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BUDGET ANALYSIS OF HEAD 11: ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE AND HEAD 15: MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL SECURITY

PMRC was requested by the Committee on National Security and Foreign Affairs to submit a written memorandum commenting on the 2024 estimates of revenue and expenditure of Head 11: Zambia Police Service and Head 15: Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security.

HEAD 11: Zambia Police Service

Their mandate:

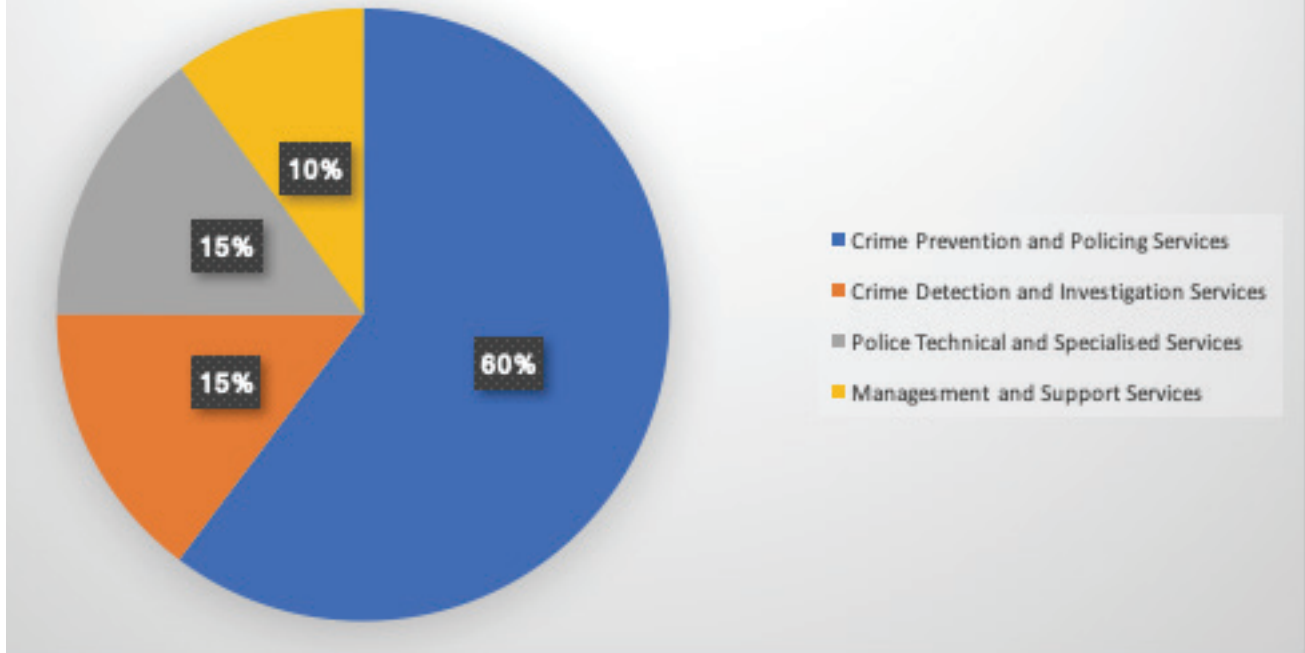
To prevent and detect crime, and enforce the law firmly and fairly in order to create a safe, secure and peaceful environment for social and economic development for all.

Budget Allocation by Programme:

Code	Programme	2022 Approved Budget (K)	2023 Approved Budget (K)	2024 Approved Budget (K)
4155	Crime Prevention and Policing Services	988,100,143	1,408,867,889	1,589,318,067
4156	Crime Detection and Investigation Services	266,628,742	326,153,863	389,848,959
4157	Police Technical and Specialised Services	173,202,997	190,791,016	391,420,890
4199	Managesment and Support Services	163,315,859	220,653,064	267,035,487
	Head Total	1,591,247,741	2,146,465,832	2,637,623,403

Source: 2024 Output Based Annual Budget

Head 11: Zambia Police Service: 2024 Budget Allocation by Programme (%)



Source: 2024 Output Based Annual Budget

- The 2024 budget estimates for the Zambia Police Service appear to align with the government’s broader development goals, particularly those related to improving the rule of law, human rights, and constitutionalism, as outlined in the 8th National Development Plan (8NDP) and the 2024 output-based national budget. Here are some key points to consider:
- The budget allocation for the Zambia Police Service is substantial, with significant funding allocated to various programs and economic classifications. This includes allocations for personal emoluments (salaries), use of goods and services, liabilities, and outstanding bills. The total budget for the police service in 2024 stands at K2,637,623,403, an increase of 22.9% from 2023s allocation of 2,146,465,832 indicating the government’s commitment to maintaining law and order in the country.

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- The budget allocation and programs of the Zambia Police Service are in line with the 8NDPs development outcomes, such as improving the rule of law, human rights, and constitutionalism. This alignment suggests a commitment by Government to strengthening the criminal justice system, enhancing the rule of law, and promoting human rights, which are crucial for the well-being of citizens.
 - The budget includes funding for police technical and specialized services (K391,420,890), a substantial increase over 2023s allocation of K190,791,016 which will help enhance service delivery. This includes the provision of logistical and operational support, procurement of goods and services, and the maintenance of police fleets. These resources will enable the police to effectively carry out their duties and maintain law and order in the country.
 - **The allocation of funds to Police Medical Services (K831,915) and Police Human Resource Development (173,974,457) is noteworthy.** It indicates a commitment to the well-being of police officers and their families through healthcare services. Additionally, investments in training and capacity development will improve the skills and professionalism of the police force.
 - **Efficient Administrative Support:** The budget allocation for management and support services (267,035,487) is essential for providing administrative and management support to the police service’s mandated functions. This includes human resources management, financial management, planning, and legal and professional standards. Efficient administrative support is crucial for the effective functioning of the police force.
 - **Accountability and Transparency:** The outputs and targets specified in the budget, such as conducting payroll audits and producing financial reports and audit reports, demonstrate a commitment to accountability and transparency within the police service. These measures can help ensure the responsible use of resources.

Recommendations:

The police service should:

- Establish a robust monitoring and evaluation system to track the effectiveness of its programs and services. This will help ensure that resources are used efficiently and that desired outcomes are achieved.
- Consider investing in community policing initiatives to build trust and cooperation between the police force and the communities they serve. This can contribute to improved security and crime prevention.
- Explore opportunities to modernize and automate police operations and systems. Embracing technology can lead to greater efficiency and effectiveness in crime prevention and investigation.
- Continue to invest in the training and capacity development of police officers to ensure they are well-equipped to handle evolving security challenges in the country while upholding citizen's human rights and legal standards.
- Maintain a commitment to transparency and accountability by regularly reporting on the use of allocated funds and the achievement of performance targets. This can help build public trust in the police service.
- In conclusion, the 2024 budget estimates for the Zambia Police Service reflect a commitment to improving the rule of law, human rights, and constitutionalism in the country. Proper utilization of these resources, along with a focus on accountability, transparency, and community engagement, will be key to achieving the desired outcomes and maintaining public trust in the police force.

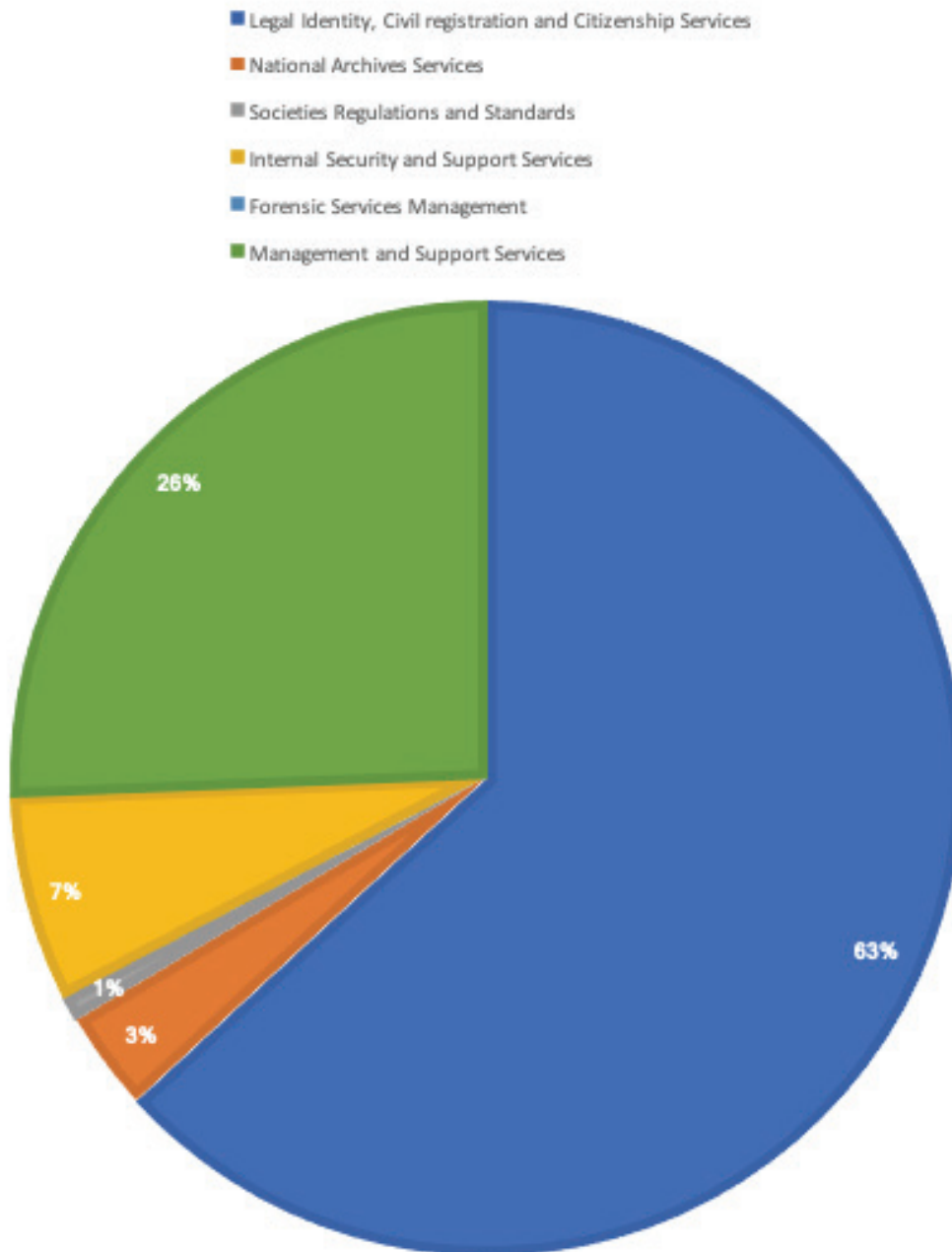
Head 15: Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security

Budget Allocation by Programme

Code	Programme	2022 Approved Budget(K)	2023 Approved Budget(K)	2024 Budget Estimates(K)
4175	Migration Services	89,660,456		-
4176	Legal Identity, Civil registration and Citizenship Services	71,504,665	275,526,906	328,500,529
4177	National Archives Services	7,510,152	12,705,026	17,333,858
4178	Societies Regulations and Standards	2,937,992	4,549,079	4,556,992
4179	Internal Security and Support Services	21,521,355	36,488,813	36,373,062
4180	Forensic Services Management	-	-	28,733,863
4199	Management and Support Services	76,426,888	95,786,327	133,275,321
	Head Total	269,561,508	425,056,151	548,773,625

Source: 2024 Output Based Annual Budget

HEAD 15: MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL SECURITY; BUDGET ALLOCATION BY PROGRAMME (%)



Source: 2024 Output Based Annual Budget

Mandate and Strategy:

The Ministry's mandate is broad and critical, covering an array of responsibilities essential to the nation's functioning. This includes internal security management, immigration regulation, support services for refugees, and oversight of public complaints. Moreover, the Ministry plays a pivotal role in forensic services and the prevention of drug trafficking and money laundering activities.

To execute this multifaceted mandate, the Ministry has meticulously developed a comprehensive strategy. This strategy revolves around enhancing service delivery, bolstering national security, and optimizing support services. The allocation of resources to specific budget programs is pivotal in transforming this strategic vision into tangible outcomes.

Alignment with the Eighth National Development Plan:

The Ministry's activities are closely interlinked with the 8NDP. It contributes substantially to various strategic development outcomes, such as:

- **Improved Policy and Governance Environment:** Through its programs, the Ministry supports policy formulation and strengthens governance mechanisms, underpinning effective administration.
- **Good Governance Environment:** The Ministry's work elevates good governance by maintaining public order, ensuring internal security, and fostering transparency and accountability mechanisms within the government.
- **Improved Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Constitutionalism:** Upholding the rule of law, protecting human rights, and promoting constitutionalism are central to the Ministry's mission, ensuring a just and equitable society.

Budget Summary:

In the fiscal year 2024, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security has allocated a substantial total budget of K548.8 million. This allocation is thoughtfully distributed across several vital programs, each having distinct aims and specific targets, ensuring comprehensive service delivery and security enhancement. Some of these key programmes include:

1. Internal Security Support Services (K36,373,062):

This program is at the heart of ensuring the nation's internal security and public safety. It encompasses various critical functions, including refugee and asylum management, forensic services, and support services. The allocation here

reinforces Zambia's commitment to remaining a peaceful and secure nation.

2. Forensic Services Management (K28,733,863):

Uncovering facts, resolving crimes, and providing expert testimony through forensic analysis and investigations constitute the core of this program. By doing so, it significantly contributes to justice, the rule of law, and the overall security of the nation.

3. Management and Support Services (133,275,321):

This program forms the foundation of the Ministry's operations, ensuring efficient administrative and management support. It covers vital areas such as human resources, financial management, procurement, infrastructure development, and more. These functions are pivotal in facilitating the seamless execution of the Ministry's mandate.

Budget Allocation by Economic Classification:

Personal Emoluments: K233.1 million (42.5%)

Use of Goods and Services: K185.9 million (33.9%)

Transfers: K100.8 million (18.4%)

Assets: K17.1 million (3.2%)

Commission for Refugees: K9.8 million (1.8%)

National Forensic Authority: K2.6 million (0.5%)

Police Public Complaints Commission: K4.4 million (0.8%)

Parole Board: K741,501 (0.1%)

This budget allocation also underscores the strategic prioritization of resources:

Personal Emoluments: The allocation of K233.1 million to personal emoluments reflects the commitment to maintaining a well-compensated and motivated workforce. This is crucial for attracting and retaining top talent within the Ministry.

Use of Goods and Services: K185.9 million is directed towards goods and services, fundamental for operational effectiveness. It encompasses a wide range of needs, including logistics, training, and essential supplies to carry out day-to-day tasks.

Transfers: K100.8 million is channeled towards grant-aided institutions, ensuring their financial sustainability and support for various programs.

Assets: K17.1 million is earmarked for acquiring assets, a vital investment contributing to infrastructure and equipment development, thus enhancing the Ministry's capacity to fulfill its mandate.

Commission for Refugees, National Forensic Authority, Police Public Complaints Commission, and Parole Board: These entities receive targeted allocations for their specific functions, demonstrating the Ministry's commitment to fulfilling their respective roles effectively.

Recommendations

To further strengthen good governance and transparency, the Ministry should consider allocating additional resources to mechanisms that promote accountability, such as enhancing the capacity of oversight bodies like the Police

Public Complaints Commission. This will help build trust between the government and the public.

Given the importance of forensic services in upholding the rule of law, the Ministry should prioritize investments in cutting-edge forensic technology and training for personnel. This will not only improve the efficiency of criminal investigations but also contribute to the overall security of the nation.

Internal security and support services play a critical role in maintaining public safety. Regular training and capacity building programs for law enforcement officers and personnel involved in refugee and asylum management can significantly enhance their effectiveness.

Allocate sufficient funds for infrastructure development to ensure that the Ministry has the necessary facilities and equipment to carry out its functions effectively. This includes the construction and maintenance of detention centers, police stations, and other critical infrastructure.

Implement a robust performance monitoring and evaluation system across all programs to assess their effectiveness and impact. Regular evaluations will help identify areas for improvement and ensure that resources are used efficiently.

Foster collaboration and information sharing with other government agencies and international organizations, especially in areas related to migration services and refugee support. This can lead to more coordinated efforts and better outcomes in managing these complex issues.

Allocate resources to public awareness campaigns that educate citizens about their rights, the importance of civil registration, and how to access services provided by the Ministry. Informed citizens are more likely to cooperate with law enforcement and contribute to national security.

Given the increasing importance of cybersecurity in the modern world, consider dedicating resources to bolster the nation's cybersecurity infrastructure. This includes protecting critical government systems and databases from cyber threats.

Continuously review the budget allocation to ensure that resources are allocated efficiently and in alignment with the Ministry's strategic priorities. Adjustments may be necessary based on changing circumstances and emerging threats.

Engage with stakeholders, including civil society organizations and community leaders, to gather input and feedback on the Ministry's programs and services. This can lead to more inclusive and effective policies.

Conclusion

In summary, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security plays a pivotal role in safeguarding Zambia's internal security, upholding the rule of law, and ensuring good governance. Its budget allocation reflects the significance placed on personnel, operational needs, and support services to fulfill its mandate and contribute to Zambia's broader development objectives. The Ministry remains steadfast in its commitment to creating a peaceful and secure nation while fostering transparency, accountability, and the rule of law.

This comprehensive overview provides a detailed understanding of the Ministry's functions, strategic alignment, and budget allocation, highlighting its vital role in Zambia's governance and security landscape. As the nation's cornerstone for stability and security, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security stands resolute in its mission to ensure the welfare and protection of all Zambians.

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