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**REF NO: 299/8/19/26/18**

May 11, 2026

Ms. Icka Bailey  
Research Programme Officer  
Jamaica Accountability Meter Portal  
2 Lady Musgrave Road, Suite # 1  
Kingston 5

**Attention: Mrs. Jeanette A. Calder**

Dear Ms. Bailey,

Further to your application for access to information under the Access to Information Act dated May 25, 2026, and received by us on May 27, 2026, the Ministry of Health and Wellness is pleased to grant you access to the documentation requested being:

*“The status and steps taken to deduct and pay over to the TAJ the requisite withholding taxes in keeping with the GOJ tax regulations for old and new consultants”*

The project reviewed the loss of revenue of JMD \$6.52 million as identified in the Auditor General's Report. The Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW), through the HSSP Project, subsequently recalculated the 3% withholding tax liability, which totaled JMD \$6.617 million. The recalculated liability was verified, and the full amount was remitted to the Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ).

A copy of the official receipt evidencing payment is attached (Receipt No. L1078672928).

Following this corrective action, all consultant contracts were formally updated to incorporate the mandatory 3% withholding tax requirement. The programme has since implemented a system to ensure that withholding taxes are accurately calculated and remitted on a monthly basis to the relevant tax authorities.

Subsequent Auditor General reviews have confirmed that there has been no recurrence of the prior issue, and that withholding taxes across all applicable contracts are being properly deducted and paid over in a timely manner. At the conclusion of the audit for the 2025–2026 financial year, the Ministry is confident that the audit report will confirm full compliance with all statutory requirements, including the accurate calculation, timely payment, and proper disclosure of withholding taxes

Sincerely,

Verona Bailey-Pinnock  
Access Officer  
Documentation Information & Access Services  
For Permanent Secretary



# TAX ADMINISTRATION JAMAICA

## Payment Advice

Reference: L1078672928

Date: 07-Feb-2025

Payment Effective Date : 07-Feb-2025

Media Number : 17867304006

Direct Funds Transfer Number : DFT17867304006

Name : MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Tax Type	TRN-Branch	Direction Type	Period	Amount
Withholding Tax on Specified Services	000516155-0000	Return Payment	28-Feb-2025	6,617,707.11

Total: 6,617,707.11

Payment Advice Total: 6,617,707.11