



ANNEX 2



IMPLEMENTATION
TIMETABLE FOR
2012 BUDGET MEASURES



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Proposal	Implementing Organisation	Date limit
<i>Fiscal measures</i>		
Abolishing solidarity tax on dividends and interest	MOFED	January 2012
Abolishing capital gains tax on immovable properties	MOFED	Immediate
Abolishing municipal tenants tax on commercial properties & compensating municipalities	MOFED	January 2012
Hotels, guest houses and tourist residences to pay environment protection fee only if they are profitable	MOFED	January 2012
<i>Enhancing promotion capacity</i>		
Set up formal collaboration among public/private sector promotional agencies by setting up appropriate forum	BOI	Immediate
World class service at the BOI	BOI	January 2012
Additional funding for promotional agencies	MOFED	Immediate
Mauritius Fair	MOIC & CP	2012
<i>Internationalising our economy</i>		
Two roving ambassadors for Africa and Indian Ocean	MOFED/ MFA	March 2012
Widen DTA/IPPA network	MOFED	On-going
<i>Investment Facilitation: Regaining the momentum</i>		
Setting up a joint public/private sector Business Facilitation taskforce	MOFED/JEC	Done
Cutting time for registering property	MOFED	Immediate
Reducing number of permits	MOFED	On-going
Enable Permanent Residence holders to purchase an apartment	BOI	January 2012
<i>Opening more economic space at home</i>		
Disinvesting from commercial and industrial assets	SIC	June 2012
Experts from Singapore to review water and waste water sector	MPU	March 2012
Experts from Singapore to review functioning of MTPA	MOT	June 2012
Proposals to Government for Transformation of DBM into a MSME Bank	MOFED	September 2012
Identification of Strategic partner for Albion Fisheries Research Centre	MOFR	September 2012
Assistance of IFC to identify a strategic partner for Cargo Handling	External Comm	On-going

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Merging of cess-financed institutions	MOA	March 2012
Opening of offices offering a direct service to the population on Saturdays	MOFED	March 2012
End of Consultations on Review of Public Procurement Act	MOFED	March 2012
<i>Consolidating Agriculture</i>		
SIFB discount on premiums 2011 -(70%)	MOFED	Immediate
SIFB new insurance policy 2012	MOFED	June 2012
VAT refund for small planters and small breeders	MOFED	January 2012
80% advance to planters on crops sent to mill	BOM	Crop 2012
Re-grouping of small planters, de-rocking their lands and providing irrigation	MOA	On-going
Regulation to allow ethanol blending	MOIC & CP	December 2011
<i>Non-Sugar Agriculture: at the service of consumers</i>		
Agricultural Marketing Board will finance seed purchase	MOA	Crop 2012
Improve market intelligence	MOA	June 2012
Increase in food security budget	MOFED	January 2012
New freight rebate scheme	MOA	June 2012
Training and empowerment of producers	MOA	Ongoing
Fair trade certification extended to all sectors of the economy	MBEC	2012
<i>Harnessing the multiple benefits of our seas</i>		
Replenishing our lagoons through a private/public joint venture with Albion Research Centre	Fisheries Division	2012
Creation of a coral farm and reef sanctuaries	Fisheries Division/ MOI	2012
Promote high-value aquaculture for SMEs	Fisheries Division	2012
VAT refund on equipment for fishermen	MRA	January 2012
VAT refund on semi industrial fishing vessels	MRA	January 2012
Removing of customs duty on refrigerated vehicles	MRA	January 2012
Exchange programme with Rodrigues	MFR	June 2012

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<i>Financial Services</i>		
Foundation Bill	MOFED	June 2012
Private Occupational Pensions Bill	MOFED	June 2012
Trusts Bill	MOFED	June 2012
Amendment of code civil mauricien to govern finance lease	MOFED	January 2012
Abrogation of legislation allowing local assets to be insured abroad	MOFED	January 2012
<i>Tourism: Back to basics</i>		
Development of an official rating system by Tourism Authority	MOT	March 2012
Green certification of hotels	MOT	June 2012
Abolition of VAT on cosmetic surgery	MOFED	Immediate
Step up marina promotion	BOI	Immediate
Tourism Authority to resume comprehensive cleaning and embellishment programme	MOT	January 2012
Funding for Control of stray dogs to MSPCA	MOFED	January 2012
<i>Giving a push to emerging sectors</i>		
A second international submarine cable connection-LION2	MICT	June 2012
Direct connection of telecom operators to the 2 Landing Stations for the submarine cables	MICT	June 2012
Amendment of the ICT Act to ensure competition and competitive prices	MICT	January 2012
Regulations to provide occupation permits to workers in the ICT/BPO sector with income of at least Rs 30,000	MOFED	January 2012
Film industry framework	BOI	January 2012
<i>Knowledge centre of excellence</i>		
Student visas with part-time employment conditions	PMO	Immediate
Allocate land in Reduit for foreign universities	SLDC	March 2012

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<i>Matching skills with the requirements of the economy</i>		
Allow use of training grants by employers for prospective employees	HRDC	January 2012
Consolidation and harmonisation of training schemes for the unemployed	MITD/HRDC/ NEF	January 2012
Empowerment of vulnerable women and men by the Commission for the Democratisation of the Economy	CDE	March 2012
Reorganisation of the Central School of Nursing	MOH	June 2012
Review of the Medical Council Act	MOH	June 2012
Pre registration training of medical graduates	MOH	January 2012
Training courses in hospitality for cruiseships	MOL/MITD	Ongoing
Courses on basic marine safety, fire-fighting and first aid	MPI/Maritime Academy	Ongoing
Civil service college through outsourcing training on leadership and motivation	MCSAR	2012
Initiate review of portable pensions	MOFED	March 2012
<i>Supporting SMEs</i>		
Release of Rs 3 bn over 3 years to SMEs at an interest rate of repo + 3%	Commercial Banks	Immediate
Waiving of processing and other charges for this scheme	Commercial Banks	Immediate
Claim deduction from tax without the need to have recourse to the court for SME bad debts	MRA	January 2012
Capping new DBM loans at repo + 3%, currently 8.5%	DBM	Immediate
Legislation for an ombudsperson financial services	MOFED	June 2012
Abolition of inscription fees leviable on registered loans for SME's	MOFED	January 2012
Removing registration duty on loans below Rs 1m and capping charges at Rs 1,000.	MOFED	January 2012
<i>More Industrial space at lower cost</i>		
Start of construction of 40 Units out of the 175 units for SMEs	SLDC	March 2012

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<i>More government contracts</i>		
At least 2 SMEs in restricted bidding short list for procurement of Rs 500,000 to Rs. 5m	PPO	March 2012
At least 1 SME in restricted bidding short list for procurement under Rs 500,000	PPO	March 2012
Bidding documents will be simplified	PPO	March 2012
<i>Democratising entrepreneurship</i>		
Rs 20 000 per month to new qualifying entrepreneurs	MBGS	January 2012
Raising of the CPS threshold to Rs 2M per annum	MOFED	January 2012
<i>Steering the country safely through the crisis</i>		
Resilience plan of Rs 7 Billion	MOFED	January 2012
Extension of LEMS to 2014	MOFED	Immediate
Extension of LEMS to all industries of the economy	MOFED	Immediate
IMF to make recommendations on how to ensure a well-coordinated watch on our financial system	MOFED	On-going
Mechanism to determine the accepted range of inflation	MOFED	March 2012
<i>Sharing Prosperity with all</i>		
Increasing monthly Basic Retirement Pension	MOFED	January 2012
Payment of NPF and TUB by government	MOFED	January 2012
Payment of annual NPF contribution by employers in one go and declared on Tax Return	MOFED	March 2012
MRA will issue an income statement to each employee	MRA	June 2012
NEF will train 500 "employés de maison"	NEF	2012
<i>Decent housing units for every family</i>		
Funding syndics on NHDC estates	MOHL	June 2012
Rehabilitation of waste water disposal systems in 47 housing estates at a cost of Rs 250m	MOHL	2012 - 2015
Rehabilitation of water supply system on 15 housing estates at a cost of Rs 70m	MOHL	2012 - 2015
Waterproofing works	MOHL	2012 - 2015
Housing Development Trusts where Govt., CSR and beneficiary (through MHC) each contribute a third of costs	MOFED	March 2012
Making available 4 arpents of land to be reserved at Dagotière	SLDC	January 2012

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NHDC to construct 1000 units on the 160 arpents identified	MOHL	2012-2014
NEF will expand its scheme for concrete cum CIS	NEF	On-going
Emergency housing under CIS	NEF	On-going
Night shelter for "sans domiciles fixes"	NEF	2012
Removal of land transfer tax on housing estates under certain conditions	MOFED	January 2012
Exemption from registration duty for first time buyers	MOFED	January 2012
Waive remaining fees for the purchase of ex-CHA land	MOHL	June 2012
Health is wealth		
More than doubling existing grant for households with income less than Rs 50,000 to provide a grant of up to Rs. 500,000 for the overseas treatment scheme	MOHQL	January 2012
Ministry of health will manage air tickets for persons accompanying the patient	MOHQL	January 2012
Increasing allocation to rehabilitation of alcoholics and drug addicts	MOFED	January 2012
Increase of excise duty on alcoholic drinks up to 30 %	MOFED	Immediate
Increase of excise duty on cigarettes by 15 %	MOFED	Immediate
Increase of excise duty on cigars by 15 percent	MOFED	Immediate
Removal of VAT on gums used as a substitute for smoking	MOFED	Immediate
More efforts on prevention of NCDs	MOHQL	2012
Prevention of NCDs as a fourth priority in the CSR guidelines	MSIEE	Immediate
Use of NSF to purchase insurance	MSS	January 2012
Education		
Increase the grant in aid to Special Education Needs by 25 percent	MOFED	January 2012
Extending pre-primary education grant to 15,900 more children of age 3	MOE	January 2012
Funding of creches facilities for poor families with a social contract with NEF	NEF	March 2012
Companies allowed to use CSR fund to provide Rs 1,500 per child for crèches and kindergarden facilities	MOFED	Immediate
NEF will assist NGOs to set up children nurseries	NEF	On-going

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After school, child-minding services to be made available in public schools	MOE	March 2012
Recruitment of 20 Child Support Officers	MOG	March 2012
Creation of 6 shelters	MOG	2012
Summer school programme	MOFED/NEF/MOE	2012
Extension of the pre-vocational programme up to the age of 16	MOE	January 2012
Civic Education programme	PMO	June 2012
Providing Rs 500 000 to each school for renovation and upgrading	MOFED	January 2012
Open school programme to use existing infrastructure during afternoons, week-ends and vacation	MOE	March 2012
Increase the quality assurance and inspectorate teams	MOE	June 2012
Creating the SRM	MSS	March 2012
Sports and Leisure		
Extension of the programme of Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports to 250 athletes	TFES	January 2012
Creating 6 sports scholarships for school leavers to benefit from expert coaching abroad	TFES	January 2012
Mauritius football league for Saturday inter-school tournaments	MYS	March 2012
Releasing athletes from work can be considered under CSR - 50% of salary	MOFED	January 2012
Justice System		
Widening entitlement to legal aid (doubling of criteria and extended coverage)	Attorney General	January 2012
Amend Bail Act for use of electronic bracelets / purchase 1000 bracelets	Attorney General	January 2012
Victim assistance service	DPP Office	June 2012
Setting up a Court of Appeal and a High Court section	Attorney General	June 2012
Consolidation of 12 appeal tribunals into 3	Attorney General	June 2012
Recruiting 40 law officers	AG/DPP/Judiciary	September 2012
Enlisting 800 police officers	Commissioner of Police	September 2012
Purchase of equipment worth Rs 1.4 bn to combat crime, including CCTV, anti-piracy etc.	Commissioner of Police	2012-2015

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Local Authorities		
Setting up of a Local Authorities Governance Unit	MLG	June 2012
Three new District Councils	MLG	2012-2013
Outsource collection of municipality tax to MRA	MRA/ Local Authorities	Voluntary
Transferring pension funds of local authorities to SICOM for enhanced management	MRA/Local Authorities	June 2012
Rodrigues		
Launch process for Submarine fibre cable to Rodrigues	MOFED	March 2012
Preparation works for port and airport	RRA	June 2012
Residential accomodation for families from Rodrigues accompanying patients for treatment in Mauritius	MPI	March 2012
Sustainable development		
Electricity from small IPPs extended to 3 Mw	MPU	March 2012
Waste to compost	MLG	March 2012
Replacement of 145 km of water pipes	MPU	On-going
Connection of 5,000 houses to sewerage system	MPU	On-going
Address the environmental degradation of coastal areas	MOESD	On-going
Increase of tax on billboards and compliance control by MRA	MRA	January 2012
Safety on roads and lagoons		
25 new speed cameras	MPI	September 2012
Raise of excise duty on motorcycles of more than 451 cc	MOFED	Immediate
Increase of excise duty on powerful outboard motor engines to 50%	MOFED	Immediate
Removal of VAT on life-jackets	MOFED	Immediate
Abolishing of duty on tyres	MOFED	Immediate
Sound and responsible fiscal stewardship:		
Extension of solidarity levy on telecommunication companies	MOFED	January 2012
Special Levy on Offshore Management Companies	MOFED	January 2012
Abolition of duty remission to tour operators on limousine	MOFED	Immediate

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Updating of annual rental values for industrial leases of state land	MOFED	January 2012
Introduction of 10 cents tax on SMS/MMS	MOFED	January 2012
Increase in monetary values of fringe benefits for cars and accomodation	MOFED	January 2012
Housing benefit aligned with actual rent paid	MOFED	January 2012
Removing double deduction for marketing and promotional expenses	MOFED	January 2012
Extension of Tax Deduction at Source	MOFED	January 2012
Hiring of 50 additionnal tax inspectors	MRA	June 2012
Abolishing of duties on shoes and other footwear	MOFED	Immediate
Abolishing of 15% duties on perfumes and cosmetics	MOFED	Immediate
Abolishing of 15% to 30% excise on mopeds and motorcycles less than 125cc	MOFED	Immediate
EWF and TEWF will advance loans to purchase mopeds and motorcycles	EWF/ TEWF	Immediate
Removing of VAT on commissions earned by insurance agents	MOFED	January 2012
Increase of Income Exemption Thresholds	MOFED	January 2012
CSR computed as 2 percent of chargeable income	MOFED	January 2012