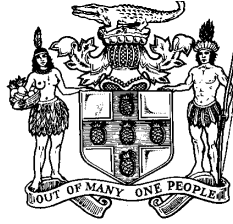




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AND  
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December 20, 2019

The Hon Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Gordon House  
81 Duke Street  
Kingston

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to the provision of Section 122 (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 2019 for tabling in the House of Representatives.

Yours faithfully,

Pamela Monroe Ellis (Mrs.)  
Auditor General

Head 40000: Ministry of Labour and Social Security – Programme of Advancement through Health and Education, Integrated Support to Jamaica’s Social Protection Strategy (ISISPS)

Issue/Concern(s)	Financial Exposure
Governance	
<p><b><u>Control weakness over reconciliation of the Beneficiary Bank Account</u></b></p> <p><b>3.2.110</b> At the time of audit, the reconciliation of the Beneficiary bank account was six months in arrears; January 2019 being the last month reconciled. Further, we observed that the December 2018 bank reconciliation statement included reconciling items amounting to J\$15.60 million, coming from as far back as 2006. This comprised bank charges of J\$1.43 million, Erroneous debits amounting to J\$12.79 million and stamp duty, totalling J\$1.37 million. PATH indicated that the outstanding reconciliations were not completed due to system related issues with the accounting software. PATH’s delay in reconciling the Beneficiary bank account compromised the internal control surrounding the Project’s cash resources, making it possible for errors and irregularities to remain undetected for protracted periods. The Beneficiary bank account is the sole account through which beneficiary payments are made and US\$2.7 billion was paid out during the period that the reconciliations were not done.</p>	<p>\$2.7B</p>