



**Auditor General's Department**  
**Annual Report**  
**Financial Year 2018/2019**



REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE  
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA FOR  
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019  
AND  
A PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE  
AUDITOR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT



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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 20000: Ministry of Finance and the Public Service

Issue/Concern(s)	Financial Exposure
Resource Management	

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<sup>2</sup> Partners are NWC, RADA, Forestry Department, PIOJ and National Water Resource Authority

<p><b><u>Uncleared Advances</u></b></p> <p><b>3.2.38</b> There was still a need for improvement in the management of the Ministry’s advances to ensure outstanding advances were reconciled and cleared in a timely manner. Consequently, as at March 31, 2019, advances totalling \$77.10 million remain uncleared; of which \$16.5 million have been outstanding for more than 12 months. Uncleared advances remaining on the Ministry’s records for prolonged periods maybe difficult to recover, resulting in loss of public funds. Furthermore, it will be difficult to determine whether the amounts advanced were used for the intended purposes where supporting documents are not presented to clear these advances.</p>	<p>\$77.10 million</p>
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