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### STATISTICAL INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA ANNUAL REPORTS FOR FINANCIAL YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2015 AND MARCH 31, 2016

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The matter for tabling in the Honourable House of Representatives is the Annual Reports for the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN) for the financial years ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

1.1.2 STATIN was established on April 9, 1984 under the Statistics (Amendment) Act. The Institute is vested with all the authority formerly held by the Department of Statistics formerly the Bureau of Statistics in addition to a broader scope under the 1984 Amendment. STATIN's mission is to provide on a timely basis, a comprehensive body of reliable and accurate statistical information in relation to Jamaica, which meets recognised international standards. Its main functions include collecting, compiling, analysing, abstracting and publishing national statistical information relating to the commercial, industrial, socio-economic and general activities of Jamaicans. STATIN also conducts census in Jamaica.

#### 2.0 DISCLOSURES

##### 2.1 Auditors' Report

2.1.2 The auditors, UHY Dawgen conducted the audit of the financial statements for 2014/15 and 2015/16 in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. For 2014/15 the auditors expressed an unqualified opinion and indicated that the evidence contained was sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their audit opinion and stated that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position in keeping with the International Financial Reporting standards (IFRS) and the Statistics (Amendment) Act 1984. For 2015/16, UHY Dawgen expressed a qualified opinion on the basis that STATIN did not recognise the Defined Benefit Plan it operates in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS). The IAS requires that an entity recognises the net defined liability or asset for its Defined Pension Plan in its Statement of Financial Position. In the financial statements for 2015/16 and previous years, STATIN's Pension Fund was treated and disclosed as a Defined Contribution Plan. Neither the pension asset nor the defined benefit obligation was recognised. In the absence of this recognition, the financial statements do not conform to IFRS.

##### 2.2. Compensation for Senior Executives and Directors

2.2.1 Pursuant to the Second Schedule (Part 1) of the Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act, details of the compensation packages for the senior executives are included in the Annual Report. Salaries and emoluments paid to senior executives totalled \$49.48 million and \$53.59 million for 2014/15 and 2015/16 respectively. The Reports also include details of fees paid to Directors which totalled \$0.52 million and \$0.44 million for 2014/15 and 2015/16 respectively.

### 3.0 OPERATIONAL REVIEW

3.1 Since its establishment, STATIN has produced a wide range of statistics covering the social, environmental and economic conditions of the Jamaican people. STATIN's strategic objectives over the two-year period 2014/15 to 2015/16, were to strengthen the legal framework and to establish and maintain a National Statistics System; to provide coherent, accurate, relevant and timely statistics; to improve organizational effectiveness and efficiency; and to expand information, communication and technological infrastructure to support STATIN's operations and obtain adequate funding to support the Institute's operations.

### 3.2 Major Activities for 2014/15 to 2015/16

#### 3.2.1 Demographic Statistics

The Demographic Statistics Report is the main reference on current population trends produced by STATIN. The published reports provide statistical analysis on population size and composition, births, deaths, migration, marriages, divorces and family planning. The demographics for the two (2) calendar years 2015 and 2016 in Table 2 showed that the population continues to increase primarily through the birth rate. Details are as follows:-

**Table 2 Population of Jamaica 2014 and 2015**

Particulars	Year 2014	Year 2015	Movement 2014-2015
Population	2,723,246	2,728,907	5,661
No of Females	1,375,203	1,377,399	2,196
No of Males	1,348,043	1,351,508	3,465
No of Births	37,892	37,556	(336)

#### 3.2.2 Labour Force Survey

The Labour Force Survey is a household survey administered on a quarterly basis to a representative sample of the population fourteen (14) years and over living in private households in Jamaica. The Survey provides the basis for the estimate of the economic activity and characteristics of the labour force, employment and unemployment. The Survey (Table 3) reveals that the number of persons employed in Jamaica increased between calendar years 2014 and 2015. This resulted in the unemployment rate being reduced to 13.5% in 2015 down from 14.2% in 2014.

**Table 3 Population Employment & Unemployment Rates for Calendar Years 2014 - 2015**

Particulars October of each year	Year 2014	Year 2015
# of Persons in the Jamaican Labour Force	1,310,700	1,325,200
Unemployment Rate	14.2%	13.5%
Reduction in Unemployment	0.7%	0.7%

#### 3.2.3 The Consumer price Index

The Consumer price index (CPI) measures the changes in the general level of prices of consumer goods and services purchased by private households. It is compiled for 3 areas (1) Greater Kingston Area, (2) Other Urban Centres (OUC) and (3) Rural Areas. The change in the CPI for the two (2) years 2014 and 2015 were 6.4% and 3.7% respectively.

### 3.2.4 Economic Performance Summary Review

STATIN provides statistics covering a number of areas of the Jamaican economy on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. These include statistics on economic activity with respect to production, consumption and investment. Of these reports the quarterly gross domestic product (GDP) estimated at current prices is widely utilized. The statistical data shows that for the calendar years 2014 and to 2015 the Jamaican economy grew by 0.4% and 0.8% respectively.

## 4.0 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Table 4 Extract from STATIN's Financial Statements for years ended 2014/15 and 2015/16**

Particulars	2015/16 \$M	2014/15 \$M	2013/14 \$M	2015/16- 2014/15 \$M	2015/16- 2014/15 %	2014/15- 2013/14 \$M	2014/15- 2013/14 %
<b>Income Statement</b>							
Income	722.35	664.89	670.33	57.46	8.64	5.44	0.01
Expenses	687.57	663.99	695.82	-23.58	- 3.55	31.83	0.05
Surplus/(Loss)	34.78	0.90	- 25.49	33.88	3,764.44	26.39	1.04
<b>Balance Sheet</b>							
cash and cash equivalents	53.44	41.41	42.65	12.03	29.05	1.24	0.03
current Assets	99.76	71.00	71.31	28.76	40.51	0.31	0.00
current Liabilities	154.91	151.25	148.47	- 3.66	- 2.42	- 2.78	- 0.02
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	- 0.54	- 34.65	- 37.08	34.11	- 98.44	2.43	- 0.07
Total Equity and Liabilities)	154.37	116.61	111.38	37.76	32.38	5.23	0.05

4.1 STATIN generated net surpluses of \$0.90 million and \$34.78 million from operations at March 31, 2015 and 2016 compared to the deficit of \$25.49 million generated in 2013/14. The improvement in the surplus position was attributed chiefly to government grants and projects. Included in the work programme of the Institute are surveys that are undertaken on behalf of the Government of Jamaica as well as international organisations. These partners are especially important in the area of social statistics as STATIN is unable to fund surveys required to provide all the necessary data for planning. The international donor agencies assist by providing funding and technical assistance to undertake these surveys. Several projects were undertaken during the period including the inflation expectation survey, informal sector survey, statistical product development, trade in services, trade indices, agricultural producer price index, statistical infrastructure and design and development.

4.2 For the 2015/16 financial year STATIN's administrative expenses totalled \$687.57 million, an increase of \$23.58 million or 3.55% above the \$663.99 million recorded for the 2014/15 financial year. The increase in administrative expenses resulted chiefly from rental (\$12.81 million) and staff costs (\$12.44 million). The overall administrative expenses for the 2015 and 2016 periods were below the \$695.82 million incurred in the 2013/14 financial year.

## 5.0 Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Highlights

5.1 For financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16, STATIN's total assets increased by \$37.76 million and \$5.23 million to \$154.37 million and \$116.60 million over the \$111.38 million recorded at March 31, 2014. The growth in assets was attributed chiefly to cash and cash equivalents, property, plant and equipment, trade and other receivables and prepayments.

Meanwhile increases in current liabilities of \$3.66 million and \$2.43 million over the \$148.47 million recorded at March 31, 2014 resulted in liabilities increasing to \$154.37 and \$116.61 million respectively. The increase in liabilities was attributable to trade payables, accrued vacation leave and projects.

## 6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 STATIN continued to pursue its mandate to provide, on a timely basis, a comprehensive body of reliable and accurate statistical information in relation to Jamaica, which meets recognised international standards.



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