

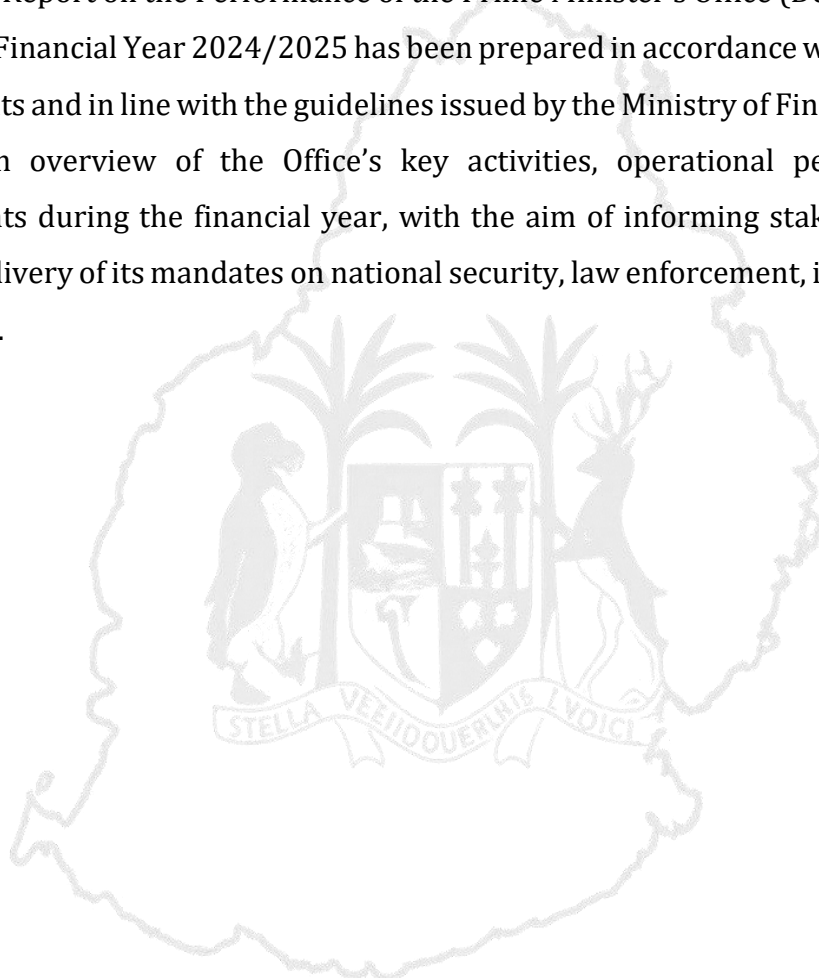


**ANNUAL REPORT
ON PERFORMANCE FOR
FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025**

**Prime Minister's Office
(Defence and Home Affairs)**

Introduction

The Annual Report on the Performance of the Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs) for Financial Year 2024/2025 has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and in line with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance. This report provides an overview of the Office's key activities, operational performance, and achievements during the financial year, with the aim of informing stakeholders on the effective delivery of its mandates on national security, law enforcement, immigration, and governance.



Foreword

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to report on the Financial and Operational performance of the Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs) for the Financial Year 2024-2025.

The year under report has been one of tangible progress and meaningful reform. The Mauritius National Identity Card (MNIC) Unit successfully implemented the MNIC 3.0 Smart Card System and launched the Mobile ID Solution, thereby providing citizens with secure and modern identity credentials that are fully aligned with the Government's vision for digital transformation and future e-Government services. As at 30 June 2025, more than 138,200 MNIC 3.0 ID cards had been issued, while 9,417 citizens had already enrolled on the Mobile ID platform, a significant milestone in our country's digital evolution.

The Government Programme 2025–2029 has provided renewed direction for the strengthening of institutional capacity, reinforcement of national security, and the consolidation of governance structures.

Notable progress has also been noted in the revamping process of the Mauritius Police Force and the strengthening of maritime security. The reforms initiated focus on enhancing professionalism, accountability and operational efficiency through modern technologies, improved training and closer regional cooperation. Key developments which are in progress include the acquisition of a new Offshore Patrol Vessel, the replacement of ageing helicopters through collaboration with the Government of India, the installation of a Coastal Radar Surveillance System with the support of the Government of Japan, and the establishment of a state-of-the-art National Maritime Information Sharing Centre. These initiatives will collectively reinforce national and regional maritime security and ensure better protection of Mauritius territorial waters.

Reforms of strategic importance were also undertaken in other areas. Notably, the amendment of the Non-Citizens (Property Restriction) Act to extend lease periods from 20 to 30 years has fostered long-term investment and further consolidated Mauritius reputation as a safe and attractive destination for investors.

Throughout the year, the Office continued to deliver on its core mandate: the issuance of residence permits, visas, and authorisations, as well as the coordination of national efforts to uphold public safety and border security.

The Office also extended its support to key institutions such as the National Human Rights Commission, the Equal Opportunities Commission, and the Independent Police Complaints Commission, which collectively embody the nation's commitment to fairness, equality, and accountability.

Furthermore, in line with international standards, preparatory actions have been initiated for the introduction of a biometric passport equipped with advanced encryption and anti-tampering features. This initiative aims to enhance national security, minimise risks of identity fraud, and facilitate faster and more efficient immigration clearance.

The Office also played an active role in the 57th Independence Day Celebrations, graced by the presence of Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, as Chief Guest. The event was a moment of national pride and further deepened the longstanding diplomatic and cultural bonds between Mauritius and India. Moreover, during his visit, Shri Modi witnessed the exchange of four Memoranda of Understanding and Agreements between Mauritius and India in the fields of science and technology, oceanography, public service cooperation, and space research. These exchanges underscored the shared commitment of both nations to advance innovation, research, and capacity-building, further cementing their enduring friendship.

These achievements reflect the professionalism, dedication and sense of duty of our public officers, whose daily efforts ensure that the Office continues to fulfil its mission with efficiency and integrity. I wish to convey my sincere appreciation to all staff of the Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs), as well as to our partner ministries, law enforcement agencies and stakeholders, for their sustained collaboration and support.

As we look ahead, our focus remains firmly on modernising public service delivery, enhancing public trust, and strengthening systems that are secure, transparent, and people-centred, in pursuit of a safer, fairer, and more inclusive Mauritius. Together, as a responsible and unified team, guided by discipline and confidence, we shall continue to move forward and successfully achieve our goals.

K. O. Fong-Weng Poorun, G. O.S.K (Mrs)
Secretary for Home Affairs

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PART I: VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Vision and Mission Statement

VISION

To contribute in building a modern and fair society, by upholding good governance principles and consolidating our democratic fundamentals

MISSION

To be a dedicated service provider, using proactive, quality and customer-focused policies, administrative practices and emerging technologies, to protect the national and territorial integrity aiming at upgrading the day-to-day lives of the citizens of Mauritius

Core Values



PART II: ABOUT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DEFENCE & HOME AFFAIRS)

Roles and Functions of the Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs)

- The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) (Defence and Home Affairs) is a core component of Government, with the primary responsibility of advising and supporting the Prime Minister in the formulation and implementation of policies relating to internal security, immigration, public safety, national integrity, and governance.
- The Secretary for Home Affairs, as the Accounting Officer, is responsible for the overall administration, coordination, and delivery of functions under this segment of the Prime Minister's Office.
- The PMO (Defence and Home Affairs) plays a pivotal role in ensuring that law and order prevail, enhancing national security, and maintaining a safe and secure environment for all citizens.
- The main functions carried out under this Office include:
 - Formulating and implementing policies to safeguard national security and protect the country against terrorism and terrorism financing as well as other emerging security threats.
 - Coordinating with law enforcement agencies for the maintenance of internal security and public order.
 - Coordinating with law enforcement agencies to secure the borders of Mauritius, implement and prevent abuse of immigration and citizenship laws and manage migration.
 - Managing the issuance of residence permits, visas, and authorisations under the Immigration Act and the Non-Citizens (Property Restriction) Act.
 - Overseeing matters related to civil status, migration, and population control.
 - Developing and reinforcing governance and accountability structures, including protection of individual rights and promotion of human rights.
 - Reporting to international organisations on adherence to treaties and conventions ratified by Mauritius in the fields of security, human rights, and immigration.
 - Providing policy directives of a general nature to parastatal bodies and institutions falling under its purview.

Departments and Other Bodies Under the Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs)

Departments and institutions operating under the aegis of the Prime Minister's Office (Home Affairs and Defence)

Mauritius Citizenship Unit

Handles matters related to acquisition, renunciation, and deprivation of Mauritian citizenship.

Civil Status Division

Registers and issues official records of births, deaths, marriages, and divorces.

National Sanctions Committee (NSC) and National Sanctions Secretariat (NSSec)

Established under the United Nations (Financial Prohibitions, Arms Embargo and Travel Ban) Sanctions Act 2019, these bodies oversee the implementation of UN Security Council sanctions, including financial prohibitions, arms embargoes, and travel bans, ensuring Mauritius's compliance with international obligations.

Security Division

Provides executive protection, oversees internal security arrangements, and coordinates security protocols for VIPs and national events.

Mauritius National Identity Card Unit

Responsible for issuing national identity cards and maintaining identity records.

Government Printing Department

Responsible for printing government publications, official gazettes, and documents.

Passport and Immigration Office (PIO)

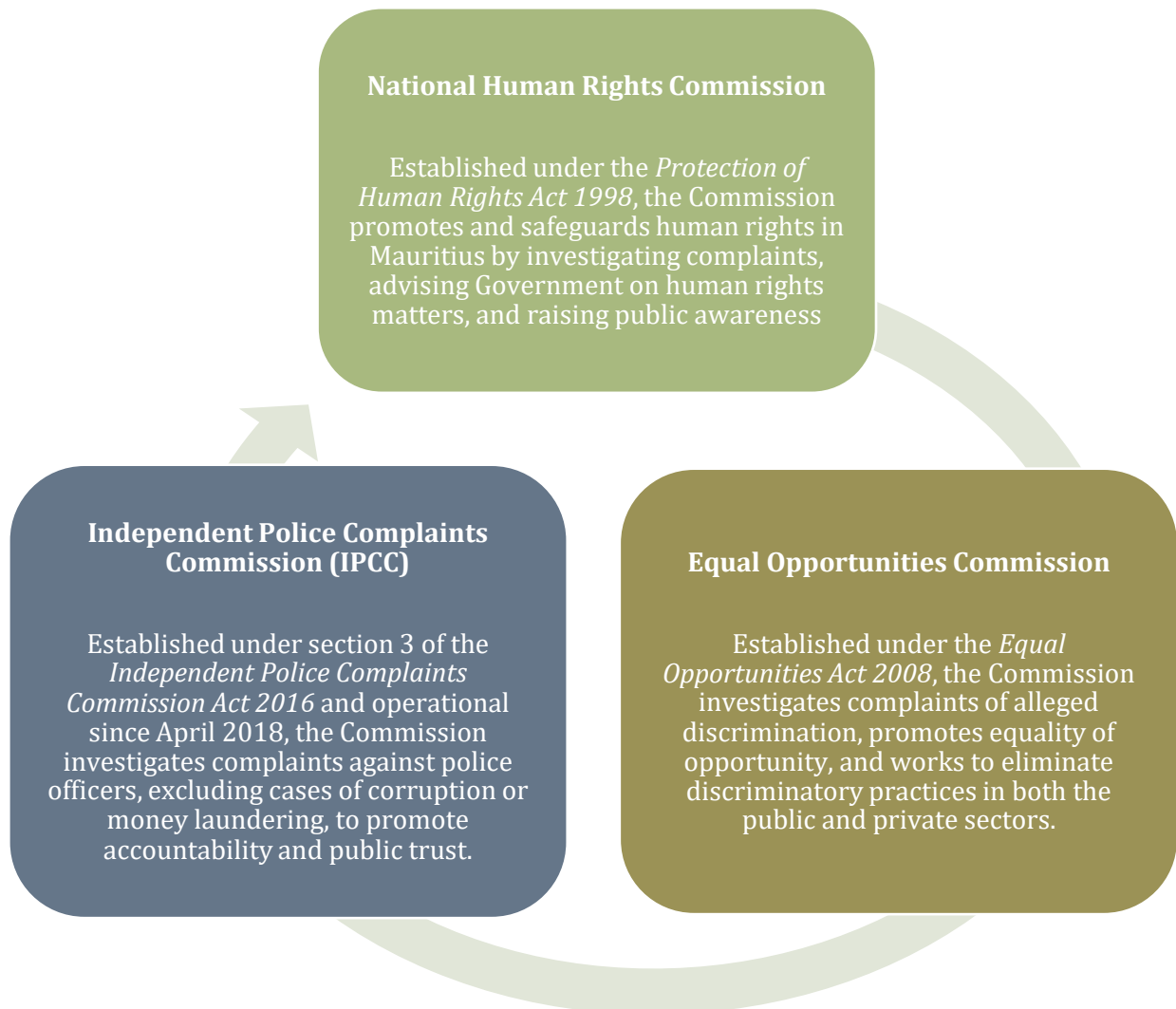
Manages the issuance of passports, visas, residence permits, and control at borders.

Mauritius Police Force (MPF)

Responsible for law enforcement, maintenance of public order, and internal security.

Statutory/ Parastatal Bodies Under the Aegis of Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs)

Statutory and parastatal bodies operate under the purview of the Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs)



Gender Statement

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) (Defence and Home Affairs) recognises gender equality as a fundamental human right and a prerequisite for sustainable development, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls).

The PMO's Gender Policy underscores its pivotal role as a catalyst for transformative change at both the national and international levels. It provides high-level strategic direction to ensure that gender mainstreaming is systematically integrated across all sectors, policies, and programmes.

The Policy is committed to:

- Promoting enabling norms, attitudes, and legal frameworks that drive meaningful change in society, the home, and the workplace.
- Empowering women and men equally through capacity building, training, and leadership opportunities.
- Strengthening networks and partnerships with public institutions, the private sector, civil society, and international organisations.
- Monitoring and evaluating progress to ensure measurable, accountable, and sustained outcomes.

Through these commitments, the PMO reaffirms its determination to create an inclusive society where gender equality is a lived reality for all.

The Gender classification, as at 30 June 2025, at the level of the PMO (Defence and Home Affairs) is as follows:

Categories	Women	Men
Top Management	3	0
Middle Management	10	10
Support & Others	180	75
Overall	193	85

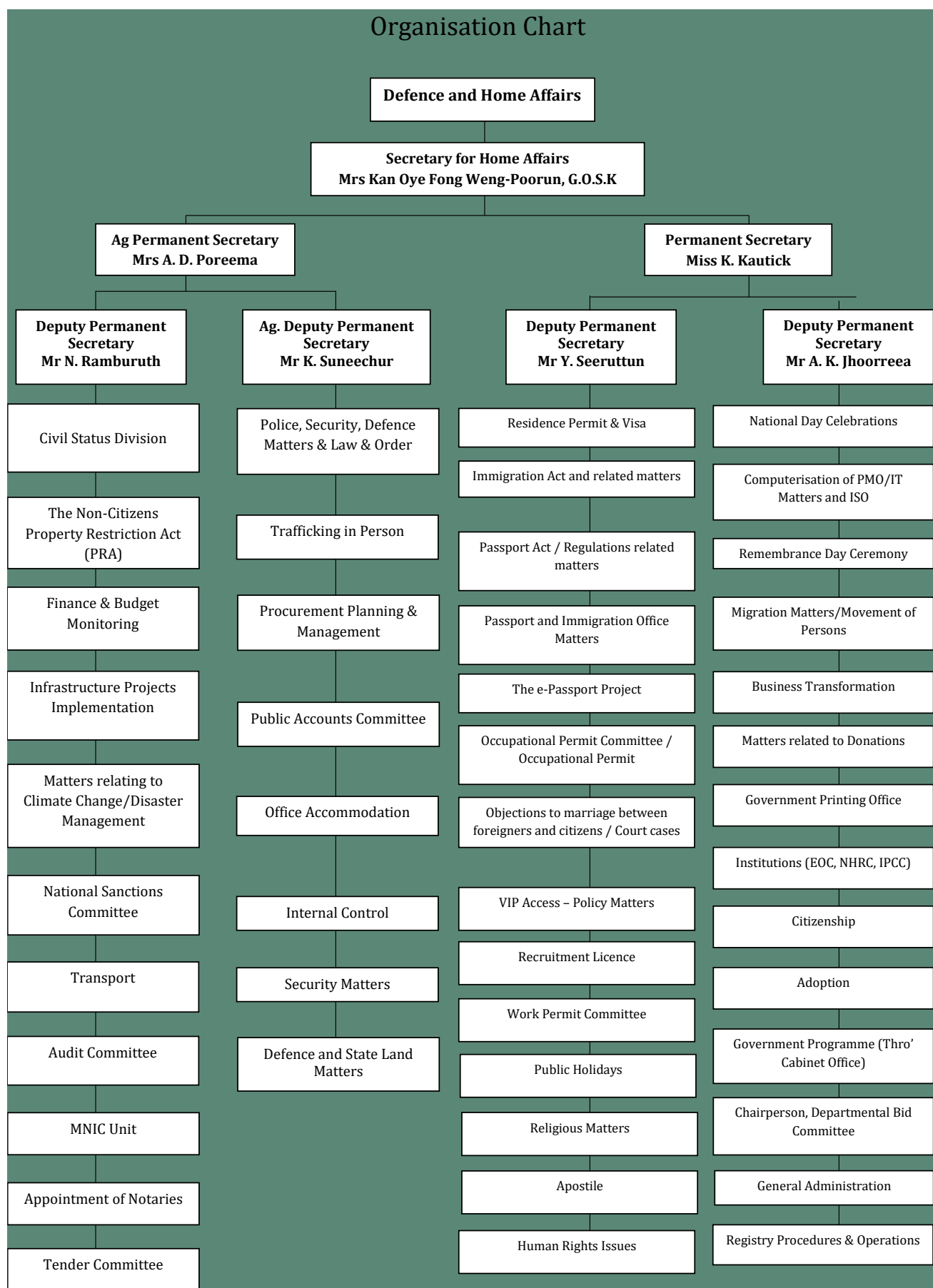
Anti-Corruption Statement

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) (Defence and Home Affairs) is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity in all its operations. This is achieved through the adoption of effective corruption prevention strategies and the implementation of robust anti-corruption measures.

The PMO's Anti-Corruption Policy reflects its full commitment to deterring and detecting corruption and fostering a culture of integrity throughout the organization.

To translate this principle into practice, a rules-based approach is being implemented for residence permits and citizenships. Clear, objective rules and processes are being embedded into automated systems, eliminating room for subjective interpretation or personal discretion. Furthermore, the ISO Certification of the four sections handling citizenship, residence permits, apostille, and property acquisition by non-citizens enhances efficiency and customer satisfaction through standardized and continually reviewed processes.

Organisation Chart



Key Staff

SN	DESIGNATION	NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
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		Ms K. Kautick	Tel: 201 1183/ 214 4564 Fax: 213 4687 Email: kkautick@govmu.org
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		(ii) Mr N. Ramburuth	Tel: 201 3591 Fax: 201 1134 Email: nramburuth@govmu.org
		(iii) Mr Y. Seeruttun	Tel: 201 1092 Fax: 212 3595 Email: yseeruttun@govmu.org
5.	Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary	Mr K. Suneechur <i>(As from 16.06.2025)</i>	Tel: 214 3830 Fax: 214 3672 Email: ksuneechur@govmu.org
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Number of Officers in Posts at the PMO (Defence and Home Affairs) – Financial Year 2024/2025

Sub-Head 2-103: Defence and Home Affairs		
1.	Secretary for Home Affairs	1
2.	Permanent Secretary (*1 DPS assigned duties of PS)	2
3.	Deputy Permanent Secretary (*1 DPS assigned duties of PS)	4
4.	Assistant Permanent Secretary (*1 APS assigned duties of DPS)	6
5.	National Security Adviser	1
6.	Director, Counter Terrorism Unit (up to 18 November 2024)	1
7.	Intelligence Officer/Senior Intelligence Officer	-
8.	Principal Coordinator, Security Matters	1
9.	Coordinator, Security Matters	1
10.	Facilities and Maintenance Officer (*On Leave Without Pay)	1
11.	Director-General of Immigration (up to 20 November 2024)	1
12.	Migration Coordinator and Researcher	1
13.	Migration Analyst	2
14.	Manager, Financial Operations	1
15.	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	2
16.	Principal Financial Operations Officer	2
17.	Financial Operations Officer/Senior Financial Operations Officer	-
18.	Assistant Financial Operations Officer (*Assigned Duties of FOO/SFOO)	4
19.	Manager (Procurement and Supply)	1
20.	Assistant Manager (Procurement and Supply)	2
21.	Principal Procurement and Supply Officer	1
22.	Procurement and Supply Officer/Senior Procurement and Supply Officer	2
23.	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	1
24.	Manager, Internal Control	1
25.	Principal Internal Control Officer	2
26.	Internal Control Officer/Senior Internal Control Officer	3
27.	Manager, Human Resources	1
28.	Assistant Manager, Human Resources	1
29.	Human Resource Executive	1

Sub-Head 2-103: Defence and Home Affairs		
30.	Office Management Executive	2
31.	Office Management Assistant	28
32.	Higher Executive Officer (Personal)	1
33.	Office Supervisor	-
34.	Management Support Officer	138
35.	Confidential Secretary	7
36.	Senior Word Processing Operator	-
37.	Word Processing Operator	11
38.	Technical & Mechanical Officer (<i>*1 On Leave Without Pay</i>)	1
39.	Receptionist/Telephone Operator	3
40.	Head Office Auxiliary	2
41.	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	24
42.	Driver/Office Attendant (Ex-SMEDA)	1
43.	Driver	7
44.	Stores Attendant	1
45.	Handy Worker	-

Government Programme 2025 - 2029

Implementation of measures in the Government Programme 2025-2029

In March 2025, an Implementation Committee for the Government Programme 2025-2029 was set up for the monitoring of implementation of measures falling under the purview of this Office and its related institutions. The Committee is chaired by the Secretary for Home Affairs and comprises senior officers from different units. Its role is to keep track of the progress achieved and address in a timely manner any bottleneck to avoid delays.

Two meetings were held by the end of June 2025. It also submits quarterly progress reports to the High-Level Steering Committee – Government Programme 2025-2029.

The following measures falling under the purview of this Office are being monitored by the Implementation Committee:

- Strengthening of the powers of the Equal Opportunities Commission to ensure that the principles of meritocracy and non-discrimination in employment are upheld.
- Enhancing the Regional Maritime Security Architecture to combat human trafficking and increasing our surveillance capacity for protection of Exclusive Economic Zone of Mauritius.
- Setting up of a National Drug Policy, Monitoring and Coordination Agency to bring together various public bodies to combat drug trafficking, provide rehabilitation and support families of victims of drug abuse.
- Restoring trust in the Police and taking other measures for the effective enforcement of law order, public safety crime prevention, emergency response and victim support, amongst others.
- Introduction of biometric passport with advanced encryption and anti-tampering mechanism.
- Giving special attention to the water situation in Rodrigues through improvement of the distribution network and storage system.
- Paying special attention to Rodrigues, Agalega and St Brandon.

Programmes Outcomes

Programmes	Outcomes	Indicators	2024/25 Provisional	2025/26 Target
0201: Prime Minister's Office	A modern, fair and democratic society	Democracy Index of Economist Intelligence Unit (Score)*	8.23	> 8.23
0203: Civil Status Affairs	An efficient and secure civil registration system	Average time to process applications for civil documents (Birth, Marriage and Death Certificate)	15	15
0204: Government Printing Services	Modern and efficient printing service	Percentage of printing services delivered within 3 months earlier	80%	82%

* The Democracy Index is published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and scores countries on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the most democratic. It uses a specific methodology to assess democracy, including measuring aspects like political rights, civil liberties, and political culture.

Financial Resources: Summary By Programmes

Programmes	Rs 000	
	2024/25 Estimates	2025/26 Estimates
0201: Prime Minister's Office	1,349,200.	1,500,000.
0203: Civil Status Affairs	193,600.	148,000.
0204: Government Printing Services	187,000.	227,000.
TOTAL	1,729,800	1,875,000.

Risk Management

Internal Audit

The Internal Control Unit plays a crucial role in supporting Management to achieve its objectives through a structured and disciplined approach to strengthening risk management, internal controls, and governance processes.

For the period July 2024 to June 2025, the Unit developed its Annual Internal Audit Plan using a risk-based audit selection model. This ensured that audits targeted high-risk areas and addressed key concerns raised by Management.

During the financial year, the Unit:

- conducted 10 audits in line with the approved Annual Plan;
- undertook 3 targeted assignments in response to specific emerging risks; and
- made a total of 130 recommendations aimed at improving compliance, processes, and operational efficiency.

Follow-up exercises were carried out on 147 recommendations issued over FY 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25. As of June 2025, 56% of these recommendations have been fully implemented, with the remaining under monitoring and follow-up action.

Risk Management Framework

In line with Circular No. 8 of 2021 on “*Guidelines for the Establishment of Risk Management in the Public Sector*”, issued by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, the Division signed its Risk Management Policy on 5 February 2024.

The Risk Management Policy was signed on 05 February 2024, followed by the establishment of the Risk Management Framework on 23 September 2024. A Risk Committee has been constituted, and the compilation of the Risk Register is currently underway.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee provides independent assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls, risk management, and governance processes within the Prime Minister’s Office (Defence & Home Affairs). The Committee reviews internal audit plans and reports, monitors follow-up actions, and ensures compliance with relevant policies, regulations, and procedures.

The Composition of the Audit Committee, during the Financial Year 2024-2025 were as follows:

For Period July 2024 to December 2024

NAME	DESIGNATION	POSITION IN AUDIT COMMITTEE
Mr D. Gopaul	Permanent Secretary	Chairperson
Mr N. Ramburuth	Deputy Permanent Secretary	Member
Mr Mr B. Heerowa	Deputy Permanent Secretary	Member
Mrs R. D. Shadu	Manager, Internal Control	(In Attendance)
Mr J. S. Lasavanne	Assistant Permanent Secretary	(In Attendance)
Mrs A. Approo	Office Management Assistant	Secretary

For Period January 2025 to June 2025

NAME	DESIGNATION	POSITION IN AUDIT COMMITTEE
Mr D. Gopaul	Permanent Secretary	Chairperson
Mr N. Ramburuth	Deputy Permanent Secretary	Member
Mrs R. D. Shadu	Manager, Internal Control	(In Attendance)
Mr J. S. Lasavanne	Assistant Permanent Secretary	(In Attendance)
Mr S. Ramgutteea	Office Management Assistant	Secretary

The Committee met **eight (8)** times during the financial year 2024-2025 and analysed the following reports:

- Director of Audit Reports for the Financial Years 2022/23 and 2023/24
- Internal Control Reports for Financial Years 2023/24 and 2024/25

Director of Audit Report

In February 2025, the Director of Audit (DOA) released his report on the accounts of the Republic of Mauritius for the financial year ending 30 June 2024. The report included several recommendations aimed at improving financial management and operational efficiency within the Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs).

In response, the Division has implemented a series of concrete measures to strengthen control systems and ensure timely compliance, including:

- (i) specifications are now prepared and submitted within the prescribed time frame to allow tenders to be launched, evaluated, and awarded without delay;
- (ii) a formal mechanism has been established to ensure renewal of contracts are initiated at least two months before expiry, and tenders for new contracts are initiated three to four months in advance. The mechanism includes:
 - (a) a regularly updated database to monitor the renewal of contracts;

- (b) the Office Accommodation Unit sends relevant files for “Bring Up” (BU) to initiate renewal procedures or launch tenders in accordance with the timelines; and
- (c) ongoing monitoring and follow-up during Performance Review Committee meetings and Procurement and Supply Monitoring sessions.
- (iii) regular monthly project monitoring meetings are held with the Office Accommodation Unit and the Procurement and Supply Section to track progress and resolve issues promptly;
- (iv) regular coordination meetings are held with the Ministry of National Infrastructure on a project-by-project basis to ensure timely follow-up and effective oversight; and
- (v) enhanced measures have been introduced to ensure full compliance with financial instructions, relevant Acts, and applicable regulations.

These actions demonstrate this Office’s commitment to addressing audit recommendations, improving governance, and ensuring better value for public resources.

Composition of the Departmental Bid Committee

The Departmental Bid Committee (DBC) is responsible for:

- (i) approving procurement in accordance with the procedures specified under the Public Procurement Act 2006, relevant Regulations, Directives issued by the Procurement Policy Office, and established good procurement practices;
- (ii) making recommendations to the Accounting Officer regarding formal tender exercises; and
- (iii) overseeing formal tender exercises conducted by the procuring entity to ensure transparency, fairness, and value for money.

The Composition of the DBC, during the Financial Year 2024-2025 were as follows:

NAME	DESIGNATION	POSITION IN DBC
Mrs P. Sohun (from 01.07.2024 to 12.08.2024)	Deputy Permanent Secretary	Chairperson
Mr B. Heerowa (from 26.08.2024 to 06.12.2024)		
Mr N. Ramburuth (from 18.12.2024 to 12.02.2025)		
Mr A. K. Jhoerreea (from 14.02.2025 to 30.06.2025)		
Mr S. Dhuwal	Manager, Procurement and Supply	Member
Mr I. Jugroop	Manager, Financial Operations	Member
Ms Y. Imreet	Office Management Assistant	Secretary

In Financial Year 2024/2025, the DBC met on **129** occasions, wherein **48** tenders were launched, out of which **38** contracts were awarded as summarised hereunder:

STATUS	TOTAL
Number of tenders awarded	38
Number of tenders cancelled	9
Number of tender exercises in progress (<i>as at 30 June 2025</i>)	1
Total number of Tenders Launched	48

PART III: ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES

Legal And Regulatory Reforms

In 2024, the Government introduced important legislative measures to strengthen Mauritius' legal framework and promote a more enabling environment for investment, transparency, and long-term economic stability.

Amendment to the Non-Citizens (Property Restriction) Act

The Non-Citizens (Property Restriction) Act was amended in section 3(3)(a)(i) to extend the maximum lease period for non-citizens from 20 years to 30 years. This amendment provides greater ease of doing business and flexibility in property lease arrangements for non-citizens, supporting investment and long-term planning while maintaining appropriate regulatory oversight.

Events / Activities

Blood Donation Campaign on 26 September 2024 at the Sir Harilal Vaghjee Memorial Hall in Port Louis

On 26 September 2024, the Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs Division), in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, the Ministry of Health and Wellness, and the Mauritius Police Force, organised a full-day blood donation campaign at the Sir Harilal Vaghjee Memorial Hall in Port Louis.



The initiative aimed to replenish the national blood bank and provide critical support to individuals suffering from serious medical conditions. Public officers actively participated in the campaign, demonstrating their commitment to community service and fostering a culture of altruism and social responsibility.

The blood donation campaign not only contributed to the availability of essential medical resources but also strengthened the spirit of community engagement and solidarity among public sector employees, highlighting the importance of collective action in addressing public health needs.



State Banquet organised in Honour of Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India on 11 March 2025 at Le Méridien Hotel in Pointe-aux-Piments

On 11 March 2025, a distinguished State Banquet was hosted at Le Méridien Hotel in Pointe-aux-Piments by the Honourable Prime Minister of Mauritius and his spouse in honour of Chief Guest, Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India in the context of the National Day Celebrations.



The event brought together the country's highest authorities, members of the diplomatic corps, and other dignitaries, reflecting the significance of Mauritius strong diplomatic, historical and cultural ties with India.



The banquet served as a formal platform to strengthen bilateral relations, promote goodwill, and acknowledge the enduring cooperation between the two nations. The evening featured cultural presentations and ceremonial activities that celebrated both Mauritian heritage and the spirit of international friendship. By combining protocol, culture, and engagement, the State Banquet underscored Mauritius commitment to fostering strong global partnerships.



The banquet reinforced Mauritius diplomatic relations with India, enhanced international goodwill, and showcased the country's hospitality and cultural richness to global leaders.



Mauritius and India solidified their partnership with the signing of key agreements. The ceremony was held on 11 March 2025 at the Vaghjee Hall in New Government Centre, Port Louis. The event was jointly witnessed by Prime Minister of Mauritius, Dr. N. Ragoolam, and Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.



Mauritius' 57th Independence Day Celebrations on 12 March 2025

The 57th anniversary of Mauritius independence was celebrated on 12 March 2025 under the theme "As one People, as one Nation." The National Day celebrations, held at Champ de Mars, were a vibrant occasion that brought together citizens, government officials, and international dignitaries to commemorate the nation's journey of sovereignty, unity, and progress.

The celebrations featured a series of cultural performances, parades, and ceremonial activities that highlighted Mauritius multi-ethnic heritage and rich traditions. The presence of Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of Republic of India, as Guest of Honour added significance to the event, reflecting the strong diplomatic ties and shared history between Mauritius and India.



The Independence Day celebrations strengthened national pride, fostered unity among the Mauritian people, and showcased the country's cultural diversity and international engagement on a global platform.



PART IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Statistics For Financial Year 2024/2025

OCCUPATION PERMIT

Number of Occupation Permits Issued from 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

Investors -----	259
Professionals -----	5010
Self Employed -----	180
Retired non-Citizens -----	521
Young Professionals -----	103
Permanent Residence Permit -----	32
Permanent Residence Permit Under Diaspora -----	Nil
Dependents -----	2833

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Number of Residence Permit Issued from 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

Spouse of Citizen of Mauritius -----	510
Skilled Person -----	28,730
Professional -----	760
Religious -----	133
Diplomats -----	68
Internship -----	2,601
Jockey -----	14
Students -----	5,959
Dependents -----	947

RESIDENCE PERMIT UNDER SPECIFIC SCHEMES

Number of Residence Permit Under Specific Schemes Issued from 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS) -----:	59
Real Estate Scheme (RES) -----:	69
Property Development Scheme (PDS)-----:	118
Smart City Scheme (SCS) -----:	36
Invest Hotel Scheme (IHS) -----:	1
Residency by Property Acquisition (G+2) -----:	41

CITIZENSHIP

During Financial Year 2024-2025, a total number of **884** applications for Registration or Naturalisation as citizen of Mauritius or for a Certificate of Citizenship were being processed, and out of which **591** new applications had been received during the period 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

The status of these applications was as follows as at June 2025:

- (i) **192** applications had been granted;
- (ii) **58** had not been acceded to for not fulfilling the required criteria; and
- (iii) **634** were still under process.

Moreover, during the period 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, the Citizenship Section processed **1,949** requests for confirmation of citizenship of Mauritian nationals born abroad to enable them to apply for the Mauritius National Identity Card. An average of 50 persons were provided assistance daily at the Citizenship Section counters in terms of guidance and information on citizenship matters.

The Section also attended to queries received by emails from members of the public seeking information on citizenship application and a reply was made within two working days in each case.

NON-CITIZENS (PROPERTY RESTRICTION) ACT

During Financial Year 2024-2025, **214 applications** were processed under the Non-Citizens (Property Restriction) Act with the total amount invested detailed as follows:

Details	No. of Applications Approved	Total Investment in MUR	Total Investment in USD	Total Investment in EUR
Applications recommended by the Economic Development Board (EDB) to acquire property (Freehold Land/ Building) for business purpose.	30	1,218,315,136.	18,000,000.	-
Applications recommended by the EDB for the acquisition of apartments by non-citizens	124	1,637,380,549.	101,074,130.	14,327,088.
Applications processed by PMO for the acquisition of shares/ leasehold rights	38	165,442,367.	7,500,000.	-
Applications to dispose of property through creation of security	3	36,575,000.	-	-
Applications for Disposal of Shares/ Property to Mauritian nationals	7	261,200,000.	-	-
Applications for Stand Alone House	12	201,000,000.	5,968,494.91	550,000.
TOTAL	214	3,519,913,052.	132,542,624.91	14,877,088

MAURITIUS NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD (MNIC 3.0) AND MOBILE ID

The new **Mauritius National Identity Card (MNIC 3.0)**, equipped with innovative security features and the capability for electronic data reading, was officially introduced on **26 February 2024**. The MNIC 3.0 also enables the use of a **Mobile ID**, providing citizens with a secured digital identity that can be used as proof of identity in lieu of the physical card.

Since its introduction, the MNIC 3.0 is issued exclusively to citizens attaining the age of **18 years** and **60 years**. Both MNIC 2.0 (previous version) and MNIC 3.0 currently co-exist, with MNIC 2.0 being gradually phased out.

The **Mobile ID**, operational since **29 August 2024**, is gaining steady adoption and offers a convenient, secured digital alternative for citizens to authenticate their identity.

Description	As at 30 June 2025
MNIC 3.0 Cards Issued	138,280
Mobile ID onboarded by Citizens	9,417

APOSTILLE

The Apostille Service of the Prime Minister's Office is responsible for issuing apostilled documents for use in another country, as laid down in the Hague Convention Treaty dated 05 October 1961.

Customers walk-in to drop off their documents and may pick up the apostilled documents at the Apostille Service Counter. According to ISO standards, documents are processed and returned to the applicants within two (2) working days against payment of the prescribed fee.

During Financial Year 2024-2025, **28,570** documents were received and processed by the Apostille Service, as follows:

Details	Approved Applications	Total Amount of Investment (in MUR)
July 2024	2,536	561,800
August 2024	2,643	620,700
September 2024	2,372	672,400
October 2024	2,766	696,500
November 2024	2,394	685,000
December 2024	2,040	526,200
January 2025	2,143	519,800
February 2025	1,995	514,100
March 2025	2,406	563,600
April 2025	2,400	637,100
May 2025	2,451	617,800
June 2025	2,424	650,400
	28,570	7,265,400

**Statement Of Expenditure Under Vote 2-1
– PMO (Defence and Home Affairs)**

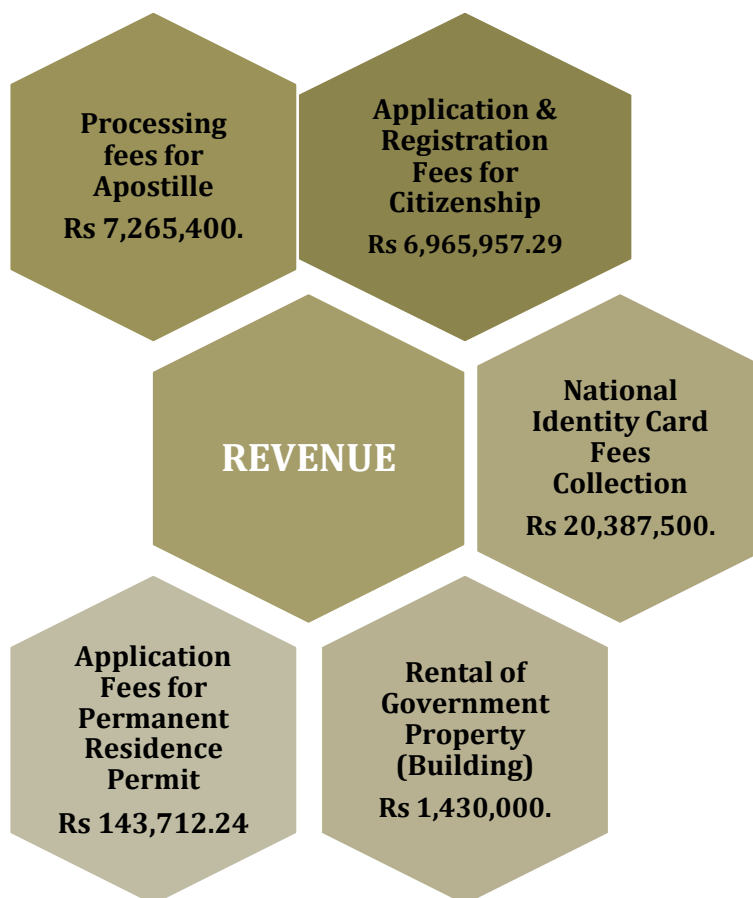
Sub-Head of Expenditure	2024/2025 Estimates (Rs)	2024/2025 Actual (Rs)
Sub-Head 2-103: DEFENCE & HOME AFFAIRS	749,400,000.	411,118,257
Compensation of Employees	151,400,000	154,886,960
Goods and Services	261,800,000	177,330,846
Grants – Current	25,800,000	890,208
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	310,400,000	78,010,243
Sub-Head 2-104: National Security Services	24,000,000	13,000,000
Goods and Services	24,000,000	13,000,000
Sub-Head Head 2-105: Equal Opportunities Commission	23,600,000	21,629,187
Compensation of Employees	16,700,000	16,353,192
Goods and Services	5,200,000	5,275,995
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	1,700,000	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	797,000,000	445,747,444.

Recurrent and Capital Expenditure for Financial Year 2024/2025

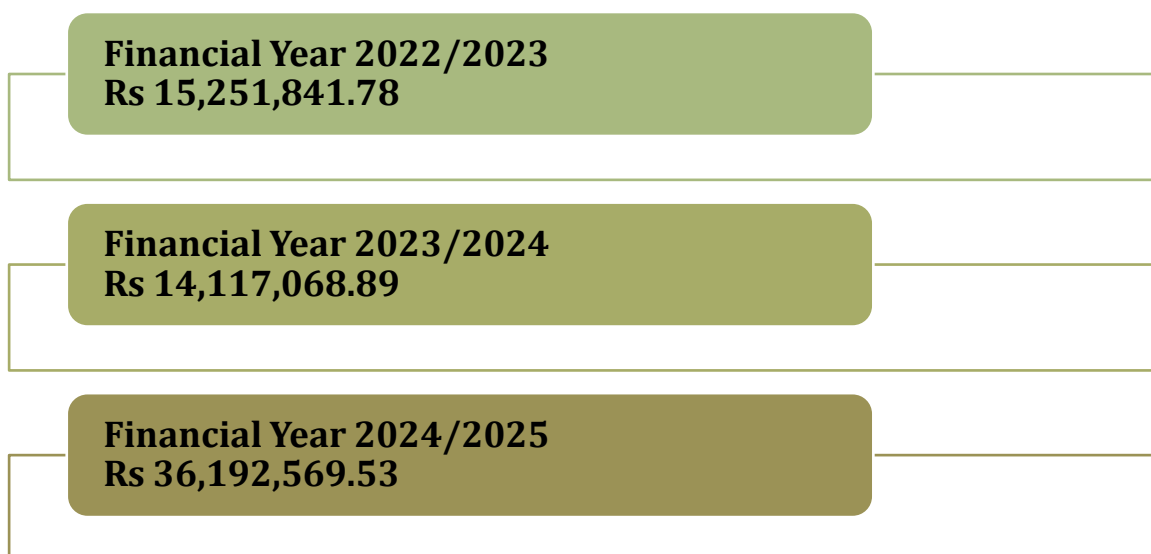
Sub-Head of Expenditure	2024/2025 Actual (Rs)
Sub-Head 2-103: DEFENCE & HOME AFFAIRS	411,118,257.
Recurrent	333,108,014.
Capital	78,010,243.
Sub-Head 2-104: National Security Services	13,000,000.
Recurrent	13,000,000.
Capital	-
Sub-Head 2-105: Equal Opportunities Commission	21,629,187.
Recurrent	21,629,187.
Capital	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	445,747,444.

Statement of Revenue for Financial Year 2024 / 2025

Statement of Revenue Collected by PMO (Defence and Home Affairs) for Financial Year 2024/2025



Actual Revenue Collected by PMO (Defence and Home Affairs) Over the Past Three Financial Years



PART V: WAY FORWARD

Trends And Challenges

The operating environment of the Prime Minister's Office (Defence and Home Affairs) continues to evolve in response to technological advancement, demographic changes, and increasing public expectations for faster and more secure services.

Key trends and challenges observed during the Financial Year 2024–2025 are as follows:

- **Implementation of the MNIC 3.0 and Mobile ID Systems:**
The introduction of the new Mauritius National Identity Card (MNIC 3.0) and the Mobile ID represents a major milestone in modernising the country's identity management framework. The next phase focuses on strengthening public awareness, expanding citizen registration, and ensuring integration with future e-government services.
- **Increasing Service Demand:**
The steady rise in applications for residence permits, visas, and related authorisations requires continuous process optimisation and timely coordination between relevant departments to maintain efficiency and service quality.
- **Strengthening Institutional Capacity:**
As policies and systems evolve, there is a growing need to build staff capacity through training, knowledge transfer, and exposure to best practices in public administration, immigration management, and data protection.
- **Evolving Security Landscape:**
While Mauritius continues to enjoy a high level of safety and stability, emerging regional and international dynamics underscore the need to maintain vigilance. Strengthening inter-agency coordination, enhancing intelligence-sharing mechanisms, and reinforcing institutional preparedness remain essential to preserve public confidence and ensure sustained national security.
- **Public Expectations for Efficient Service Delivery:**
Citizens increasingly expect convenient, technology-driven, and timely services. Meeting these expectations requires ongoing digitalisation, better communication channels, and improved feedback mechanisms to strengthen trust and transparency.

SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Successful operationalisation of MNIC 3.0 and launch of Mobile ID, providing Mauritius with a modern and secure identity management system that supports electronic verification and future e-government services.
- Strong institutional memory and experienced personnel ensuring continuity in internal security, immigration, and civil status functions.
- Well-defined legal and regulatory frameworks supporting immigration, civil status, and national security operations.

WEAKNESSES

- Limited human and financial resources to cope with increasing service demand and implementation of new initiatives.
- Certain legacy administrative processes still rely on manual intervention, affecting service turnaround time.
- Continuous staff upskilling required to keep pace with new technologies, evolving legislation, and emerging operational needs.

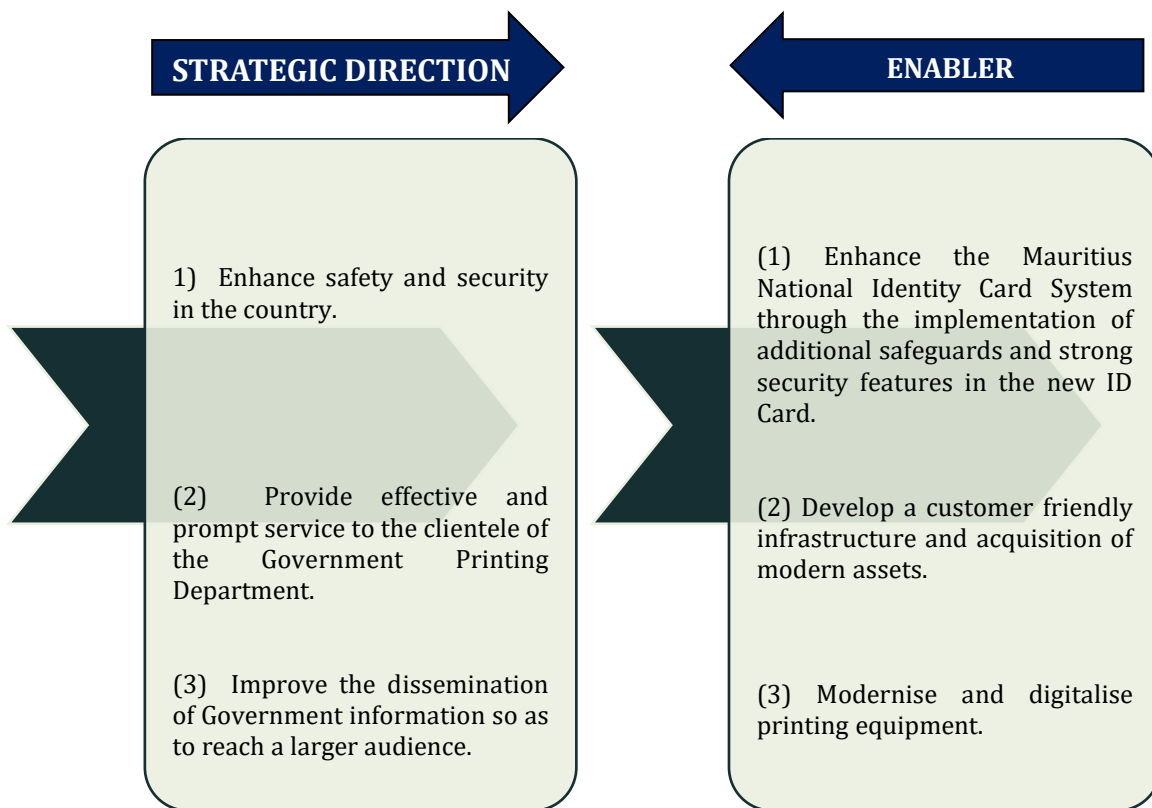
OPPORTUNITIES

- Wider adoption of the Mobile ID platform to simplify service access and promote digital transformation across government.
- Greater scope for digitalisation of civil status and immigration services.
- Strengthened collaboration with international agencies on border security, migration, and anti-terrorism measures.

THREATS

- Rapid technological developments requiring ongoing investment in infrastructure and systems upgrades.
- Growing regional mobility trends placing greater operational pressure on immigration and border management functions.
- Rising public expectations for faster, technology-enabled services, requiring continuous innovation and responsiveness.

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