Auditor General's Department Annual Audit Report

Financial year 2016/2017

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL
ON THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
JAMAICA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 2017

VISION STATEMENT

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December 27, 2017

The Honourable Speaker
House of Representatives
Gordon House
81 Duke Street
Kingston
Jamaica

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to the provision of Section 122(2) of the Jamaica Constitution, I have the honour to submit my report on the results of my examination of the accounts of the Island for the year ended 31ˢᵗ March 2017 for tabling in the House of Representatives.

Yours faithfully,

Pamela Monroe Ellis (Mrs.)
Auditor General

Head 19000 Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation: Head 19050 National Works Agency

ISSUE/CONCERNS
Resource Management

3.2.53   The audit of the accounting records and financial transactions of National Works Agency was conducted for the 2015/2016 financial year during the period December 5, 2015 to January 27, 2016.

Delays in collecting management Fees

3.2.54   At March 31, 2016, the Agency's aged receivables of $1.74 billion included Management Fees totalling $1.1 billion that have been outstanding for more than two years. NWA indicated that over 90 per cent of the long outstanding amounts represent fees owed by Government entities for projects that were completed; this includes approximately $680 million owed from one entity. NWA was therefore unable to pay over to the Consolidated Fund the 50 per cent of net surplus earned in previous years in keeping with Section 4.1.1 of the Financial Instructions to Executive Agencies.