

## VOTE 6 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL TRADE & COOPERATION

### CONTEXT FOR BUDGET INTERVENTION

The role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to develop and implement a foreign policy that: i) safeguards and promotes the national interests of the Republic of Mauritius; and ii) contributes towards the building of a secure, equitable, democratic and peaceful international community.

The specific objectives of this foreign policy are to: 1) defend the sovereignty and integrity of the Republic of Mauritius as defined by the Constitution and promote the national interests of the country at bilateral, regional and international levels; 2) assist and protect the rights of Mauritian abroad; 3) pursue a pro-active, adaptable and pragmatic economic and political diplomacy with a view to supporting sustainable economic growth and development and participate actively in the rapidly globalising world economy; 4) work towards the establishment of a stable, peaceful and equitable international order characterised by: i) respect of the independence and sovereignty of states; ii) promotion and protection of democratic values and human rights; and iii) upholding of the rule of law and good governance; and 5) to strengthen the process of regional cooperation and integration.

### SUMMARY OF BUDGET

	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>
	<b>Estimates</b>	<b>Estimates</b>	<b>Estimates</b>
<b>A Expenditure by Programme (Rs)</b>			
1 Foreign Affairs and Cooperation	530,891,000	527,200,000	539,600,000
2 International Trade	21,060,000	21,800,000	22,400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>551,951,000</b>	<b>549,000,000</b>	<b>562,000,000</b>
<b>B Expenditure by Economic Categories (Rs)</b>			
<b>1 Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>530,151,000</b>	<b>534,000,000</b>	<b>548,000,000</b>
1.1 Personal Emoluments	172,095,830	174,120,000	177,540,000
1.2 Other Staff Costs	78,585,000	80,286,000	82,039,000
1.3 Other Goods and Services	168,675,160	165,796,000	171,215,000
1.4 Subsidies and other Current Transfers	110,795,010	113,798,000	117,206,000
<b>2 Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>21,800,000</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>14,000,000</b>
2.1 Acquisition of Fixed Capital Assets	17,000,000	14,000,000	14,000,000
2.2 Purchase of Land/Intangible Assets	-	-	-
2.3 Capital Transfers	4,800,000	1,000,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>551,951,000</b>	<b>549,000,000</b>	<b>562,000,000</b>
<b>C Staffing - funded positions</b>			
1 Managerial positions	11	9	9
2 Technical positions	150	132	113
3 Support positions	170	170	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>292</b>

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MAIN ACTIVITIES (A)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES (SO)	OUTPUTS (O)	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (P)
<b>PROGRAMME 1 - FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION</b>			
<b>Outcomes:</b> Integration of Mauritius in an open, fast expanding and competitive regional and global economy.			
A1: General formulation and implementation of foreign policy in the dynamic international context.	SO: To keep the foreign policy of the Republic of Mauritius updated in the face of the changing world order and foster development of commercial, economic, cultural and scientific relations with other countries.	O1: 2008 Foreign Policy Paper.	P1: 2008 Foreign Policy Paper stating the policy for 2008/09 and beyond to be submitted by no later than May 2008.
A2: Strengthen regional and international relations by maintaining contacts, including through embassies, with countries and international agencies.	SO: Develop a better understanding of political, economic, social and environmental issues with a view to maximising benefits for Mauritius.	O1: Compilation of trends in international and regional issues for mainstreaming issues of importance to Mauritius.	P1: Report on major decisions taken within one month of the conclusion of the events at UN spanning issues like i) Sustainable Development (including climate change and environmental issues); ii) Peace and Security; iii) Human Rights; iv) HIV.
			P2: Report on major decisions taken within one month of the conclusion of events at African multilateral fora regarding: i) African integration and institution building; ii) democracy and governance; iii) economic development; iv) peer review mechanism.
			P3: Report on major decisions taken within one month of the conclusion of events at La Francophonie and the Commonwealth regarding (i) technical cooperation and capacity building; (ii) democracy; iii) education and cultural issues.
		O2: Provide advice to government and ministries on diplomatic, political and international issues, including the signature of treaties and other arguments.	P1: Half-yearly advice reports focusing: on (i) environmental and economic vulnerabilities of small island states; (ii) international threats to the stability of small states and their institutions; and (iii) national sovereignty issues among others.

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MAIN ACTIVITIES (A)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES (SO)	OUTPUTS (O)	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (P)
A3: Ensure coherence between national and regional development initiatives.	SO: Align national development strategies with regional and international commitments and influence regional negotiations in favour of Mauritius.	O1: Reports on developments in regional fora, particularly the implementation of the Regional Integration Strategy Development Plan (RISDP) and coordination of Mauritius's participation in meetings of regional organisations.	P1: Reports before June 2008 on expected events in 2007/08 such as (i) approval of "Road Map on Poverty and Development" by the SADC Summit Conference; (ii) prioritisation of projects in the regional strategic meeting; (iii) implementation of projects with the funding of development partners; (iv) concept note on the setting up of a result-based monitoring and evaluation system in SADC; (v) action plan for the implementation of the Agreement on Sustainable Management of Marine and Coastal Resources signed in 2006.
		O2: Reinforcing political, diplomatic and security cooperation in regional organisations.	P1: Action plan set up for the implementation of the Convention on Regional Security by December 2007.

**PROGRAMME 2 - INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY MANAGEMENT**  
**Outcomes:** Increase from the 2006/07 levels the share of Mauritius in international trade and (ii) diversify the market and product base of the country.

A1: Effective negotiations and implementation of trade policies to expand exports from Mauritius.	SO: To increase market access for the traditional markets of Mauritius and tap new markets with diversified products.	O1: Ministry's contribution to medium and long term Government policies on Mauritius trade policy.	P1: Review of Mauritius trade policy completed by April 2008.
		O2: Establishment of the COMESA Customs Union.	P1: Structure of Common External Tariff agreed subject to periodic reviews over timeframes to be determined by Council in November 2007.
		O3: Agreement on EPA (Economic Partnership Agreement) text between EC and Southern African Countries (ESA) on issues such as agriculture, market access, services, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures among others.	P1: Conclusion of the EPA (Economic Partnership Agreement) negotiations between Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) and the European Union (EU) and signature of the Agreement by December 2007.
		O4: Regional Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) become fully effective through removal of borders controls and elimination of Tariff and Non-Tariff barriers.	P1: Establishment of SADC-FTA by January 2008. P2: Establishment of a regional mechanism for removal of non-trade barriers by January 2008. P3: Finalising a Road Map for SADC Customs Union by June 2008. P4: Conclusion of a SADC protocol on trade in services by June 2008.

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		O5: Bilateral trade agreements between Mauritius and other countries (CECPAs - PTAs - FTAs).	P1: Signature of the bilateral agreement with India under CECPA on trade issues by July 2007. P2: Signed Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Pakistan by July 2007 (Tariff liberalisation spread over 2 years towards an eventual Free Trade Area). P3: Implementation of the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) with the US signed on 18 September 2006 in Washington D.C. to be completed by June 2008. P4: Trade Agreement with Egypt - Review of tariffs imposed by Mauritius on 4 specific products to be concluded by June 2008. P5: Observer status for Mauritius in the ASEAN and SARRC expected by March 2008.
A2: Import strategy with a focus on legal framework on dumping and countervailing duties in line with WTO Agreement.	SO: To prevent unfair trade practices and set up appropriate mechanisms.	O1: Legislation of dumping and countervailing duties.	P1: Legislation on dumping and countervailing duties to be enacted by June 2008.
A3: Trade in services.	SO1: Mauritius to participate in trade in services at regional and multilateral levels.	O1: Preparation of a concept paper with the assistance of UNCTAD for the identification of key service sectors and potential exports markets for negotiations at WTO, SADC and COMESA levels.	P1: Review of the national schedule of commitments on trade in services in key service sectors (tourism, telecommunication, financial services, etc) to be completed by June 2008.
	SO2: Promote temporary movement of Mauritian workers and professionals abroad as per WTO's mode 4 parameters.	O2: Agreement with Australia on movement of providers of trade in services.	P1: Agreement with Australia to be finalised by June 2008.
A4: Protection of Industrial Property and issue and Renewal of Certificates.	SO: To be in compliance with the WTO TRIPS agreement and to provide a sound and legal administrative framework for the protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and an effective enforcement mechanism.	O1: Revision of the legislation on industrial property.	P1: Amendments of the legislation on industrial property to completed by June 2008.
		O2: Issue / renewal of trademarks, patents and industrial design certificates.	P1: Annual number of issue / renewal of certificates to be more than 3,000 in 2007/08.

## Programme 1: Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

	2007/08 Estimates	2008/09 Estimates	2009/10 Estimates
<b>1 Recurrent Expenditure (Rs)</b>	<b>509,091,000</b>	<b>512,200,000</b>	<b>525,600,000</b>
1.1 Personal Emoluments	159,912,830	161,360,000	164,458,000
1.2 Other Staff Costs	77,128,000	78,793,000	80,509,000
1.3 Other Goods and Services	163,035,160	160,082,000	165,315,000
1.4 Subsidies and other Current Transfers	109,015,010	111,965,000	115,318,000
<b>2 Capital Expenditure (Rs)</b>	<b>21,800,000</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>14,000,000</b>
2.1 Acquisition of Fixed Capital Assets	17,000,000	14,000,000	14,000,000
2.2 Purchase of Land/Intangible Assets	-	-	-
2.3 Capital Transfers	4,800,000	1,000,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>530,891,000</b>	<b>527,200,000</b>	<b>539,600,000</b>
<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>509,091,000</b>		
Personal Emoluments	159,912,830		
<b>Other Staff Costs</b>	<b>77,128,000</b>		
Wages	59,915,000		
Travelling and transport	15,563,000		
Staff welfare	100,000		
Overtime	1,550,000		
<b>Other Goods and Services</b>	<b>163,035,160</b>		
Office expenses and incidentals	3,215,010		
Telephone bills	15,175,000		
Rent	98,201,010		
Maintenance and running of vehicles	8,135,000		
Office equipment and furniture	1,350,000		
Maintenance of buildings, grounds, plant and equipment	1,210,110		
Training of staff	150,000		
I.T. facilities	500,000		
Electricity charges	6,030,000		
Water rates	822,000		
Publications	1,242,000		
Uniforms	344,000		
Expenses of Mauritian Consulates abroad	8,800,000		
Opening of new missions	10		
Conferences and seminars	225,000		
Postage	2,152,000		
Printing and stationery	2,754,000		
Other operating expenses	12,730,000		
Opening of Embassy, Latin America	10		
SADC Summit and other meetings	10		
<b>Subsidies and other Current Transfers</b>	<b>109,015,010</b>		
Contribution to International Organisation(s)	108,475,000		
Contribution to IOR-ARC	540,000		
Donation to countries affected by natural disasters	10		
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>21,800,000</b>	<b>15,000,000</b>	<b>14,000,000</b>
Offices and Residences for Overseas Missions	13,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
Vehicles and Equipment	4,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Contribution to Indian Ocean Commission Secretariat for the Extension of Building at Quatre Bornes	4,800,000	1,000,000	-

