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Name of the Institution - Department Of Animal Production and Health

Presenting observations and actions taken regarding the report submitted to
Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing
Order No. 119(4).(2023)

Regarding the observations of the Online Information Management Report 2023 submitted to
Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts

Institution: Department of Animal Production and Health

Part one: 85.00		
Serial No	Audit matter according to the Public Accounts Committee report	Action taken and current progress
01.	Answers had not been sent to all the audit queries of the Auditor General within one month after receiving such audit queries	In cases where answers are prepared after receiving information from regional offices, interim responses have been sent to inform about the current situation and action has been taken to provide answers on requesting additional time. Also relevant reports are called via e-mail to minimize these issues.
02.	There had been instances where internal audit queries had not been answered within a period of 01 month.	In submitting responses to internal audit inquiries, answers are often sent within the given time frame. However, in cases where information is requested from regional offices such as veterinary investigation centers and answers are prepared, interim responses have been sent to inform about the current situation and action has been taken to provide answers on requesting additional time. Also relevant reports are called via e-mail to minimize these issues.
03.	The required number of Audit and Management Committee meetings had not been held year under review	The Departmental Audit and Management Committee meeting for the first quarter of 2023 was held on 21.03.2023 and the meeting for the second and third quarters was held on 03.10.2023. I kindly note that the relevant meetings could not be held as scheduled due to the absence of a permanent officer in the post of Chief Internal Auditor.
04.	Documents to confirm ownership of all vehicles were not in possession.	The process of transferring of ownership of all vehicles owned by this department is underway. I kindly note that the process of transferring ownership of some vehicles has been slightly delayed due to practical issues.
05.	The emblem of the state had not been painted on all pool vehicles.	Arrangements have been made to display the state emblem on unpainted government vehicles by affixing a sticker.
06.	Condemned vehicles had not been disposed of within a period of less than 8 months after condemning	Since the recommendations made by the committee appointed to identify the vehicles to be disposed of are not in accordance with the Public Finance Circular 02/2015 and are unclear, I kindly note that a new committee will be appointed to obtain recommendations and relevant steps will be taken to dispose of the vehicles.

07.	The balances in arrears exceeding 01 year had not been settled.	I. Mrs. D.S.P. Amarasena The outstanding balance of this officer has been referred to the Director General of Pensions for recovery from the death gratuity II. Mr. D.M.S.B.Dissanayake Since this officer has left the service, his personal file has been forwarded to the Public Service Commission for consideration in accordance with the request made to reinstate him.
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Part two: 76.00

01.	Performance agreements covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered.	A program is being prepared to address this issue.
02.	All public officers had not Submitted their declarations of assets and liabilities.	The number of officers who are required to obtain declarations of assets and liabilities for the year 2023 is 138, and those who have not given them have been notified to submit statements.
03.	The necessary action had not been taken to recover the loss caused to the Government by the officers as per Financial Regulation 156 (1).	Steps have been taken to recover the loss incurred by the government from the officers in terms of Financial Regulation 156(1) and the current progress is given in Annexure-01.

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 Department of Animal Production & Health

Current progress regarding the recovery of the relevant charges from the following named officers

Annexure - 01

Serial No	Name of the officer	Current Progress
01	Mrs. J.M.K.G. Jayasundara	Mrs. J.K.M.K.G. Jayasundarahas entered to an agreement on 08.02.2013to pursue a doctorate degree in Australia. The security bond was Rs. 9,758,659.40 and the penalty amount was Rs.1,098,000.00. The entire security amount has been recovered from the case number MR/2287 filed in the Dambulla District Court to recover the security amount. To recover the remaining amount of Rs. 1,098,000.00, a case number DMR/3718/2022 has been filed in the Colombo District Court on 21.12.2022. It was heard on 04.11.2025 and the case is scheduled to be called again on 19.06.2026.
02	Mrs. Lathamani Indrakumar	Mrs. Lathamani Indrakumar (Kadiresam Pillai Lathamani) has availed of no-pay leave for an employment in Canada from 25.04.2006 to 25.04.2008. An agreement was entered into in this regard. Later, the agreement was extended by one year until 24.04.2009. Accordingly, the penalty sum to be recovered is Rs.435,200.00. Although my letter No DAPH/AD/26/5/36 dated 23.05.2025 was forwarded to her personal address provided in her personal file to inform her to promptly pay the penalty amount of 435,200.00 as per the agreement signed at the time of going abroad, the relevant letter has been returned to the Department.(Attachment I) The Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Canada have been informed by my letter No. DAPH/AD/26/5/36 dated 26.05.2025(Attachment - II) My letter No. DAPH/AD/26/5/36 dated 02.09.2025has been forwarded to the Commissioner General of Elections for enquiring whether Mrs. Lathamani Indrakumar is registered in the Electoral Register for the year 2023/2024 at House No. 702/42, Aluth Mawatha, Colombo 15 or at any place in the island and, the relevant information has been obtained.

		My letter No DAPH/AD/26/5/36 and dated 02.09.2025 has been forwarded to the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration to call for information as to whether Mrs. Lathamani Indrakumar has left the country.(Attachment - III) My letter number DAPH/AD/26/5/36 dated 20.11.2025 has been sent to the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration to inform me of the arrival of Mrs. Lathamani Indra kumar in Sri Lanka.
03	Mr. D.M.W.C.B. Dissanayake	Mr. D.M.W.C.B. Dissanayake has availed of no pay leave from 14.06.2016 to 02.06.2021 and signed an agreement to go to Fiji Island for an employment. The relevant documents and proxy for filing a case in the Kandy District Court to recover the amount of Rs.2,022,013.00 have been submitted to the State Counsel on 17.01.2025. My letter No DAPH/AD/5/09/02 dated 12.11.2025 has been sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Secretary of the Ministry, to inform his foreign address regarding the amount he is required to pay. My letter number DAPH/AD/26/5/36 dated 20.11.2025 has been sent to the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration to inform this department of this officer's return to Sri Lanka.
04	Mrs. Nanda Nayakarathne	Mrs. Nanda Nayakarathne has availed of no pay leave from 07.06.1991 to 31.12.1994 and signed an agreement to go to Australia for an employment. Case 29052/MR has been filed in the Kandy District Court on 11.12.2012 to recover the penalty amount of Rs. 98,049.00. This complaint was dismissed on 27.04.2023 due to the address not being found. My letter number DAPH/AD/18/01/60 dated 30.03.2025 has been sent to the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration to inform this department of this officer's return to Sri Lanka.(Attachment - IV) Although my letter No DAPH/AD/18/01/60 dated 10.04.2025 was forwarded to her personal address provided in her personal file to inform her to pay immediately the penalty amount of 98,049.63 as per the agreement signed at the time of going abroad,

		the relevant letter has been returned to the Department. (Attachment - V) It is observed that the case 29052 12/MR has not been processed since 08.2015 due to the inability to find her address and since the recovery of Rs. 98049.00 is not practical with the gradual depreciation of the currency, a request has been made to seek instructions regarding further actions. (Attachment - VI) Accordingly, Senior State Counsel Rizni Firdaus of the Attorney General's Department has informed that steps will be taken to withdraw the case number 29052 31 /MR in his letter No. C/10/1997 (CJ) and dated.10.2022. (Attachment - VII) Action has been taken to dismiss the case number 29052 27 M/R dated .04.2024. Therefore, the issue of writing off the penalty amount due to the government from her has been discussed in the Ministry Audit Management Committees and Department Audit Management Committees. Therefore, approval of the Secretary to the Ministry has been requested by my letter No. DAPH/AD/18/1/60 and dated 10.02.2026 to write off the amount of Rs. 98,049.63 due to the government from Mrs. M. Nanda Nayakarathne from the book.
05.	Mrs. U.S.N. Jayarathne	My letter No. DAPH/AD/05/09/01 dated 31.10.2025 has been sent to Mrs. U.S.N. Jayarathne informing her to pay the outstanding amount of Rs.94812.50 and otherwise legal action will be taken. The letter No. DAPH/AD/05/09/01 dated 20.02.2026 has been sent to inquire about the current status of the case to recover the relevant amount from this officer.