

Department of Immigration

It has been noted that the 2016 Audited Accounts, the Ministry of Defence, National Security and immigration, has been issued with a qualified audit opinion on the basis of the un-reconciled variance of \$94,197 exists between the Border Control Management Systems (IBMS) which records the Immigration Departments operating revenue and the amount posted in the FMIS General Ledger.

The committee has been given assurances that some of the audit queries pointed out by the Auditor-General in previous audited accounts will not be repeated in future.

Please advise the committee as the reason why the issues listed below is still reoccurring in the Departments Financial Statements and what measures has the Department taken in ensuring these issues is not repeated in future. Also advice whether the anomalies listed has been resolved by the Department.

Response

1.Unreconciled Passport Revenue

- This is the issue of FMIS and IBMS not having the same report
- Reasons are, manual receipts and Direct deposits from customers and Foreign affairs posting
- This is a recurring issue highlighted again in 2017-2018 report as below;
- 2017-2018 report-Comments regarding Issue 8.1 – Variance between IBMS & FMIS.
 - The Department notes the recommendation of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) and is working on fully integrating all revenue modules in IBMS. Discussions with the consultant from Informatics International Limited (IIL) all revenue modules have been integrated in IBMS this includes the modules that were initially not in IBMS namely, Issue fees (Permit), Appeal fee, PI Uplift, Citizenship fees and the bond. Training have already been conducted to the technical. With the IIL consultant in the Department his technical advice is being fully exploited by the staff. This integration will see the infrequent use of manual receipts being used. However, in unforeseen circumstances like power cuts the officers will revert to manual receipts and journals will be raised later to adjust the account.

- In addition, revenue reconciliations are carried out monthly to ascertain revenue appearing in the Consolidated Fund Account is for Immigration services. Should other revenue appear in the Immigration CFA statement then this is journalised for FMIS to adjust. For known reasons like overseas remittances (Embassies and Trade Commissioners Office), and manual receipting the FMIS and IBMS reports will not tally.

2. Untimely Preparation of Reconciliations

- All reconciliation is update-till February, 2018. (Refer annex 1)

3. Incorrect Payment of VAT

- Liaising with FRCA on the refund, information on our bank account has been sent to them, for the refund of vat. (Refer annex 2)
- We have been informed by FRCS that payment refund will be shortly.