

## **THE TREASURY**

The Accountant-General is the administrative head of the Treasury, a department of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of the Republic of Mauritius. The statutory duties of the Accountant-General are laid down in various legislation and regulations. The Finance and Audit Act specifically requires the Accountant-General to sign and submit to the Director of Audit, within 6 months of the close of every financial year, financial statements showing fully the financial position of the Republic of Mauritius on the last day of such financial year.

The responsibilities of the Treasury also include, inter alia, ensuring the adequacy of departmental accounting systems and procedures as laid down in the Financial Management Manual and other financial regulations and legislation, advising Accounting Officers of Ministries/Departments on accounting and financial matters and managing the cash flow of the government and certain public service benefits viz: public service pensions, passage benefits and loan facilities for the purchase of motor cars/ cycles.

## 2. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The accounts were closed on 07 November 2007. The financial statements required under Section 19(3) of the Finance and Audit Act include a Statement of Assets and Liabilities and detailed Statements of Revenue and Expenditure. These show, inter alia:-

- (i) the financial position of the Republic of Mauritius as at 30 June 2007;
- (ii) the accumulated balance of the Consolidated and the Capital Funds;
- (iii) deposits made with Government for certain specific purposes;
- (iv) the outstanding advances made from the Contingencies Fund;
- (v) the total amount received under each head of revenue;
- (vi) the total amount spent under each vote and item of expenditure.

### 3. **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 3.1 **CONSOLIDATED FUND**

The original estimates for the year anticipated a deficit of Rs 5,858 million and the revised estimates, a deficit of Rs 6,880 million. The actual result was a deficit of Rs 6,169.3 million.

The total revenue for the year amounted to Rs 41,435.3 million, i.e. Rs 334.7 million less than the original estimates of Rs 41,770 million. Total revenue for the previous financial year was Rs 38,182.9 million.

The expenditure for the year amounted to Rs 47,604.7 million, i.e. Rs 23.3 million less than the original estimates of Rs 47,628 million. Last year's expenditure was Rs 45,236.6 million.

The accumulated deficit of the Fund as at 30 June 2007, stood at Rs 58,869.7 million. Detailed statements of revenue and expenditure are included in this report (Statement D and Statement D1).

#### 3.2 **CAPITAL FUND**

The total revenue for the year was Rs 9,867.7 million compared with the estimated figure of Rs 8,367 million. Revenue includes grants amounting to Rs 321.9 million and loans totalling Rs 2,547.7 million from external sources and Rs 5,750.5 million from Local Sources. Last year's revenue was Rs 8,060.6 million.

The total expenditure amounted to Rs 7,925.3 million compared with an estimated figure of Rs 8,200 million. The previous year's expenditure was Rs 8,373.3 million.

The surplus for the year was Rs 1,942.4 million.

As a result, the accumulated deficit decreased to Rs 15,086 million as at 30 June 2007.

### 3.3 **CONTINGENCIES FUND**

During the year a total amount of Rs 1,204.6 million was appropriated to the Contingencies Fund and total advances made from the Fund amounted to Rs 1,146.7 million.

### 3.4 **SPECIAL FUNDS**

As at 30 June 2007, there were 7 Special Funds totaling Rs 102.2 million which were deposited with the Accountant-General.

### 3.5 **PUBLIC DEBT**

At 30 June 2007, Public Debt stood at Rs 115,752.7 million, as under:

	<b><u>Internal</u></b> <b><u>Rs (m)</u></b>	<b><u>External</u></b> <b><u>Rs (m)</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>Rs (m)</u></b>
Long Term	30,388.6	10,373.4	40,762.0
Medium Term	33,103.3	—	33,103.3
Short Term (T.Bills)	41,887.4	—	41,887.4
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	105,379.3	10,373.4	115,752.7
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The cost of servicing the public debt during the year amounted to Rs 12,543 million and was as follows:-

<b><u>Interest</u></b>	<b><u>Rs (m)</u></b>
External Debt	266.9
Internal Debt	2,351.2
Short Term Borrowings	6,562.8
<b>Sinking Fund</b>	2,382.2
<b>Management/Service Charges</b>	9.7
<b>Capital Repayments</b>	970.2
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	12,543.0
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### 3.6 **LOANS TO STATUTORY BODIES, LOCAL AUTHORITIES & OTHER BODIES**

A total amount of Rs 145.3 million was disbursed as loans to statutory bodies, local authorities and other bodies whilst capital and interest repayments totalled Rs 269.6 million and Rs 112.5 million respectively. The balance of such loans outstanding at year end totalled Rs 5,177.5 million.

### 3.7 **STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

This Report includes a Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments, prepared in accordance with the Appendix 1 a. of the International Public Sector Accounting Standard "Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting" issued by the International Federation of Accountants – Public Sector Committee.

In 2006/07, Rs 51,303,002,805, representing cash inflows primarily derived from taxation, grants, borrowings, capital receipts and other revenues, was utilised to finance payment activities totalling Rs 51,425,221,978. The net cash flow deficit of Rs 122,219,173 was financed from cash in hand at beginning of year.

## 4. **PUBLIC SERVICE BENEFITS**

### 4.1 **MOTOR CAR/ CYCLE LOAN**

During the period under review, a total amount of Rs 251.6 million was advanced to 842 officers as detailed below:-

		<b><u>No. of officers</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Loan granted Rs (m)</u></b>
Motor-Cycle	-	235	12.3
Motor-Car	-	607	239.3
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		842	251.6
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#### 4.2 **PASSAGES BENEFITS**

For the period ending 30 June 2007, some 20,616 applications of passage benefits were processed in respect of eligible government employees, involving a total expenditure of Rs 435.6 m as follows:-

		<b><u>No. of cases</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b> <b>Rs (m)</b>
Passage cost	-	6,953	85.1
Cash in lieu of passages	-	<u>13,663</u>	<u>350.5</u>
		<u>20,616</u>	<u>435.6</u>

#### 4.3 **PENSIONS BENEFITS**

Pensions/gratuities and other allowances are payable to retired Government employees, beneficiaries of deceased public officers/deceased pensioners, officers on contract, former members of the National Assembly and Ministers' Drivers and Constituencies Clerks.

During the financial year under review, pensions/gratuities benefits for 26,071 beneficiaries were processed involving a total disbursement of Rs 2,712.4 million as detailed below:-

		<b><u>No. of Beneficiaries</u></b>	<b><u>Rs (m)</u></b>
National Assembly Retiring Allowances	-	101	35.1
Pensions	-	22,260	1,840.6
Compassionate Allowances	-	120	4.7
Retiring/Contract/Death Gratuities	-	<u>3,590</u>	<u>832.0</u>
		<u>26,071</u>	<u>2,712.4</u>