard medical supplies, to prevent them from providing medical supplies under different names after that.</p>
07	<p><u>Re-establishment of the Department of Health Services through a Cabinet Paper</u></p>	<p>The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that several meetings were held in this regard within the Ministry, that discussions were also held with the Public Service Commission regarding the legal aspects of this, and that the Cabinet Memorandum is expected to be submitted within a few weeks.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended that the CAO of the Ministry of Health to inform the Committee before 17 May 2024 about the actions to be taken regarding the re-establishment of the Department of</p>

		Health Services after appropriate discussions.
08	<u>Establish a separate procurement division within the Ministry of Health to prevent time-consuming procurement processes and take disciplinary action against officials responsible for delays.</u>	<p>The Auditor General of the Ministry of Health stated that there is a possibility of minimizing delays in medical supplies through the implementation of the e-procurement system and further stated that the measures indicated by the Committee will be followed.</p> <p>The Chairman of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation stated that the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation has currently prepared a procurement manual for that the use of the officers of the Corporation and the time taken for each procurement step has been specified and that the officers responsible for this have also been mentioned in it and that it will be made available to the Committee in the future.</p>
09	<u>The Committee observed that there is a contradiction of the data held by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and the Ministry of Health regarding the outstanding bill values currently payable by the Ministry of Health.</u>	<p>The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that it is expected to find solutions to this by streamlining the procurement process and that a separate Procurement Division has been established for the procurement process.</p> <p>He further stated that the Procurement Commission is preparing new guidelines to minimize the time taken for drug procurement.</p>
	The committee observed that this situation has arisen due	

	to the long time taken for the procurement processes.	
10	<u>Presenting the procurement plan of the Ministry of Health for the year 2024</u>	<p>It was revealed before the Committee that the procurement plan for the budget provisions allocated to the Ministry of Health in the year 2024 has not yet been submitted to the Treasury.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u> The Committee recommended to the CAO of the Ministry of Health to promptly prepare the procurement plan of the Ministry of Health for the year 2024 and submit a copy of the plan to the Committee within a period of one month, since there is a legal requirement that the procurement plan for the budget provisions should be provided within the relevant time frame.</p>
11	<u>Levying a surcharge of 10% on the service fee paid to the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation to control supply delays caused by them.</u>	<p>The Chairman of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation requested the Committee to exempt the Corporation from this charge for delays that are beyond the control of its officers. He also stated that his Corporation has taken a bank overdraft of Rs. 20 billion due to the failure for timely payment of funds for supplies to the Ministry of Health and that the interest on the bank overdraft will be paid by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation.</p> <p>It was stated that a Committee has been appointed and the transactions</p>

		<p>are identified to pay the unpaid amount of Rs. 34 billion accumulated since 2008 by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation and that it is expected to obtain the approval of the Cabinet for this purpose. It was further stated that the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation has made payments to current suppliers until the beginning of March 2024.</p>
12	<p><u>Suspension of issuance of letters for exemption from registration for matters other than the main matters of Section 109 of the National Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Authority Act No. 5 of 2015.</u></p>	<p>The Auditor General expressed his appreciation for the steps taken by the National Medicines Regulatory Authority in this regard, stating that it is expected to promptly adopt measures such as introducing a serial number for the issuance of drug exemption letters, using a security seal, immediately stopping the direct issuance of the relevant certificate to the applicant/importer and transferring its responsibility to the Controller General of Imports and Exports, instructing the Controller General of Imports and Exports to verify the accuracy of the certificate through the website of the National Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Authority before releasing the drug, and introducing a new methodology to issue such exemption letters from registration in urgent cases with the approval of a responsible committee.</p>
13	<p><u>The 300-day period given to the National Medicines Regulatory Authority for</u></p>	<p>The Chairman of the National Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Authority stated that steps are being</p>

	<p><u>registering a new drug should be reviewed and the possibility of registering a drug in a shorter period should be explored, and the registration of the same drug under multiple brand names should be restricted.</u></p>	<p>taken to temporarily extend the relevant registration period for drugs whose registration could not be renewed up to now and to expedite the relevant registration activities and registration of new drugs. The Chairman of the National Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Authority further stated that steps can be taken to further reduce the period for registering drugs after the Authority recruits the necessary new staff.</p> <p>Similarly, the Chairman of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority stated that the registration of new drugs is also being carried out concurrently and priority will be given to drugs with less than 5 brand names.</p>
14	<p><u>The Committee for reviewing Medical Supply Lists should be convened on time and no medical supplies should be purchased without its recommendation, and the necessary legal framework should be prepared for the release of the relevant committee report by the end of the year.</u></p>	<p>The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that the “Medical Supplies lists Review Committee” appointed with the approval of the Cabinet in 2022 meets once every 2 years to review on medicines and once every 3 years for reviewing surgical supplies and laboratory items. He further stated that a committee consisting of medical experts from all sectors appointed with the approval of the Cabinet has limited the quantities of medicines and surgical supplies purchased, due to the current economic crisis in the country.</p> <p>The Committee also inquired about the possibility of further reducing</p>

		<p>the period for conducting the relevant reviews.</p> <p>The Committee was informed by the CAO that it is not possible to reduce this review period due to practical reasons.</p>
15	<p><u>The Ministry of Health should take steps to obtain the services of those with professional qualifications in stock management for the management of the medical supply process and formulate a system to provide proper training and up-to-date knowledge on stock management to the officers working in this regard.</u></p>	<p>The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated before the committee that no steps had been taken to obtain the services of those with professional knowledge in stock management, and that training programs on stock control have been organized for officers attached to the stock control, medical supplies and other relevant departments and pharmacists from August to September 2024, and that necessary steps would be taken to provide formal training to the relevant officers with the assistance of professionally qualified officers.</p>
16	<p><u>Expanding the laboratory facilities of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority and developing the necessary infrastructure.</u></p>	<p>The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that the Cabinet has already approved the transfer of several buildings owned by the Ministry of Health to the National Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Authority for this purpose. He further stated that this will provide an opportunity to expand the research laboratory owned by the Authority by using the buildings owned by the National Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Authority.</p> <p>He further stated that a team from the World Health Organization</p>

		<p>(WHO) is scheduled to arrive in Sri Lanka on April 28 for the necessary consultancy work for this purpose and informed the Committee that the officials of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority, following an inspection of the existing measurement unit facility, have declared the building unsuitable for the establishment of a laboratory.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p><u>Conducting Drug and Therapeutics Committees in the first week of every month</u></p> <p>Instructions have been given to submit monthly reports to the Director General of Health Services and the Medical Supplies Division on the availability of medicines, shortages and surpluses of medicines, and complications arising from the use of medicines, but it was revealed before the Committee that only 139 institutions out of 380 have sent such reports.</p>	<p>The officials from the Ministry of Health stated that an official from the Ministry of Health participates in this meeting at the main hospitals and that a list of those who have provided and those who have not provided this report will be displayed at the directors' meeting held every two months.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee emphasized that local purchases made by hospitals should be minimized by identifying the shortage of medicines in the hospital through the use of data systems and by accurately identifying future drug requirements and ordering medicines in advance.</p>
<p>18</p>	<p><u>To prepare a computer database on the medical equipment in short supply and surplus and underutilized medical equipment in hospitals by conducting a survey,</u></p>	<p>The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that an electronic data system is currently being maintained on medical equipment to some extent, that the Ministry of Health has data on major medical equipment in hospitals, and that the data system</p>

	<u>transfer medical equipment between hospitals as needed, and procure medical equipment on a priority list basis, and maintain relevant records through the Biomedical Engineering Division.</u>	<p>for about 25,000 other major equipment is being prepared. He also informed the committee about the lack of funds required by the Ministry of Health for these proposed tasks, and further stated that due to this situation, these matters have been submitted to a committee appointed by the Ministry and the work is being carried out in accordance with a priority order.</p> <p>The Ministry officials also pointed out that it is difficult to carry out these tasks promptly due to the limited number of engineers and technicians in the biomedical engineering sector, and the CAO further stated that the necessary funds have not been received to purchase medical equipment in recent years and that an amount of about Rs. 60 billion is required for this purpose.</p>
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	Key matters discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
19	<u>To categorize the hospitals in the country and to get the Division of Biomedical Engineering / Laboratory Services to issue a circular containing general</u>	The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that action is being taken at present regarding this matter. The CAO of the Ministry of Health further stated that, since a categorization of hospitals in the

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	<p><u>specifications for the medical equipment required based on the type of hospital and to submit a progress report on the same to the Committee by 31.12.2023</u></p>	<p>country already exists, the Ministry is preparing a plan for the medical equipment that should be available in the relevant hospitals based on that categorization in consultation with specialist doctors, and that a circular is expected to be issued accordingly within a few months.</p>
<p>20</p>	<p><u>Since the quality of medicines declines when they are not stored properly within the required temperature ranges, taking action to properly store the tender samples for the purchase of medicines as well as the random samples in accordance with the proper standards for the purpose of using in investigation activities until the medicine stocks have been issued to hospitals and have been used up.</u></p>	<p>The officials of the Ministry of Health Stated that several medical stores have been taken over by the Ministry of Health due to the lack of adequate storage facilities for storing medicines, and they further stated that samples are not being stored at present, and therefore, it is not possible to guarantee that the drugs are kept at the optimum temperature, and that they intend to establish a storehouse in the future for storing samples.</p> <p>The committee pointed out that, since the stocks of substandard medicines are not stored within the prescribed temperature ranges, it has a detrimental effect on the litigation related to the recovery of damages caused by the supply of substandard medicines.</p> <p>The officials of the Ministry of Health stated that necessary steps</p>

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		are being taken by the Ministry of Health to take over the Veyangoda warehouse currently owned by the Food Commissioner's Department.
21	<u>Reporting to the Division of Biomedical Engineering through an online database system the information about maintenance and service agreements related to major medical equipment, about malfunctions of medical equipment used for essential clinical activities and information required to expedite repairs.</u>	<p>The officials of the Ministry of Health stated that about 548 maintenance operations that are carried out by the Division of Biomedical Engineering Services have been prepared as a Microsoft Excel document.</p> <p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Health stated that, due to the financial crisis that prevailed in the country, service agreements were not signed for major medical equipment in hospitals, and that these service agreements have now been updated with the receipt of provisions of about Rs. 4 billion this year.</p>
22	<u>Preparing a checklist for monitoring the progress of all orders of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation, and subjecting it to daily monitoring by the Director</u>	The officials of the Ministry of Health informed the committee that the progress of orders can be checked at any time through an online methodology through the Swastha system, and that the relevant officials are called by the Secretary to the Ministry of Health

	<p>Key matters discussed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
	<p><u>and the Deputy Director of Medical Supplies.</u></p>	<p>once a week to check the progress, and that, in addition to that, the Director General of Health Services also conducts a review once a week.</p> <p>Moreover, the officials of the Ministry of Health further stated that relevant checks are also carried out through the Swastha system when complaints are received from institutions and patients.</p>
<p>23</p>	<p><u>Introducing a form to be included in the relevant file in all emergency purchases and stating in the said form information about the medicines and the progress of the orders placed by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation, the dates of receipt of the orders, delays in the supply of the orders and the officers responsible for such delays.</u></p>	<p>The CAO of the Ministry of Health stated that the Ministry of Health has completely stopped emergency purchases and that there is a form for purchases that are made at institution level.</p> <p>The Committee recommended that necessary steps be taken to include in the said form such information for purchases that are made at hospital level.</p>

Examination of the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project and the Current Performance of the Colombo Municipal Council

Date of Examination - 20 March 2024

	<p>Key matters discussed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
<p>Institutions summoned -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government ❖ Ministry of Investment Promotion ❖ Department of External Resources ❖ Department of Railways ❖ Provincial Council of the Western Province ❖ Colombo Municipal Council 		
<p>01</p>	<p><u>Updating the plan of the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project</u></p>	<p>The AO of the Colombo Municipal Council stated that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The construction work of the Colombo Sewerage System, which had been planned in 1896, was commenced in 1906; • About 90% of the currently installed sewerage system had been completed by year 1925; • The system was improved in the 1980s based on the Master Plan that had been prepared by the government in 1972; and • The said Master Plan was updated in the 1990s. <p>It was revealed before the Committee that the government had conducted a Condition Assessment for the Colombo Sewerage System during the years 1999-2000, and</p>

	Key matters discussed	- Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
		<p>based on that condition assessment, the government had held discussions with the Asian Development Bank in 2009, and accordingly, a loan of US\$ 110 million was provided by the ADB for the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project.</p> <p>The AO of the Department of External Resources stated that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are two projects, namely the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project (GCWMP) and the Greater Colombo Water and Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Project (GCWWMIP);• The Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project has two loans – a US\$ 80 million loan and a US\$ 19.1 million loan; and• The loan agreement was signed on 28.09.2009 and became effective on 09.04.2010. <p>It was also revealed that, due to the complexity and the nature of the project, the project has been implemented with 05 extensions until 30.06.2023.</p>

	Key matters discussed	<p>- Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO)</p> <p>- Observations/recommendations by the Committee</p>
02	<p><u>Information about the civil contracts under the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project</u></p>	<p>The AO of the Colombo Municipal Council stated that there are 04 civil contracts under the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project.</p> <p>It was revealed that the Colombo Sewerage System is divided into 02 main sections – the Northern System and the Southern System, and that the Northern System discharges into the sea from Modara area and the Southern System discharges into the sea from Wellawatte area.</p> <p>The AO further stated that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the “Rehabilitation of Sea Outfalls” contract worth USD 11.63 million, the Modara pipeline was replaced and the Wellawatte pipeline was cleaned; and • Under the “Rehabilitation of Gravity Sewers and Condition Assessment of Sewers” contract worth USD 26.04 million, a portion of the Colombo Sewerage System was rehabilitated, a 125 km CCTV survey was conducted, and the

	Key matters discussed	- Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
		<p>8.62km-long pipeline system re-laid, and the said works, too, have now been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was revealed that pipelines in an extent of 2km were re-laid due to a problem at the Wanathamulla Prison under the “Repair of Wanathamulla Gravity Sewers” contract worth USD 2.45 million.• The repair of the sewage system of the residential building of the female inmates belonging to the Department of Prisons, which is connected to the sewage system of the Colombo Municipal Council, which was discussed at the meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts held on 21.06.2023, and which has been unable to be carried out due to the unauthorized construction on a premises belonging to the Department of Railways was discussed. <p>The Legal Officer of the Department of Railways, who joined the meeting via Zoom technology, stated that, as a final step, 03 cases have been filed in</p>

	Key matters discussed	<p>- Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO)</p> <p>- Observations/recommendations by the Committee</p>
		<p>the Colombo Magistrate's Court against three identified illegal settlers on the said premises and that the case is scheduled to be heard on 22.03.2024.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee emphasized that it is problematic that the Colombo Municipal Council has issued assessment numbers for the houses of those illegal settlers. • The Auditor General pointed out that, since the Colombo Municipal Council has the power to completely remove constructions blocking water flow and unauthorized constructions in terms of the Municipal Council Ordinance, action should be taken in this regard as per the Municipal Council Act. • The Committee also directed the AO to look into alternative ways of removing these unauthorized settlers.

	Key matters discussed	- Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chairman pointed out that the Colombo District Coordination Committee (DCC), too, can actively intervene in this regard. <p>It was revealed before the Committee that the works of the project worth USD 57.12 million for the repair of 8 pumping stations and the replacement of 02 force mains in Colombo City has not been completed. The Committee also discussed the issue that the Indian company that was awarded the contract for the said project has not completed its work, and the inefficiency of the project was also discussed.</p> <p>The CAO of the Colombo Municipal Council stated that the Talakotuwa Garden Project is a project related to the contract to construct 02 pumping stations in the Kirulapone area, and that this contract for 03 years was</p>

	Key matters discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
		<p>awarded to the contractor in the year 2017.</p> <p>It was revealed that the contract ended after the loan provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for this project ended in October 2022, and it was also revealed that discussions are currently underway with the External Resources Department (ERD) and the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to obtain local funds for the project and that it is expected to resume the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The AO of the Colombo Municipal Council stated that about 70% of the work on the “Rehabilitation of Wastewater Pumping Stations” contract has been completed, and that it was planned to renovate 8 pumping stations under this project, and work on 4 of them has been completed and handed over to the Colombo Municipal Council, and that it is expected to connect the pumping station in Slave Island, which is included in this project,

	Key matters discussed	- Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
		<p>to the Colombo Port City Line by the end of May 2024.</p> <p>The Committee inquired about the remaining 4 pumping stations, which are included in the said contract and of which the work has not been completed. It was revealed that USD 20 million has been provided under government funding to continue the work of these pumping stations.</p> <p>The AO stated that the work at the Maligawatta pumping station, which is included in the said contract, is underway. The AO further stated that the contract agreement, which includes a new contract amendment following the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers regarding the contract, was signed on 21.02.2024, and that the decision has been made to complete the work under the contract by 31.12.2025 with the provisions of the central government.</p> <p>The Committee recommended to the CAO of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government /Accounting Officer</p>

	Key matters discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
		<p>of the Colombo Municipal Council to set time frames for the completion of each task contained in the Action Plan and Work Programme of the said Pumping Station Rehabilitation Project, to conduct monthly progress review meetings to review the progress of the project and to submit the minutes of those progress review meetings to the Committee with a copy to the Auditor General.</p> <p>The CAO stated that monthly review meetings chaired by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government are held regarding the said contract.</p> <p>Copies of the minutes of the progress review meetings held on 02.04.2024, 18.04.2024 and 04.09.2024 have been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government through the letters bearing reference PL/05/09/COPA-2024 dated</p>

	<p>Key matters discussed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanations by the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) / Accounting Officer (AO) - Observations/recommendations by the Committee
		<p>19.04.2024, 13.05.2024 and 15.10.2024. (Annex I)</p> <p>The action plan and the soft copy of the programme have been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government through the letter bearing reference PL/05/09/COPA-2024 dated 2024.06.18.</p>

<p>03</p>	<p><u>Generating income by displaying billboards/LED boards installed on the roads of Colombo city.</u></p>	<p>The Committee emphasized that it is not possible to be satisfied with the income generated by the Colombo Municipal Council from the display of billboards/LED Boards. The AO stated that an income of Rs. 43 million is generated from the display of billboards.</p>
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04	<p><u>Vehicle Parking in the Colombo Municipal Council Area</u></p>	<p>The Committee recommended to the CAO/AO to submit to the Committee, a copy of the agreement entered into with the relevant private company for the display of billboards, installed on the roads of Colombo, along with a report on the income generated from the same.</p> <p>A report containing the above information has been submitted by the Municipal Commissioner of the Colombo Municipal Council, by the letter No. MT/ADM/AQ/COPA/2024(I) , dated 12.07.2024</p> <p>The AO stated that the roads in Colombo city have been marked on both sides to allow parking for approximately 5,000 vehicles per day. He further stated that tenders relating to roads that generate revenue from vehicle parking have</p>

		<p>been advertised in newspapers, invited and awarded.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee drew attention regarding the need of avoiding the obstruction caused to shop owners by irregular parking of vehicles in the city of Colombo and the unjust profits made by the middlemen, emphasized the need of establishing formal parking facilities and generating significant income for the Municipal Council, as well as the necessity of ending the illegal collection of money from vehicle owners.</p> <p>The Committee recommended the CAO/AO to submit a report to the Committee on the regular parking facilities and the income generated in the city of Colombo before 22 April 2024.</p> <p>A report on the monthly income received from each parking lot in Colombo City has been submitted in the letter No.</p>
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		<p>MT/ADM/AQ/CoPA/2024(I) of the Municipal Commissioner of the Colombo Municipal Council dated 12.07.2024 Accordingly, it has been reported that the monthly income received is Rs. 22,003,730.00(Annex II)</p>
05	<p><u>Regarding the irregular disposal of waste/garbage by the people living in estates in Colombo city and the environmental damage caused by it.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Committee inquired whether there is a system for imposing fines for irregular waste disposal and of the program that is in place in this regard. • The Committee also discussed the inefficient use of the Aruwakkaru Garbage Yard, which was built by the government at a cost of Rs. 106 billion and operational in April 2019, as well as the Waste to Energy project. 	<p>It was also revealed at the committee meeting that as per the current Act, although there is a system for imposing fines for the irregular disposal of garbage and toilet waste by estate residents, it is of a little value in terms of the amount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are about 1360 estate settlements in Colombo city and nearly 65,000 families live in them, • AO stated that a common WhatsApp number has been introduced for public complaints within the Colombo Municipal Council area. <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee emphasized that although a large amount of tons of</p>

		<p>waste had been collected under the Waste to Energy project, the lack of proper implementation of the project could lead to a crisis situation in the future, and instructed the CAO to intervene and take appropriate steps to implement the project properly.</p> <p>The Committee recommended to the CAO/AO ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to obtain the necessary information by posting advertisements on WhatsApp and Facebook to accurately identify the locations where there is garbage in the Colombo Municipal Council area,• to pay more attention and supervision to the disposal of garbage in the Colombo City,• to pay special attention to the issues related to garbage management, parking and billboards in the Colombo City,
06	<u>The Committee drew attention to the fact that the</u>	The AO of the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) stated that this

	<p><u>Winching Machine purchased for the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project, unable to use practically and was lying idle.</u></p> <p>This matter, which was also discussed in the previous Committee on Public Accounts, was also drawn attending to.</p>	<p>machine is used in the cases where it is necessary to repair blockages in pipes that cannot be done with a smaller machine.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended the AO of CMC to take necessary measures to effectively use the machine.</p>
07	<p><u>Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Project - GCWWMIP (Tranche 2&3)</u></p>	<p>AO stated that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the value of Tranche 2 of the said project is USD 9 million, • the selection of consultants for civil works in Tranche 3 of the project and CCTV survey of the remaining sewer Pipes of the project, will be carried out, under it, • the Kirulapone Pipe Borne Sewer Contract and the Wellawatta Waste Water Treatment Plant were included under Tranche 3, • the Wellawatta Waste Water Treatment Plant has been

		<p>completed and its networking is underway,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Kirulapone Contract will be completed by 31.12.2025 and has been assigned to the contractor named Larsen & Turbo (L & T),• a special committee was appointed to resolve the issues in the design of the contract and the committee decided to deploy a team of experts with technical knowledge from the Colombo Municipal Council to discuss with the contractor and provide a proposal regarding the contract,• the proposal of the expert team was also discussed with the contractor, the necessary amendments were made and the work on this contract was to be completed within 02 months.
08	<p><u>The project , implemented under the European credit assistance provided by the European Investment Bank under the Greater Colombo</u></p>	<p>The AO stated that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the “Kirula and Narahenpita Sewer Network” project is being implemented under this,

<p><u>Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Project - GCWWMIP (Tranche 3).</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the contract was awarded to Power China Zhongnan Engineering Cooperation Ltd, • the contract agreement was signed on 29.11.2023 and work is planned to be commenced within a month, • the project is expected to be completed by 27.06.2026. • the contract was not awarded due to a problem with the contractor who submitted the lowest bid for the “Southern Catchment Sewer Upsizing” project, implemented under the European credit assistance and it has been proposed to call for tenders again, <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended to the CAO/AO to place the work of the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project under the supervision of the Internal Auditor of the Colombo Municipal Council, and the Committee also instructed the CAO/AO to take steps to obtain the approval of the Hon. Governor</p>
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		<p>for the payment of the Municipal Council staff deployed for the project in accordance with the relevant Cabinet decision.</p> <p>The Committee informed that the Colombo Municipal Council would be summoned again before the Committee in May 2024.</p>
<p>Examination of the facts disclosed by the audit inquiry concerning, the entry of a ship in to the country, carrying containers of rotten fish from Sea Shells to Thailand, via Colombo Port.</p> <p>Date of investigation – 20th March 2024</p>		
<p>Institutions summoned -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies ❖ Ministry of Environment ❖ Sri Lanka Customs ❖ Department of Import and Export Control ❖ Central Environmental Authority ❖ Police Department 		
01	<p><u>The committee, appointed to conduct the field inspections</u></p>	<p>The Controller General of the Department of Import and Export Control stated that it took a long time to appoint the committee due to the delay in submitting the</p>

	<p>When the Department of Import and Export Control was summoned before the Committee on Public Accounts on 23.01.2024, only nominations to the committee had been made in relation to the committee recommendation to conduct a field inspection of the quantity of fertilizer produced by factories that manufacture fertilizer using discarded fish parts, in connection with the above audit inquiry. The Committee observed that the appointment had been made a day after the meeting was convened. The Committee inquired about the reasons for the delay, the role of the relevant committee and whether the letters of appointment had been issued.</p>	<p>nominations of the committee members from each institution and that the appointment letters have not been issued yet.</p> <p>The final report prepared by the committee appointed for field inspection activities after conducting field inspections on 25.03.2024, 29.04.2024 and 30.04.2024 has been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies by the letter No. MF06/10/I&E/Rotten fish/2024 and dated 11.06.2024.</p>
02	<p><u>Facts disclosed regarding this incident</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was revealed before the Committee that there were 102

		<p>fish containers on the ship in question, 4 of which had been issued to Agri Star Compost (Pvt) Ltd. for destruction, and that Dummy Cusdecs were used to bring these 4 containers into the country.</p> <p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies further stated that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Central Environmental Authority, local authorities and the party involved in the destruction of these containers were involved in the destruction of these 4 containers and there are relevant reports on them,• following a request made by Echo N Rich for the production of organic fertilizer, the remaining 98 containers were inspected by a committee appointed by Sri Lanka Customs,
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• at that time, it was identified as fish waste and an HS code was issued,• It was revealed before the Committee that 17 formal customs declarations (cusdecs) had been issued for 98 of these 102 containers and that fake invoices and packing lists had been presented to the Committee to indicate that the containers were imported into Sri Lanka. The Committee inquired as to who had given permission to import the relevant containers into the country on such fake documents.• The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that the relevant approval has been given through the committee, appointed by Sri Lanka Customs.• The Committee inquired as to who had certified that the relevant institution had the capacity to
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		<p>produce organic fertilizer from such a large stock of fish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Environment stated that after obtaining a proposal from the relevant institution regarding the method of manufacturing organic fertilizer using 98 containers, inspections were conducted and approval was granted. <p><u>Observations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Committee pointed out that although the institution was given a certificate that it had sufficient capacity for fertilizer production, in reality it did not have such capacity. 43 containers were used for the production of organic fertilizer, and that 40 containers were re-exported. As the institution also produces salmon, so it is questionable whether these rotten fish stocks were given to them for that purpose.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Auditor General also pointed out that according to the provisions of the Customs Ordinance, rotten fish cannot be landed in Sri Lanka. <p>The Controller General of Imports and Exports stated that fish waste is only a product, subject to license control under the Import and Export Control Act and is not a prohibited product. The relevant license was issued based on a formal request made by Echo N Rich to use the fish waste in the containers to make organic fertilizer, along with the relevant documents such as the invoice, the report of the committee appointed by Sri Lanka Customs and the recommendations of the Central Environmental Authority.</p> <p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that the remaining 15 containers out of 98 containers will be used for fertilizer production by another institution</p>
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		and that the recommendations from the Ministry of Health are awaited for this purpose.
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03	<u>Complaints submitted to the Criminal Investigation Department regarding this matter</u>	<p>Officials of the Criminal Investigation Department stated that an investigation had been initiated based on a complaint filed by a civilian, but it had been later discontinued after the complainant indicated that further inquiry was unnecessary.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended that the Chief Accounting Officer (C.A.O) of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies submit a formal complaint to the Criminal Investigation Department in accordance with the relevant legal procedures before Friday, 22 March 2024, and provide the Committee with a written report on the actions taken before 27.03.2024.</p> <p>The Committee recommended that the Director of the Criminal Investigation Department conduct an investigation expeditiously (within 2–3 months) upon receiving</p>
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		<p>the complaint and submit a progress report to the Committee before 20.04.2024.</p> <p>The Director General of the Department of Legal Affairs, vide letter No. C/139/23 C dated 31.05.2024, has requested the Director, Criminal Investigation Department, to provide a date and time for the officials of the Ministry of Finance to submit the relevant complaint to the Criminal Investigation Department.</p> <p>According to correspondence from the Director of the Criminal Investigation Department (Letter No. PA/DCI/V/GP/1382/2024, dated 5 July 2024), the relevant officers have been notified by telephone to appear at the Criminal Investigation Department on 26.06.2024 to record the complaint.</p> <p>A report on the progress of the investigation has not yet been submitted.</p>
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Department of Immigration and Emigration

(Examination of the audit reports issued by the Auditor General for the financial years 2020, 2021 and 2022 regarding the Department of Immigration and Emigration and the current performance of the Department of Immigration and Emigration)

Date of Investigation- 02 April 2024

Institutions summoned -

- ❖ Ministry of Public Security
- ❖ Department of Immigration and Emigration

01	<p><u>Crediting of Revenue to Consolidated Fund</u></p> <p>The Auditor General pointed out that the income generated from the cafeteria, photography studio, service center, etc. established in the building where this department is maintained is credited to the account of the Welfare Association, and that no approval had been obtained from the Treasury for this.</p>	<p>The Accounting Officer (A.O.) of the Department of Immigration and Emigration stated that, following the recommendation of the Committee on Public Accounts (COPA), made on 22.07.2007, 25% of the annual income from the canteen, photography gallery, service hall, and other facilities in the department's building would be deposited into the Consolidated Fund, with the balance credited to the account of the Welfare Association.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee, which recommended that measures be taken to legalize the Welfare Fund of the Department, further directed the Chief Accounting Officer (C.A.O) of the Ministry of Public</p>
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		<p>Security to submit a detailed report to the Committee outlining the sources of income for this fund.</p> <p>The relevant report has been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security vide letter No. PS /IA/E&I/109/02/24 and dated 14.05. 2024.</p> <p>According to the report, the sources of income for the Welfare Fund are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership fees • Funeral expenses • Income received from services provided by Seva Piyasa • Special stall income • Restaurant profit
02	<u>Issuance of e-passport</u>	<p>The Accounting Officer (A.O) of the Department of Immigration and Emigration stated that an electronic passport would enable an individual to be instantly identified and would also help reduce congestion at the airport.</p> <p>He further stated that since all the necessary arrangements had been made, it would be possible to issue the e-passport very soon.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended that the C.A.O. of the Ministry of Public</p>

		<p>Security provide the Committee with a report on the current status of the issuance of electronic passports (E-passports) and the timeline for the completion of this process.</p> <p>A detailed report has been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security vide letter No. PS/IA/E&I/109/02/24 dated 14.05.2024.</p>
03	<p><u>Delay in the implementation of the e-gates project</u></p> <p>The Committee expressed its strong displeasure over the delay in sending a relevant officer to conduct inspections before purchasing the necessary equipment.</p>	<p>The C.A.O/A.O. stated that the reason for the delay was that the relevant officer had been engaging in procurement activities related to the issuance of the e-passport, and that the relevant inspections would be carried out before the end of April 2024, and 4 e-gates would be obtained by July 2024.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended that the C.A.O. of the Ministry of Public Security submit a report to the Committee before 15 May 2024, detailing the reasons for the delay in the proposed e-gates project to be implemented to prevent congestion at the airport and the expected date of completion of the project.</p> <p>A detailed report has been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security vide</p>

		<p>letter No. PS/IA/E&I/109/02/24 dated 14.05.2024.</p> <p>As per the relevant report, the Controller General and the designated technical team participated in the Factory Acceptance Test of the e-gates on 12.05.2024. The report further states that the project is expected to be completed without delay.</p>
04	<p><u>Effective deployment of airport staff.</u></p> <p>The Committee emphasized that the measures that have been implemented to prevent congestion at the airport are insufficient. It was also noted that passengers face inconvenience due to the inadequate operation of service counters, particularly during peak hours, and the Committee sought clarification on how airport staff are assigned to duty rosters.</p>	<p>It was noted that the shortage of staff at the service counters had become a significant issue. The A.O. stated that the approved cadre of Airport Authorized Officers was 458 and that, out of the current strength of 430 officers, 250 had been assigned to duties at Katunayake Airport. It was further revealed that 55 of these officers had been assigned to day and night shifts.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee, emphasizing the need to assign more officers during peak hours in accordance with the flight schedule, recommended that the C.A.O. of the Ministry of Public Security submit a report to the Committee by 15 May 2024, outlining the measures to deploy airport staff more effectively, rather than continuing the current practice of assigning equal numbers of</p>

		<p>employees to day and night shifts when preparing the duty roster.</p> <p>The relevant report has been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security vide letter No. PS/IA/E&I/109/02/24 dated 14.05.2024.</p> <p>Accordingly, it was stated that, although a minimum of 133 officers is required to maintain a 24-hour service period, deploying this number was practically unfeasible due to the shortage of personnel. It was further noted that, in managing the available workforce, a greater number of officers had been assigned to night shifts compared to day shifts.</p>
05	<u>Henley Passport Index Ranking</u>	<p>According to this ranking, it was revealed at the Committee that the Sri Lankan passport holds the 83rd position.</p> <p>It was revealed that a key factor considered in this ranking is the number of countries that can be visited visa-free with that passport.</p> <p>It was further stated that currently holders of a Sri Lankan passport could travel to 41 countries without a visa, and that increasing this number would further enhance the passport ranking.</p>

		<p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended that the C.A.O. of the Ministry of Public Security submit a report to the Committee, including the current situation in Sri Lanka and the measures that can be taken to improve the current situation, in relation to each of the criteria for this ranking.</p> <p>The relevant report has been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security, vide letter No. PS/IA/E&I/109/02/24 and dated 14.05.2024.</p> <p>Accordingly, it was informed that a five-member committee headed by the Additional Controller General had been appointed on 10.05.2024 and that the committee report would be submitted within a period of four (4) months.</p>
06	<p><u>Status of regional offices</u></p> <p>The Committee noted that the condition of the regional offices of the Department of Immigration and Emigration established to issue passports is at a very unsatisfactory level.</p>	<p>The A.O. stated that four regional offices had been established in Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, and Vavuniya, while acknowledging that some of these offices lacked adequate facilities to serve the public.</p> <p>The A.O. further stated that a request had been made to the</p>

		Southern Provincial Chief Secretary for the allocation of a suitable building to relocate the Matara office to premises with adequate facilities.
07	<p><u>Foreigners engaging in business activities in this country</u></p> <p>The Committee observed the illegal business activities being carried out by foreign nationals residing in the country on visit visas. The Committee also observed that such activities are prevalent, particularly in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka, and stressed the need for immediate action to prevent and curb these practices.</p>	<p>The A.O. stated that his department had drawn attention to this situation and, a separate investigation team had been deployed for the purpose. He further stated that several such individuals had been arrested and deported to their countries.</p> <p>The A.O. of the Department of Immigration and Emigration noted that such activities were predominantly carried out by Russian and Ukrainian nationals, largely through the misuse of the two-year visa exemption granted to them. In addition, the Committee underscored the potential risk of the spread of various diseases within the country arising from such individuals.</p> <p>It was revealed that there was a risk of tuberculosis spreading, particularly from Indian nationals residing in the Colombo District. The A.O. stated that although such individuals were identified through a computerized database system, a major challenge faced by officers was that they did not reside at the</p>

		<p>addresses provided when inspections were carried out.</p> <p>According to the database, it was revealed that approximately 2,400 foreign nationals were currently residing in the country without valid visas.</p> <p>The Committee emphasized the need for immediate measures to control such activities and noted that public support should be obtained in that regard. The Committee further recommended implementing measures such as setting up a hotline for public reporting of such activities and creating a specialized unit to manage complaints.</p>
08	<p><u>Payment of incentive allowances</u></p> <p>Although the relevant circular stipulates that incentive allowances payable to airport employees must be subject to the approval of the General Treasury, the Auditor General stated that no evidence was observed to indicate that such approval had been obtained.</p>	<p>Although the approval of the National Salaries and Cadre Commission (NSCC) is required, the Auditor General stated that, as the powers of the NSCC have been delegated to the Director General of Establishments, the relevant approval has been referred to the Director General of Establishments, subject to the guidelines issued by the General Treasury in this regard.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>It was recommended that the Secretary to the Ministry of Public</p>

		<p>Security submit to the Committee, on or before 15 May 2024, a report containing details of the existing incentive scheme.</p> <p>A detailed report has been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security by letter No. PS/IA/E&I/109/02/24 dated 14.05.2024.</p>
09	<p><u>Storage of 62 CCTV cameras unused since 2017</u></p> <p>The Committee inquired into the reasons why 62 CCTV cameras, valued at over Rs. 2 million, had been purchased and kept in storage without being installed for a period of six years.</p>	<p>Stating that the purchases were made in 2017 and that no officers connected with those purchases are currently serving in the Department, the AO explained that the cameras had been procured for installation within the internal premises of the Department and that several additional devices are required to complete the system. He further stated that provisions have been allocated for this purpose in the current year.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>Expressing its strong displeasure at the fact that 62 CCTV cameras had been kept in storage without being used for a period of six years, the Committee recommended that the Director General of the Ministry of Public Security appoint a committee comprising an officer of the Information Technology</p>

		<p>Division, under the supervision of an Additional Secretary to the Ministry, to prepare a plan for the installation of the cameras, identify any additional equipment required in accordance with that plan, and submit to the Committee, on or before 15 May 2024, a report including the timeline for the completion of the installation.</p> <p>A detailed report has been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security by letter No. PS/IA/E&I/109/02/24 dated 14.05.2024.</p>
10	<p><u>Procurement of blank passports from a single supplier</u></p> <p>The Committee revealed that the Department of Immigration and Emigration has been procuring blank passports from a single supplier for a period of 21 years without calling for tenders. It was further disclosed at the Committee that these procurements, carried out without properly assessing the requirement for blank passports, have also</p>	<p>The Accounting Officer stated that several attempts had been made to select a new supplier by calling for tenders; however, those attempts were unsuccessful due to issues that arose during the implementation of the tender procedure.</p> <p>The Accounting Officer further stated that the procurement process for the purchase of five million blank passports has now been completed.</p>

	contributed to delays in the issuance of passports.	
11	<u>Amendment of Passport Fees</u> The Committee drew attention to the fact that the increase in the fee for passports issued under the general service, from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 with effect from 1 February 2024, had not been implemented in accordance with the relevant Act.	The Chief Accounting Officer /Accounting Officer noted that the primary reason for the fee revision was to curb unnecessary requests for passports. He further pointed out that it had been revealed that only around 23% of passport holders actually travel abroad.
12	<u>Detention centres for individuals entering the country illegally</u>	The AO stated that a centre with facilities for 100 people is being maintained in the Welisara area, and that a 2-acre plot of land has been acquired in the Ragama area, where it is proposed to construct a building in accordance with international standards.
13	<u>Installation of CCTV Cameras at Katunayake Airport</u>	<u>Recommendations</u> It was recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Public Security to submit a report, by 15.05.2024, containing details of the proposed CCTV camera system to be installed at the counters for collecting passenger information at the Katunayake Airport terminal.

		<p>The relevant report has been submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security by letter No. PS/IA/E&I/109/02/24 dated 14.05.2024.</p> <p>The report also noted that the Department of Immigration and Emigration does not have the authority to install CCTV cameras for the collection of passenger information, as all administrative activities at the Katunayake Airport terminal are carried out by the Civil Aviation Authority.</p>
<p>Ministry of Education</p> <p>(Progress of the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS), findings of the Auditor General's Report for the year 2022 and current performance)</p> <p>Date of investigation – 24.04.2024</p>		
<p>Summoned Institutions -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ministry of Education ❖ University of Moratuwa ❖ Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) 		
01	<p><u>Updating the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS)</u></p> <p>The National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) has been</p>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that,-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) has failed due to the inability to

<p>under discussion at the Committee on Public Accounts for approximately four years; however, the Committee noted that no tangible progress has been made to date. It further highlighted that the absence of a proper data system is causing serious difficulties in making policy decisions concerning teachers and students.</p>	<p>obtain updated information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the lack of a national education database has caused significant difficulties in decision-making within the Ministry of Education.• efforts are currently being made to update the system through the Ministry's Information Technology Division, in collaboration with all relevant institutions, including the University of Moratuwa and Sri Lanka Telecom. <p>Professors representing University of Moratuwa stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When implementing an information system, it is necessary to ensure not only technical capability but also an appropriate administrative process.• As the existing system was implemented through a project, no mechanism exists to maintain it sustainably once the project is completed.• Administrative delays have resulted in data not being updated regularly, which
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		<p>has affected the proper functioning of NEMIS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As IT software requires regular updates, the Ministry of Education should establish a separate division to manage IT infrastructure to ensure the effective operation of a data system. <p>The CAO/AO stated that the Ministry currently lacks adequate IT facilities and qualified IT officers to maintain the system. They also highlighted that the insufficient facilities have hampered the implementation of programmes to establish 100 Smart Classrooms and 100 AI Clubs. The CAO/AO stated that moving towards a new data system would therefore be appropriate.</p> <p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It has been consistently observed that problems of this nature arise due to insufficient study on the sustainable maintenance of information systems in government institutions.• At the previous Committee on Public Accounts
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		<p>meeting, it was noted that the necessary hardware for this data system was not available; hardware worth Rs. 125 million has now been purchased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reluctance by some officials to use data systems has also contributed to the problem. <p>The Committee recommended that the CAO/AO decide whether to continue with the existing system or to implement a new one. A complete report, including start and end dates of the implementation programme, should be submitted to the Committee by 17.05.2024. It was further recommended that a committee be appointed in consultation with the Hon. Minister responsible for the subject, involving the Provincial Councils and the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA). Preliminary discussions and awareness sessions should be conducted within a week, necessary approvals obtained, and Cabinet papers submitted if required to implement the programme.</p>
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		<p>The Secretary to the Ministry of Education, in his letter No. ED/05/90/Audit/COPA/2024 dated 20.05.2024, stated that the current NEMIS cannot be maintained due to its incompatibility with current data requirements and existing technical issues. CODEGEN International Company has agreed to develop a new management information system over the next five years as a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project, without any payment.</p>
02	<p><u>The Ministry's lack of specific information regarding the lands and properties of certain schools taken over by the Government under the Assisted Schools and Training Colleges (Supplementary Provisions) Act, No. 8 of 1961.</u></p> <p>Under this Act, if a school taken over by the government is closed, its properties should be returned to the original owners. However, the Committee revealed that there are 284 such schools in the</p>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information from 163 schools is currently being collected, and the necessary actions are being taken in this regard. • Although 2,652 schools have been taken over as per the relevant Gazette notification, field inspections and other required steps will be conducted as necessary. • All other details, including plans, land areas, and

<p>Western Province where this has not been done.</p>	<p>related information, will be obtained from the Department of National Archives when required.</p> <p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee observed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many schools lack proper documentation or permanent plans, and there are numerous issues concerning the properties of such schools.• The Ministry of Education does not possess key statistical information, including estimates of the number of schools likely to face closure within the next five years.• Information should be available regarding the properties of all schools owned by the Ministry of Education.• In the Jayawardanapura Educational Zone, Wijerama Vidyalaya and Stanley Thilakaratne Vidyalaya have very low number of students, and a large number of lands and buildings in these schools
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		<p>are not being utilized effectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There have been instances where external parties have attempted to acquire the properties of some schools fraudulently.• Due to the lack of specific information on schools, it is not possible to take policy decisions regarding the use of properties of schools that are likely to face closure for other public purposes. <p>It was also stated that the Minister of Education has the power of alienation of property of schools taken over by the Government under the Assisted Schools and Training Colleges (Supplementary Provisions) Act, No. 8 of 1961.</p> <p>The Committee instructed that information be collected on schools taken over by the Government under this Act, including the number of schools administered by the line ministry, the number of schools under each Provincial Council, and their legal status. For this purpose, a form and an instruction sheet were prepared to obtain information through the Provincial Councils regarding the</p>
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		<p>2,652 schools taken over by the Government under this Act. These documents were sent to the Chief Secretaries of the Provincial Councils, referencing a recommendation made by the Committee on Public Accounts, and the Provincial Councils were instructed to collect the relevant information.</p> <p>Based on the information obtained, the Committee recommended that the CAO/AO prepare a comprehensive report containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of schools currently operating and the assets and properties of each;• The number of schools currently closed, including those whose ownership has been transferred and those not in use;• The number of schools facing closure in the future, with details of their lands and buildings/properties; and• Details of donated properties, including the original owners or trustees named at the time of donation, whether those
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		<p>trustees are still living, and the current trustees of those properties.</p> <p>The report was to be submitted to the Committee by 15.06.2024. The Committee also recommended that, in preparing the forms for collecting this information, field inspections of several schools be conducted and discussions held with several principals.</p> <p>The relevant report was submitted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education via letter No. ED/05/69/01/01/700 (Miscellaneous) dated 14.06.2024. It was further informed that the relevant information will continue to be collected and maintained through a Google Sheet database.</p>
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03	<u>That the principals of 29 schools have started new classes for intermediate classes without the approval of the Structural Committees of the Ministry of Education, contrary to</u>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that this increase in the number of classes had been made in 2022, that the approval of the Structural Committee had been granted to increase the number of classes in 6 schools, and that inquiries had been made from the principals of the</p>
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	<p><u>Circular No. 2008/37 dated 18.09.2008.</u></p> <p>It was revealed at the Committee that the number of classes in 29 schools had been changed at the discretion of the principals, without the approval of the Ministry, despite the fact that, according to the above circular, the number of parallel classes in schools should not be changed without the approval of the Structural Committees of the Ministry of Education.</p>	<p>other schools where the number of classes had reportedly been changed, but that the requested information had not been received so far.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer that a report be submitted to the Committee by 17.05.2024 on the number of classes started by each school concerned in this matter, in violation of Circular No. 2008/37, and on the action taken by the Ministry of Education in this regard.</p> <p>The relevant report has been forwarded through the letter No. ED/05/90/Audit/ COPA/2024 dated 20.05.2024 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education.</p>
04	<p><u>Payment of Resource Person Fees instead of Participation Allowances for workshops attended during normal working hours.</u></p> <p>The Committee paid attention to the fact that, contrary to the instructions contained in the letter No. EST-EXAMS-05-</p>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that the allowances for resource persons were actually obtained for activities outside of normal duties such as the preparation of circulars and for brainstorming sessions for decision-making at grassroot level, which are supposed to involve officers in all nine provinces, and that arrangements are being made</p>

	<p>1007-06 dated 27.04.2017 of the Director General of the Institute, a sum of approximately Rs. 7 million was paid, for participating in workshops during normal working hours, as allowances for resource persons instead of participation allowances</p>	<p>to prepare a new circular regarding the payment of allowances for resource persons in the future.</p> <p>The Committee inquired about the Human Resources Development Plan of the Ministry of Education and the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that the Human Resources Division is working on providing performance agreements and performance targets to all officers.</p> <p>The Committee inquired about the Human Resources Development Plan of the Ministry of Education and the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that the Human Resources Division is working to provide performance agreements and performance targets to all officers.</p>
05	<p><u>Declining trend in new student enrollment in schools.</u></p>	<p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>Having pointed out that the number of new students admitted to schools this year, compared to last year, has reportedly decreased significantly, and that the number of new student admissions may further decrease in the coming years due to the decline in the birth rate in previous years as a result of the situation caused by the COVID pandemic, the Committee stated that a human resource development plan should</p>

		<p>be prepared for all schools accordingly.</p> <p>The Committee pointed out the need to make a forecast of the number of students entering grade one of schools and the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that data for the past 20 years would be studied and a report submitted in this regard within the next 2 weeks. The Committee was of the opinion that it would be appropriate to obtain the necessary information from preschools as well for this purpose.</p>
06	<p><u>That there are issues in obtaining information from private and international schools</u></p>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer /Accounting Officer stated that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• only government-approved private schools are regulated through the Ministry of Education;• there is no mechanism to obtain information on international schools registered under the Companies Act;• since most private schools are registered as companies under the Registrar General's Department, information of such schools is not disclosed to the Ministry of Education;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a mechanism should be developed to obtain said information in collaboration with the Department of the Registrar of Companies; and• the relevant legal background should be prepared for the Ministry of Education to directly regulate private and international schools, <p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee observed that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the recommendations made in the audit report issued by the National Audit Office on the regulatory process regarding non-government schools have not been implemented yet,• there is no proper policy regarding private and international schools,• the recommendations of the report given by a sub-committee of Parliament on international schools have not been implemented, and the Committee inquired whether a solution has been formulated for this through the program of new education reform. <p>The Chief Accounting Officer /Accounting Officer stated that,</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the said program is being implemented,• Parliament has agreed to 32 of its 41 recommendations and will review and submit a report thereon,• the recommendations of the audit report on the regulatory process regarding non-government schools were followed,• monitoring activities had been initiated since August 2022 regarding the weak level of monitoring of government-approved private schools, and that 24 schools had been monitored last year• the National Education Commission was tasked in 2018 to prepare a regulatory framework and strategies for the supervision of nearly 400 other international schools registered under the Companies Act or the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka.,• the National Education Commission had informed that criteria for the said task would be prepared and provided by April this year.,• a report prepared based on the study conducted by the National Education Commission on schools was submitted last week
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• since the government-approved private schools are not submitting annual income and expenditure reports as per the circulars, the Ministry of Education has forwarded a letter recently regarding this matter as well,• since there are also problems regarding the students studying in these schools going abroad and obtaining visas for foreign teachers, it would be appropriate to establish a separate division in the Ministry of Education concerning these schools once the criteria of the National Education Commission are presented. <p>The committee's attention was drawn to the definition of international schools, and the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that, although the name "international schools" can be used only for "schools where foreign students are educated "according to a letter issued by the National Education Commission, there are instances where some private schools also use the name "international schools".'</p> <p>Having stated that officials of the Ministry of Education should stay</p>
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		up-to-date on relevant information, circulars, regulations, etc., the Committee instructed the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer to develop a methodology for the purpose.
07	<u>That the task of publicizing the number of vacancies in each grade in schools not being implemented properly.</u>	<u>Observations/Recommendations</u> The Committee observed that although the number of vacancies in each grade in schools should be made public, this task is not being implemented properly. The Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that all 396 national schools are in the process of including the relevant information on the official website. Having observed that there are instances where the information provided by schools to the Structural Committees and Divisional Coordination Committees regarding vacancies is not accurate, the Committee suggested that it would be appropriate to develop a methodology to ensure the accuracy of the information provided by schools to the Ministry of Education.
08	<u>That the temporary admission of students to schools near their</u>	The Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that although students cannot be

	<p><u>residences is further continuing in accordance with the letter No. ED/1/6/1/10/2022 dated 6 June 2022 of the Director of National Schools.</u></p> <p>According to the above letter, due to the difficult situation that prevailed in the country, arrangements had been made to temporarily enroll students in schools close to their residence owing to economic and transportation difficulties, and it was revealed at the Committee that, although these difficulties have now been overcome, there are instances where temporary enrollments are made and are later made permanent in accordance with that letter..</p>	<p>admitted to Grades One, Five, and Six outside the standard procedure, there are instances where temporary placements of children have been made, based on the distance between the two locations, considering the exigencies of service, during transfers of government officials.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer to take appropriate action regarding this letter in consultation with the Hon. Minister in charge of the subject.</p>
09	<p><u>Developing a system to award marks, at the time of enrolling teachers' children in schools, for periods spent working in schools that are difficult to access compared to the teacher's residence.</u></p> <p>The committee paid attention to the need to develop a system that would provide</p>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Circular No. 2024/01 regarding the definition of schools falling under “difficult” category has been prepared as of now; • The Ministry of Education has included 80% of the

<p>relief to teachers who worked in areas that were relatively difficult to reach from their residence.</p>	<p>relevant criteria at the national level and has undertaken awareness to obtain the remaining 20% of the criteria at the provincial level for this purpose;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the criteria have been prepared and provided in the provinces of Uva, South, North Central, North Western and Northern, and that the criteria of the Sabaragamuwa Province have been approved, and accordingly, it has been ordered to prepare records of approved schools in those province.; and• as of now, work is underway to draft the new circular regarding the admission of students to Grade 1 in 2025, and that discussions are underway to develop a system for awarding marks under the academic staff category, taking into account the distance between the residence and the place of first appointment. <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p>
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		<p>The Committee recommended that it be appropriate to appoint a committee to submit proposals for the purpose and make decisions in this regard, and also pointed out the need to establish a separate division to work fairly on the grievances of teachers.</p>
10	<p><u>Issues related to In Service Advisors</u></p>	<p>The committee stated that the method of awarding marks during interviews is not satisfactory.</p> <p>The Chief Accounting Officer /Accounting Officer stated that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interviews for 442 candidates who passed the limited competitive examination of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service are expected to be held in May, and that the relevant recruitments are expected to be made in June; • in order to select 67 out of the 241 candidates who passed the examination for recruitment to the Education Administrative Service on merit basis, the Public Service Commission has forwarded the marks related to the service period to the Department of Examinations;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• marks are awarded in these interviews under the guidelines mentioned in the Service Minute; and• the Secretary to the Ministry of Education will act as the Appeals Officer, to whom issues may be raised during the interviews, <p>The Committee inquired whether the promotion procedure in these services is implemented in accordance with the Service Minutes, and the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that there are cases where promotions cannot be granted due to issues such as not passing the efficiency bar examinations as prescribed and not having the required competency for English language.</p>
11	<u>Developing physical and human resources in schools.</u>	<u>Observations/Recommendations</u> <p>The Committee instructed the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer to pay more attention to the maintenance of school buildings and to submit proposals to obtain equipment for sports and aesthetic activities to schools.</p> <p>The Committee inquired about the appointment of sports and</p>

		<p>aesthetics teachers to schools, and the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer stated that if the number of students in the primary section of a school exceeds 100, a teacher for the subject of aesthetics will be approved for that section.</p> <p>Emphasizing that more attention should be paid to the appointment of teachers of sports and Aesthetics, the Committee appreciated the contribution of teacher assistants for the subject of sports and pointed out that steps should be taken to recruit at least teacher assistants for Aesthetic subjects as well.</p> <p>The Committee recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer/Accounting Officer to submit a report to the Committee before 17.05.2024 on how the number of teachers supposed to be in a school is determined according to subjects.</p> <p>It has been informed by the letter No. ED/05/90/Audit/COPA/2024 dated 20.05.2024 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education that the number of teachers to be in place for each subject is determined in accordance with the criteria set out in Circular</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Ministry of Tourism</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Examination of the audit reports issued by the Auditor General regarding the Ministry of Tourism based on the financial years 2020, 2021 and 2022 and the current performance of the Ministry of Tourism)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date of Examination - 07 May 2024</p>

Institutions summoned -

- ❖ Ministry of Tourism and Lands
- ❖ Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority
- ❖ Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau
- ❖ Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management
- ❖ Sri Lanka Convention Bureau
- ❖ Department of National Botanic Gardens

01	<p><u>Failure to publish the Tourism Policy in the Gazette and failure to prepare Tourism Strategic plan.</u></p>	<p>The Committee inquired into the fact that although the Tourism Policy of Sri Lanka was approved at the Cabinet meeting held on 26th February 2024, it has not been gazetted and consequently, the Tourism Strategic Plan has not been prepared.</p> <p>The Chief Accounting Officer (CAO)/Accounting Officer (AO) of the Ministry of Tourism expressed confidence that the proofreading of the Tamil translation of the Tourism Policy submitted to the Cabinet is currently being carried out and that once it is completed, the Tourism</p>
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		<p>Policy can be gazetted within another week.</p> <p>The Chief Accounting Officer (CAO)/Accounting Officer (AO) also stated that the preparation of the Tourism Strategic Plan has also commenced and that there is a need to collaborate with the Asian Development Bank in preparing the plan. The CAO/AO further stated that the work related to the said plan will be completed by the end of this month.</p>
02	<p><u>Formulating regulations related to tourism development areas and identifying tourist attractions.</u></p> <p>The Committee pointed out that although regulations may be made in terms of Section 26 (3) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, prescribing the tourism, commercial and other activities that may be carried out within a tourism development area, no steps have been taken to make regulations and identify attractions for the 14 major tourism development zones published in the Gazette</p>	<p>Commenting on this, the CAO/AO stated that since the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority does not have sufficient expertise to prepare the relevant regulations, it is expected to proceed with the preparation of the regulations with the support of representatives of the Asian Development Bank and professors from the University of Moratuwa who have extensive experience in the tourism sector.</p> <p>The CAO/AO, who stated that there was no need to formulate regulations for tourist zones under the old Act of 1968, also pointed out that the Asian Development Bank had instructed that regulations could be formulated for 5 tourist zones as a pilot project with the Asian Development Bank, and that the necessary regulations could then be</p>

	<p>up to the year 2022, and for the 17 Divisional Secretariat Divisions published in the Gazette as tourism development zones in the year 2023.</p> <p>The Committee expressed its displeasure that no regulations have been formulated so far regarding areas such as Hikkaduwa and Unawatuna, which were gazetted as tourist zones in 1987 and 1988.</p>	<p>formulated for the remaining zones through a local mechanism.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Tourism to take steps to re-gazette the tourism areas gazetted under the old Act in order to formulate regulations regarding tourism development areas in terms of Section 26 (3) of the Tourism Act No. 38 of 2005 and to identify the tourism zones that should be given priority in formulating regulations and to submit a report to the Committee within 3 months (before 06.08.2024).</p> <p>A preliminary report has been submitted through the Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism's letter No. MT/IAI/1/4/COPA dated 05.06.2024</p>
03	<p><u>Delay in preparing Tourism Development Plans</u></p>	<p>The Committee revealed that although the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and the Urban Development Authority had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the preparation of a master tourism development plan for 7 identified tourism development zones, the relevant plans have been prepared for only 2 zones (Ella and Arugam Bay) so far.</p>

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		<p>The CAO/AO stated that they are working together with the Urban Development Authority in this regard, and that the preparation of the tourism development plan for the two zones of Kalpitiya and Hikkaduwa is scheduled to be completed by August this year.</p>
04	<p>The Committee inquired about the provisions allocated to the Ministry of Tourism in the budget presented for the year 2024.</p>	<p>The CAO/AO stated that this year's budget has allocated Rs. 610 million as direct allocations to the Ministry of Tourism and Rs. 750 million for tourism promotion activities in Kitulgala and Pinnawala. Accordingly, the Ministry's Planning Committee will discuss and decide on how to spend the 610 million, and he stated that the District Secretaries of the Sabaragamuwa Province have been informed to submit proposals regarding the development activities in Kitulgala and Pinnawala.</p> <p>It was revealed that in addition to the budget allocations, the amount credited to the Tourism Development Fund annually through tax revenue and other income is approximately Rs. 5.7 billion (Rs. 5700 million), and that this amount is divided among the four institutions, namely the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management and the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau, in accordance</p>

		<p>with Section 24 (8) of the Tourism Act No. 38 of 2005.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Tourism to submit a report to the Committee within 2 weeks (before 22.05.2024) on the programmes planned to be implemented by the Ministry utilizing the provisions allocated to the Ministry of Tourism in the 2024 Budget.</p> <p>The relevant report has been submitted through the Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism's letter No. MT/IAI/1/4/COPA dated 28.05.2024</p>
05	<p><u>About 33% of tourists visiting Sri Lanka are Repeat Customers</u></p>	<p>Although it was stated before the Committee that about 33% of the tourists visiting Sri Lanka are repeat customers, it was revealed that the Ministry does not maintain sources from which accurate information can be obtained.</p> <p>The CAO/AO stated that although much information about tourists is available on its website, it does not record how many times the person has visited the country, and that this information may be included in the future.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p>

		<p>The Committee recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Tourism to submit a report to the Committee containing accurate data on the number of repeat customers visiting Sri Lanka.</p> <p>A report has been submitted through the Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism’s letter No. MT/IAI/1/4/COPA dated 05.06.2024</p> <p>According to statistics, it has been stated that a significant percentage of tourists visiting Sri Lanka return to the country.</p> <p>According to surveys, the figure was 15% in 2015 and 17.2% in 2018.</p>
06	<p><u>The facts that it has taken about 10 years to utilize 457.44 acres of land on 6 Kalpitiya islands, which were handed over to the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority in 2010, for investment purposes, and that even though 13 years have passed since the transfer of 1388.04 acres of land belonging to 2 other islands, those lands have not been used for investment purposes.</u></p>	<p>The CAO/AO stated that investment activities on several islands have not yet commenced due to various reasons, and further explained that although there is no problem with the islands located within the lagoon, investors have a major problem with the islands located in the sea. He also added that one island in the sea is now submerged, and the shape of islands such as Baththalanguduwa has changed due to excessive sea erosion. The CAO/AO further stated that it is therefore problematic to find investors to invest in those islands, and that investors on 6 islands located in the lagoon are</p>

		<p>awaiting approval to commence business activities.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Tourism to submit a report to the Committee within one month (before 06.06.2024) on the issues affecting the commencement of investment activities in the islands owned by the Sri Lanka Tourism Board and the measures being taken to resolve them.</p> <p>A report in this regard has been submitted through the Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism's letter No. MT/IAI/1/4/COPA dated 05.06.2024</p> <p>The report indicates that out of the 12 Kalpitiya islands assigned to the Tourism Development Authority, 10 have been given to investors on a lease basis, and that investors have not yet come forward for the two largest islands, Uchimunai and Baththalangunduwa.</p>
07	<p><u>NanuOya Railway Station to be modernized as a railway heritage site</u></p>	<p>The Committee inquired about the non-completion of the project to modernize the NanuOya Railway Station as a railway heritage site while preserving its archaeological identity, at a total estimated cost of Rs.74,630,924.00, despite the fact that</p>

		<p>it had commenced in 2021 and that the scheduled completion date had also been exceeded.</p> <p>The CAO/AO stated that although the Ministry of Tourism had initiated work on this project, the work was delayed due to the lack of necessary provisions to pay the outstanding amounts to the relevant contractor company. The CAO/AO further stated that after informing the Cabinet in this regard, the Cabinet has given instructions to proceed with the further work of this project with the support of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, and accordingly, the project will be completed by October this year.</p> <p>The CAO/AO stated that Ministry of Tourism initiated the work on this project, but the work was delayed due to the lack of necessary provisions to pay the arrears to the relevant contractor company, After informing the Cabinet in this regard, the Cabinet has given instructions to proceed with the further work on this project with the support of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, and accordingly, the project will be</p>
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		completed by October this year, the CAO/CEO further stated.
<p>Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs and the Department of Public Trustee</p> <p><i>(Examination of the Performance Audit Report on the Management of Testamentary Property Entrusted to the Public Trustee issued by the Auditor General on 30 April 2021)</i></p> <p>Date of Examination - 08 May 2024</p>		
<p>Institutions summoned -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs ❖ Department of Public Trustee 		
01	<p><u>Since a provision of Rs. 35 million has been made in the 2024 budget for the development of a computer database, its current status</u></p> <p>The Committee pointed out that there is a problematic situation in obtaining information regarding the assets held by the Department of Public Trustee due to the lack of a computer database.</p>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that the relevant provision is for the preparation of data systems of 5 institutions under the Ministry, that technical evaluation committees have been appointed for that purpose, and that after identifying the needs of the relevant institutions, quotations will be invited in the next few weeks.</p> <p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs also stated before the Committee that a register containing the property currently belonging to the department has been prepared and that two officers will be deployed to computerize the property belonging to the department, which is spread across the island.</p>

02	<p><u>Administration of the properties belonging to the Department of Public Trustee spread across the island</u></p> <p>The possibility of devising a system to delegate powers to District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries regarding the supervision of properties was discussed in the Committee.</p>	<p>The Director General of the Department of Public Trustee pointed out that according to the provisions of the Public Trustee Ordinance, the delegation of authority regarding property can be made to the Deputy Public Trustees of the Department, who must be lawyers with a minimum of 10 years of service experience, and that in the event of uncertainty regarding property management, there are provisions to delegate authority in this regard with the permission of the District Court.</p> <p><u>Observations/Recommendations</u></p> <p>Since it takes time to make new appointments, the Committee recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO)/Accounting Officer (AO) of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to urgently prepare an appropriate mechanism by contacting the District/Divisional Secretaries of the 25 districts to administer the Testamentary/properties entrusted to the Public Trust on a regional basis, after consulting with the Hon. Minister and taking advice from the Attorney General, amending the Ordinance or obtaining the relevant permission from the District Courts.</p>
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03	<u>Receiving property to the Department</u>	<p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that property is received by the department through last wills and court orders, and that property is assigned to the Department of Public Trustee by the courts through the issuance of grant of probate, letters of administration, and by appointing the department as a safe custodian. He further stated before the Committee that he will coordinate with parties such as the Grama Niladhari and the Divisional Secretary to obtain the necessary information for this purpose.</p>
04	<u>The types of properties/assets assigned to the Public Trustee and the specific amounts of properties under those types across Sri Lanka</u>	<p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated before the Committee that there is difficulty in presenting numerical data on property and assets due to the absence of a proper database system.</p> <p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee recommended to the CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to prepare a document containing the details of various ways in which assets are received by the Public Trustee, when each of such asset was received, by whom it was transferred, the conditions applicable</p>

		<p>to the transfer, etc., and to make a computer presentation at the next meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts to be convened on 20th June 2024 on each of the services provided by the Department of Public Trustee and the functions carried out under those services in the last 05 years, including the above information.</p>
05	<p><u>Leasing of lands/ properties assigned to the Public Trustee</u></p>	<p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that, the Department manages 11 estates and the income generated from those estates is used to fulfill the expectations stated in the relevant trusts, and there are also loss-making properties among them. He further stated that it has been decided to lease out the loss-making estates by calling tenders after having discussing with the Subject Minister and the Secretary.</p> <p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee also pointed out that, in addition to leasing out, alternative methods such as using these lands for more productive cultivation and other purposes by deploying soldiers and prisoners upon the discussions with institutions such as the Army, Civil Security Force or the Department of Prisons.</p>

06	<u>Trust funds</u>	<p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that, there are 1130 trusts under the Department of Public Trustee and 1100 trusts out of the above are in active status. He further stated that, the funds of these trusts have been deposited in 1936 banking accounts in 3 major banks, and there is an amount of Rs. 2,823 million in them.</p> <p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that, the audit has pointed out that this money has been deposited at low interest rates. Subsequently, depositing it at favorable interest rates by discussing with state banks, an income of Rs. 252 million has been generated for the year 2023. The money will be used to fulfill the expectations of the relevant trusts. He further stated that the relevant money has also been invested in fixed deposits, treasury bills and bonds.</p>
07	<u>Vehicles received from Trusts</u>	<p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that, the department has one such vehicle received from a trust and that vehicle has been deployed for the use of the Department of Public Trustee as per the expectation of the trust.</p>

08	<p><u>The current status of the Harry Hapugoda Testamentary located in Suduwelipotha, Baddegama, Galle</u></p>	<p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that the property, which has an extent of 113 acres is a loss-making property and therefore bids were called for lease, but the highest bid received was lower than the expected government valuation.</p> <p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>The committee instructed to re-call for bids for the lease.</p>
09	<p><u>Beneficiaries of Trusts</u></p>	<p>The facts were presented to the Committee that, if there is any remaining balance after fulfilling the last will of the transferors of the trusts, permission has been granted to carry out charitable activities with the approval of the Public Trustee, and that there are many charitable institutions as the continuous beneficiaries of a number of trusts. The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that, the relevant charitable institutions have been informed regarding the receipt of money from those trusts and the department is also carrying out meritorious deeds to invoke the blessings to the transferors of these properties.</p>

10	<p><u>Payment of foreign compensation to heirs</u></p> <p>The Department of the Public Trustees will receive the compensation received to the heirs when a Sri Lankan passes away in a foreign country. The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated before the Committee that there is currently about Rs. 160 million in the foreign compensation account.</p>	<p>The Committee enquired regarding the amounts of money that have not been paid. The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that, when problems arose in identifying the actual heirs despite the best efforts to trace them for foreign compensation, such money has been withheld without being paid and that steps will be taken to credit that money to the Treasury after a certain period of time.</p> <p>Accordingly, the CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs further stated that an amount of nearly Rs. 21 lakhs was credited to the Treasury last year.</p> <p>The CAO/AO stated that the Consular Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also provide the Department of Public Trustee with the information of the relevant deceased person and handing over those money to the heirs will be done by the Department.</p> <p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Hon. Chair of the Committee instructed the Secretary to the Committee to inform the Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in writing to submit a report on the current legal status for obtaining compensation for the death of a Sri</p>
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		<p>Lankan who has emigrated, the available legal provisions to receive such compensation, methodology that is being followed in that process at present, the amounts of compensation paid to the Public Trustee during the last 05 years, and the circulars related to the payment of foreign compensation, to the Committee by 06th June 2024 and to summon the Consular Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the next Committee meeting scheduled to be held on 20th June 2024 on the above subject.</p> <p>The Committee recommended to the CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to submit a summary prepared regarding the procedure followed in providing compensation and arrears to the heirs in the event of the death of a Sri Lankan/ worker abroad, by 13.05.2024.</p>
11	<p><u>Providing temple compensation</u></p>	<p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that, after receiving this compensation money to the Department of Public Trustee through the Divisional Secretary, the money will be released based on the written instructions of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs, that his</p>

	<p>Department has no right to use the money, and the relevant money in the custody of the Department has been invested in fixed deposits and the interest will also be paid to the relevant temple itself.</p> <p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>Since there is a compensation amount of Rs. 1170 million to be paid for 417 temples across the island, the Committee recommended to the CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to prepare a form and circulate it to the temples scheduled for such compensation, obtain the necessary information, release the relevant funds for the temples that are not subject to litigation/ questionable matters, and to report its progress to the Committee by 20th June 2024.</p> <p>The Committee also recommended to the CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to submit to the Committee a classified chronological document of the reasons for the delay in the payment of compensation for 417 temples and the amount of money to be paid to those temples. (Including temples that are more than 20 years old).</p>
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12	<u>Updating information on the website of the Department of Public Trustee</u>	<u>Observations/ Recommendations</u>
13	<u>Compensation in cases where property owned by the Public Trustee is taken over by the government</u>	<p>The Committee recommended to the CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to include information related to the services provided by the Department, necessary applications and properties on the website of the Department of Public Trustee and to include its Tamil translations prior to 1st June 2024.</p> <p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs stated that the properties belonging to the Public Trustee were taken over by the Volkswagen factory and the Wayamba University and that the compensation amounting to millions of rupees received for this has not been released so far due to pending legal proceedings. After receiving the money, it will be deployed to fulfill the expectation of the transferors of the relevant lands.</p>

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

(Reviewing the progress of the directives issued by the Committee on 24.01.2024, conducted jointly by the Committee on Public Finance, the Committee on Ways and Means, the Sectoral Oversight Committee on National Economic and Physical Planning, and the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Alleviating the Impact of the Economic Crisis, under the leadership of the Committee on Public Accounts, with regard to the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, including Sri Lanka Customs, the Department of Inland Revenue, and the Excise Department.)

Date of Investigation – 09th May 2024

Institutions summoned

- ❖ Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies
- ❖ Sri Lanka Customs
- ❖ Department of Inland Revenue
- ❖ Department of Excise

01	<u>Submitting a proposal to increase government revenue</u>	The Committee observed that although the Committee had recommended to the Chief Accounting Officer (CAO)/ Accounting Officer (AO) of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to provide the Committee with a proposal to increase the government revenue of the Sri Lanka Customs, the Inland Revenue Department and the Excise Department and an action plan for its implementation, the Sri Lanka Customs and the Inland Revenue
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		<p>Department had submitted only the proposals to increase the revenue, while the Excise Department had submitted a proposal to increase the revenue and an action plan as well.</p> <p>The CAO/AO of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies informed the Committee that the Department of Fiscal Policy and the Department of Trade and Investment Policies are preparing a programme to implement the proposals made by the three relevant institutions and that the proposals made in the identified action plans are expected to be implemented upon the agreement of the parties.</p>
02	<p><u>Proper collection of taxes on actual production by the Excise Department</u></p>	<p>The Commissioner General of Excise stated that, the percentage of excise revenue lost is currently less than 1% and that 99% of the revenue has been protected.</p> <p><u>Observations</u></p> <p>However, the Committee pointed out that the government has not been able to properly assess the tax revenue due to the under-invoiced value of the actual liquor production, and that an increase in revenue in 2024 compared to the previous year is due to the increase in taxes imposed by the government.</p>

	<p>Main points discussed</p>	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer - Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
<p>03</p>	<p><u>Illegal Alcohol Consumption</u></p> <p>The Committee inquired whether any research has been conducted on the amount of illegal alcohol consumed in the country and the measures taken by the Excise Department to minimize the consumption of such illegal alcohol.</p>	<p>The Commissioner General of Excise stated that studies conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Excise Department, and other institutions have shown that between 30% -35% of the alcohol consumed in the country are illegal. He also pointed out that the increase in the price of alcohol has been the reason for this and that this situation can be minimized through methods such as conducting raids on illegal liquor and issuing new excise licenses.</p>
<p>04</p>	<p><u>Current status of temporary Value Added Tax (VAT) registration</u></p>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a committee was appointed in this regard, chaired by the Director General of the Department of Fiscal Policy; • that the Committee has made 08 recommendations and that the Secretary to the Treasury has instructed the Sri Lanka Customs and the Inland Revenue Department regarding the

	Main points discussed	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer</p> <p>- Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
		<p>implementation of the said recommendations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that some recommendations have already been implemented; and • that temporary VAT numbers will not be issued to parties with permanent VAT registration. <p><u>Observations/ recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee suggested that it would be appropriate to take steps to use a verifiable QR Code so that the Inland Revenue Department and Sri Lanka Customs can exchange data regarding temporary VAT registration.</p> <p>The Committee emphasized the need to abolish temporary VAT registration to prevent fraud as temporary VAT registration has led to many frauds and recommended the Chief Accounting Office of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to obtain the necessary cabinet approvals and other legal requirements for this purpose and to submit a written report to the Committee before 27.05.2024</p>

	Main points discussed	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer</p> <p>- Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
		<p>regarding the progress of implementing this recommendation.</p> <p>This has been reported in the letter No. MF06/04/COPA Genera 2022 and dated 2024.06.07 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and in the letters No. MF06/04/COPA Genera 2023 – Vol-iii and dated 2024.07.19 and 2024.07.22.</p> <p>Since this Committee will be convened again on a future date, it was further recommended to the Chief Accounting officer of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to prepare an online program (as applicable to the Inland Revenue Department and Sri Lanka Customs) and make a computer presentation on its implementation on that date to avoid the problematic situation arising due to temporary VAT registration.</p>
05	<p><u>Information sharing among government institutions and</u></p>	<p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Committee, which drew attention to the problems arising due to the non-</p>

	Main points discussed	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer</p> <p>- Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
	<p><u>digitalization of government institutions</u></p>	<p>digitalization of government institutions, emphasized the need to digitize government institutions. There, the Committee recommended that suitable individuals/institutions be selected through advertisements to prepare the relevant data systems and that a percentage of the income generated be paid as their service fees.</p> <p>The Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that it has been decided to call for EOI- (expression of interest) for this purpose.</p>
06	<p><u>Weaknesses in coordination between the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and relevant institutions</u></p>	<p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>Pointing out that only 1/3 of the state revenue that can be collected by the government is currently being collected, and that 2/3 of the revenue has not been collected, the Committee emphasized that a practical program should be prepared under the leadership of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National</p>

	<p>Main points discussed</p>	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer - Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
		<p>Policies to collect the entire state revenue that can be collected.</p> <p>Also, the Committee continued to point out that there are weaknesses in coordination between the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the Sri Lanka Customs, the Inland Revenue Department and the Excise Department, which contribute to the largest percentage of state revenue, and the Committee emphasized the importance of establishing a dedicated unit under the administration of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to increase state revenue generated through these three institutions.</p>
<p>07</p>	<p><u>Customs (Amendment) Bill</u></p> <p>The Committee inquired about the amendments to be made to the Customs Ordinance.</p>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the event that goods are imported at an under value, the remaining tax due will be credited to the Government Consolidated Fund; and

	Main points discussed	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer</p> <p>- Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amendments have been proposed to the Customs Ordinance so that 50% of the fines collected after an investigation for fraudulent imports under the Customs Ordinance shall be credited to the Government Consolidated Fund, 5% to the Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund and 45% to the Custom Officers Reward Fund, and that when a government institution imports goods, there are fines payable for fraudulent acts under the Customs Ordinance and taxes due to the government, such money shall be credited to the Government Consolidated Fund, • These works are scheduled to be completed in June.
08	<p><u>Amendment of legal provisions relating to the employment of wharf clerks working in Sri Lanka Customs</u></p>	<p>The Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wharf clerks are employed in other countries of the world as well and this position has also been

	<p>Main points discussed</p>	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer - Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
		<p>recognized by the World Customs Organization;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they prepare the documents to be submitted to customs when importing goods; and • Since it is a technical task, importers need the services of these wharf clerks who have been trained for that. <p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <p>However, the Committee emphasized that it is important to monitor the duties performed by each wharf clerk and to review the division of work at least once a week/month in order to prevent fraudulent practices and monopoly in relation to their services.</p>
<p>09</p>	<p><u>Payment of overtime allowances to Sri Lankan Customs officers and use of fingerprint machines</u></p>	<p>The Committee was informed of the objections raised by the Customs Trade Unions regarding the use of fingerprint machines to verify attendance, even though signatures are required on an attendance register to confirm attendance when paying overtime allowances to Sri Lanka Customs officers.</p>

	Main points discussed	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer</p> <p>- Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
		<p>The Committee emphasized that as an initial step, at least the officers who do not go out for duties should use fingerprint machines to detect fraudulent acts in the customs.</p>
10	<p><u>Problems arising from subsequent revision of revenue estimates of government institutions</u></p>	<p><u>Observations</u></p> <p>The Committee observed that the revenue estimates of state institutions are revised later and accordingly, a decrease in expected revenue and an increase in expenditure can be seen, and that domestic debts have been taken to cover the increased expenditure.</p> <p>The Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies stated that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a trend of decreasing income and increasing expenditure in state institutions in the country has been observed for a long time; • this situation has arisen due to weaknesses in the management public finance;

	<p>Main points discussed</p>	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer - Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Public Financial Management Bill has been introduced for that purpose. • a fiscal strategy statement will be presented to the Parliament on or before 30th of June each year before the budget for each year is presented to the Parliament; and • Accordingly, the Parliament can question the government's fiscal strategy.
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Revenue Administration Management Information System of Inland Revenue Department</u></p> <p>It was revealed before the Committee that Cabinet approval was received on April 30, 2024, to extend the contract for maintenance and services for another 3 years due to delays in recruiting staff to take over the RAMIS data system of the Inland Revenue Department.</p>	<p><u>Observations/ Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee observed that this would entail a cost not exceeding S\$31,808,289 (tax-free). • The Committee's attention was drawn to whether steps have been taken to recruit the necessary staff to take over and maintain this system even after the 3 years have passed. • The Committee also expressed its concern that although the RAMIS database system had been completed at a much higher cost

	Main points discussed	<p>- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer</p> <p>- Observations/ recommendations of the Committee</p>
		<p>than expected, it had not yet been implemented properly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was revealed at the Committee that even the Call Center related to the RAMIS data system was outsourced to an external party, and that there was no opportunity for a third party to inspect the agreement related to this data system. • The Committee pointed out that in order to successfully implement this data system, it would be more appropriate to obtain the assistance of a qualified institution through a public advertisement, deviate from traditional methods, and prepare the data system to suit the country, and to pay the relevant service fee as a percentage of the amount received by increasing the revenue.
12	<p><u>Progressive performance of the Suwaseriya Head Office</u></p>	<p>The Hon. Chair of the Committee on Public Finance, who participated in this committee, stated that the Suwaseriya Head Office provides excellent service by using technology very effectively at minimal cost, and invited the Ministry of Finance,</p>

	Main points discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Explanation of the Chief Accounting Officer/ Accounting Officer- Observations/ recommendations of the Committee
		Economic Stabilization and National Policies and other relevant departments for an observation tour to study how the institution uses technology.

Annexures

Annexure I

Meeting on the Contract of the Provision of New Gravity Sewers, Force Mains and Pump Stations for Kirulapone Catchment Area (GCWWMIP- Local Funds)

- Date - 2024.04.02
- Time - 11.30a.m
- Venue - Mini Auditorium, Provincial Councils & Local Government Division, Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government, Union Place, Colombo 02

Participants:

No	Name	Designation
01	Mr. Pradeep Yasarithne	Secretary, M/PA, HA, PC&LG
02	Mrs. Dishna Dharmasekara	Additional Secretary (Projects Monitoring), M/PA, HA, PC&LG
03	Ms. M. W. A. R. P. Wijesinghe	Chief Financial Officer, M/PA, HA, PC&LG
04	Mrs. K. Pradeepa	Deputy Director (Planning), M/PA, HA, PC&LG
05	Eng. (Mrs.) Udeni Preethika	Project Director, GCWWMP & GCWWMIP
06	Eng. (Mrs.) Nirodhani Pathiraja	Deputy Project Director, GCWWMP & GCWWMIP
07	Eng. A. G. Irshadh	Consultant to the Project - GCWWMP & GCWWMIP
08	Eng. W D G E Wickramaarachchi	Project Engineer - Maligawaththa PS - GCWWMP(GOSL)
09	Mr. Sumith Rajapaksha	Contract Specialist -
10	Mrs. Sagarika Frenando	Development Officer, M/PA, HA, PC&LG

Presently, the following contracts are being implemented under the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project (GCWMP) and Greater Colombo Water and Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme (GCWWMIP)

1. Designing, Construction, Installation and Rehabilitation of Wastewater Pumping Stations of Colombo Municipal Council Contract (GCWMP - Local Funds)
2. Provision of New Gravity Sewers, Force Mains and Pump Stations for Kirulapone Catchment Area (GCWWMIP- Local Funds)
3. Kirula Narahenpita Sewerage Network Development (GCWWMIP- EIB Funds)
4. Repair of Defective Sewers & Upsizing of Under - Capacity Sewers in Southern Catchment and Implementation (GCWWMIP- EIB Funds)

Accordingly, the meeting was scheduled to discuss on the progress of implementation of contract for the provision of New Gravity Sewers, Force Mains and Pump Stations for Kirulapone Catchment Area. The approval has been granted by the Cabinet of Ministers to allocate USD 17.5 Mn. to continue with the balance work of this contract under GCWWMIP until the full completion of the scope of works.

The vitally discussed matters and decisions are as follows:

No	Issues discussed	Decisions taken	Responsibility
01	Amendment of the Contract to be agreed upon by both parties and commencing of the work	To have discussions with the contractor to finalize the clauses in the Contract amendment.	Project Director (GCWWMP & GCWWMIP Project) and Chairman of TEC
02	About 75% of Pipe laying work has already been completed and only the 25% balance to be done. Most of the spots are with underground utility issues.	Engineers of CMC who will be assigned to the project work will coordinate the relevant Utility agencies whenever Issues arise, to run the project smoothly.	Project Director (GCWWMP & GCWWMIP Project)
03	It is observed that the contractor reluctant to do the pipe laying work due to most of the spots are with underground utility issues and will complete the two Pump Stations, Thalakotuwa Garden and Kaliga Mawatha	If the contractor does not agree at all to do the pipe laying work, the same will have to be got done through CMC utilizing the already allocated GOSL funds with an amendment to the Cabinet Decision already taken.	Project Director (GCWWMP & GCWWMIP Project)
04	Granting EOT with price escalation as the new completion date is to be set as 31 st December 2025.	The contractor should withdraw the Claims amounting to LKR 8.08 Bn.	Project Director (GCWWMP & GCWWMIP Project) and Contactor



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Additional Secretary (Projects Monitoring)

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Progress Review Meeting - 02

Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project (GCWMP) & Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme (GCWMMIIP)

- Date - 18.04.2024
- Time - 9.00a.m
- Venue - Mini Auditorium, Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government, Provincial Councils & Local Government Division, Union Place, Colombo 02

Participant :

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01	Mr. Pradeep Yasarithne	Secretary, M/PA, HA, PC&LG
02	Mrs. Dishna Dharmasekara	Additional Secretary (Projects Monitoring), M/PA, HA, PC&LG
03	Ms. M. W. A. R. P. Wijesinghe	Chief Financial Officer, M/PA, HA, PC&LG
04	Ms Badrani Jayawardhana	Municipal Commissioner, CMC
05	Eng. (Mrs.) Lakshmi Bandara	Deputy Municipal Commissioner (Eng. Services), CMC
06	Eng. (Mr.) R. A. T. P. Ranawaka	Director Engineering (WS&DR), CMC
07	Mrs. K. Pradeepa	Deputy Director (Planning), M/PA, HA, PC&LG
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09	Eng. (Mrs.) Nirodhani Pathiraja	Deputy Project Director, GCWWMMP & GCWMMIIP
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11	Mrs. N. Samaramanna	Accountant, CMC
12	Eng. U K M K Kularathne	Construction Manager - GCWWMMP(GOSL)
13	Eng (Mrs) M. C. U. De Silva	Electrical Engineer, CMC
14	Eng. (Mrs.) Deepika Wijethilake	Project Engineer – Vitzvyke PS - GCWWMMP(GOSL)
15	Eng. (Mrs.) D. C.W. Vithanachchi	Project Engineer – Borella PS - GCWWMMP(GOSL)
16	Eng. Bandula Disanayake	Project Engineer – Thimbrigasyaya PS - GCWWMMP(GOSL)
17	Eng. W. D. G. E. Wickramaarachchi	Project Engineer – Maligawaththa PS - GCWWMMP(GOSL)
18	Mrs. Sagarika Frenando	Development Officer, M/PA, HA, PC&LG

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		<p>Secretary instructed closely monitor the work to maintain the smooth flow of work and to Conduct Progress Review meetings every month.</p> <p>Action plan of each PSs to be prepared, followed, and presented at the next Progress Meeting.</p> <p>Details of the Monthly Electricity Bills for operation of the PSs have to be submitted to the Secretary.</p> <p>All 4 completed and commissioned pumping stations should be continuously maintained by the Drainage Division of CMC. But there is no enough technical staff at CMC. Therefore, the secretary instructed the Commissioner (CMC) to take necessary steps to recruit the staff to maintain the pumping stations.</p>	<p>Addl.Secretary (PM) MPAHAPCLG/ PD (GCWMP)</p> <p>PD (GCWMP)</p> <p>Commissioner of CMC/ PD (GCWMP)</p>
GCWMMIIP – Kirulapone Contract			
02	<p>About 75% of Pipe laying work has already been completed and only the 25% balance is to be done. Most of the spots are with underground utility issues.</p>	<p>Engineers of CMC who will be assigned to the project will coordinate the relevant Utility agencies whenever issues arise, to run the project smoothly.</p> <p>The detail of shifting of CEB lines have to be submitted to the secretary.</p>	<p>PD (GCWMMIIP)</p> <p>PD (GCWMMIIP)</p>
03	<p>It is observed that the contractor reluctant to do the pipe laying work will complete the two PSs Thalakotuwa Garden and Kalinga Mawatha.</p>	<p>If the contractor does not agree to do the pipe laying work, the same will be get done through CMC under the GOSL funds after following proper procedures.</p>	<p>PD (GCWMMIIP)</p>
04	<p>Delay damages will not be imposed if work will be completed on or before 31st December 2025.</p> <p>Price fluctuation will be adjusted up to 31st December 2025.</p>	<p>The contractor should withdraw full or part of the Claims amounting to 8.08 bn of LKR</p>	<p>PD (GCWMMIIP)/ Contractor</p>
05	<p>Kirulapone Contract has been terminated in Jan 2023 and Cabinet approval should be obtained before the signing of 1st Contract Amendment.</p>	<p>Internal TEC appointed by CMC working on the finalization of 1st Contract Amendment.</p> <p>Draft 1st Contract Amendment has been sent to Contractor for comments officially.</p> <p>Decided to have discussions with the Contractor's officials representing the mother company regarding issues about the contract amendment. A cabinet paper has to be drafted followed by the finalization of contract issues by both parties.</p> <p>1st discussion with the Contractor is scheduled to be held on 2nd May 2024 at 8.30 a.m. at the ministry.</p>	<p>PD (GCWMMIIP)</p> <p>Addl.Secretary (PM) MPAHAPCLG/ PD (GCWMMIIP)</p>
06	<p>Forwarding of Draft Agreement to Attorney General Department.</p>	<p>Once the proposed First Amendment to the Contract is finalized, it should be forwarded to the Attorney General's Department.</p>	<p>Addl. Secretary (PM) & CLO MPAHAPCLG/ PD (GCWMMIIP)</p>

Kirula Narahenpita Contract -EIB funding			
07	The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled to be held on 25 th April 2024 at the site.	Action plan to be prepared and presented at the next progress review meeting A Project Director for the EIB funded project should be appointed to carry out the project and to provide authority for banking and financial related works.	PD (GCWWMIIIP) Addl.Secretary (PM) MPAHAPCLG/ Commissioner of CMC/ PD(GCWWMIIIP)
Kirula Narahenpita Southern Catchment Contract –EIB funding			
08	The awarding of the contract has not been finalized	As per the request of 2 nd Lowest Bidder of the previous procurement discussions are being conduct with EIB in this regard.	Addl.Secretary (PM) & CFO- MPAHAPCLG/ PD(GCWWMIIIP))Client Representative

The Secretary has instructed Project Director to submit the Action Plan and Work Programme for each contract to monitor the progress of the project.



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Additional Secretary (Projects Monitoring)

Progress Review Meeting 05

Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project (GCWMP) & Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Programme (GCWMMIIP)

- Date - 04.09.2024
- Time - 9.00a.m
- Venue - Mini Auditorium, Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government, Provincial Councils & Local Government Division, Union Place, Colombo 02

Participant:

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18	Mr. Sumith Rajapaksha	Contract Administration Specialist, PMU
19	Mr. K. Marasinghe	Quantity Surveyor, PMU
20	Eng. W. D. G. E. Wickramaarachchi	Project Engineer – Maligawaththa PS - GCWMP(GOSL)
21	Mrs. Sagarika Frenando	Development Officer, M/PA, HA, PC&LG
22	Ms. Anne Shermila	Management Service Officer, M/PA, HA, PC&LG

No	Issues discussed	Decisions taken	Responsibility
	GCWMP – GOSL - PSs		
01	Progress of the Construction work of the four Pumping Stations (PSs) after recommencement of the 3 rd amendment to the contract	Construction work of all four PSs is ahead of the approved construction program submitted by the contractor. Physical Progress after the 3 rd Amendment as at 31 st Aug. 2024 for each PS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borella 92.5% • Thimbrigasyaya 78.4% • Vystwyke 70.2% • Maligawaththa -56.0% 	Ministry/ Project team

		The damaged Force main portion at Thimbrigasyaya PS has been included as a new activity with variation.	
02	Over Time for the Assistant Project Engineers	<p>As per circular No.01/2019 of Department of Management Services, Overtime has to be paid with the prior approval of the Secretary for each month maximum of 25 hrs per month.</p> <p>Since the contractor works day and night to achieve the targets, Assistant Project Engineers have to be deployed on duty according to their work schedule.</p> <p>As per the circular, 25 hours is insufficient for a month, and obtaining prior approval every month is also not practicable.</p> <p>The Secretary instructed to send a request with justification to check the possibility of giving approval.</p>	Ministry/ Project team
03	<p>Force Main of the Vystwyke PS has been designed to lay on the acquired section of the Aluth Mawatha Road. Right of way for the said Force main is not cleared due to a court case between RDA and two occupants.</p> <p>CMC will appear as a party on the next court date on 30th September 2024</p>	<p>CMC is scheduled to appear in court on the 30th of September to request the vacation of the current status quo order.</p>	PD, GCWWMP & Legal Officer of the Project
04	<p>Payment of compensation for the employee who died by the accident during project work at Wanatamulla should pay to his family. Because of unavailability of previous allocation of the GCWWMP, approval of the Secretary is required to utilize current financial allocation of GOSL by the present established PMU.</p>	<p>The secretary instructed to send a request as early as possible to make the payment from the GOSL fund.</p>	PD, GCWWMP
GCWWMIIP – Kirulapone Contract			
05	<p>Finalization of 1st Amendment of the contract</p> <p>Project Director informed that the already allocated amount of GOSL fund under the Cabinet paper -3rd May 2023 for GCWWMP will not be sufficient.</p> <p>The Secretary instructed to expedite to forwarding the CAPC report to the cabinet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor has submitted the rate for the Gravity sewer network and construction of PSs. • The rate submitted for the Gravity sewer network is substantially high and has to be re-evaluated. Further discussion about the rates and the amount received. TEC has to finalize the rates. • Thus, it was decided that the final decision should be taken in consultation with the CAPC in this regard. • Since the new rates offered by the contractor for the spare parts are higher, it was decided to discuss with the CAPC whether the 	CAPC /TEC / Project team
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		procurement of spare parts will be done by the contractor or the project.	
Kirula Narahenpita Contract -EIB funding			
06	The Contractor has not commenced groundwork at the site. Paperwork for material approval and initial preparation work are processing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIB funding agency has granted the extension for the project up to 25th January 2025. The government (the Treasury) has to open an dollar account to get EIB funding, as there is no such account The contractor has completed the crack survey. Contractor has submitted the advance payment guarantee and requested 20% of mobilization advance. Since Treasury has not opened the dollar account yet, the funds from EIB not received. The Project Director stated that the Railway Department informed that the final decision for vacating the occupant from the land owned by the Department at Darbare Mawatha will be given on 03.10.2024. 	Ministry/ Project team
07	Legal Officer of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretary instructed to deploy one legal officer for the contracts funded under GOSL and EIB as there is limited scope. 	Municipal Commissioner, CMC /PD, GCWWMP & GCWWMIIP
Southern Catchment Contract –EIB funding			
08	PD informed that implementation of the Southern Catchment Rehabilitation project is very important, as the execution of Kirulapone Contract depends on the rehabilitation and upsizing of the existing pipes.	Secretary instructed to send a letter to the contractor immediately stating that failure to extend the bid bond within the given period will lead to rejecting the bid and retendering the project. If so, the amended cabinet paper should be submitted accordingly.	Ministry Procurement Division/Project Director, GCWWMIIP


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Annexure II

PARKING LOCATIONS AND MONTHLY RENTAL

NO.	LOCATIONS	MONTHLY RENTAL
1	100 ft. Road Marketing building (Behind the CTB)	220,000.00
2	1st Cross Street	143,100.00
3	3rd Cross Street	101,500.00
4	4 th Cross Street	243,550.00
5	5 th Cross Street	325,300.00
6	Adiruppu Street/Sri Ratnajothi Saravanamuthu Mawatha	82,000.00
7	Ananda Kumaraswamy mawatha	115,000.00
8	Ananda Rajakaruna Mawatha	41,500.00
9	Arnold Ratnayaka Mawatha	51,400.00
10	Bank of Ceylon Mawatha	511,250.00
11	Bankshall street	804,345.00
12	Bastian Mawatha	20,000.00
13	Buddhaloka mawatha from Thummulla to Bambalapitiya Junction	36,150.00
14	Bodiraja Mawatha	114,500.00
15	Borella cross road	46,000.00
16	Braybrook Street	235,300.00
17	Bristol street	246,000.00
18	C.W.W Kannangara Mawatha	59,150.00
19	Campel Park in front of Borella press	332,000.00
20	Canal Row	152,200.00
21	Chittampalam A Gardiner mawatha	221,100.00
22	Crow Island Beach Park	101,600.00
23	D.R.Wijewardhana Mawatha	215,500.00
24	Dam Street	240,000.00
25	Dawson Road	31,000.00
26	Deans Road (Ven.Badegama Wimalawansa Thero mw)	190,100.00
27	Dharmapala Mawatha	149,550.00
28	Duke Street	762,000.00
29	E.W.Perera Mawatha (in front of the new OPD)	135,000.00
30	F.R.Senayake mawatha	107,205.00
31	Field Marshall Sarath Fonseka Mawatha	52,000.00
32	Foundation Road	27,500.00
33	Gabos Lane	111,000.00
34	George R De Silva Mawatha	134,000.00
35	Gothampura Road	30,500.00
36	Hathbodhiya Road	130,000.00
37	Havelock Road near Hendry Pedris Ground.	16,000.00
38	Hunupitiya Lake Creasent	65,000.00
39	Hyde Park Corner	15,000.00
40	Isipathana Mawatha	19,500.00
41	Jawatta Road	11,200.00
42	Jayantha Weerasekara Mawatha	59,550.00
43	Jothipala Mawatha (Maligawatta)	25,200.00

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44	Justice Akbar Mawatha / Riffle Street / Mercan Marcar Mawatha	125,800.00
45	Kadhiresan Street	74,000.00
46	Kew Road	13,500.00
47	Keyzer Street	910,000.00
48	Khan Clock Tower in front of Wimaladharm	180,500.00
49	Kirula Road	194,000.00
50	Kirulapona High Level Road	18,150.00
51	Kollupitiya Market	236,250.00
52	Kyncy Road	195,750.00
53	Layden Bastian Mawatha	61,600.00
54	Lotus Road except in front of Telecom	275,750.00
55	Lotus Road only in front of Telecom	69,550.00
56	M.J.M.Lafeer Mawatha (Messenger Street)	151,000.00
57	Magazine Road	25,000.00
58	Maitland Crescent	71,100.00
59	Maitland Place	155,300.00
60	Malalasekara mawatha	182,200.00
61	Maliban Street	615,000.00
62	Malwatta Road	310,000.00
63	Maradana - Borella Road	205,000.00
64	Mohamed Zain Mawatha	50,100.00
65	Mudalige Mawatha	75,000.00
66	Muttaiya Street	40,500.00
67	Nawam Mawatha	101,150.00
68	New Moor Street	99,000.00
69	Norris canal road	1,135,200.00
70	Olcott Mawatha	74,550.00
71	Old Moor Street	545,000.00
72	Orabipasha Mawatha	45,000.00
73	Panchikawatta Road	585,500.00
74	Park Lane	26,800.00
75	Park Road opposite Children's Park	45,000.00
76	Park Street	124,000.00
77	Pason Lane (Road near Lake House)	33,250.00
78	Pradeepa Mawatha	41,500.00
79	Premakeerthi de Alwis Mawatha	81,200.00
80	Prince Street	625,000.00
81	Query Road / Abdul Jabar Mawatha	230,000.00
82	R.G.Senanayake mawatha (Gregory's road)	165,750.00
83	Robert Gunawardhana mw	16,050.00
84	Sanchiarachchi Watta	30,500.00
85	Sarasavi Lane	18,500.00
86	Sea Beach Road	151,600.00
87	Sea Street (Hettiweediya)	810,500.00
88	Section 01: Galle Face Center road and Galle Road from Galle Face to Kollupitiya	952,000.00

89	Section 02: Abdul Gaffor Mawatha, St. Anthony's Mawatha (G/R), St. Anthony's Mawatha (D/R), Deal Place, Walukarama Road, 13th Lane, Aloe Avenue, Galle Road - Sea Side, Galle Road- Land Side, Duplication Road - Right, Duplication Road - Left	452,000.00
90	Section 03: Alfred Place, Bagathale Road, Alfred House Gardens, Alfred House Road, Queens Road, Alfred House Avenue, Glen Arber Place, Galle Road-Sea Side, Galle Road-Land Side, Duplication Road-Right, Duplication Road-Left	611,000.00
91	Section 04: Joseph's Lane, Vajira Road, Station Road, Haig Road, Kothalawala Avenue, Galle Road - Sea side, Galle Road - Land side, Duplication Road - Right, Duplication Road - Left	1,100,000.00
92	Section 05: Visaka Road, De Fonseka Place, De Krester Place, Macleod Road, Shurberry Gardens, Jaya Road, Milagiriya Avenue, Melbourne Avenue, Galle Road - Sea side, Galle Road - Land side, Duplication Road - Right, Duplication Road - Left	275,200.00
93	Section 06: Lorenz Road, Kensington Gardens, Sinsapa Road, Fedrica Road, Castle Lane, Kinross Avenue, Galle Road - Sea side, Galle Road - Land side, Duplication Road - Right, Duplication Road - Left	175,000.00
94	Section 07: Manning Place, St Lawrance Road, Rudra Mawatha, Lily Avenue, Galle Road - Sea side, Galle Road - Land side, Duplication Road - Right, Duplication Road - Left	116,000.00
95	Sir Baron Jayathilaka Mawatha	110,500.00
96	Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha	301,550.00
97	Sri Sangaraja mw/ Sumanatissa mawatha	241,000.00
98	Srimavo Bandaranayaka Mawatha	22,150.00
99	Staple street	174,000.00
100	T.B.Jaya mawatha	48,700.00
101	Union Place	39,400.00
102	Upper Chatham Street	217,990.00
103	Vauxhall Street	378,500.00
104	Ward Place	136,500.00
105	Wellawatta Market	98,400.00
106	York street	603,990.00
TOTAL :		22,003,730.00

Proposed Information System Solution for Ministry of Education Instead of Existing “NEMIS”

1. Introduction

The Ministry of Education (MoE) recognizes the need for a more efficient and scalable Education Management Information System to address the growing demands of the education sector. It was identified that the existing version named NEMIS is no more feasible to maintain further, because of software, hardware, and financial problems. Within the current scenario, MoE is not in a position to develop such a full-scale system nor get an outsourced service.

After having lots of difficulties due to the lack of a proper management information system public attention was also received for the same and CODEGEN Internationals expressed their intention to assist us in generating a comprehensive Management Information System.

2. Project Background

- In 2021 the MoE initiated system requirement identification as the one target of a foreign-funded project, and finally identified requirement at that time is composed as NEMIS Policy.
- Then identified requirement is updated with timely needs identified in the past two years.
- Updated system requirements, which can be termed system blueprint, have already been shared with the Cloud Smart School (CSS) team and they have produced a bridge between CSS functionalities and MoE requirements.

3. Current Status

- A Ministry-level Feasibility Study Committee (FSC) has been established to oversee the project and ensure smooth collaboration and implementation of the project.
- A dedicated focal point within the MoE liaises directly with CODEGEN Internationals.
- CODEGEN Internationals has mapped the MoE's identified requirements and awaits final confirmation from the MoE. That document is submitted to the FSC for their review.

- CODEGEN Internationals intends to give this development support for 5 years on a free Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program.

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- Both parties will collaborate on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to define roles, responsibilities, and communication protocols.
- System has to obtain necessary certification/assurance in data security and other relevant certifications.
- A legal agreement is being negotiated to ensure at least 5 years of development and support services from CODEGEN Internationals, including free implementation of approved change requests.
- At the end of the 4th year. The expert team will evaluate the entire program and recommend to MoE the next steps to be taken.

- **Cabinet Approval:**

- Followed by a successful pilot implementation, project documentation will be submitted to the Cabinet for final approval before nationwide rollout.
- **Sign agreements between connected parties:** The agreements should include a Legal Agreement/ Memorandum of Understanding and a Non-Disclosure Agreement. The following tasks should be addressed in the agreement:
 - Time period of the CSR project
 - System maintenance plan after the CSR period
 - System implementation plan
 - Change request plan
 - Who should bear the capital infrastructure cost
 - Timeline of the project

- **Budgeting:**

- It is important to highlight the financial implications associated with the proposed Cloud Smart School (CSS) solution for NEMIS modernization. Anticipated costs can be classified as follows:
 - **Software Development:** The government is expected to incur no costs during the software development stage. (Up to 5 years of CSR period)
 - **Infrastructure Expansion of MoE:** System Infrastructure in MoE including server capacities and network capacities fits enough to cater to the infrastructure requirements to implement CSS.

- **Software Implementation:** However, additional budgeting may be required during the software implementation stage. These potential costs include.
- **External Infrastructure Development:** Upgrading or expanding IT infrastructure to accommodate the new system (e.g., disaster recovery center, network upgrades, and compatible devices).
- **User Training:** Providing comprehensive training programs for MoE staff, school personnel, and other users of the new NEMIS system.
- **Implementation Support:** On-site assistance and support during the initial implementation phase in schools and peripheral institutes.

5. Benefits/ Outcomes of CSS Implementation

Implementing the CSS offers several potential benefits for Sri Lanka's educational landscape:

- **Improved Efficiency:** Streamlined school management processes can reduce administrative burdens and increase productivity.
- **Enhanced Scalability:** The CSS is designed to accommodate the growing demands of the MoE and easily adapt to future needs.
- **Centralized Data Management:** Consolidated data from all schools will provide valuable insights and facilitate informed decision-making. On the other hand, MoE and subordinate institutes such as Provincial Education Departments, Zonal education officers, and divisional schools will have access to updated data within his jurisdiction.
- **Potential Cost Savings:** The digitalization of administrative processes can lead to reduced operational costs.
- **Future proof:** Ready for future challenges and changes by ensuring systems, strategies, or skills remain relevant and effective in the face of evolving conditions and technologies.

6. Conclusion

The collaboration between the MoE and CODEGEN Internationals presents a promising opportunity to modernize and improve Sri Lanka's school management system. Successful implementation of the CSS can significantly enhance efficiency, scalability, and data management within the education sector.

Annexure IV

Annexure 04

අංකය	සාසලේ නම	අනාවරණය වූ කරුණු හා ලබාදුන් උපදෙස්
01	මහින්ද රාජපක්ෂ විද්‍යාලය, හෝමාගම	2021.04.01 දින 08 ශ්‍රේණිය සඳහා ක්‍රීඩා පන්තියක් ආරම්භ කිරීමට වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතිය ලබාදී ඇත. 2021.07.16 දින 06 ශ්‍රේණිය සඳහා දේමළ මාධ්‍ය නාට්‍ය සමාජයක් ආරම්භ කිරීමට වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතිය ලබාදී ඇත.
02	බණ්ඩාරනායක මධ්‍ය මහා විද්‍යාලය, ගම්පහ	2020.07.28 දින නව සමාජයක් ආරම්භ කිරීමට වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතිය ලබාදී ඇත.
03	කුලියාපිටිය මධ්‍ය විද්‍යාලය, කුලියාපිටිය	2019.04.03 දින නව සමාජයක් ආරම්භ කිරීමට වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතිය ලබාදී ඇත.
04	අනුරාධපුර මධ්‍ය විද්‍යාලය, අනුරාධපුර	2020.10.06 දින නව සමාජයක් ආරම්භ කිරීමට වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතිය ලබාදී ඇත.
05	මහාමායා බාලිකා විද්‍යාලය, මහලාචර	2020.07.28 දින නව සමාජයක් ආරම්භ කිරීමට වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතිය ලබාදී ඇති නමුත් 2015 සිට 2020 දක්වා 7 ශ්‍රේණියේ සිට 11 ශ්‍රේණිය දක්වා පන්ති 07ක් උපය වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතියකින් තොරව පවත්වාගෙන ගොස් ඇත.
06	රාජකීය විද්‍යාලය, කොළඹ	2016 වර්ෂය වන විට 7 ශ්‍රේණියේ සිට 11 ශ්‍රේණිය දක්වා පන්ති 15ක් පවත්වාගෙන ගොස් ඇති අතර 06 ශ්‍රේණිය සඳහා පන්ති 14ක් පවත්වාගෙන ගොස් ඇති නමුත්, 2016 වර්ෂයේ සිට 6 ශ්‍රේණිය සඳහාද සමාජයක් පන්තියක් වැඩිකර ඇත. ඒ අනුව 6 ශ්‍රේණියේ පන්ති සංඛ්‍යාවද 15 දක්වා වැඩිවී ඇත. මින් ඉදිරියට වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතියකින් තොරව සමාජයක් පන්ති වෙනස් නොකරන ලෙස 2024.05.02 දින විදුහල්පති කාර්යාලය උපදෙස් ලබාදෙන ලදී. ඉදිරියේදී අදාළ ලේඛන අමාත්‍යාංශයට යොමුකර වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතිය ලබා ගන්නා ලෙස උපදෙස් ලබාදෙන ලදී.
07	දුමිණික විද්‍යාලය, කොළඹ	2015 හා 2016 වර්ෂවල 6 ශ්‍රේණිය සඳහා පන්ති 05ක් පැවති අතර, ශිෂ්‍යත්වධාරීන් වැඩිවීම නිසා එම අවස්ථාව සලකාදීමට 2017 සිට 6 ශ්‍රේණිය සඳහා පන්ති සංඛ්‍යාව 06ක් බවට පත්කර පවත්වාගෙන ගොස් ඇති අතර, අනුමැතිය ලබාගත් බවට තොරතුරු සොයාගත නොහැකි බවට විදුහල්පති දන්වා ඇත. මින් ඉදිරියට වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතියකින් තොරව සමාජයක් පන්ති වෙනස් නොකරන ලෙස 2024.05.02 දින විදුහල්පති කාර්යාලය උපදෙස් ලබාදෙන ලදී. ඉදිරියේදී අදාළ ලේඛන අමාත්‍යාංශයට යොමුකර වූහ කමිටු අනුමැතිය ලබා ගන්නා ලෙස උපදෙස් ලබාදෙන ලදී.

08	ව්‍යාපෘතිය දේශීය විද්‍යාලය, කිලිබන්තොඩ	2015 වර්ෂයේ සිට 8 වැනි වර්ෂයේ සමාන්තර පන්තියක් වැඩිකර ඇති නමුත්, 2018 වර්ෂයේ සිට එය පවත්වාගෙන යාමේ ඇත. මින් ඉදිරියට ව්‍යුහ කමිටු ඇතුළත් කිරීමේ කොටස සමාන්තර පන්ති වෙනස් කොටස ලෙස 2024 05 02 දින විද්‍යාල පනතින් කැපවා උපදෙස් ලබාදෙන ලදී. ඉදිරියේදී අදාළ දේශීය අමාත්‍යාංශයට යොමුකර ව්‍යුහ කමිටු ඇතුළත් කිරීමේ ලබා ගන්නා ලෙස උපදෙස් ලබාදෙන ලදී.
09	අනන්‍ය විද්‍යාලය කොළඹ 10	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
10	නාලන්ද විද්‍යාලය කොළඹ 10	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
11	ඩී.එස්.සේනානායක විද්‍යාලය, කොළඹ 07	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
12	සිරිමාවෝ බණ්ඩාරනායක විද්‍යාලය, කොළඹ	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
13	ඉසිසක විද්‍යාලය, කොළඹ 05	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
14	මහනාම විද්‍යාලය කොළඹ	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
15	මීලානිය ගණිත පාලි බාලිකා විද්‍යාලය,	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
16	විශාකා විද්‍යාලය කොළඹ 05	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
17	අනන්‍ය සාක්ෂාලය කෝටමඩ	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
18	අනුලා විද්‍යාලය කුරුමේගොඩ	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.

19	ජනාධිපති විද්‍යාලය රාජකීය	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
20	රාමනායන් තීන්දු විද්‍යාලය, බමබලපිටිය	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
21	රාජසීහ විද්‍යාලය, හැටුල්ල	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
22	පිළිපන්දල මධ්‍ය මහා විද්‍යාලය, පිළිපන්දල	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
23	විද්‍යාර්ථ විද්‍යාලය, මහනුවර	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
24	ශාන්ත සිල්වෙස්තර විද්‍යාලය, මහනුවර	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
25	සුමුක්ලන්ධස් විද්‍යාලය, හාල්ල	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
26	රුහුල විද්‍යාලය, මාතර	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
27	සුසානා විද්‍යාලය, මාතර	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
28	ශාන්ත තෝමස් බාලිකා විද්‍යාලය, මාතර	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.
29	කර්මයන් උසස් බාලිකා විද්‍යාලය, රත්නපුර	සමාන්තර පන්තිවල වෙනසක් සිදුවී නොමැත.

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