

Department for National Drug Control

Head 88

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Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to present the current accounts estimate for The Department for National Drug Control (DNDC), Head 88, which can be found starting on page B-302 of the Estimates Book. For the 2017/18 fiscal year, the Department has been allocated the sum of \$4.179 million dollars, which is the same as that allocated in fiscal year 2016/2017.

2016/17 vs 2017/18

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$4,179,000.00
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$4,179,000.00
INCREASE	\$ 0
% INCREASE	0 %

Mr. Chairman,

The Department for National Drug Control plays a key role in the Ministry for National Security with respect to addressing one of the foremost social issues affecting Bermuda today – substance misuse and abuse. The Department for National Drug Control provides leadership and policy coordination for the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive national system of alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services. In its leadership role the DNDC is charged with facilitating collaboration with all agencies involved in the national drug control effort, including supply reduction and demand reduction efforts. The Department is also responsible for establishing targets and standards of performance for initiatives supporting the National Drug Control effort.

Subsequently, the mission of the Department is to lead efforts to reduce alcohol abuse and drug misuse.

Mr. Chairman,

The Department employs twenty-seven (27) staff. The National Office is presently staffed by a Director, five (5) technical officers' and one (1) full-time administrative staff. Direct staffing support to the Nelson Bascome Facility is provided by one (1) Treatment Coordinator that oversees both the male and female residential treatment programmes along with nineteen (19) clinical and support posts (Admin. Assistant, Cook and Maintenance) currently assigned to the Women's Treatment Centre and Men's Treatment programme. There are currently six (6) vacancies within the treatment programmes and one (1) vacancy in the National Office. Three (3) post are being actively recruited and approval for recruitment is being sought for the remaining three (3).

Over the next fiscal year the DNDC plans to:

- Engage in research and surveillance activities to monitor the current substance use and abuse among residents of Bermuda, especially at-risk populations.
- Provide continuous evidenced-based information and education to the public on the harms of substance misuse and abuse.
- Continue to support the provision of evidenced-based drug prevention programming (Als Pals and Botvin Life Skills) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and community partners at all age levels, in support of the National Drug Control Master Plan and Action Plan 2013-2017.
- Provide focused campaigns and public information on the issue of Underage Drinking and adolescent marijuana use in collaboration with drug prevention partners.

Mr. Chairman,

During the fiscal period 2016/17, the DNDC concentrated its efforts on the continued implementation of the National Drug Control Master Plan, its Action Plans and the implementation of elements of the Demand Reduction Strategies for Prevention and Treatment in alignment with the NDC Act 2013 with the goal of maintaining established gains within these challenging economic times.

The following achievements can be highlighted to date:

- Continued the implementation of the After-School Drug Prevention Programme for Middle School students, “Teen Peace” at four (4) Middle Schools. The programme included the Botivin Lifeskills drug prevention curriculum along with Adventure Education. Both are evidenced based programmes with proven positive outcomes among students for making healthy choices. The programme saw sixty-eight (68) students participate over the 2015/16 school year across four (4) public schools (one less school than the previous year).
- The Als Pals programme has continued in collaboration with the Department of Education, with the majority of public and private pre-school teachers and P1 and P2 teachers in the public schools, providing the programme in their classrooms. Approximately 568 students have participated in the programme. The DNDC Continues to work towards a commitment of continued collaboration and support for the Als Pals programme with the Department of Education.
- Drug prevention education and training included: The 1st Substance Abuse Prevention, Faith based Summit aimed at engaging churches and spiritual leaders in community based drug prevention efforts; continued education of parents and young people about the harms of underage drinking and the negative consequences of adolescent marijuana use; and education on drug paraphernalia for parents, educators and youth group leaders.
- Continued provision of Residential Substance abuse treatment for adult males and females at the Nelson Bascome Substance Abuse Treatment Facility. Both programmes have received the gold star accreditation via CARF and have maintained that status throughout fiscal year 2016/17.
- Provided supportive Housing for females through the Women’s Treatment Center, while supportive housing for males continued to be provided by Focus Counselling Services.

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to provide an analysis by cost centre of the budget estimates for the DNDC for fiscal year 2017-2018 compared to fiscal year 2016-2017.

ADMINISTRATION – 98000 pg. B-302

2016/2017 vs 2017/18

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$960,000
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$978,000
INCREASE/ DECREASE	\$ 18,000.00
% INCREASE	2 %

Administration provides the organizational framework in support of the mission and mandate of the Department. Its resources are aimed primarily at recurrent expenditures and Grants and Contributions to the treatment and prevention partners that provide services for and on behalf of the Department.

The Administration allocation of \$978,000 is as follows:

- \$696,000 covers employee expenses (salaries) and other operational expenses (facilities, utilities, maintenance costs, supplies and training); the remainder provides for grants in the amount of approximately \$282,000 for key stakeholders PRIDE and Salvation Army. (See pg. C-20 Grants and Contributions).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT– 98010 pg. B-302

2016/2017 vs 2017/18

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$267,000
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$270,000
INCREASE/DECREASE	\$3000,00
% DECREASE	1%

Mr. Chairman,

The allocation to Community Development, cost code 98010, is \$267,000, approximately the same as in fiscal year 2016/17. Funding is allocated to facilitate activities that are primarily targeted towards public education, community development, information dissemination and to support the grant to CADA (See pg. C-20 Grants and Contributions).

The goal of this unit to educate the public about the harms of alcohol and drug use; to ensure the provision of clear and sustained messages to our young people that “no use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs is acceptable” and to involve families, schools and community organizations in alcohol/drug prevention efforts.

CADA works in collaboration with the DNDC to provide community education on alcohol as well as to provide the server training programme (TIPS) which is mandated within the Liquor Licensing Act Amendment 2011. A grant of \$100,000.00 is allocated to CADA to support these activities within this cost code. Other initiatives for the Community Development unit are to assist highlighting drunk/drug driving and road safety initiatives through public education and to continue awareness campaigns directed at underage drinking and adolescent drug use.

PREVENTION – 98020 pg. B-302**2016/17 vs 2017/18**

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$219,00
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$220,000
INCREASE/ DECREASE	\$1,000
% INCREASE	0.5%

Mr. Chairman,

An allocation of \$220,000 is provided to support the Prevention Unit efforts in cost code 98020. Funds will be utilized to improve coverage of drug prevention measures within the community, to improve opportunities for school-based prevention interventions, and to increase access for young people to targeted prevention programmes. Funding will also be utilized to support the implementation of a National School Drug Policy and for training Prevention professionals and community members to support drug prevention efforts.

The Prevention Unit facilitates the Teen Peace programme initially in four (4) public schools and also supports the implementation and integration of the AI's Pal Programme at the pre-school and primary 1-2 levels. Funding is allocated within the cost code to support facilitators and to purchase resources to sustain these programmes.

TREATMENT – 98030 pg. B-302**2016/2017 vs 2017/18**

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$397,000
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$397,000
DECREASE	\$0
% DECREASE	0%

Mr. Chairman,

The Treatment Unit, cost code 98030, is allocated \$397,000, the same as in the previous fiscal year. The Treatment funding allocation will facilitate the implementation of key activities geared towards achieving the goals of the National Treatment Strategy, including CARF Accreditation fees and resources; addiction specific training and Accucare client management system license and training. Funds are also allocated to support the grant for the Bermuda Addiction Certification board (BACB) (See pg C-20 Grants and Contributions). This fiscal year, focus will remain on maintaining CARF Accreditation for the Men's Treatment programme ,the Women's Treatment Centre and

Turning Point (operated by BHB) as required by the NDC Act 2013. Continued efforts will be directed at consolidating the use of the AccuCare Client Management system in all drug treatment programmes. The \$100,000 grant provided to BACB provides international certification testing for both prevention and treatment professionals and some funding to support addiction specific training to enhance workforce development in this specialty area.

RESEARCH AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT – 98050 B-302

2016/2017 vs 2017/18

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$305,000
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$305,000
INCREASE/DECREASE	\$0
% INCREASE/DECREASE	0%

Mr. Chairman,

The Research and Policy Development Unit, cost code 98050, has an allocation of \$305,000, the same allocation as the previous fiscal year. Funds will be used to facilitate information gathering and analysis, monitoring and evaluation, as well as any relevant legislation and policy development initiatives prioritized within the Ministry. The primary activities of the Research unit will be geared towards collection and dissemination of reliable data through the Bermuda National Drug Information Network (BerDIN), identifying emerging trends and patterns of drug use, evaluation of the current drug control efforts, and providing coordination and implementation of the National Drug Control Master Plan and Action Plan 2013-2017.

MEN'S TREATMENT 98060 pg. B-302

2016/2017 vs 2017/18

REVISED ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$890,000
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$874,000
INCREASE/ DECREASE	\$ 16,000
% DECREASE	2%

Mr. Chairman,

The \$874,000 allocated to the Men's Treatment programme, cost code 98060, which is a 2% decrease from the previous fiscal year. The funding allocation provides the operational and staffing cost required to provide outputs to meet the treatment/ rehabilitative needs and goals of adult males needing residential treatment at the Nelson Bascome Substance Abuse Centre. This programme was accredited by CARF for the period 2016/2019, which is the gold star accreditation award of 3 years.

WOMEN'S TREATMENT CENTER 98070 p.g B-302

2016/2017 vs 2017/18

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$1,103,000
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$1,103,000
INCREASE/DECREASE	\$0
% INCREASE/DECREASE	0%

Mr. Chairman,

The Women's Treatment Centre, cost code 98070, has been allocated \$1,103,000 for the 2017/18 fiscal year; the same as the previous fiscal year. The allocation will provide outputs to meet the needs of women in residential substance abuse treatment. The Women's Treatment Centre provides both residential treatment for women at the Nelson Bascome Substance Abuse Treatment Centre as well as supportive residency at a separate site. This programme has been Accredited by CARF since 2009 and currently has a "gold star" international accreditation

ranking for the period 2014-2016. An extension from CARF has been awarded until August 2017 to allow for the relocation of the supportive residency programme component to an alternate site following the end of the previous lease.

THE NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL MASTER PLAN 98080 pg. B-302
2016/2017 vs 2017/18

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$35,000
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$35,000
INCREASE/DECREASE	\$ 0
% INCREASE/DECREASE	0%

Mr. Chairman,

Cost centre 98080 is in place to provide for the effective implementation of the Master Plan; cross-ministry initiatives with the Police, Customs and Corrections; evaluation of the Master Plan and to encourage cooperation and involvement of other Government Departments and civil society in the implementation of the Master Plan initiatives.

GRANTS and CONTRIBUTIONS pg C-20
2016/2017 vs 2017/18

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 2016/17	\$482,000
ESTIMATE 2017/18	\$482,000
INCREASE/ DECREASE	\$0
% INCREASE/ DECREASE	0 %

It is anticipated that the allocations for fiscal 2017/18 of \$482,000, listed under Grants and Contributions on pg C-20 of the budget book will be used towards providing grants to CADA, the Bermuda Addiction Certification Board (BACB), PRIDE and Salvation Army (Harbour Light and Life Skills programmes). CADA and BACB provide essential activities required by legislation. CADA's TIPS programme is mandated within Section 39b of The Bermuda Liquor License Act 1974 and Addiction Counsellor Examinations and Certification is required for registration of Addiction counsellors under the Allied Health Professionals Act 1973. PRIDE provides Life Skill programming within the primary school levels to support drug education and prevention and Salvation Army provides residential drug treatment and life skills for males. Funding for Focus Counselling, which provides transitional/ supportive housing for recovering males is being sourced from the Confiscated Assets Fund (CAF) for fiscal year 2017/18. All of these agencies have provided an integral part of the drug prevention and treatment continuum of services for many decades in collaboration with the DNDC.

In closing, the Department for National Drug Control will continue to work collaboratively with other key Ministries such as Health, Education and Departments such as Corrections, Court Services, and the Police , Customs and our International partners to ensure the implementation of a balanced approach to efforts made in achieving a healthier and drug free Bermuda.

Thank you **Mr. Chairman**