

VOTE 1-13 INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING AUTHORITY

CONTEXT FOR BUDGET INTERVENTION

The Independent Broadcasting Authority i) promotes the provision of a diverse range of radio and television broadcasting in Mauritius; ii) promotes the development of broadcasting services which are responsive to the needs of the Mauritian audience; iii) preserves and promotes the plural nature of Mauritian culture by ensuring that licensees include in their services programmes reflecting the linguistic and cultural diversity of Mauritius; iv) ensures that licensees include in their services regular locally produced programmes; v) ensures that broadcasting services are not controlled by foreign nationals; vi) imposes limitations on cross media control of private broadcasting services; vii) ensures fair competition between broadcasting licensees; viii) sets acceptable standards for programmes and advertising and monitor compliance with those standards; ix) ensures that broadcasting services are of such a nature as not to encourage or incite crime or racial hatred leading to disorder or offending public feeling; give adequate coverage to information, education, culture, entertainment and recreation; and are impartial and accurate; x) be the sole authority empowered to issue licenses for broadcasting; xi) levies fees in respect of licenses issued; xii) inquires into public complaints against a licensee and takes any action it thinks appropriate; xiii) promotes together with the Mauritius Telecommunications Authority, the most efficient use of the broadcasting frequency bands; and xiv) monitors, after consultation with the Mauritius Telecommunications Authority, the availability of segments of broadcasting frequency bands and make recommendations for the allocations of frequencies to licensees of broadcasting services.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
	Estimates	Estimates	Estimates
A Expenditure by Programme (Rs)			
1 Supervision of Broadcasting	6,500,010	6,600,000	6,700,000
Total	6,500,010	6,600,000	6,700,000
B Expenditure by Economic Categories (Rs)			
1 Recurrent Expenditure	6,500,000	6,600,000	6,700,000
1.1 Personal Emoluments	-	-	-
1.2 Other Staff Costs	-	-	-
1.3 Other Goods and Services	-	-	-
1.4 Subsidies and other Current Transfers	6,500,000	6,600,000	6,700,000
2 Capital Expenditure	10	-	-
2.1 Acquisition of Fixed Capital Assets	-	-	-
2.2 Purchase of Land/Intangible Assets	-	-	-
2.3 Capital Transfers	10	-	-
Total	6,500,010	6,600,000	6,700,000

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MAIN ACTIVITIES (A)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES (SO)	OUTPUTS (O)	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (P)
PROGRAMME 1 - SUPERVISION OF BROADCASTING			
Outcome: Promote the provision of a diverse range of radio and television broadcasting services which are responsive to the needs of the Mauritian audience.			
A1: Manage applications and granting licences for broadcasting services.	SO: Promote pluralism in the media.	O1: Assessment of the ability of applicants/license holders to provide broadcasting services.	P1: Review report of broadcasting licenses already issued to MBC comprising broadcasting licenses for 4 FM and 3 AM radios and RFI and BBC to be completed before June 2008. P2: Review report of broadcasting licenses already issued in the private sector comprising 3 FM radios to be completed before December 2007.
A2: Monitor terms and conditions of broadcasting licences already granted.	SO: Efficient management of broadcasting licences.	O1: Annual report on the "Terms and Conditions" of broadcasting licenses.	P1: The 2007 "Register of Broadcasting Licences" to be issued by February 2008.
A3: Manage complaints (Complaints Committee).	SO: Improving the quality of broadcasting programmes in Mauritius.	O1: Annual report on broadcasting complaints.	P1: All broadcasting complaints not complying with the Code of Ethics in 2007/08 to be reported by June 2008. P2: The number of cases of infringement of privacy in broadcast programmes in 2007/2008 to reduce as compared to 2006/2007. P3: The number of cases of unfair treatment in broadcast programmes in 2007/2008 to reduce as compared to 2006/2007.
A4: Follow-up on court cases related to broadcasting issues.	SO: Full control of broadcasting activities in Mauritius to ensure that all broadcasting corporations pay their license fees.	O1: Report on issues related to broadcasting licenses.	P1: The 2007 annual report on "Issues related to Broadcasting Licences" to be issued by February 2008.

Programme 1: Supervision of Broadcasting

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1.2 Other Staff Costs	-	-	-
1.3 Other Goods and Services	-	-	-
1.4 Subsidies and other Current Transfers	6,500,000	6,600,000	6,700,000
2 Capital Expenditure (Rs)	10	-	-
2.1 Acquisition of Fixed Capital Assets	-	-	-
2.2 Purchase of Land/Intangible Assets	-	-	-
2.3 Capital Transfers	10	-	-
Total	6,500,010	6,600,000	6,700,000
Recurrent Expenditure	6,500,000	6,600,000	6,700,000
Running expenses	6,500,000	6,600,000	6,700,000
Capital Expenditure	10	-	-
Equipment	10	-	-