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Preface

This Report has been compiled in accordance with the procedures, policy decisions and strategies followed by the office of National Secretariat for elders, established under the ministry of Social service, as spelt out in Act No 09, 2000.

The objective of this Annual Report - 2014 is to highlight the level of Performance of the programmes implemented with a view to enhancing wellbeing of the elder community in Sri Lanka, to the honourable members of the Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

As stated in the Act, numerous programmes were implemented in year 2014 to bring about self dignity, independence, participation, safety and protection for elders. Being able to deliver a fruitful service for the elder community, gives us utmost satisfaction and pleasure.

Further through the policy document ‘Mahinda Chinthanaya’, it was proposed, to offer Rs.1, 000 to the elders above 70 years, the every elder considered to be the major contributors for building our glorious past heritage. This noteworthy, praise worthy step was taken towards bringing about a satisfactory life for elder community, a step which too, will make Sri Lanka a miracle.

Executive Report

The office of the National Secretariat for elders implemented diverse programmes and projects throughout Sri Lanka for the wellbeing of elderly population in the country in year 2014. This very reason enabled the said institution to achieve physical and financial progress as planned in 2014.

Among the programmes implemented providence of Rs.1000 for the elders above 70 years as a proposal under the Mahinda Chinthanaya has been the leading one. The assistance and the guidance given by honourable minister, deputy minister and also the staff attached to the ministry to overcome the challenges had been noteworthy.

Further special thanks should go to the secretary of social services, staff members, the staff of the National secretariat of the elders and also the officers in charge for the subject matter, attached to the divisional secretary's division.

The aforesaid achievements and performance targets of year 2014 were achieved with utmost dedication and the detailed description of the same is provided in the inner pages of the report.

Introduction

There has been a visible improvement in the health, nutritional and education sectors in Sri Lanka, the result of continuous social & economic development, the country has witnessed during past several decades. The above factor resulted in the drop in birth rate and an improvement in the life expectancy, increasing the percentage of elder population in the country. There has been a considerable growth in the elder population in Sri Lanka. Accordingly it is expected that the percentage of elder population in the country will grow from present 12.2% to 20% within the next decade.

It is necessary that the welfare facilities to improve the living standards of elder should be upgraded. The rights of elder too, should be protected. The office of the National Secretariat for elders, act with utmost dedication towards achieving the above mentioned goals. Various steps were taken in year 2014 to empower the elder population. The registration of Village Elder Committees, Provincial Elder councils and District Elder councils, Provision of Financial assistance to day care centres, implementation of psychological counselling programmes to improve mental and spiritual development of elders, and also the training of elder caretakers were some of the major steps taken towards achieving the afore mentioned goals.

Our foremost intention is to prevent the elders leading a solitary life and to enhance their participation in the society.

National Secretariat for Elders

National Council for Elders & National Secretariat for Elders have been established under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act No. 09 of 2000

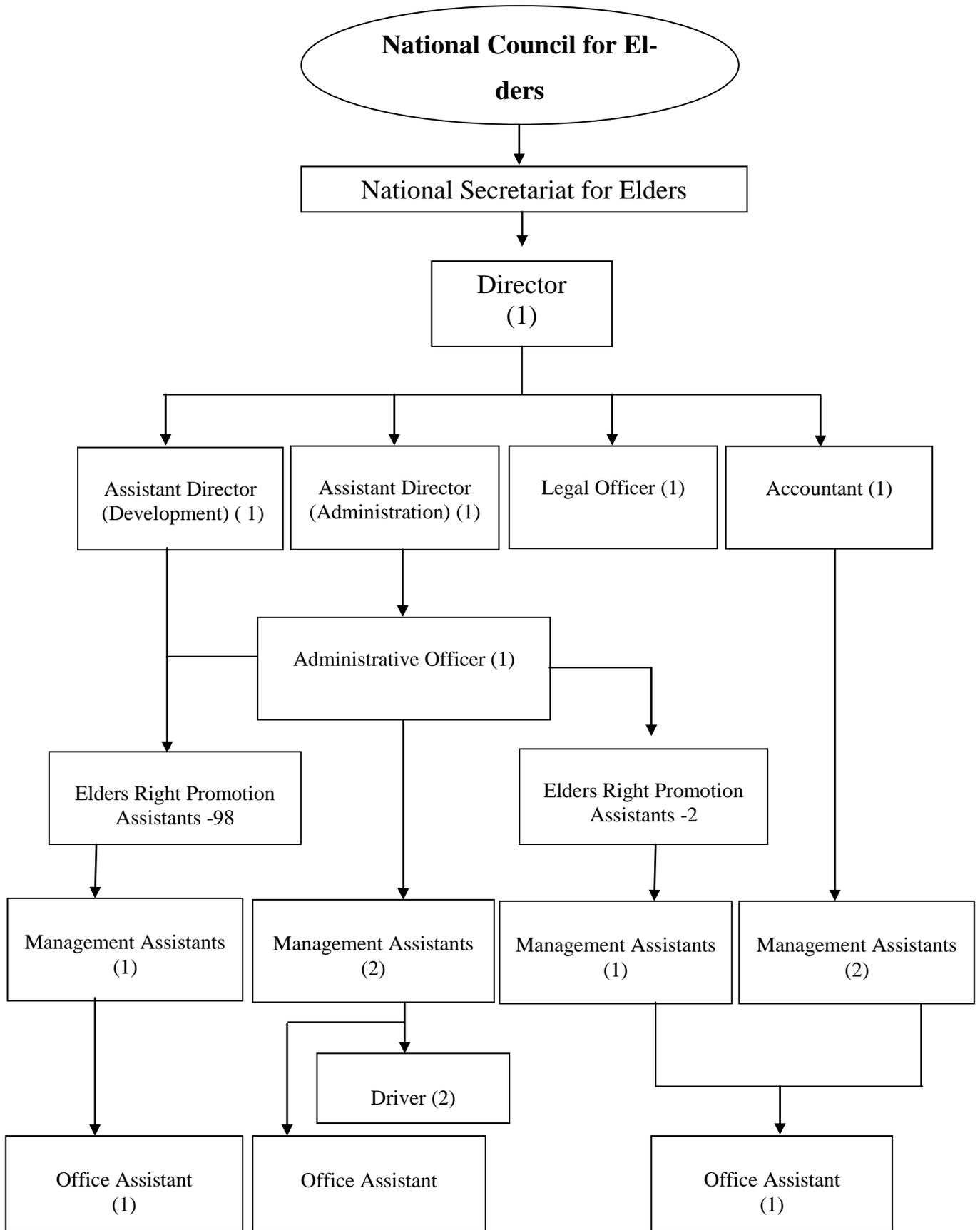
Vision

To take people of Sri Lanka towards an active, productive and dynamic ageing through caring

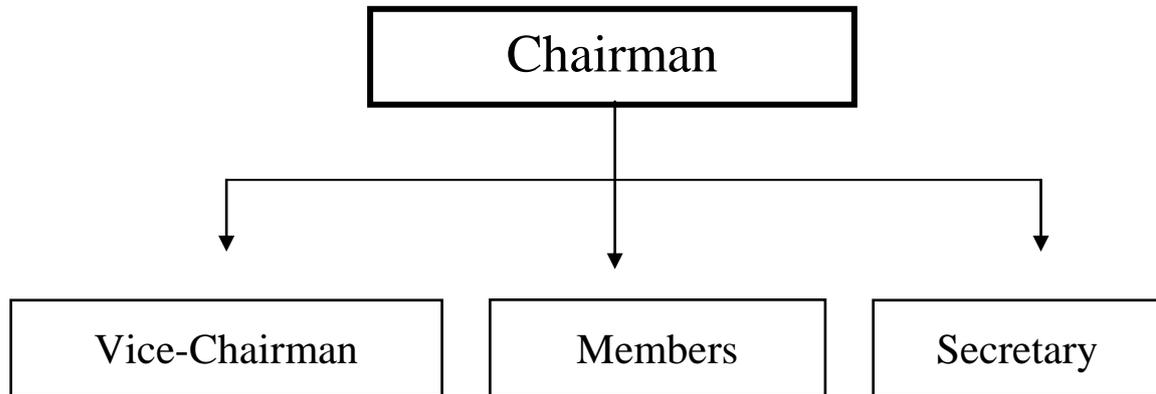
Mission

To encourage participation of older persons on social development and to ensure their independence, care, participation, self-fulfilment, dignity and to protect the rights of elders through awareness programmes.

Organization Chart



National Council for Elders - 2014



Name	Post
1. Mrs. Emelda Sukumar	Chairman
2. Mr. Saman Udawatte	Vice-Chairperson
3. Mr. Suvinda s.Singappuli	Secretary
4. Mrs. Anusha Gokula Fernando	Member
5. Dr.Leel Gunasekara	Member
6. Mr. K.D.C.S.Chandrarathne	Member
7. Mr. Piyasiri Bandaranayake	Member
8. Dr. Mrs.W.L.L.U.C.Kumarathilake	Member
9. Mr. A.Abdon Silva	Member
10. Mr. P.G.H.A.Mahendra Silva	Member
11. Mr. Dinesh v. Fernando	Member
12. Mr. Riddley Jayasinghe	Member
13. Mr. Dr. Premasiri Gamage	Member
14. Mr. K.G.K.Wimalaweera	Member
15. Mr. Kamal Amarasinghe	Member
16. Dr.Mrs.Neela Piyaseeli Gunasekara	Member

National Council for Elders Chairman's Report- 2014

Among social and economic problems Sri Lanka is presently encountering, the rapid growth of elderly population has been one of the major problems. Therefore it is visible that the social responsibility entrusted upon the National Council for Elders has been growing by the day. This has made it all the more important for the council to pay extra attention to plan, and implement strategies with a view to bringing about wellbeing and protection for the elders.

Accordingly the council was able to carry out a broader National service compared to previous years, through the implementation of policy decisions taken to achieve the aforesaid task. This has brought us utmost satisfaction.

Therefore my appreciation and special thanks should go to all members attached to the National Council for Elders, and the director and the staff of National Secretariat for Elders, and also the Elder maintenance board for providing yeoman service with utmost responsibility. Further my special thanks go to the non-government organizations for assisting us in numerous ways to improve wellbeing and protection for elders.

Emelda Sukumar
Secretary
Ministry of Social Services
& Chairperson,
National Council for Elders

National Secretariat for Elders Director's Report - 2014

The brief description of the level of performance achieved in the year 2012, by the office of the National Secretariat for Elders, in accordance with the policy decisions and pre-determined procedures of the National Council for Elders, with a view to bringing about well-being for the elders in Sri Lanka, is stated below.

1. Allowance Rs 1000 for senior citizens

As appeared in the Mahinda Chinthana Idiri Dekma on behalf of the protection and welfare of the elders above 70 years, the government has allocated additional funds from the budget 2014.

During the year 2014, the Rs.1000/- allowance has paid to around 242842 senior citizens above 70 years old who are in less income.

2. Establishment of Rural elder committees and provision of financial assistance

Financial assistance worth Rs.5.492million was provided to 1012 Rural Elder Committees, 36 Regional Elder committees, 04 District Elder committees and 01 Provincial Elder committee.

3. Issuance of elder's I.D cards

12811 elders were issued with I.D cards spending Rs. 0.511 million within the year 2014.

4. Providing financial assistance to elder day care centres

During the year 2014, financial assistance to the tune of Rs.1.980 million was provided to 79 elder day care centres.

5. Training and awareness programmes

278 awareness programmes for elders at Divisional level, 22 awareness programmes for elders at District level and 10 awareness programmes for elders at provincial level were conducted. Rs. 5.492 million was spent on the said programmes.

6. Provision of eye lenses and hearing aids, free of charge

According to medical advices, 3573 elders were provided with eye lenses and 133 persons were given with hearing aids in the year 2014. Rs.8.475 million was spent on these projects.

7 Commemoration of International Elders Day

Under the theme “Leaving No one behind Promoting a Society for All” a function to commemorate the elders day was held on 01.10.2014. It was held under the distinguish patronage of the Honourable Prime Minister and also with the participation of large number of elders from all over the Island. For this function Rs.7.254 million was spent.

8 Provision of Financial Assistance for “Homes for the Elders”

Rs. 2.168 million was spent on developing the elder’s home and the holiday bungalow at Kataragama. Both are managed by the administrative council functioning under the National Secretariat for Elders.

9 Elder Cover sponsorship scheme (Vedihiti Awarana sponsorship scheme)

In the year 2014, 51 elders were continuously provided with financial assistance of Rs. 250/= per month, through the contribution from philanthropists.

10 Maintenance Board of the Elders

The board met 45 times within the year 2014. Out of 170 complaints received from the elders, 133 cases were solved completely. Accordingly Rs.0.99 million was spent on the activities of the maintenance Board in the year 2014.

11 National Council for Elders

National Council for elders had 07 meeting sessions in the year 2014. The expenditure on this was Rs.0.418 million.

In spite of allocating Rs.20 million for capital and Rs.90 for recurrent expenditure in the year 2014, only Rs.19.1 million for capital and 81.4 million for recurrent had been received. As a result, there had been difficulties in reaching the targeted level of performance in accordance with the activity schedule of the year 2014.

In spite of all these difficulties, 74.3 million as recurrent expenditure and, Rs. 17.7 million as capital expenditure were directly spent on elder welfare.

Suvinda.S.Singappuli
Director
National Secretariat for Elders

Development Progress
Refurbishment of Elders Homes

District	Name of the Elders Home	Released Amount (Rs.)
Monaragala	Circuit Banglow - Katharagama	2,167,250.17
	Katharagam Elders Home	750,363.22
Jaffna	Kaithadi Elders Home	2,000,000.00
Mannar	Santhomy Elders Home	730,514.00
Grand Total		5,648,127.44

Mobile Services for Issuing of Elders ID Cards - 2014

Province	District	No. of ID	Amount (Rs)
Western	Kaluthara	765	15 300/-
	Gampaha	385	7700/-
Central	Mathale	1462	29 240/-
	Kandy	1032	21 955/-
Southern	Hambanthota	1276	26 395/-
Eastern	Batticoale	45	900/-
North Western	Kurunegala	1573	32240 /-
North Central	Anuradhapura	175	3809/-
	Polonnaruwa	323	6460/-
Uva	Badulla	3756	74 745/-
Sabaragamuwa	Rathnapura	451	9020/-
Nothern	Jaffna	69	1340/-
	Vavuniya	330	6600/-
Total		12 811	260179 /-

Other Expenditure

Description	Amount(Rs.)
Card Laminating	244,713.75
Printing	6720.00
Total	251,433.75

**Establishment of Elders Village Level Committees & Granting
Rs. 5,000**

Province	District	No. of Committees Financially Assisted
Western	Kalutara	51
	Colombo	31
	Gampaha	130
Central	Kandy	76
	Mathale	39
	Nuwaraeliya	32
Southern	Galle	31
	Matara	34
	Hambanthota	13
Northern	Jaffna	40
	Vavuniya	14
	Kilinochchi	04
	Mannar	04
	Mulathive	02
Eastern	Batticaloa	65
	Ampara	49
	Trincomalee	14
North Western	Puttalam	72
	Kurunegala	157
Sabaragamuwa	Rathnapura	40
	Kegalle	26
Uwa	Monaragala	07
	Badulla	10
North Central	Anuradhapura	44
	Polonnaruwa	26
Total		1012

Financially Assisted (Rs. 7,500) Divisional Level Elders Committees

Province	District	Divisional Secretariat Division
Western	Kalutara	02
	Gampaha	02
Southern	Galle	02
	Matara	01
	Hambanthota	01
Sabaragamuwa	Rathnapura	02
North Central	Anuradhapura	01
Central	Kandy	03
	Mathale	03
Uva	Badulla	01
North Western	Kurunegala	02
	Puthlam	04
Eastern	Batticolae	01
	Ampara	01
Total		36

Financially Assisted (Rs.15, 000) District Level Elders Committees

Province	District	No. of Committees
Western	Kaluthara	01
North Central	Anuradhapura	01
Southern	Hambanthota	01
Eastern	Batticolae	01
Total		04

Granting Funds for Day Centers – 2014

Province	District	Divisional Secretariat Division	Funds for buying Equipment	
			No. of Centres	Payment Rs.
Western	Kaluthara	Kaluthara	06	150,000.00
	Colombo	Colombo	01	25,000.00
		Kesbewa	01	25,000.00
		Padukka	01	25,000.00
Southern	Galle	Habaraduwa	01	25,000.00
		Ambalangoda	01	25,000.00
		Elpitiya	02	49,480.00
	Hambanthota	Beliatta	02	50,000.00
		Okewela	01	25,000.00
Sabaragamuwa	Kegalle	Kegalle	02	48,399.00
		Yatiyanthota	05	125,000.00
Central	Kandy	Madadumbara	01	25,000.00
		Yatinuwara	01	25,000.00
Uwa	Badulla	Soranethota	01	25,000.00
		Haputhale	01	25,000.00
North western	Puttlam	Puttlam	02	49,640.00
	Kurunegala	Polgahawela	02	50,000.00
		Kotawehera	02	50,000.00
		Paduwasnuwara west	16	400,000.00
		Maspotha	03	75,000.00
		Weerambagedara	03	75,000.00
		Wanathaviilu	09	225,000.00
		Udubaddawa	05	125,000.00
		Pannala	04	100,000.00
		Arachchikattuwa	02	50,000.00
Eastern	Ampara	Kalmunei	01	25,000.00
	Trincomalee	Kinya	03	75,000.00
Total			79	1,972,519.00

Care Givers - Training Programme

National Secretariat for Elders has initiated a programme to train and employ elder care voluntary workers with the intention of providing care and nursing services needed for elders. Accordingly, a group of 165 selected persons were given a systematic training for three weeks, on looking after and providing health services for elders by now, precious opportunity has emerged especially for those elders living in Western province with the requirement of such a service, to obtain the services of these trained personal. To provide this service, for an eight hour shift during the day time Rs. 750/=, during the night Rs.900/= and 24 hours whole day shift Rs.1650/= will be charged.

This service is provided under the complete supervision of the National Secretariat for Elders and depending on the nature of the required service of receivers, services of a female or a male service provider can be obtained. Also, the elder care givers that are employed will work according to a code of ethics.

The training programme has been planned and operated jointly by the Ministry of Social Services and the Ministry of Health. A proper certificate and an identity card are issued for those who have completed the training successfully. Therefore obtaining the services of elder protection voluntary workers with more confidence has become possible.

As a result of this programme not only the elders and their families, but also those who have been trained as elder protection voluntary workers have been benefited. They can now own a government recognized valuable certificate after going through a training and earn an income by working as an independent caretaker.

Although the functioning of this elder protection voluntary service is presently implementing around the Western province and some extend in Eastern Province, by spreading this service to the other provinces in the future it is hoped to provide a broader service to the elders who require such a service.

“Wedihiti Awarana Kepakaru” - Sponsorship Scheme

The NSE has started a programme called Sponsorship Scheme for Elders which helps needy elders above 70 years according to the suggestion made by the NSE.

Any person can contribute their money for this programme and the money collected through this programme will be paid to needy elders selected from AGA divisions and each elder is paid Rs. 250/- per month. The recipient is paid Rs. 1,000/- for 4 months period and it is done by the Divisional secretariat.

An officer attached to the secretariat by the NSE will inform the donor about the date the financial grant is made and he also looks for the status of the recipient.

A donor can select an elder or number of elders from the list prepared by the Secretariat or otherwise they are selected by the Secretariat.

Information about the elder will be provided to the donor.

A donor can contribute for this programme through forwarding the donation to the account number 5234881 in BOC Battaramulla in favour of sponsorship scheme for Elders; otherwise they can make contribution to the Secretariat.

It is expected to expand the programme since this is a great service for needy elders.

Accordingly list of donors as well as beneficiaries and divisional secretariats in the year 2014 is given below.

No	Donor's name	No of Beneficiaries	Beneficiary's Name	Divisional Secretariat
1	Anusha Gokula Fernando	07	Mrs. Hemamala Perera	Maharagama
			Mr.M.A.Peeter Perera	Maharagama
			Mr. W.Darmadasa	Maharagama
			Mrs. G.Theresa Dilek	Kelaniya
			Mr.H.Vini Fernando	Panadura
			Mrs. D. B. Jean Nona	Rideegama
			Mr. vini Fernando	Panadura
			Mrs.Viniprida Perera	Kaluthara
			Mr.A.G.Darmawardan	Deraniyagala
2	Miss. P.K.Subodhani	01	Mrs. M.P.Lilee	Kelaniya
3	Mr. H.B.Thamithegama	08	Mrs. A.R.Karalinona	Mihinthale
			Mrs.W.P.Leelawathie	Thissamaharamaya
			Mrs.H.M.Herathmanike	Ibbagamuwa
			Mrs.D.M.Dingiramma	Maspotha
			Mrs.W.G.Gunawathie	Kundasale
			Mr.B.D.jane Nona	Ridigama
			Mrs. R.P.D.Ukku	Paduwasnuwra west
			Mrs. T.B.D.Ango	Mawanella
4	Mrs. Hintid	08	Mrs. G. R. Sadinona	Warakapola
			Mrs. I. G. Soida	Warakapola
			Mrs. H. P. Podinona	Warakapola
			Mrs. J. P. Laisa	Warakapola
			Mrs.Yasawathie weththasinghe	Maharagama
			Mr.Simion	Negambo
			Mr.A.Amarasiri De Silva	Negambo
5	Mrs. N.A.Fernando	03	Mrs.R.D.Pini	Giribawa
			Mrs.H.M.D.Manikhami	Mahakumbukkadawala
			Mrs.H.D.Leelawathie	Giribawa
6	A.M.R.Jayasundara	01	Mrs.Aginona	Kaduwela

7		01	Mr.Karunarathne	Kaduwela
8	W.M.Wathsala	01	Mrs.Aspathiyegedara	Waththegama
9	M.P.Gunadasa	01	Mrs.M.K.A.Soma Gunawardana	Minuwangoda
10	Mrs.Udayangani Gunadasa	01	Mrs.H.P.Vipulasena	Minuwangoda
11	Mr.M.S.M.Asrof	02	Mrs.N.Jepin	Minuwangoda
			Abdul RaswanHyruk Nisa	Kaluthara
12	Mr.J.A.D.Lenard Rohana	01	Mrs.G.A.Emalinnona	Biyagama
13	Mrs. LalaNi Perea	02	Mrs.W.Dinu Hami	Polpithigama
			Mrs.K.M.Bandara Manike	Pathahewaheta
14	Mr.Jayantha Punchhewa	01	Mrs.K.Merynona	Kesbewa
15	Mr.K.P.Nisantha	01	M.P.Asilin nona	Dompe
16	Mrs.D.P.Wkcramaarachchi	01	Mr.Thusitharthne Silva	Balapitiya
17	Mrs.A.B.Prera	01	Mr.M.A.Sethansighno	Aththanagalla
18	Mrs. Prasangika Silva	01	Mrs.H.G Vayalat	Thambuttegama
19	Mrs.Nanda Karunasena	01	Mrs. L.A.Heen hami	Kelaniya
20	Mrs.Tharanga Karunasena	01	Mrs.I.Ansinona	Kelaniya
21	Mrs. D.P.Wickramarachchi	01	Mr.Thusitharathna Silva	Balapitiya
22	Account Fund	04	Mrs. Hurathlee	Kolonna
			Mrs.K.A.Podihamine	Sri Jayawardanapura Kotte
			Mr.G.A Piyasena	Sri Jayawrdanapura Kotte
			Mrs.K.Mery Nona	Kesbewa

Katharagama Circuit Bangalow - Income and Expenditure Statements in 2014

Month	No of rooms reserved	Income Rs.	Expenses			Other (Rs)
			Water Bill Rs.	Electricity Bill Rs.	Cleaning Chargers Rs	
January	11	10,000.00	10,964.80	2,896.88	16,500.00	-
February	8	6,200.00	7,252.88	1,678.13	16,500.00	-
March	16	13,900.00	3,920.00	1,263.75	18,096.77	-
April	29	21,500.00	7,924.00	3,311.25	10,000.00	-
May	26	24,500.00	7,840.00	4,237.50	9,790.00	-
June	26	22,200.00	11,720.80	3,018.75	-	-
July	25	18,600.00	6,496.00	2,043.70	9,170.00	-
August	64	56,400.00	10,628.80	4,188.75	-	-
September	43	24,900.00	11,048.80	4,798.13	9,865.00	-
October	24	16,500.00	7,840.00	2,701.88	-	-
November	39	29,000.00	8,344.00	2,043.75	-	2,167,250.17
December	68	69,900.00	8,008.00	4,018.13	-	-
Total		313,600.00	101,988.88	36,200.60	89,921.77	2,167,250.17

Senior Citizens Pension Scheme

This Pension Scheme was started in the year 2007 in line with the International Day for Elders under the supervision of Ministry of Social Services & Social Welfare. The National Secretariat for Elders jointly with the Sri Lanka Social Security Board launched the programme with effect from 01/01/2008.

Accordingly needy elders who are above their 70's and not getting any financial assistance from the Government are selected from divisional level are considered for this scheme and priorities are given to elders with disabilities and non-communicable diseases.

Rs. Million 03 granted by the National Lotteries Board through "Supiri Wasana" lottery has been deposited in the bank by the Sri Lanka Social Security Board and monthly pensions are made out of the interest generated through the investment.

At present, 89 suitable elders are receiving monthly allowances of Rs. 500/- each through this scheme.

Maintenance Board for Elders

The Maintenance Board for Elders was established to protect the Rights of Elders under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000. It consists of five members, including the Chairman, who are appointed by the Judicial Services Commission. The present Chairman is a retired High Court Judge.

The role of the Board is to assist needy elders (over 60 years of age) claim maintenance funds from their own children who have neglected them.

Once a maintenance claim is received by the Board from parents, the two parties concerned are summoned, questioned and examined. The children are then ordered to make reasonable monthly maintenance payments for their parents on whom the parents can survive on with their basis requirements, according to the Act.

Parents are eligible to claim maintenance from their adopted children in addition to their biological children. Moreover, parents who are below 60 years of age and who are mentally or physically disabled can claim maintenance according to provision 24(i) of the Act.

Applications for claiming maintenance have been made available in Divisional Secretariats or Grama Niladhari Offices by the National Secretariat for Elders.

This Board has no legal power to settle family disputes or property related family matters.

When a particular child violates a maintenance order given by the board, there is the possibility of getting the maintenance order enforced by the Magistrate Court. There, the Magistrate has the power to enforce the maintenance order as it has been made under maintenance ordinance.

Maintenance Board for Elders

Applications received during the year 2014	-	170		
		↓		
Insufficient Details	-	25		
No. of applications that do not come under the scope of the Board (Land matters & Family Disputes)	-	12		

No. of cases taken up for determination	-	133		
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No. of cases settled	-	40	}	132
No. of cases disallowed	-	35		
No. of cases withdrawn	-	09		
No. of cases pending inquiry	-	49		

Members of the Maintenance Board for Elders

Chairman	-	Mr. Dudley Karunaratne
Secretary	-	Mr. M.G.Punchibanda

Members of the Board

1. Mr. Hasali Rajapaksha
2. Dr. Lily Gunasekara
3. Mr. K. Markandu
4. Mr. A.R.A.M. Lafeer

Accounting Policies of the National Secretariat for Elders

General Accounting Policies:

(a). The financial statements of the organization are prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and Sri Lanka Accounting standards.

(b). Government Grants

The National Secretariat for Elders is mainly funded by the General Treasury and treated as non-trading organization. The grant given by the Treasury for recurrent expenditure is credited to the income and expenditure Account while the amount granted for capital expenditure being capitalized and reflected as Government Capital Grant.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

(a). Depreciation Policy

I. Full year depreciation for the purchasing year and no depreciation for disposing year.

II. Depreciation rates on straight line are as follow.

(1) Vehicle	-	10% p.c
(2) Building partitions	-	15% p.c
(3) Plant & Machinery	-	20% p.c

(b) Capital & Recurrent imprest are included in the statement of financial Performance.

(d) A certain part of fixed assets (Furniture & office equipment) is under the control of Divisional Secretariat.

National Council for Elders

Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2014

2013	Description	Note	Cost 2014	Provision for Depreciation 2014	W. D. V. 2014
Rs.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
5,631,360.63	Furniture & Office Equipment		17,434,652.48	9,082,874.58	8,351,777.90
12,490,000.00	Vehicle		16,550,000.00	6,150,000.00	10,400,000.00
1,583,615.52	Plant & Machinery		4,660,385.40	3,252,328.44	1,408,056.96
19,704,976.15			38,645,037.88	18,458,203.02	20,159,834.86
5,871,795.65	Investment - Fixed Deposits				6,488,334.23
	<u>Current Assets</u>				
610,411.26	Stocks	14	630,815.49		
-	Unsettled Advanced		-		
60,000.00	Unsettled Festival Advanced	15	41,000.00		
3,521,896.00	Distress Loan	16	3,595,190.00		
-	Bank charges Receivable		50,000.00		
697,839.40	Cash & Cash Equivalents	8	3,021,250.04	7,338,255.53	
30,466,918.46	Total Current Assets				
	<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
100,000.00	Provision for Audit Fees		80,000.00		
7,381,809.00	Provision for Gratuity	17	9,447,291.00		
276,922.77	Staff Loan Fund	10	425,527.40		
4,319,359.33	Miscellaneous Deposit	11	3,718,492.81		
7,666,529.16	Accrued Expenses	9	60,721.80		
520.00	Staff Loan Return		-		
19,745,140.26	Net Current Assets			13,732,033.01	(6,393,777.48)
10,721,778.20	Total Net Assets				20,254,391.61
	<u>NET LIABILITIES / EQUITY</u>				
40,320.88	Accumulated Fund			(8,697,444.83)	
(1,000.00)	Add: Previous Year Adjustments			216,942.25	(8,480,502.58)
				(602,642.36)	
(8,737,765.71)	Add/Less: Net Surplus/Deficit				
	Government Grants-(Capital)			9,200,000.00	8,597,357.76
9,200,000.00					
501,555.17	Reserves				116,855.06
652,421.75	Fixed Deposits interest				
-	Treasuary Grant - (Capital)				10,570,735.27
9,100,000.00	Treasuary Grant - (Vehicle)				9,100,000.00
104,613.52	WHO Fund	12			104,613.52
363,187.76	"Vedihiti Awarana" Sponsorship Scheme	13			362,187.76
10,721,778.20	Total Net Assets / Equity				20,254,391.61

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Director,
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Statement of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

2013 Rs.	Description	Note	2014 Rs.	2014 Rs.
70,830,000.00	<u>Operating Revenue</u>			
	Government Grant		89,983,264.73	
	Ministry Grant		-	
	WHO		-	89,983,264.73
	<u>Other Income</u>			
-	Interest on Fixed Deposit		616,538.58	
402,005.69	Revenue - Miscellaneous		389,023.62	1,005,562.20
71,232,005.69				90,988,826.93
	<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
38,909,046.78	Personal Emoluments	1	41,428,976.26	
628,279.99	Traveling	2	1,224,052.42	
735,667.97	Supplies and consumable used	3	1,981,566.14	
533,226.30	Maintenance	4	599,128.79	
5,053,370.96	Contractual Services	5	5,929,680.78	
30,458,670.69	Other Operating Expenses	6	35,937,720.32	
3,651,508.71	Depreciation	7	4,490,344.58	
79,969,771.40	Total operating expenses			91,591,469.29
(8,737,765.71)	Net Deficit for the period			(602,642.36)

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2014

Description	2014 Rs.	2014 Rs.
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Deficit From Operating Activities	(602,642.36)	
Non - Cash Movements		
Depreciation	4,490,344.58	
Current Assets		
Increase In Stock at the end of year	(20,404.23)	
Current Liabilities		
Gratuity	2,065,482.00	
Increase in staff loan balance	(73,294.00)	
Decrease in Un-Settled Flood Advances	-	
Decrease in Unsettle Festival Advance	(19,000.00)	
Increase in Investments - Fixed Deposits	(616,538.58)	
Decrease in Unsettle Advance	-	
Increase Provision audit fees	20,000.00	
Increase in Staff Loan Fund	148,604.63	
Decrease in Miscellaneous Deposits	(600,866.52)	
Decrease accrued Expenses	(7,605,807.36)	
Bank Charges Receivable	(50,000.00)	
Adjustment for Last year	(2,000.00)	
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities		(2,866,121.84)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Fixed Assets interest		
Purchases From Property, Plant & Equipment	(5,380,203.29)	
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		(5,380,203.29)
Government Grant (Capital)	10,570,735.27	
Treasury Grant (Vehicle)		
WHO Fund		
Vedihiti Awarana Sponsorship Scheme	-	
Net Cash Flows From Financing Activities	(1,000.00)	10,569,735.27
	10,569,735.27	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		2,323,410.14
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	697,839.40	697,839.40
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Period		3,021,250.04

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Schedules

2013 Rs.	Note 1		Personal Emoluments	31/12/2014 Rs.
21,609,505.29		(I)	Salaries & Wages	21,682,066.40
3,451,767.26		(II)	E. P. F. Contribution	3,604,843.37
862,941.56		(III)	E. T. F. Contribution	901,210.65
526,636.77		(IV)	Overtime	328,285.92
42,173.25		(V)	Holiday Pay	72,644.15
8,428,803.22		(VI)	Interim Allowances (COL)	9,804,423.86
3,987,219.43		(VII)	Interim Allowances	5,035,501.91
38,909,046.78			Total	41,428,976.26

2013 Rs.	Note 2		Travelling Expenses	31/12/2014 Rs.
628,279.99		(I)	Travelling Domestic	1,164,217.50
-		(II)	Travelling Foreign	59,834.92
628,279.99			Total	1,224,052.42

2013 Rs.	Note 3		Supplies & Consumable Used	31/12/2014 Rs.
310,941.12		(I)	Stationery & Office Requisites	1,466,631.84
404,726.85		(II)	Fuel & Lubricants	502,934.30
20,000.00		(III)	Uniforms	12,000.00
735,667.97			Total	1,981,566.14

2013 Rs.	Note 4		Maintenance Expenditure	31/12/2014 Rs.
455,161.80		(I)	Vehicles	396,155.14
78,064.50		(II)	Plant, Machinery & Equipment	202,973.65
533,226.30			Total	599,128.79

2013 Rs.	Note 5		Contractual Services	31/12/2014 Rs.
85,000.00		(I)	Transport	166,032.00
354,161.51		(II)	Postal & Telecommunication Charges	450,892.74
696,760.81		(III)	Electricity & Fuel	866,049.85
53,463.92		(V)	Cleaning Charges	246,756.00
30,263.00		(VI)	Newspaper Charges	25,990.00
25,116.50		(VII)	Entertainment Expenses	33,269.15
50,000.00		(VIII)	Audit Fees	51,904.00
733,457.36		(X)	Allowances for Council Members	451,550.00
700,597.00		(X1)	Allowances for Board Members	987,929.00
786,802.36		(XII)	Other Allowances	582,326.04
10,050.00		XIII)	Bank Charges	1"500.00
1,527,698.50		(XIV)	Gratuity	2,065,482.78
5,053,370.96			Total	5,929,680.78

2013 Rs.	Note 6		Other Operating Expenses	31/12/2014 Rs.
6,425,811.00		(I)	Establishment of Village Level Committees	3,784,490.00
411,690.00		(II)	Issue of Identity Cards	458,937.75
336,995.00		(III)	Establishment of Day Centers & Provision of Grants for Income Generating Activities	1,870,962.06
154,000.00		(IV)	Publications	1,775,344.88
3,108,601.37		(V)	Training Programmes & Awareness Programmes	3,984,751.00
5,098,500.00		(VI)	Conducting Medical Clinics, Issue of Eye Lenses and Assistive Devices	7,716,450.00
5,837,470.80		(VII)	Commemorating "International Elders Day"	6,603,329.28
1,299,056.09		(VIII)	Assisting Home for the Aged	1,248,180.61
4,743,161.10		(IX)	Rehabilitation & Maintenance of Elders Home	5,206,965.44
526,594.00		(X)	Training & Capacity Building	2,986,472.20
2,516,791.33		(XI)	Other Expenses	301,837.00
30,458,670.69			Total	35,937,720.32

2013 Rs.	Note 7		Depreciation	31/12/2014 Rs.
1,474,953.03		(I)	Furniture & Office Equipment	1,968,476.02
1,655,000.00		(II)	Vehicles	1,655,000.00
521,555.68		(IV)	Plant & Machinery	866,868.56
3,651,508.71			Total	4,490,344.58

2013 Rs.	Note 8		Cash And Cash Equivalents	31/12/2014 Rs.
63,428.96		(I)	Cash at Bank - AC. No. 228075	2,312,528.97
204,426.09		(II)	Cash at Bank - AC. No. 5234881	428,984.35
429,984.35		(III)	Cash at Bank - AC. No. 9179076	279,736.72
697,839.40			Total	3,021,250.04

2013 Rs.	Note 9		Accrued Expenses	31/12/2014 Rs.
97,403.00		(I)	Travelling Expenses - Payable	
52,675.00		(II)	Issue of Identity Cards - Payable	
154,000.00		(III)	Publication Chargers - Payable	
49,075.14		(IV)	Overtime - Payable	
9,230.94		(V)	Postal & Telephone Charges - Payable	
2,140.00		(VI)	News Papers Charges - Payable	
792,000.00		(VII)	Eye Lenses & Medical Clinic Charges - Payable	
99,000.00		(VIII)	Day Centers - Payable	
102,588.81		(IX)	Assistive Homes for the Aged - Payable	
301,777.04		(X)	Stationery - Payable	
750.00		(XI)	Bank Chargers	
386,361.83		(XII)	Building Partition	60,721.80
1,707,450.00		(XIII)	Establishment of Village Level Committees	
93,664.00		(XIV)	International Elders Day	
2,290,647.00		(XV)	Furniture & Office Equipments	
1,527,766.40		(XVI)	Plant & Machineries	
7,666,529.16			Total	60,721.80

Opinion of the Auditor General

The audit of Financial Statements of the National Council for Elders for the year ended 31 December 2013 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2013 and the statement of financial performance and cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with Section 13(1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and section 20(3) of the protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000. My Comments and observations which I consider should be published with the Annual Report of the Council in terms of Section 14(2) (c) of the Finance Act appear in this report. A detailed report in terms of Section 13(7) (a) of the Finance Act was forwarded to the Chairman of the Council on 29 July 2015.

Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 2:2 of this report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the National Council for Elders as at 31 December 2014 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

H.M.Gamini Wijesinghe
Auditor General



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The Chairman
National Council for Elders

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the National Council for Elders for the year ended 31 December 2014 in terms of Section 14(2) (c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971.

The audit of financial statements of the National Council for Elders for the year ended 31 December 2014 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014 and the statement of financial performance and cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with Section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 and Section 20(3) of the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000. My comments and observations which I consider should be published with the Annual Report of the Council in terms of Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act appear in this report. A detailed report in terms of Section 13(7) (a) of the Finance Act was furnished to the Chairman of the Council on 29 July 2015.

1.2 Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as the management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements whether due to fraud or error.



1.3 Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards consistent with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI 1000 – 1810). Those Standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. Subsections (3) and (4) of Section 13 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 give discretionary powers to the Auditor General to determine the scope and extent of the audit.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

1.4 Basis for Qualified Opinion

My Opinion is qualified based on the matters described in paragraph 2.2 of this report.



2. Financial Statements

2.1 Qualified Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 2.2 of this report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the National Council for Elders as at 31 December 2014 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

2.2 Comments on Financial Statements

2.2.1 Accounting Policies

Even though assets had been acquired and depreciated by utilizing the Government capital grants received by the Council, an accounting policy for the accounting of the amortization of assets had not been identified.

2.2.2 Accounting Deficiencies

The following observations are made.

- (a) The expenditure of capital nature amounting to Rs.10,320,031 incurred during the year under review and the preceding years had been brought to account as recurrent expenditure whereas the recurrent expenditure of Rs. 2,767,541 had been brought to account as capital expenditure.



- (b) Even though the accounts had been prepared on accrual basis by the Council in the preparation of accounts, payable expenditure amounting to Rs. 2,485,284 relating to the year under review had not been brought to account.
- (c) The money granted to the Divisional Secretariats for incurring expenditure on recurrent and capital activities during the year had been brought to account as expenditure. Nevertheless, a sum of Rs.465,192 which was returned without being spent had been brought to account as income without being adjusted to the relevant expenditure accounts.
- (d) Out of the money granted by the World Health Organization for a Handicraft Exhibition in the year 2012, a sum of Rs.104,613 had been saved while action had not been taken to refund it to the said institution. Further, it had been brought to account as an Equity instead of being shown as a Liability.

2.2.3 Lack of Evidence for Audit

The evidence indicated against the following items was not made available to audit.

Item	Value	Evidence not made available
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	Rs.	
(a) Sundry Deposits	3,718,493	Ledger Accounts
(b) Expenditure on Elders' Functions	1,280,000	Confirmations of Divisional Secretariats in support of the receipt of money sent for 256 Divisional Secretariats and Report of Expenditure
(c) Journal Entries	102,914,625	Journal Vouchers relating to 26 Journal Entries
(d) Computers	536,280	Confirmation in support of providing 5 computers to Divisional Secretariats



2.3 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules Regulations and Management Decisions

The following non-compliances were observed.

Reference to Laws, Rules, Regulations etc.	Non-compliance
(a) Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 Section 8	The budget for the year under review had not been approved by the Board of Governors.
(b) Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	
(i) Financial Regulation 214	Even though records on liabilities should be maintained and regularly examined, action had not been taken accordingly.
(ii) Financial Regulation 751 and 763	Even though all stores received should be entered at once on the receipt side of the Inventory Book, action had not been taken accordingly in respect of 3 stores valued at Rs.297,173.
(iii) Financial Regulation 845(1)	A Register of all official telephones had not been maintained.
(iv) Financial Regulation 571	A list of lapsed deposits amounting to Rs.1,370,041 had not been prepared.



(c) Treasury Circulars

(i) Treasury Circular No. 842 of 19 December 1978 A Register of Fixed Assets had not been maintained in an updated manner.

(ii) Circular No. IAI/2002/02 of 28 November 2002 Paragraph 3 Even though payments should not be made without completing the relevant Formats in the purchase of computers and accessories, action had not been taken accordingly in respect of 30 computers.

(d) Procurement Guidelines-2006 Paragraph 1.1.1 Thirty computers valued at Rs.3,217,680 had been purchased without competitive bidding.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Results

According to the financial statements presented, the operation of the Council for the year ended 31 December 2014 had resulted in a deficit of Rs.602,642 as compared with the corresponding deficit of Rs.8,737,766 for the preceding year, thus indicating an increase of Rs.8,135,124 in the financial results for the year under review as compared with the preceding year. The increase in the Government grants by a sum of Rs.19,153,264 had mainly attributed to this improvement.

3.2 Legal Actions initiated against the Council or by the Council

A petition had been filed in the Labour Tribunal and in the Human Rights Commission against the termination of service of a person recruited as a driver, while it had not been disclosed in the notes of financial statements.



4. Operating Review

4.1 Performance

The following observations are made.

- (a) The physical progress of the establishment of Elders' Committees as compared with the planned numbers of the year under review had been 101 per cent at village level, 26 per cent at regional level, 13 per cent at district level and 20 per cent at provincial level.
- (b) According to the Action Plan, it had been planned to issue 40,000 Elders' Identity Cards during the year under review. Nevertheless, only 10,978 Identity Cards had been issued according to the Progress Reports, thus the physical progress and the financial progress had been 27 per cent and 48 per cent respectively.
- (c) A sum of Rs.1,595,605 had been spent on 5 activities not included in the revised Action Plan.
- (d) Action had not been taken to maintain and update the information system on the particulars of the number of Island-wide recipients of the elders' allowance, the total payments made through the Divisional Secretariats, the number of beneficiaries who were paid, amounts not paid and the deaths of beneficiaries during the year under review with regard to the payment of elders' allowance.
- (e) Fifty nine awareness and training programmes included in the Action Plan for the year under review had not been conducted while 310 training programmes not included in the Action Plan had been conducted.
- (f) The Council had not paid attention to discharge 10 key functions which should be discharged by the Council in terms of Section 13 of the Protection of Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000.



4.2 Management Inefficiencies

All immovable and movable properties belonging to the Elders' Home and Guiding Center at Kataragama had been vested in the Council by the Director of Social Services on 22 August 2003. Even though 11 years had elapsed from that date up to the year under review, action had not been taken to legally vest with that land and building.

4.3 Operating Inefficiencies

A sum of Rs.6,488,334 due to be utilized on welfare activities of elders had been invested in a fixed deposit instead of being utilized on relevant purposes.

4.4 Resources of the Council given to other Government Institutions

A motor vehicle belonging to the Council had been released to the Ministry of Social Services, contrary to Section 8.3.9 of the Public Enterprises Circular No.PED/12 of 02 June 2003.

4.5 Personnel Administration

Vacancies of 3 staff grade officers and 6 non-staff grade officers had existed as at the end of the year under review while a female officer of the Department of Social Services had been deployed in the activities of the Council.



5. Accountability and Good Governance

5.1 Presentation of Accounts

Even though the accounts should be presented for audit within 60 days after the close of the year of accounts in terms of Paragraph 6.5.1 of the Public Enterprises Circular No. PED/12 of 02 June 2003, the accounts had been presented only on 29 May 2015 after a delay of 03 months.

5.2 Annual Procurement Plan

Even though an Annual Procurement Plan had been prepared in terms of National Budget Circular No.128 of 24 March 2006, a Nokia D 7000 camera and a Television set which were not included in that Plan had been purchased at a cost of Rs.138,000.

5.3 Audit and Management Committee Meetings

Only two meetings of Audit and Management Committee had been held for the year under review.

5.4 Budgetary Control

Variances ranging from 10 per cent to 83 per cent were observed between the income and expenditure in the budget and the actual income and expenditure, thus indicating that the budget had not been made use of as an effective instrument of management control.



6. Systems and Controls

Deficiencies in systems and controls observed during the course of audit were brought to the notice of the Chairman of the Council from time to time. Special attention is needed in respect of the following areas of control.

- (a) Accounting
- (b) Assets Management
- (c) Maintenance of Registers
- (d) Stock Control

H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe
Auditor General



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Through Secretary,
Ministry of Social Services, Welfare & Livestock Development,

Auditor General,
Auditor General's Department,

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of the National Council for Elders for the year ended 31 December 2014 in terms of Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971

Answering the Audit Report on Accounts for the year ended 31.12.2014

With reference to the report of the Auditor General, bearing No. LS/B/NCE/1/14/06 dated 29.07.2015, my observations are kindly submitted below.

02. Financial Statements

2.2 Expressing the views on Financial Statements

2.2.1. Non – compliance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards

- (a) Even though necessary actions had been taken to prepare the final financial statement of year 2014 in compliance with the latest Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard, I noted down to present this report in 2015 together with the final financial statement including budgeted expenditure with the actual expenditure as per Para 21 (e) of the Standard No. 01.
- (b) As per Para 21 (c) of the Standard No. 01, a report of the changes in net asset / equity was not Submitted with the final accounts report until year 2013 finished and it was not able to prepared in year 2014 as well because relevant data could not accurately be prepared. However necessary actions are in the process to present this report in 2015 and I kindly be informed that this report would be submit with the final accounts reports of 2015.
- (c) Rs. 90 Million and Rs. 20 Million were approved for year 2014 for recurrent expenditure and capital expenditure respectively. In subsequence, it was not spent exceeding the budgeted amount of money.
- (d) After it was shown in the audit regarding the statement of financial status submitted as at last day of the year under the review, having rectified the mistakes, I would make arrangements to present it with the final financial statement from 2015 onwards under the correct format.

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2.2.1. Accounting Deficiencies

The following observations are made.

- (a) The Chief Valuer has been informed by writing to be valued the premises of Katharagama Elders Home and Guidance Centre (Annex 01). Accordingly, having valued movable and immovable properties, relevant Officers were instructed to include these figures into final accounts.

The amount of money for renovation and construction has been included in the financial performance statement as a recurrent expenditure since 2004 and therefore this expenditure had been shown as a recurrent expenditure in 2014. However, you are kindly informed that necessary actions would be taken to correct account affairs following the valuation of this assets in 2015.

- (b) The shortage in the year under review had been mentioned lesser than the actual value because the accrued expense of Rs. 2,485,284/- related to year 2014 was unable to bring to accounts by mistake due to late receipt of it to the office. This would be corrected in 2015 by the prior year profit adjustment account and relevant officers were advised not to do such mistakes in future.
- (c) The balance of the money, which had been granted to the Divisional Secretaries for incurring expenditure on various programmes as previous years, had been noted as an income of the relevant year when it had been returned to the office. Nevertheless, I kindly inform you that I take action to rectify that fault and present the accounts accordingly after above notes in accounts were detected as wrong by the audit.
- (d) The withholding money at the construction of Katharagama and Jaffana Elders Homes had mistakenly not been included in Buildings & Constructions Accounts and Miscellaneous Deposits Accounts and this failure would be rectified in future.
- (e) Instructions have been given to appropriate Officers to put their signature in advance all entries in journal to be copied to the ledger and having rectified the mistakes, I will submit this in next year.
- (f) The balance money of Rs. 10,385/-, which had been provided for the construction of the side wall of the Katharagama Elders Home, had been returned from Katharagama Divisional Secretariat and it was shown in the audit to be credited to the miscellaneous income without deducting from the expenditure of this year as this is an expenditure of previous year, thus, I would make arrangements to credit such expenses to relevant expenditure accounts.

- (g) It had not been revealed in the financial statements regarding the termination of service of a driver and Officers in charge of the subject were made aware to henceforth include such date in the financial statements.
- (h) These cameras are used for official purpose (taking photos for official identity cards etc.) by Elders Rights Promotions Officers, Social Services Officers, Provincial Social Services Officers, District Social Services Officers and Social Development Officers in Divisional Secretariats. Hence, these cameras had been categorized as office furniture and they had brought to account under furniture and equipment.
- (i) The present situation regarding the activity due to be done by utilizing this money has been informed from Divisional Secretaries. Future activity would proceed following the receipt of the answers.
- (j) Instructions were given to maintain accounts for miscellaneous deposits in the Ledger.

2.5.3. Unreconciled Control Accounts

- (a) Even though the actual expenditure for purchasing wood furniture and office equipments relevant to year 2014, had been Rs. 4,688,893/-, the money, in which, it was made the payment from the accrued expenditure account in this year, in connection with the purchases of the previous year, was mistakenly noted in the document.
- (b) Despite the fact that, the actual expenditure had been Rs. 619,310/- for purchasing plant, property and equipment in 2014, I kindly inform that the money, in which, it was made the payment from the accrued expenditure account in this year, in connection with the purchases of the previous year, was mistakenly noted in the document.
- (c) When indicating actual expenditure for purchasing wood furniture, office equipments, plant, property and equipment in 2014, it was mistakenly noted with the accrued expenditure of the last year.
- (d) Value of the stock relevant to year 2014 is Rs. 630,815/-. According to my schedule, CR book II, one was Rs. 56.22/- into 36 books amounting to Rs. 2024/- and this was mistakenly not brought to account.
- (e) Rs. 78,911/- that had mistakenly not been included in the receipt of the miscellaneous deposit account, would be included and rectified and instructions were given to submit it with the financial statements in 2015.

2.5.4. Lack of Evidence for Audit

- (a) Relevant Officers have been instructed to update fixed asset registers and to prepare relevant detailed schedules in 2015.
- (b) The National Secretariat for Elders was granted eye lenses to District Secretariats and the National Secretariat has some written evidence to prove that they accepted that eye lenses. Head Office itself was granted eye lenses belong to Colombo District only and its signature register is also available at the Office. The Reports conforming the completion of the surgery has also been received to the Office.
- (c) Despite the fact that, Divisional Secretariats have sent some of confirmations, it has not been confirmed the receipt of all monies. Actions were taken to confirm these receipts.
- (d) This balance has been brought from above 2 years from the current year in the general deposit account in the National Secretariat for Elders and the confirmation on the balance was not possible to be obtained. This was not even included in final accounts reports, presented by then. Therefore, necessary actions will be taken to credit this balance to government revenue in 2015.
- (e) Financial provisions were not given to 331 Divisional Secretariats and only 100 Divisional Secretaries were provided with financial provisions. The receipts for acknowledging monies and relevant expenditure reports have been received on behalf of the relevant 100 Divisional Secretariats.
- (f) Arrangements have been made to send reminder letters to make aware the Elders Rights Promotion Officers in this regard. Three photographs per months from the relevant officers would henceforth be obtained to the Head Office in the formal manner.
- (g) Confirmations regarding 07 computers among these 12 computers have been received from the Divisional Secretariats and the actions have been expedited to receive the rest from Divisional Secretariats.
- (h) Necessary actions have been organized for obtaining the relevant confirmations and requests have been made to Divisional Secretariats for enquiring information.

Non – compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations and Management Decisions

- (a) Members for the National Council for Elders were not appointed during the early period of year 2014. Therefore, in early 2014, there was not any opportunity to submit the budget report to the

Council. However, after the National Council summoned its meeting on 31. 10. 2014, revised budget report of that year was approved.

- (b) F.R. 110- Currently, a register is being maintained to report loss and damage in the Institution and Officers have been instructed to maintain it while updating the relevant documents.
- (c) F.R. 214 – After it was pointed out in the audit, relevant Officers were instructed to maintain a record on liabilities.
- (d) F.R. 751, 763– Steps have been taken to enter stores worth Rs. 297,173/- in the Inventory Book.
- (e) F.R. 845 (i) – As shown by this, Instructions have already been given to update and maintain a Register of all official telephones monthly.
- (f) F.R. 565 – (4) – After this matter had been revealed in the audit, relevant Officers have been advised, having rectified such mistakes, to maintain the deposit accounts.
- (g) Public Enterprise Circulars
Two Motor Vehicles No. CAD -5652 and No. KH – 0515 were temporarily granted to the Ministry upon the request of then Secretary to the Ministry and at present, Motor Car No. CAD – 5652 has taken back to this Office.
- (d) Treasury Circulars
 - (i) (i) In terms of the Treasury Circular No. 842 of 19 December 1978, necessary instructions have been provided to maintain and a Register of Fixed Assets for wood furniture and machinery in an updated manner.
 - (ii) Valuation of assets has been requested and instructions have given to include the Valuation prices in the register as soon as these are received.
 - (ii) Subject clerks have been instructed to purchases to be done as per the relevant format when purchasing computers and accessories in future.
- (e) Relevant Officers have been instructed to take actions to follow Procurement Guideline along with accurate quotations in future.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Result

The deficit of this financial result had been shown in this report as the amount of accrued expenses in 2014 had not been shown and arrangements have been taken to resolve this issue with the corrections by due financial statements scheduled to be presented in 2015.

3.2 Analysis Financial Review

(a) The sum of money and money equivalence in 2014 had been Rs. 2, 323, 411.00. The main reasons were the money that had been received for capital expenditure in December and though various programmes and purchase procedures had been prepared for the capital expenditure in the previous year, the adequate imprest had been not received to this Office. Therefore, even though the imprest had not been expected for the last quarter in 2014, for the programmes and purchases, the imprest had been received unexpectedly on 19, 20, and 26 December for incurring capital and recurrent expenditures. Hence end year balance had been shown an increase compare to year 2013, because there had not been prepared programmes and purchasing activities and it had not been possible to prepare programmes immediately and therefore Rs. 13 Million Provisions, which had been provided for the capital expenditure, had been remained without spending.

(b) Accrued expenditure, which had been remained since 2013, was cleared in 2014. Hence, a decrease in the balance was shown.

(c) Because of the changes in the balances of current assets and current liabilities at operating activities, a change of rates in such way had been occurred.

4. Operating Review

4.1 Performance

(a) Supply of financial assistance for Elders Committees

(i) 1012 Village Level Committees had been provided with financial assistance as mentioned in the documents. Some shortages were occurred when reporting data and relevant officers have advised not to henceforth do such mistake in future.

(ii) Actual expenditure for the year under review had been correct and total expenditure had been Rs. 5,492,000/- since some due expenditure for the previous year had been paid.

(b) Issuance of Elders Identity Cards

It had been expected to issue Elders Identity Cards in a new face and therefore printing of identity cards had temporarily been stopped for this purpose. Due to this reason, a balance of

provisions, allocated at the beginning of the year, had been remained at the end of the year and hence it had been showed less physical and financial progress.

(c) Spent money on Elders Day Centres

The sum of Rs. 1,796,000/- that had been mentioned in the progress reports, had been incurred for providing financial assistance for Elders Day Centers and Rs. 1,870,962/- had been shown in the financial statements including the expenses of another activities related to the Elders Day Centres.

(d) Publications

Despite the fact that, hand bills and acts to be printed under the publications expenditure, the said hand bills had been printed in concurrence to DeyataKirula Exhibition. Thus, acts had not been printed since it had not needed.

Provided that, 'Wedihitiyo' magazine, 'DetuwaraSithuwili', DetuwaraKavisitha had been the publications of this Office, hence the expenses had been incurred for this purpose by the Office.

(e) Purchase of Eye Lenses and Distribution

Upon the request received from Divisional Secretariats and law income people, the programme of providing eye lenses and hearing aids had been done successfully and it had been incurred more than the allocated amount of provisions for this purpose.

Relevant Officers were instructed not to do such type of activities in future.

(f) Meetings of the Maintenance Board

The provisions of Rs. 1, 700,000 had been allocated for establishing the Maintenance Board for Elders in Provincial levels. However, then National Council for Elders had temporarily not establish the Maintenance Board for Elders for Provincial levels until the necessary actions to be done in future regarding such establishment. Therefore, the monies in that year had only been incurred for the Maintenance Board for Elders established in the Head Office.

(g) Payment of Elders allowance

(h) Since the Treasury had granted the relevant provisions and impresto the Expenditure Item of the Ministry of Social Service, such payments activities had been made by the Ministry and the National Secretariat for Elders had done its follow up activities only.

- (ii) Despite the fact that, it is a complex and very expensive work of being launch a computer network combining 331 Divisional Secretariats in island wide, 25 District Secretariats and National Secretariat for Elders, I accept the need of performing this task. It has been identified that the National Secretariat for Elders cannot alone performed this task and by 2015, preliminary actions have been taken to implement a computer network through the Prime Minister's Officer and Ministry of Internal Affairs having considered its necessity. In subsequence, we would take immediate actions to resolve this issue.
- (iii) In order to obtain details, having computerized the details in Divisional Secretarial level, in this regard, some formats have been introduced to all Divisional Secretaries and therefore the detail system can be updated at present through these formats.
- (h) Conduct of awareness and training programmes
- (i) According to the annual action plan,
- Counseling programmes – 25
- Divisional Elders Care Services – 09
- Pre-retirement programmes – 25 had been conducted and when preparing the progress report the relevant officers had given the details regarding divisional awareness, district training programmes, provincial training programmes and etc. in place of above programmes, hence, progress reports had been prepared accordingly.
- (ii) I accept that how many programmes that comes under each training programme, had not been introduced. I would take actions to introduce the relevant programmes in future.
- (i) Situations in which, it is not paying attention to discharge functions in the Act.
- (i), (ii) and (iii)
- There had been some failures on discharging functions in terms some Sections of the Act due to shortages of the staff and such issues may not be uncounted in future as new staff has been recruited by now.
- (iv) The staff has been sent to follow the Diplomas conducted by the National Institute of Social Development with the objectives of providing more attention towards academic & research activities. While introducing its importance in a new appearance, actions have been taken to increase the number of participants for these trainings. Further, upon the recommendations of researches in such way, it may be found the solutions for the issues of elders.
- (v) The answer has been given in above (iv).

(vii) One Officer has been appointed for surveying and coordinating at present. These shortcomings may be minimized in future by obtaining her service actively.

(viii) In order to introduce this health insurance benefit scheme, methodologies that introduced other health insurance benefit methods and difficulties in implementing them and their weakness should be studied first. Accordingly, having considered the matters, a successful method should be introduced and implemented. The methodology for this purpose is being prepared at the moment and within next few years health insurance benefit scheme would be introduced to the elders.

(ix) Divisional Secretaries were made aware to submit information in this regard and providence of self-employment assistance is being implemented at present for low income people to earn some monies.

(x) Elders Rights Promotions Officers serving in Divisional Secretaries have been instructed to collect information in this regard.

4.2 Management Inefficiencies

(a) In accordance with the scheme of recruitments, when recruiting drivers, having conducted an interview, recruitments had been made. This driver had filed a petition in the Labour Tribunal against the termination of his service and arrangements had been made to obtain legal assistance from the Department of Attorney General for preparing future activities in this connection. Accordingly, assistance of lawyers had been granted to us, nevertheless, different lawyers had been appointed for this case time to time as their tasks had been very vast. Therefore, those lawyers had made a request from Hon. Court for allocating another day in order to obtain more information from senior lawyers and thus the considerable time had been consumed for this legal work. Therefore if any unjust had been occurred due to such procedure, I would like to mention here that it was out of the control of the National Secretariat for Elders. Labour Tribunal had order to pay Rs. 10,000/- to the defence party for the unjust occurred to him and this amount of money had been paid. This was not either any delay of officers in the National Secretariat for Elders or any delay of procedures practiced in the office and I kindly inform that the said payments had been made subject to the orders of Hon. Labour Tribunal.

I wish to mention further that, the Director of the National Secretariat for Elders or any representative of him had participated on each day for all sessions of this court procedure.

(b) Preliminary step of acquiring the land enabling the deed to be obtained following the surveying of relevant properties has currently been started.

- (c) Mr. M. A. D. A. Nishantha Perera, whose service had been terminated and letters had been sent to him to settle the festival advance of Rs. 2500/- and other loans, which to be paid to the government.

4.3. Operating Inefficiencies

A proposal of obtaining a bus to the National Secretariat for Elders, for the purpose of providing welfare of elders, had submitted to the National Council for Elders and then it had been approved. But, provisions for this purpose had to be transferred, thus, the concurrence of the General Treasury should be obtained prior to the implementation of the said procedure. However, the expected concurrence had not been received even at the end of the year from the General Treasury, and so the expected welfare activity was not able to be performed. However, Officers have made aware to take an effective step, in this connection, in 2015.

4.4 Resources of the Council given to other Government Institutions

- (a) This Sony Television was six years old and it had been bought on 02. 04. 2008. After this officer had been modernized with new appearance there had not any suitable place to keep such an old television. But, arrangements had been made to buy a new television that had been fit to the outer appearance of the office, because, fixing a television in this office is essential for consoling the elders who visit this Office and the Maintenance Board.
- (b) It had been ordered to submit the report before the due date following the stock verification in Kataragama Elders Home and Kataragama Circuit Bungalow. After the office hours, a group of staff went to Kataragama for the stock verification on 09. 01. 2014 at about 4. 30. p. m. The Director decided to engage many officials for short period of 1 ½ days because they found it difficult to find to accommodate facilities as renovations activities of the Kataragama Circuit Bungalow was being carried by then. Accordingly, Mrs. Wasanthika Dias, Assistant Director and Mrs. Asoka Nandasiri, Administrative Officer were appointed as the Supervision Officer and the Chairman of the Board respectively. As members two officers were engaged to the Resource Centre. Three Officers were engaged for the stock verification at the Elders Homes. In addition to that, actions were taken to engage two Drivers and two Office Assistants for this purpose.

4.5 Non Maintenance of the documents

- (a) Relevant Officers have been instructed to update such document following the inclusion in the Donation Register in future.
- (b) Chief Valuer and Divisional Valuers have been informed to present correct valuation of properties in which the valuations were not presented and Officers have been instructed to include such details regarding the valuations when they are received, in registers. Further, instructions have

been given to enter the details of deeds, which already show the valuation of the property, into Donation Registers in the formal manner.

- (c) Since the audit pointed out to maintained the miscellaneous deposit account in the Ledger, relevant Officers have been instructed to henceforth perform in future.

4.6 Asset Management

- (a) After excess monies in the safe had been identified in the audit, it was credited to the government revenue.
- (b) Henceforth, instructions have been given to relevant Officers to settle the payment after receiving the computers in the formal manner. The computers, which are remaining at the branch at present, have immediately been issued to Divisional Secretariats.
- (c) Two vehicles belonging to the Ministry of Social Services & Welfare had only been used for the work at the Council due to emergencies of the services by 31. 12. 2014 and said two vehicles were already returned to the Ministry.

4.7 The Staff

The letters have been sent to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance and Department of Management Services at time to time for filling vacancies. As a result of this, an officer was appointed to the post of Assistant Director (Development), which remained vacant, effective on 10.04. 2015 by the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance and the same Ministry has verbally informed to fill other vacancies in the staff grade posts before finishing year 2015.

The steps have already been taken to fill the vacancies which were non staff grade posts.

5. Accountability and Good Governance

5.1 Presentation of Accounts

Since the failures had been rectified when preparing the final accounts pertaining to year 2013, the final account of year 2013 had not been able to present at the due time and henceforth, I take necessary actions to submit the audit reports for the audit on due date.

5.2 Exclusion of the Annual Procurement Plan

- (i) Annual Procurement plan had been prepared at the beginning of the year. Therefore, there was not any possibility to revise the procurement plan again.

Provided that, as per the emergencies of service, that is to say, as the request of the Secretary to the Ministry of Social Services, separate unit had been established to make the media aware on the activities carried out by this Institute. Accordingly, the requirement of having a camera had strongly been arisen as it was needed to take photographs of relevant activities and include such photographs into magazines etc. thus; this camera had been purchased due to the emergencies of service.

(ii) Answer has been given in above 4.4 (a)

5.3 Audit and Management Committee Meetings

I kindly inform our inability to hold the scheduled number of committee meetings which due to be held, because establishing the National Council for Elders for year 2014 had been delayed up to June of the said year.

5.5 Budgetary Control

The provisions requested with presenting estimations of 2013 had not been received in 2014 and as the imprest another minimum amount of money had been allocated among the provisions allocated in 2014. Such imprest had also been received quarterly at time to time; hence, there had been a difference between income & expenditure of the budget document and actual income & expenditure. For the reason that, previous financial year as well, the imprest had not been received till the end of December, so, incurred expenditure had to incur and with the assumption of the non-receipt of the imprest by December 2014, expenses had been limited and expectantly the imprest had been received on 19, 20 and 26 December 2014, therefore, this variation was occurred.

6. Systems and Controls

Relevant Officers have been instructed to maintain documents in a formal manner by drawing attention of the Governing Council and to successfully perform systems and control procedure within the said background.

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