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The 2024 (December) Auditor General's Report (subsection 3.2.37) revealed that advance payments by Portfolio Agencies to suppliers led to over- and understatements of expenditures. The Accounting Officer noted that advance payments were made to meet urgent financial obligations and that, due to the Shared Services arrangement with the Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministry did not have direct access to make payments through the GFMIS. Steps have since been taken to enable a quicker OPM response to the Ministry's financial obligations. A review of the general ledger also disclosed wrongly classified expenditures and a significant \$51.8 million variance in Appropriations in Aid expenditures between TPDCo and the Ministry's records, which the Ministry said is being corrected.

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1. Whether the practice of advance payments to suppliers has been eliminated, and whether all payments are now processed through the GFMIS in accordance with GOJ financial guidelines.

Response

The practice of advance payments to suppliers by portfolio agencies has been significantly curtailed. All payments continue to be processed through GFMIS.

2. Can the Ministry confirm that the \$51.8 million variance in Appropriations in Aid between TPDCo and Ministry records has been fully resolved and recurrence prevented?

Response

Thorough investigations revealed that the variance was due to an arithmetical error on the supporting Appropriation-in-Aid (AIA). The AIA report was corrected and the Appropriation Accounts for the period was amended and forwarded to the external auditors. The Ministry was advised via letter June 10, 2026 that the The Appropriation account was re-certified by the Auditor via letter dated June 10, 2026.

3. Whether 14 expenditure transactions totalling \$7,396,145.64 revealed to be incorrectly classified as Object 25 instead of Object 22 were corrected?

Response

The expenditure was directly related and charged to projects/programmes under Object 25, due to the nature of the Activity. However, the concerns of the auditors were noted and subsequent budget allocations for similar projects/programmes /activities are being classified under Object 22, in keeping with expenditure classification.