



# **Auditor General's Department Annual Report**

**Financial Year 2019/2020**

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE  
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF  
JAMAICA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED  
MARCH 31, 2020 AND  
A PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR  
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*December 30, 2020*

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

*Dear Sir,*

*Pursuant to the provision of Section 112 (2) of the Jamaican 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 for tabling in the House of Representatives.*

*The report is a compendium of the performance of the Auditor General's Department for the period December 2019 – November 2020 and all audits conducted up to November 2020.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Pamela Monroe Ellis (Mrs.)  
Auditor General*

## HEAD 72000: MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Issue/Concern	Financial Exposure
<b>Resource Management</b>	
<p><b>NSWMA Spends Excess AIA collections without Parliamentary Approval</b></p> <p>3.2.255. Excess A-I-A of \$16.299.6 million collected by the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) was used to supplement the budget for garbage collection and disposal as well as to facilitate payment for the insurance of motor vehicles (garbage trucks) instead of being surrendered to the Consolidated Fund as required by Section 4.5.8 and 4.5.9 of the FAA Act, Instructions. The necessary approval was not obtained prior to making the respective payments. Management's failure to obtain the requisite prior approval to expend the funds not only overrides GoJ's established budgetary</p>	<p>\$6.69 million</p>

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<p>control procedures but also undermines the accountability process and would have prevented the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MoFPS) from including the amounts in the Supplementary Budget.</p> <p>3.2.256. The Ministry indicated that since retroactive approval cannot be sought, as a measure of control to deter a repeat of this breach, the Ministry has advised all relevant Agencies that failure to surrender revenues unapproved for use as Appropriations in Aid to the Consolidated Fund, will result in the sums being recovered from their subvention. Subsequent to our report, the MLGRD deducted \$9.6 million from the NSWMA's subvention and paid over this amount the Consolidated Fund.</p>	