

VOTE 1-9 ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

CONTEXT FOR BUDGET INTERVENTION

The Electoral Commissioner's Office is a public office established under the Constitution. It is an independent organization headed by the Electoral Commissioner who is appointed by the Judicial and Legal Service Commission. The Commissioner has to ensure that the register of electors is prepared and that elections are conducted in accordance with the Act. The Office has to ensure that the Register of Electors is updated and compiled every year. A house to house enquiry has to be carried out. Each and every household is visited in order to collect data in respect of electors who are still qualified, as well as newly qualified ones. Every household is bound by Law to complete a return regarding adult members of his household. This exercise culminates in the preparation of provisional lists of electors for every electoral area by 31st March every year.

The objectives of the Electoral Commissioner's Office are to: i) demonstrate excellence and leadership in electoral matters, to serve the needs of electors and legislators alike in an innovative, cost-effective and professional manner; ii) enforce electoral legislation and carry out statutory functions impartially and increase public confidence in the electoral system; iii) promote and maintain openness and transparency and encourage best practice in the conduct and organization of elections by providing a level playing field to political parties so that elections are seen to be free and fair; iv) encourage greater participation in, and increased understanding of the democratic process; and v) maintain an accurate register of electors for National Assembly elections, Local Government elections and Rodrigues Regional Assembly elections.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET

	2007/08 Estimates	2008/09 Estimates	2009/10 Estimates
A Expenditure by Programme (Rs)			
1 Organisation of Elections	41,523,000	43,300,000	44,500,000
Total	41,523,000	43,300,000	44,500,000
B Expenditure by Economic Categories (Rs)			
1 Recurrent Expenditure	41,523,000	43,300,000	44,500,000
1.1 Personal Emoluments	14,040,000	15,558,000	16,023,000
1.2 Other Staff Costs	1,831,000	1,916,000	1,981,000
1.3 Other Goods and Services	25,037,000	25,201,000	25,846,000
1.4 Subsidies and other Current Transfers	615,000	625,000	650,000
2 Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
2.1 Acquisition of Fixed Capital Assets	-	-	-
2.2 Purchase of Land/Intangible Assets	-	-	-
2.3 Capital Transfers	-	-	-
Total	41,523,000	43,300,000	44,500,000
C Staffing - funded positions			
1 Managerial positions	3	3	3
2 Technical positions	10	12	12
3 Support positions	65	65	65
Total	78	80	80

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MAIN ACTIVITIES (A)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES (SO)	OUTPUTS (O)	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (P)
PROGRAMME 1 - ORGANISATION OF ELECTIONS			
Outcome: A Mauritian community which is well informed about electoral matters.			
A1: Electoral roll management.	SO: Annual update of the "Register of Electors" for an accurate state of the "Register of Electors".	O1: Compilation of "Register of Electors".	P1: 2007 "Register of Electors" coming into force in August 2007.
A2: Organisation of elections.	SO: An impartial and transparent electoral process to the satisfaction of all stakeholders.	O1: Preparedness of holding elections at short notice.	P1: Constant availability of updated electoral register, identified polling stations, data on trained staff, ballot boxes, embosses, plastic seals, among others.

Programme 1: Organisation of Elections

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2.1 Acquisition of Fixed Capital Assets	-	-	-
2.2 Purchase of Land/Intangible Assets	-	-	-
2.3 Capital Transfers	-	-	-
Total	41,523,000	43,300,000	44,500,000
Recurrent Expenditure	41,523,000		
Personal Emoluments	14,040,000		
Other Staff Costs	1,831,000		
Travelling and transport	1,800,000		
Staff welfare	6,000		
Overtime	25,000		
Other Goods and Services	25,037,000		
Office expenses and incidentals	90,000		
Telephone bills	440,000		
Rent	6,856,000		
Maintenance and running of vehicles	60,000		
Office equipment and furniture	50,000		
Maintenance of buildings, grounds, plant and equipment	75,000		
Training of staff	50,000		
I.T. facilities	1,060,000		
Electricity charges	585,000		
Publications	16,000		
Uniforms	36,000		
Elections	10		
Registration expenses	15,400,000		
Postage	35,000		
Printing and stationery	50,000		
Other operating expenses	233,990		
Subsidies and other Current Transfers	615,000		
Contribution to International Organisation(s)	615,000		
Staffing - funded positions			
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Technical positions	10	12	12
Support positions	65	65	65
Total	78	80	80