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RE: Access to Information Request

Dear Ms. Love

With respect to your access to information request made on June 10, 2021, please note the response below. If however you need further clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.

The remaining \$6.699M excess in AIA collections for the NSWMA relates to the 2015/2016 financial year, this amount was not recovered and remitted by the Ministry to the Consolidated Fund. Subsequent to recovering and remitting the sum of \$9.6M which relates to the 2018/2019 financial year, the Ministry received a qualified opinion on the 2018/2019 Appropriation Accounts indicating the following:

“In an effort to correct this breach, the Ministry adjusted the accounting records and the Appropriation Account, then surrendered the 9,608,815.44 to the Consolidated Fund. This resulted in actual expenditure being understated by \$9,608,815.44 for the period.”

Consequently, the Ministry will not be making any further recoveries and remittances to the Consolidated Fund in this regard. We will endeavour however, to ensure that the Agencies adhere to the Financial Administration and Audit Act in respect of acquiring the necessary approval for all revenues to be utilised as Appropriations in Aid in going forward. The Ministry has developed a system to track the AIA collections of its Agencies and to send out advisories requesting updated Annual AIA Projections during the third quarter of the financial year in order to determine in a timely manner whether approval would be required for additional AIA expenditure.

Sincerely

Barrington Haynes (Director)
For Permanent Secretary