

Parliament of Sri Lanka

Submission of observations of Hon. Minister and steps taken with regard to the reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing Order No. 119(4).

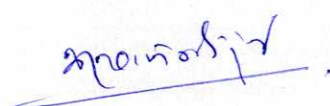
The actions taken with regard to the report presented to the House by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of the Standing Order No. 119(4) and presentation of the observations of the Secretary General of Parliament.

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Shortcomings identified by the Committee		Actions taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings/ Current situation
01	In terms of State Account Circular No. 171/2004 of 11.05.2004, the first, the second and the third passwords of the software system was not changed every three months.	Parliament uses special computer software for salary processing and it is a mandatory requirement that the passwords are updated every 03 months by the system itself. The system access gets blocked when they are not updated. It ensures safe access to the system.
02	At least 2 Audit and Management Committee meetings had not been held per year.	In the year 2021, the number of meetings of the management and audit committee has been limited to one, due to the adverse health conditions that prevailed in the country and then this requirement has been adapted.
03	The relevant reports had not been submitted to the Auditor General by the due date after conducting Board of Survey in accordance with F.R.756(6) within the time frame mentioned in paragraph 11.1 of Part 1 of Public Finance Circular No. 01/2020 dated 28.08.2020.	Although the board of survey is conducted annually, there has been some delay in submitting reports within the specified time frame as the priority of the staff is on maintaining the parliamentary meetings and committee process. However, the committees have already been appointed for the board of survey related to the year 2023 and instructions have been given to complete it within the specified time frame and to submit the reports.
04	No actions had been taken for the recommendations on excesses and shortages & other recommendations revealed by the Board of Surveys.	Related to answer (3) above. Instructions have been given to implement the recommendations of the board of survey reports related to the year 2023 within the prescribed time frame.
05	The emblem of the state had not been painted on all pool vehicles.	On the instructions given by the Security Council, the "Mace" logo has been temporarily removed from the Parliament vehicles, but instructions for re-printing will be given based on future directives.
06	Fuel consumption of vehicles belonging to the Special Spending Unit had not been re-tested in terms of the	In the year 2023, the fuel consumption test on pool vehicles of parliament has been carried out.

	provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016	
07	The balances in arrears exceeding 1 year had not been settled.	All outstanding loan balances that have been due for more than a year, have now been settled.
08	The staff related updated information in the institution had not been forwarded to the Department of Management Services within one month at the end of each quarter as per the Management Services Circular 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017.	Since the parliamentary service is covered by the provisions of a special act, the management service circulars have not been directly complied with in the past. However, the officers have been instructed to provide all the information requested by the Treasury from time to time.
09	All public officers had not submitted their declarations of assets and liabilities.	Although there was an issue in providing statements of assets and liabilities by officials in accordance with the year 2021, all the relevant officials have submitted the statements of assets and liabilities by now.



Secretary General of Parliament