



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY HEAD 83

Found on Pages B272 to B274 of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure

Mr. Chairman,

Honourable Members, I am pleased to present the current accounts estimate for The Ministry of National Security Headquarters Head 83, which can be found starting on pages B-272 to B-274 of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure Book.

MISSION

Mr. Chairman,

The Mission of the Ministry of National Security Headquarters is “to protect and enhance the welfare of our community effectively, efficiently and equitably.”

Mr. Chairman,

The Ministry's departmental objectives are to direct policy implementation and oversee programme management and departmental operations within the Ministry. This includes but is not limited to providing leadership, oversight and coordination of the Department of National Drug Control, the Department of Corrections, H.M Customs, the Bermuda Post Office and the Bermuda Fire and Rescue Service.

Mr. Chairman,

The Ministry also facilitates the delivery of the policing strategy of the Bermuda Police Service and promotes the role of the Bermuda Regiment.

Mr. Chairman,

The Parole Board, the Treatment of Offenders Board and the Police Complaints Authority also fall under the Ministry of National Security Headquarters remit.

Mr. Chairman,

The Ministry of National Security Headquarters' budget allocation of one million, four hundred and ninety-seven thousand dollars (\$1,497,000) for 2017-2018 represents an increase of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) or a fifteen percent (15%) increase over the 2016-2017 budget allocation. This increase is required to fully fund the FTEs within the Ministry headquarters and the intended implementation of Operation Ceasefire in this fiscal year.

EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW

Mr. Chairman,

The Ministry of National Security Headquarters' has seven full-time staff members. Salary costs of seven hundred and forty thousand, (\$740,000) are \$5,000 or approximately 1% more than the previous year.

Mr. Chairman,

Professional Services have increased from four hundred and fifty nine thousand dollars (\$459,000), to six hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars (647,000). This is an increase of one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars (\$195,000) or 42%. This increase is for the Overseas Consultant Services line item which had zero funding in the 2016/2017 fiscal year. As indicated previously, this increase represents the sum required to fund Operation Ceasefire in this fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman,

The following items should be noted in this fiscal year:

- Consultant Services Local has been reduced from three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000) to three hundred and thirteen thousand dollars (\$313,000). This is a decrease of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) or 4% and represents a reduction in the number of electronic monitoring devices used by the Courts, the Police, and the Department of Courts Services in the management of individuals on bail or parole and probation.
- All other line item amounts remain unchanged.
- The Ministry HQ continues to coordinate the Cash Back for Communities grant initiative providing the proceeds of crime from the confiscated assets fund to community organisations

Mr. Chairman,

In the coming fiscal year, one of the Ministry's principal projects will be to develop an RFP for the provision of joined up radio platform for all uniformed services. This significant project will allow services to communicate more effectively using uniform equipment and realize economies of scale in maintenance and supply. Additionally, a platform will be created that can be extended to other areas within Government including Parks and other divisions of the Ministry of Public Works.

Mr. Chairman,

Honourable Members will recall this Government's undertaking to post a senior police officer within the Ministry headquarters to be Bermuda's national disaster coordinator and major event planner/advisor. Inspector Steve Cosham is that officer and he continues to be fully engaged in the development of and revisions to Bermuda's plans for natural and man-made disasters. He is presently working with the Security Committee of the ACBDA to ensure that the event is safely delivered for the enjoyment of all.

Mr. Chairman,

That completes the presentation on Head 83.