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THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (DCS) ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The matter for tabling in the Houses of Parliament is the Annual Report of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) for the period January 1 to December 31, 2014.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Department was established in 1975 following the amalgamation of the Prison Services, the Approved Schools and the Probation Services. The DCS is that arm of the Criminal Justice System which is mandated to provide custodial and non-custodial services to individuals sentenced by the Courts. The Department of Correctional Services is governed by the Corrections Act, 1985 and is required to submit an Annual Report in accordance with Section 76 (1) of the Act (see APPENDIX I).
- 2.2 The operations of the Department are also guided by a number of other statutes including the Parole Act (1978); the Criminal Justice Reform Act (1978); and the Child Care and Protection Act (2004) as well as other established guidelines, standards operational procedures and international treaties.
- 2.3 The DCS has responsibility for the operations and management of a total of eleven (11) Correctional and Remand Centres, (7 for adults and 4 for juveniles) which are classified according to the security risk level and gender of the inmates/wards. The institutions are disaggregated as follows: Three (3) adult maximum correctional centres – (two (2) for males and one (1) for females), two (2) medium adult correctional centres (males only); one (1) low risk adult correctional centre (males only); and one (1) adult remand centre (males & females). As it relates to juvenile correctional centres, there are two (2) juvenile correctional centres (boys), one (1) juvenile correctional & remand centre (girls) and one (1) juvenile remand centre (boys).

2.4 The Department provides for Community/Probation Services programmes for offenders and this is facilitated through the three (3) Regional Offices which comprises sixteen (16) Probation Offices islandwide.

2.5 The Vision and Mission of the Department are as stated below:

Vision

We are serving the needs of all our clients by creating and facilitating opportunities for their empowerment and rehabilitation resulting in a more peaceful, caring and productive society.

Mission

To contribute to the safety and protection of our society by keeping offenders secure and facilitating their rehabilitation and reintegration as law abiding citizens, while developing a professional and committed staff.

3.0 OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Major Achievements

3.1 The education programme received a major boost with the construction of five (5) new classrooms at the Tower Street Adult Correctional Centre sponsored by the British High Commission. The additional space increased enrolment by 100%, thus facilitating approximately two hundred and fifty (250) inmates.

3.2 In accordance with the Sexual Offences Act (2009), a Sex Offenders' Registry was established in July 2014. As at December 31, 2014 a total of sixty-three (63) sex offenders were recorded on the Sex Offenders' Registry.

3.3 The Ministry of Health continued its partnership with the Department and this led to members of the medical team participating in the Ebola Preparedness Workshops.

3.4 Twenty-four (24) of the thirty-seven (37) inmates who sat the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examinations passed at least one (1) subject. Fifty-one

percent (51%) or fourteen (14) of twenty-seven (27) inmates who sat English Language were successful; seventy-five percent (75%) or fifteen (15) of twenty (20) inmates were successful in Mathematics and fifty percent (50%) or three (3) of six (6) were successful in Principles of Business and Social Studies and the three (3) inmates who sat Human and Social Biology were successful.

- 3.5 Twenty-six (26) wards sat CSEC examinations. Fifty-eight percent (58%) or fifteen (15) wards passed one (1) or more subjects. Eight (8) of the twenty-four (24) who sat English language were successful while nine (9) of the twenty-two (22) who sat Social Studies were successful. The three (3) wards who sat Mathematics were all successful, while nine (9) of the thirteen (13) who sat Human and Social Biology were successful.

Major Challenges

- 3.6 The trafficking of prohibited articles, namely cellular phones and marijuana, in the adult correctional centres, continues to be challenging to the DCS as some Correctional Officers continue to provide inmates with these articles.
- 3.7 The two (2) maximum adult facilities, Tower Street and St. Catherine Adult Correctional Centres are dilapidated and crumbling, posing a threat to the safety of staff and inmates; for example, inmates from the second and third floor of a building at St. Catherine Adult Correctional Centre had to be relocated to safer areas within the facility. The facilities are also severely overcrowded which does not aid the rehabilitation efforts of the Department.

Key Projections

- 3.8 The Department anticipates that the concept of a purpose built correctional centre will be realized over the next three (3) financial years, given the need to provide for a modernized correctional facility. This would provide for improved living conditions for inmates, as well as a better working environment for staff. Additionally, with a purpose built facility the Department will be better able to provide more targeted rehabilitative programmes for the inmates.

4.0 COMPENSATION FOR SENIOR EXECUTIVES

4.1 Details of the compensation packages for the six (6) Senior Executives of the Department have been disclosed. The total compensation to the six (6) executives amounted to \$25,954,468.19 for 2014 (see APPENDIX II)

5.0 ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE

5.1 Annual reporting for the DCS is executed on the basis of calendar year as opposed to a financial year. The estimates of expenditure therefore captures two financial years in part. As a result, the Department's Year to Date Expenditure for the Financial Years 2013/2014 and 2014/15 are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Estimates of Expenditure

Object Classification	Year to Date Expenditure 2013/2014 \$	Year to Date Expenditure 2014/2015 \$
	\$'000s	\$'000s
Compensation of employee	3,480,566	3,662,065
Travel expenses and subsistence	267,480	278,955
Rental of Buildings	35,360	35,360
Public Utilities	324,037	363,448
Purchases of Goods and Services	789,520	912,691
Grants and Contributions	16,500	20,150
Land and Structures	-	50,000
Purchases of Capital Services	24,512	74,362
Total	4,937,975	5,397,031



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APPENDIX I

Extract from the Corrections Act

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CORRECTIONS

appointment so many justices as he thinks necessary to be members of each such Board.

(2) All Judges of the Court of Appeal and of the Supreme Court and Resident Magistrates shall *ex officio* be visiting justices for each of the adult correctional centres in the Island.

Powers of
visiting
justices.

75. A court composed of two visiting justices appointed under section 74 (1), or of one *ex officio* visiting justice, sitting in an adult correctional centre shall have all the powers of the Commissioner in relation to the trial of a major or minor correctional centre offence under section 35 or in relation to any appeal under section 38.

Annual
report.

76.—(1) The Commissioner shall prepare and submit to the Minister an annual report relating generally to the activities of the Correctional Services and containing such information as the Minister may require, and the Commissioner may in such report make such observations and recommendations in respect of the Correctional Services and its activities as he thinks appropriate.

(2) As soon as practicable after the annual report has been submitted to the Minister a copy thereof shall be laid on the Table of each House of Parliament.

Inmate not
to be
punished
twice.

77.—(1) Nothing in this Act or in Correctional Institution Rules shall be construed to exempt any inmate from being proceeded against for any offence by the ordinary court of law, but no inmate is to be punished twice for the same offence.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not be construed as derogating from the powers contained in section 35 in relation to the imposition of all or any of the punishments set out in that section.

APPENDIX II

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SENIOR EXECUTIVES COMPENSATION FOR 2014

Name and Position of Senior Executive	Year	Salary	Gratuity or Performance Incentives	Travelling Allowance or Value of Assignment of Motor Vehicle	Pension or other Retirement Benefit	Other Allowances	Total
		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Jevene Bent - Commissioner of Corrections (January 1 – July 23, 2014)	2014	2,527,173.91	N/A	274,671.86	N/A	123,040.32	2,924,886.09
Sandra O'Meally Commissioner of Corrections (July 24, - October 5, 2014)	2014	733,898.49	N/A	243,930.00	N/A	130,406.92	1,108,235.41
Ina Hunter Commissioner of Corrections (October 6, - December 31, 2014)	2014	1,103,836.94	N/A	328,746.82	N/A	112,615.93	1,545,199.69
Patricia Bambury Deputy Commissioner of Corrections (HRM)	2014	2,690,961.13	N/A	894,410.00	N/A	154,000.00	3,739,371.13
Joyce Stone Deputy Commissioner of Corrections (Custodial Services)	2014	2,594,637.96	N/A	975,720.00	N/A	168,000.00	3,738,357.96
Joseph Pinnock Financial Controller	2014	2,089,098.00	N/A	514,500.00	N/A	708,407.14	3,312,005.14
Donna Royer Powe Medical Doctor	2014	2,969,811.25	N/A	514,500.00	N/A	3,278,275.56	6,762,586.81
Janet Davey Director of Community Services	2014	2,141,325.96	N/A	514,500.00	N/A	168,000.00	2,823,825.96

