



**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE & CONSTITUTIONAL  
AFFAIRS**

# **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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2024/2025**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs is committed to ensuring that the justice sector contributes to the realization of government's key priorities by implementing strategies that relate, but not limited to: enhanced access to justice for all; improved legal and policy framework; modernised justice systems; prevention of corruption in Government systems and improved professional service delivery in all aspects including the most vulnerable.

In order to be able to fulfill this mandate the Ministry is fortified by the following Departments and Sections:-Administration, Legal Aid Office, Director of Public Prosecutions Office , Attorney-General Office , Judiciary, Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration , Elections & Boundaries Commission, Anti-Corruption Commission and His Majesty's Correctional Services.

This Annual Report covers the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 financial year 2024/25. The financial performance report for the period under review indicates that overall, expenditure for the various Departments and Commissions is within the allocated Budget.

During the reporting period, the Ministry assisted walk-in clients with various legal issues, including civil, criminal, labour, and administrative matters, ensuring they received necessary support pending court representation. The ACC and the Tripartite Task Team, are actively investigating over 251 cases. Additionally, the Ministry submitted the country's initial report on the implementation of the Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights to the UN Committee in June 2024.

The financial performance report for the year under review indicates that overall, expenditure for the various Departments and Commissions is within the allocated budget. Most budget items reflect limited cash flow resulting in non-payments of transactions. These would be normalized as the year progresses.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs is responsible for the administration of justice through the various Courts; the drafting of all legislation; administration of estates; provision of legal aid services; the conducting of national elections; the fight against and prevention of corruption; provision of safe custody and rehabilitation of offenders; the promotion and protection of human rights and enforcement of the leadership code of conduct. Additionally, the Ministry also coordinates the preparation of reports and follows on the implementation of recommendations from human rights mechanisms.

The operations of Eswatini Association for Crime Prevention & Rehabilitation of Offenders (SACRO), whose responsibility is to support ex-offenders. This organization receives a subvention annually from Government through the Ministry to further its mandate.

## 1.2 MANDATE

“To promote and facilitate effective and efficient machinery capable of providing a legal framework for good governance and delivering legal advice and services to the Government, its allied institutions and the general public”.

## 1.3 THE ROLE OF THE MINISTRY

- Coordinating, advising, and providing support in the implementation of policies which foster the effective administration of justice as well as constitutional governance.
- Provision of Legal aid services to indigent citizens
- Facilitating the development of legislation.
- facilitating the revision and reform of the laws
- Advising the Government and its allied institutions on legal matters.
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- Instituting or defending civil suits in which Government and/or its allied institutions are party and ensuring that court decisions are satisfied.

- Promoting and fostering adherence to the rule of law and natural justice
- Promoting and protecting human rights.
- Prosecution of criminal cases
- Fighting and preventing corruption in society
- Managing the conduct of National elections
- Providing safe custody of inmates and offering rehabilitation services
- Coordinating and preparing human rights state party reports

**1.4 THE SUMMARY OF THE INSTITUTIONS COVERED BY THIS REPORT IS AS  
HEREUNDER:**

1. The Administration
  - National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up
2. Legal Aid Office
3. Attorney General's Office
4. The Director of Public Prosecutions
5. Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration
6. The Anti-Corruption Commission
7. The Elections and Boundaries Commission
8. The Judiciary
  - High Court and Magistrates Courts
  - Master of the High Court
9. His Majesty's Correctional Services
10. ESACRO

## 2.0 ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

The main role of the administration Department is to provide effective administration, finance, human resources management and other support services to all Departments of the Ministry. To ensure the effective operation of the Ministry, the objectives of the Department are:

- a) To co-ordinate and prepare the Ministry's budget, in consultation with the Heads of Department and central agencies.
- b) To develop and implement internal systems of control for the budget, in line with Finance and Accounting Instructions and procurement procedures.
- c) To monitor and review Ministry's performance for all Departments to improve service delivery
- d) To develop effective communication

### 2.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

During the period under review, sections under Administration delivered a number of outputs in line with their mandates. These include the following: -

- i) The National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF) successfully:
  - **Submitted Initial Report on Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:** Prepared through stakeholder engagement and presented to the Cabinet before transmission to the UN Committee.
  - **Finalized Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Recommendations Implementation Plan:** Developed through a consultative process to facilitate systematic follow-up on recommendations received in the 3rd Cycle of the UPR and treaty bodies.
  - **Finalized Strategic Plan 2024-2029:** this strategy provides a roadmap for the NMRF unit in state-party reporting and following up on recommendations.

- **Capacity-Strengthening Initiative:** Facilitated in a workshop organized for human rights defenders, empowering participants on international and regional human rights mechanisms and obligations.
- **Coordinated the preparation of the Initial Report on the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) Implementation:** Conducted stakeholder consultations on the zero draft to enhance its quality and comprehensiveness. The report will be validated and presented to the Cabinet for endorsement in the next quarter.
- **Information Management Capacity Workshop:** Strengthened information management capacity for effective monitoring and management of treaty provisions and recommendations. This initiative was carried out in collaboration with development partners.

ii) **The Electronic Case Management System (ECMS)** project is making significant progress and is at 90% completion according to contractual obligation. The outstanding 10% is the warranty Phase amounting to E4.5 million. In 2025/2026 FY the project will be focusing on Warranty phase, trainings, obtaining the essential tools and equipment to initiate the pilot phase. This phase is crucial as it will enable the project to assess the system performance, pinpoint any possible problems, and implement adjustments prior to a complete rollout once government funds has been released.

iii) **The following Bills were successfully developed:**

- Legal Aid Bill and Legal Practitioners Amendment Bill passed by the House of Assembly and currently undergoing legislative processes in Senate.
- Law Reform Development Bill was approved by Cabinet and ready to be tabled in Parliament.
- Leadership Code of Conduct Bill approved by Cabinet to be gazetted and tabled in Parliament.



## 2.3 CHALLENGES

- Insufficient budget to implement planned activities;
- There is a need for the creation of new posts to effectively deliver on the various Departmental mandates.
- Shortage of motor vehicles

## 3.0 LEGAL AID OFFICE

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

The Ministry has extended its platforms by establishing a Legal Aid Office which is aimed at providing qualitative sustainable legal information and education, legal training, legal assistance, legal advice, alternative dispute resolution and legal representation.

Legal aid is a milestone and a priority for the Ministry because it endeavours to ensure that Sustainable Development Goal 16 which seeks to provide access to justice for all at all levels is realized.

#### Functions of the Legal Aid Office

The functions of the Legal Aid Office include the following:

- Provision, administration, coordination, regulation and monitoring of the whole legal aid system in eSwatini;
- Strengthening the provision of legal aid by Legal Aid providers for the benefit of all Emaswati in particular the indigent and vulnerable people;
- Ensuring the geographic coverage of the legal aid system by decentralizing legal aid services.

### 3.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

During the reporting period, the Legal Aid Office received a total of 203 walk-in clients with various legal issues, including civil, criminal, labor, and administrative matters.

The table below presents walk-in clients handled by the unit:

Region	No. of Clients	Gender	
		Male	Female
Hhohho	102	53	49
Manzini	78	42	36
Lubombo	13	10	3
Shiselweni	10	7	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>91</b>

**Note:**

The clientele in the year was mostly elderly people, with a moderate middle aged clientele and a minimal youth clientele.

## Outreach Activities

The Legal Aid Office engaged in a number of outreach activities to raise public and stakeholder awareness about its mandate. These specifically include the following activities:

- A total of 681 people were reached and empowered about the mandate of the legal aid office in these outreaches through participation in the National Job & Entrepreneurial Expo for Persons with Disabilities, UTEC Students Job Expo, MTN Bush Fire Festival, commemoration of the Refugees Day and International Widows Day.
- Through the *Royal Eswatini Police Service sensitization*, a total of 383 police officers were taken through the mandate of the office, possible areas of collaboration whilst also flagging out possible challenges. The sessions took place in Lubombo – Siteki & Siphofaneni Police stations (55 officers), Shiselweni assembled at Nhlangano Police Station (176 officials), Manzini Regional Police Quarters (50 officers), Lobamba Police Station (57 officers) and Piggs’ Peak Police Station (55 officers).
- *Attending sensitization of various stakeholders on the Legal Aid and Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bills*: which included the Ministry of Justice Portfolio Committee in the House of Assembly, Senate, Government Departments, Parastatals, Emabandla, Lutsango and Non-Governmental Organizations.
- *Presentation to the Security Cluster Seminar*: an event organized and hosted by the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC), together with its partners.
- *Eswatini International Trade fair 2024*: The office was able to reach a total of 576 people, 309 Males and 267 Females respectively. Classification by region stood at; Hhhohho – 120, Manzini – 349, Lubombo – 58 and lastly Shiselweni with 32 individuals enlightened on the services of the office.
- *National World Aids Day & Regional Build Up Commemoration*: the activity gave the office a chance to reach a total of 194 emaswati from various Tinkhundla starting with Dvokodvweni @45 people (13 males & 32 females); Zombodze Emuva @ 20 people (11 males & 9 females); Maphalaleni @51 people (6 males & 45 females); and lastly Mahlangatja with 78 people (30 males & 48 females).

Worth noting is that these activities are crucial in enhancing public understanding and accessibility of the services provided by the Legal Aid Office, pending the decentralization of services.

## Partnership Building

- The office, in a bid to enhance partnerships and collaboration with other institutions joined various stakeholders in celebration of the United Nations Volunteer day (Green Day) as celebrated by promoting environmental wellness activities (picking up litter & gardening) at Mahlanya Inkhundla.
- The office was also engaged in an enlightening session by Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM) on the communications regulatory framework and more relevant for the office being the Data Protection component as the office deal with sensitive clientele information.
- *Gender Based Violence Sensitization at Bus Ranks:* The office joined the The Deputy Prime Minister's Office in collaboration with other partners in sensitizing the public on GBV issues and services provided by various partners to mitigate the pandemic. The office was only able to attend the Manzini and Piggs peak sessions.
- *Signing of Memoranda of Understanding:* entered into partnerships with Young Heroes Eswatini and the Ombudsman of Financial Services to foster collaboration in addressing the legal needs of various target groups. As a result of these partnerships, the Office participated in the international commemoration of the Day of the Boy Child, reaching 60 young boys and sensitizing them about its mandate.
- *Virtual Consultation - Taiwan Legal Aid Foundation:* this session enhanced the local office's understanding of the legal aid framework and exploration of potential areas of collaboration.

## Media Engagement

The Legal Aid Office presented three radio programs through the MoJCA program 'utsini umtsetfo' on the Siswati Channel of the national radio station, focusing on the office's mandate, the legal aid policy, and linkages with the overall ministerial strategic plan. Furthermore, the Office was featured in four newspaper articles highlighting its activities and produced seven social media posts, attracting reaction from 213 people. These engagements are essential for popularizing the activities of the Legal Aid Office, however, they have been put on hold pending the finalization of the enactment process of the legislative formulation process – passing of the Legal Aid and Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bills.

### 3.3 CHALLENGES

- Lack of representation as part of Legal Aid Services pending amendment and enactment of conducive legal aid legislative framework.
- Language barriers encountered when engaging persons with disabilities who may require other forms of communication such as sign language.
- Limited resources for decentralisation, which includes rental of offices in other regions and space for housing one other container in Shiselweni Region.

## **4.0 DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

### **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

The Directorate of Public Prosecutions is established in terms of Section 162 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini read together with the Director of Public Prosecutions Order of 1973 which vests all prosecutorial powers upon the Director. The Director has authority to delegate his powers and duties to subordinates.

The mission of the Director of Public Prosecutions office is the prosecution of crime on behalf of the King of Eswatini, openly without fear or favor and in an efficient and impartial manner, and with strict adherence to the requirements of the law.

### **FUNCTIONS**

- a) Institute and undertake criminal proceedings against any person before any court (other than a court martial) in respect of any offence alleged to have been committed by that person against the laws of Eswatini.
- b) Take over and continue any criminal proceedings that may have been instituted or undertaken by any other person or authority
- c) Perform such other functions as may be prescribed

### **STRUCTURE**

The office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has established ten (10) specialized Units to focus on and keep up with new criminal trends.

## 4.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES UNDER EACH SPECIALIZED UNIT

### i. The Anti-Corruption Unit

This Unit is responsible for prosecuting all corruption related crimes. The Unit works in collaboration with the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Royal Eswatini Police Service. The Unit also offers legal advice, guidance and training to Anti-Corruption and police investigators.

The table below presents the status of cases handled by the unit:

<b>CRIMINAL CASE FILES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF FILES/MATTERS</b>
Criminal Case Files Received	8
Warrants Executed	4
Criminal Case Files under investigations	8
Criminal Case Files Closed	2
Matters taken to Court	6

### ii. The Anti-Drug Unit

The Anti-Drug Unit is a newly established Unit following the rise on drug related cases. Presently, the most prevalent drug is *cannabis* or Indian hemp (dagga) which forms 99% of the prosecuted cases and the 1% is cocaine and heroin.

The table below presents Statistics of drug related cases and their status:

<b>Region</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Finalized Cases</b>	<b>Pending Cases</b>
Hhohho	371	346	25
Manzini	482	439	43
Shiselweni	369	320	49
Lubombo	287	255	32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1509</b>	<b>1360</b>	<b>149</b>

### iii. The Anti-Money Laundering, Transnational and Organized Crime Unit

This unit deals mainly with money laundering, terrorism, terrorism, financing and all offences related to organized crime. Most of the matters this unit deals with are heard by the High Court due to their seriousness.

The table below presents the status and number of cases handled by this unit

<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Finalized</b>	<b>Pending</b>
8	8	2	14

Drug dealing, fraud, tax evasion, and corruption are dominant predicate offences for money laundering. A significant challenge is the lack of parallel financial investigations, resulting in few money laundering cases and no terrorism financing cases before the courts. However, there has been an increase in money laundering investigations, as seen from the rise in police consultations. Consequently, the number of cases received in 2024 has increased compared to 2023. Closer collaboration with the police is needed to involve the prosecution early in investigations.

### iv. The Asset Recovery Unit (Forfeiture)

The Prevention of Organized Crimes Act 2018 extends the mandate of the DPP through the civil asset forfeiture. The objective of the Asset Recovery Unit is to deprive criminals of the profits of their crimes, intercept criminal organizations and prevent illicit financial flows, recover stolen assets or provide restitution to victims or the Government.

The table below presents the status and number of cases handled by this unit

<b>Process</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Results</b>
Enquiry files received	21	2 returned for further investigations
Preservations	14	preservation orders granted
Forfeiture orders	9	9 forfeiture orders granted



## PROPERTY PRESERVED

- Cash in the sum of; R229, 336.70 and USD\$2594.
- 7 motor vehicles.
- Household furniture.
- 9 immovable properties.

## PROPERTY FORFEITED

- Cash in the sum of; R257, 627.
- 8 motor vehicles.
- Household furniture.
- 4 immovable properties.

### v. The Computer and Cyber Crimes Unit

This unit is responsible for computer and cyber-crime related offences. It is also responsible for facilitating the issuance of the Certificate of Approval by the Minister of Information Communication and Technology in line with the Electronic Records (Evidence) Act No. 6 of 2009 and Regulation 4 of the Electronic Records (Approved Process) Regulations, 2010 for the purposes of presenting digital and electronic evidence in Court. During this period, the Unit received seven (7) requests from the police for issuance of the Certificate of Approval by the Minister of Information Communication, Technology, which were, processed which were processed, and the Certificates issued.

The Table below presents Statistics of cybercrime related cases and their status:

Region	Reported cases	Finalized cases	Pending cases
Hhohho	0	0	0
Manzini	41	0	41
Shiselweni	1	1	0
Lubombo	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>42</b>

**vi. Environmental Crimes and Stock Theft Unit**

This Unit is responsible for prosecuting stock theft offences, poaching or other game related offences as well as crimes relating to plant life. The most prevalent offences are game and stock theft.

The table below presents the status report of environmental crimes and stock theft crimes being handled by the various courts in the country:

Magistrate court	Crime	Brought forward	Received	Completed	Pending
Manzini	Game act	0	1	0	1
	Stock theft	0	40	29	11
Siteki	Game act	0	6	4	2
	Stock theft	0	6	4	2
Simunye	Game act	0	53	33	20
	Stock theft	0	1	0	1
	Fresh water	0	1	0	1
	Flora	0	1	0	1
Piggs peak	Game act	0	1	1	0
	Stock theft	0	6	0	6
	Mines & minerals	0	4	3	1
Siphofaneni	Game act	1	5	4	2
	Stock theft	3	10	4	9
Big bend	Game act	0	13	6	7
	Stock theft	0	7	2	5
Mbabane	Game act	0	3	0	3
	Stock theft	0	35	1	34
Shiselweni	Game act	0	13	4	9
	Stock theft	0	36	3	33
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>148</b>

**vii. Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance Unit**

Eswatini is a signatory to international instruments and therefore the country is obliged to receive and process extradition requests from other member states. The country also sends requests to foreign jurisdictions in terms of the Extradition Act of 1968 and Criminal (Mutual Legal Assistance).

## EXTRADITION

The table below presents the status of extradition cases:

	New cases	carryover	Finalised/fugitives surrendered	Pending
Outgoing	3	27	0	30
Incoming	1	2	1	2

## MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

The table below presents the status of mutual legal assistance cases:

	New cases	Carryover	Finalized/Responses Received	Pending
Out going	4	39	0	43
Incoming	2	10	1	11

### viii. The Fraud and Commercial Crimes Unit

This Unit is the prosecution of the general crime of fraud and related offences which include tax offences. This unit works closely with the Bankers Association (BA), the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS), the Eswatini Revenue Service (ERS) and the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA).

The table presents the status of fraud and commercial crime cases:

Region /Magistrates Court	Crime	Brought forward	Received	Completed	Pending
Shiselweni Nhlanguano	Fraud	3	2	1	1
	C/S 35 FSRA ACT		2	2	0
	Theft by false Presences	1	10	4	6

Lubombo	Fraud	1	2	0	2
	Theft by false		4	1	3
Pigs Peak	Forgery		1	1	0
Mbabane	Fraud	2	8	8	0
	Uttering		21	21	0
	Theft by false presences		8	3	5
	Forgery		3	3	0
	Income Tax Order		3	3	0
	Value Added Tax		5	5	0
	BMDs Act		3	3	0
Manzini	Fraud	5	2	0	2
	Theft by false pretenses	4	4	4	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>23</b>

Most fraud accused are out on bail, and their legal representatives often delay setting or finalizing trial dates. Legal representatives frequently absent themselves without explanation, forcing judicial officers to postpone matters due to the accused's constitutional right to legal representation. This results in delays in trial scheduling and finalization. Despite this persistent issue, we strive to set trial dates and finalize cases.

#### ix. The General Crimes Unit

The main function of this Unit is to ensure the efficient indictment and prosecution of criminal matters in all courts in the country. These offences include the most prevalent offences in the country amongst which are the following; murder, culpable homicide, attempted murder, robbery, housebreaking and theft. This unit is actively involved in the prosecution of bail, reviews and appeals from the subordinate courts.

The table below presents the status of cases handled by the unit:-

Name of court	B/f from the previous quarter	Registered cases	Completed cases	Pending/backlog cases
Supreme court	62	133	41	154
High court	241	262	12	250
Bails –high court	34	1111	538	607
Appeals from magistrates' court	7	14	2	19
Mbabane magistrate	86	1568	1021	633
Manzini magistrate	5312	7780	1185	11907
Siphofaneni (general crimes)	0	61	44	17
Siteki Magistracy	6	724	627	103
Simunye magistracy	0	276	247	29
Big bend magistracy	23	48	37	34
Nhlangano magistracy	0	622	523	99
Pigg's peak magistracy	245	698	530	413

The majority of cases that have been reported and prosecuted in the regions consist of robbery, house breaking, and theft, with murder being the next most prevalent. Many murder cases arise from violent incidents, such as bar brawls, while others are a result of disputes within romantic relationships.

#### x. The Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Unit

This unit is responsible for the effective prosecution of sexual, domestic violence, People trafficking and people smuggling offences and offences involving children in all the courts of Eswatini. The unit supervises the operations of the three One Stop centres in the country which are based in 3 hospitals in the country. The unit also sensitise and train stakeholders on new and existing laws pertaining to the above mentioned offences. These include Prosecutors, Police and other partners in the criminal Justice system.

The table below represents sexual offences and domestic violence cases including Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling and offences involving children:

MAGISTRATE COURT	OFFENCE	Brought Forward	REGISTERED	FINALISED	PENDING
<b>Pigg's Peak</b>	SODV S3 (Rape)	-	61	20	41
	SODV S77 (Domestic Violence)	123	155	139	16
	SODV S6 (Sexual Harassment)	-	2	2	0
	SODV S48	-	5	3	2
<b>Mbabane</b>	SODV Cases	11	144	119	36
<b>Shiselweni</b>	SODV S3 (Rape)	0	1	0	1
	SODV S77 (Domestic Violence)	0	46	25	21
	SODV S5 (Sexual Assault)	0	0	0	0
	SODV S37 (Inspiring the belief of Sexual Assault)	0	0	0	0
<b>Big Bend</b>	SODV S3 (Rape)	0	0	0	0
	SODV S77 (Domestic Violence)	6	26	16	16
	SODV S5 (Sexual Assault)	2	5	1	6
<b>Manzini</b>	SODV Cases (Not specified)	2261	3168	4063	1360
<b>Siphofaneni</b>	SODV S3 (Rape)	0	14	5	9
	SODV S77 (Domestic Violence)	0	55	15	12
	SODV S5 (Sexual Assault)	-	-	-	-
<b>Simunye</b>	SODV S3 (Rape)	0	11	0	11
	SODV S48 (sexual Harassment)	0	2	1	1
	SODV S77 (Domestic Violence)	0	109	89	20
<b>Siteki</b>	SODV S3 (Rape)	0	16	0	16
	SODV S42 (Abduction)	0	1	1	0
	SODV S77 (Domestic Violence)	0	60	51	9
	SODV S5 (Sexual Assault)	0	2	2	0

## Statistics from One-Stop Centres

The table below represents sexual offences and domestic violence cases involving children received in the two centres:

	Received Cases	
	Manzini	Mbabane
Sexual Assault	198	438
Physical Abuse	38	23
Emotional Abuse	141	2
Financial Abuse	30	0
Neglect	5	0
Other	4	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>465</b>

### Notes

Manzini One Stop Centre received a total of 416 cases. The most prevalent age group was 25 years and above, and common cases were of sexual abuse. On another note, Mbabane received 465 cases. The most prevalent age group is between 13 to 18 years, and common cases were of sexual abuse.

## Maintenance Cases

Station	Received Cases
Siteki	95
Mbabane	182
Pigg's Peak	31
Simunye	8

## 4.4 CHALLENGES

- Shortage of motor vehicles both at the Head Quarters and Magistrate's courts, thus grounding a substantial number of activities in the department including:
  - Inability to secure witnesses for court /non delivery of court processes.
  - Inability to attend circuit courts.

- Inadequate experts in certain fields of law continue to hamper the delivery of certain services occasioned Hiring Freeze Circular;

## **5.0 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

### **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

The office of the Attorney General is established in terms of section 77 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini Act, 2005 and Law Officers Act, 1966. The Attorney General is the Principal Legal Advisor to the Eswatini Government.

### **FUNCTIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

- Draft all government bills to be presented in Parliament;
- Draw or peruse agreements, contracts, treaties, conventions and documents, by whatever name called, to which the Government is a party or in respect of which the government has an interest;
- Represent the Government in the courts or in the legal proceedings to which the Government is a party;
- Advise the king on matters of law or any matter relating to any function vested in the King;
- Advise king's Advisory bodies or Emabandla
- Be available for consultations with the Director of Public Prosecutions in certain matters;
- Assist Ministers in piloting bills in Parliament and provide guidance in legal matters in Parliament.

### **STRUCTURE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

The office of the Attorney General has four Sections. These are:

- The Legislative Drafting,
- Litigation,
- Agreements and Opinion,
- And Law Reform Unit.



## 5.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

### A) Legislative Drafting Section

This section is responsible for drafting Bills and subsidiary legislation. The section is also responsible for statutory interpretation, advising on legislative process and legal issues. And, it is also responsible for drafting: Legal Notices and General Notices. The section is also responsible for statutory interpretation, advising on legislative process, revision of statutes including the publication of editions of the Statute book.

The table below presents statistics on legislations drafted and published by the unit during the reporting period:

LEGISLATION	STATISTICS
Acts of Parliament Published	6
Bills passed by Parliament	13
Regulations published	19
Bills drafted	24
Legal Notices published	100
General Notices published	44

*List of acts and bills is attached at schedule A*

### B) LITIGATION SECTION

This section is responsible for civil litigation of cases and rendering advice and opinions to different Ministries, departments and Chiefs. It is also responsible for vetting and drafting agreements between Government and other organizations. The Civil cases that the litigation section deals with are as following:

- I. Actions Proceedings for or against Government
- II. Applications proceedings for or against Government.

The table below presents statistics on activities implemented by the section during the quarter under review:-

<b>NEW FILES/ CASES</b>	<b>STATISTICS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action proceedings</li> <li>• Letters of demand against government</li> <li>• Letters of demand by government</li> <li>• Application Proceedings (Notice of Motions/Application to Court)</li> </ul>	152 64 9 1114
Completed Cases	446
Pending Cases in different court proceedings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting hearing dates</li> <li>• Awaiting Judgments</li> </ul>	830

The table below presents number of cases handled in the different courts:

<b>Courts</b>	<b>No. of Cases</b>
Supreme Court	31
High Court	952
Industrial Court	70
Industrial Court of Appeal	14
Magistrate's Court	199
Conciliation Mediation & Arbitration Commission	6
Traditional Institutions	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1282</b>

### **C) AGREEMENTS & OPINIONS SECTION**

This section is responsible for vetting and drafting agreements between Government and other organizations. It is also responsible for rendering advice and opinions to different Ministries and departments, and in certain circumstances other arms of Government.

The table below presents vetted agreements and requested opinions from various Ministries:

<b>MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>AGREEMENTS</b>	<b>OPINIONS</b>
King's Office	6	
Prime Minister's Office		1

Deputy Prime Minister's Office	9	
Ministry of Natural Resources & Energy	12	<b>2</b>
Ministry of Agriculture	22	
Ministry of Commerce	12	1
Ministry of Education	6	3
Ministry of Economic Planning	5	
Ministry of Finance	6	4
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	12	3
Ministry of Health	19	3
Ministry of Home Affairs	15	3
Ministry of ICT	14	2
Ministry of Justice & Constitutional Affairs	17	3
Ministry of Tinkhundla	7	3
Ministry of Urban Housing and Development	4	4
Ministry of Labour and Social Security	11	
Ministry of Defence	3	
Ministry of Natural Resources	12	2
Ministry of Public Works	22	1
Ministry of Tourism	9	1
Ministry of Sports	3	
Judiciary	14	
His Majesty's Correctional Service	14	1
Cabinet Office	19	2
Anticorruption Commission	5	4
Election and Boundaries Commission	1	1
Civil Service Commission		3
National Commissioner of Police	2	1
Parliament	6	
Accountant General	2	
Auditor General	4	
Master of the High Court		5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>52</b>

## **D) LAW REFORM UNIT**

The Law Reform Unit is responsible for the reform, revision and development of the laws through different activities such as planning, research, consultations with different stakeholders, writing reports and making recommendations. This includes alignment of Statutes with the Constitution (identifying laws that are obsolete, spent and require repeal).

The following activities have been undertaken by the Unit -

- Completed updating and revision the statute of Eswatini, the period 2020-2023 for publication of the latest edition of the Statutes of Eswatini ( Statute Book)
- Collection of information and conduct of research on areas of law that require law reform.
- Consultation Papers on the law of domicile and guardianship developed.
- Issues Paper developed.
- Law Revision of Statute Book updated to 2024 completed

## **5.3 CHALLENGES**

- Increase in printing costs for Government
- Inadequate experts in certain fields of law continue to hamper the delivery of certain services;

## **6.0 COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/INTEGRITY (CHRP)**

### **6.1 INTRODUCTION**

The Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration (CHRP) is established in terms of Section 163 Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini. The Commission has a multi-pronged mandate as articulated in Section 164 and 243 of the Constitution. To this end, the Commission is a hybrid institution which not only performs the functions of a National Human Rights Institution and a Public Administration (Ombudsman) but also performs an Integrity Commission.

### **FUNCTIONS OF CHRP**

The functions of the Commission are articulated in Sections 164 and 243 of the Constitution and are as follows:

- Prevention, promotion, and monitoring of human rights violations through promoting and fostering the rule of law and good governance. Where the violation has occurred, the Commission has a duty to take steps to ensure that there is remedy in that situation;
- Ensuring that human rights and freedoms are respected and that the leadership code of conduct is implemented, which includes processing of declarations and assets;
- Investigating complaints of injustice, corruption, abuse of power in office and unfair treatment of any person by a public officer in the exercise of official duties.

### **STRUCTURE OF THE CHRP**

As prescribed in section 163(2) of the Constitution, the Commission is made up of Commissioner and two Deputy Commissioners. The Constitution also provides that the Commission shall be staffed with adequate staff to discharge the Commissions mandate.

Currently there are only 8 staff members a far cry from the ideal staff compliment necessary for the functions.

## 6.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

### 6.2.1 Access to the Commission

The Commission addressed 183 complaints this year, with the majority being walk-ins. The Hhohho region had the highest number of complaints at 44%, followed by Manzini at 32%, Shiselweni at 15%, and Lubombo at 9%. Many clients from Lubombo and Shiselweni reported their concerns through relatives in Mbabane or while conducting other business there, indicating barriers to direct access in those regions. This highlights the need for the Commission to decentralize its services to enhance accessibility and engagement for citizens across all regions.

The table below shows the distribution of clients by region and gender:

Region	Male	Female	Total
Hhohho	22	58	80
Manzini	17	42	59
Shiselweni	9	18	27
Lubombo	6	11	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>183</b>

### 6.2.3 Monitoring and reporting on human rights

The Commission investigated the unlawful demolition of two homes by a farm owner at Mbondzela farm in the Shiselweni region. The investigation aimed to determine the validity of the allegations regarding the demolitions and revealed that there was no court order authorizing these actions, rendering them unlawful. Consequently, the Commission has engaged the legal representatives of both parties involved and is actively monitoring the situation to ensure the protection of their respective rights.

Additionally, the Commission received a complaint from refugees at the Malindza reception centre and subsequently approached the Commissioner of refugees, who undertook to conduct an internal investigation into the matter. A multi-sectoral team of investigators has been set up, and the investigations are ongoing. The Commission is monitoring the situation closely.

In addition to monitoring pending human rights complaints, the Commission conducts media monitoring to document human rights and public administration issues and violations reported. This is done with a view to implementing strategic interventions and

raising public awareness. During the year, the Commission recorded 13 incidents reported by both print and electronic media and intervened in two cases.

#### **6.2.4 Declarations under the Integrity Commission**

The integrity mandate is crucial in ensuring that public officials demonstrate transparency and accountability in their roles. The Commission remains committed to raising awareness and facilitating the declaration of assets and liabilities by relevant officials. This year, sixty-four (64) officials successfully made their declarations in accordance with the Constitution. This includes 8 Ministers, 39 Members of the House of Assembly, and 17 Members of the House of Senate. This represents a significant improvement from the previous quarter and is a positive indication of the leaders' commitment to fulfilling their constitutional obligations.

#### **6.2.5 Contributions to Bills**

The Commission plays a vital role in ensuring that proposed laws and policies are in alignment with human rights standards. In fulfilling this mandate, the Commission submitted written contributions to the House of Assembly, Justice Portfolio Committee regarding the Legal Aid Bill and the Amendment Bill to the Legal Practitioners Act. These inputs were also widely disseminated in the print media, thereby enhancing the Commission's visibility.

#### **6.2.6 Stakeholder Engagement**

Stakeholder engagement is vital for the Commission to cultivate collaborative relationships and broaden its outreach. This year, the Commission convened meetings with state and non-state actors to explore collaboration, address key issues, and raise awareness. Entities engaged include the Royal Eswatini Police, Ministry of Labour Task Team, Social Welfare Department, Children's Department, Civil Service Commission, Public Service, CANGO, FSEJ, SOS, and Umhluma Foundation.

The Commission trained about 50 teachers from the four regions on the Human Rights Based Approach to education for key and vulnerable learners, including those who are HIV positive, intersex learners, and learners heading families. Teachers were encouraged to create a conducive learning environment free from discrimination.

The Commission also trained Ministry of Health stakeholders on promoting and protecting the right to health of key populations to reduce HIV prevalence. They were encouraged to execute their duties without discrimination.

Furthermore, the Commission trained 63 human rights defenders from CSOs on domestic human rights mechanisms available for protection. This aimed to enlighten citizens on the available structures in the country for redress of human rights violations.

### **6.2.7 Community Outreach**

Outreach activities are essential in promoting the Commission's mandate and raising awareness about citizens' rights. During the course of the year, the Commission reached a total of 678 people through its outreach initiatives.

The Commission collaborated with the Disability Unit and SOS Children's Villages to commemorate International Deaf Day and launch the National Children's Foster Care Campaign in Siteki and Manzini. Through these initiatives, the Commission successfully reached 500 individuals, including children with hearing impairments, thereby enhancing awareness and fostering inclusion.

Additionally, the Commission participated in the build-up activities towards World AIDS Day, bringing awareness to the public on human rights and the role of the Commission in advancing human rights in the country. The Commission visited Dvokodweni, reaching out to 50 people, Zombodze Emuva, reaching out to 30 people, and Maphalaleni Inkhundla, sensitizing 33 members of the public.

On December 1st, the Commission joined the Ministry of Health and NERCHA in commemorating World AIDS Day at Mahlangatja. The Commission sensitized members of the public and five organizations on human rights and its role in advancing human rights in Eswatini. In total, the Commission reached out to 42 individuals, including representatives from two government ministries and three civil society organizations. During these activities, the Commission recorded seven complaints.

On December 21st, the Commission conducted a training session for 23 members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church on human rights in relation to biblical principles.

### **6.2.8 Advocacy and visibility**

To enhance visibility, the Commission issued six public comments on emerging human rights issues and partnered with the Eswatini Observer to document resolved complaints. These stories will be published as newspaper articles and short videos on social media.

The Commission hosted two radio programs on EBIS-SiSwati Channel, sharing information on human rights and public administration. A press briefing was held for the International



Day of Universal Access to Information, featured in SiSwati and English news bulletins for EBIS, Eswatini TV, and Channel YeMaswati.

During the 16 Days of Activism, the Commission issued a GBV statement in print media and created a voice-over advert on EBIS. A statement on Human Rights Day was published in three print media outlets. The Commission also participated in a podcast by the Southern African Litigation Centre (SALC) and appeared on the Letishisako radio program and Kusile Breakfast Show to discuss Human Rights Day.

### 6.2.9 Assessment of Correctional Facilities

The Commission, in partnership with the DPP's office, conducted an assessment of the state of pre-trial detainees concerning the progress of their court cases. A launch event was held, attended by stakeholders in the criminal justice system, including the Commissioner General, the DPP's office, Magistrates, and the Law Society.

During the exercise, the Commission visited nine correctional facilities and reached out to 166 pre-trial detainees. The table below illustrates the causes of delays and the number of inmates affected in each category.

CAUSE/REASON FOR DELAY	NUMBER OF INMATES AFFECTED
Pending Committals	259
Committals	44
Awaiting judgment or sentencing at High Court from the Magistrate Courts	12
Expired Contracts	22
Awaiting judgment & sentencing at High Court	3
Pending/ on-going at High Court	6
Pending/on-going trials at the Magistrate Courts	59
Awaiting judgment and sentencing at Magistrate Courts	2
Vulamasango and MYPC	57
Criminal mental health centre	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>466</b>

### **6.2.10 Human Rights Day**

On the 10 December, the Commission commemorated the International Human Rights Day. The Commission created its theme "Fostering collaboration in advancing Human Rights in Eswatini" which aligns with the *Nkwe* principle which calls for a coordinated and swift measures to improve service delivery. The Commission also took this day to commemorate its 15 year anniversary where it reflected on its achievements, progress and challenges as well as its plans for the future.

The highlight of the day was a panel discussion which comprised of SiSwati experts who engaged in discussions on Swazi cultural practices that align and advance human rights principles including the respect for women and children which could also safeguard issues of gender based violence on women.

## **6.4 CHALLENGES**

- Inadequate human and financial resources, which are insufficient for its extensive mandate, along with the shortage of Commissioners that hampers decision-making.

## 7.0 BUDGET PERFORMANCE FOR HEAD 46

The table below indicates the actual expenditure incurred under Head 46:

Item	Estimated ( E)	Released ( E)	Expenditure ( E)	Variance ( E)	Variance %
00 - CTA Charges	2 653 609	3 553 608	3 369 370	184 238	5
01- Personnel Costs	53 975 235	53 774 727	59 685 922	(5 911 195)	(11)
02- Travel, Transport & Communication	2 825 839	5 975 839	2 552 694	3 423 145	57
04- Professional Services	30 128 113	18 558 113	6 570 855	11 987 258	66
06 - Consumables	1 197 696	4 347 696	1 880 696	2 466 999	57
07 – Durable materials and equipment	450 000	4 820 000	1 701 894	3 118 106	65
10- Grants and Subsidies- Internal	646 750	646 748	646 748	0	0
11- Grants and subsidies- External	196 201	162 000	162 000	0	0
Project-G63299	6 950 000	6 124 779	6 124 779	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,023,443</b>	<b>97 963 510</b>	<b>82 695 958</b>	<b>15 268 551</b>	<b>16</b>

The Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs was allocated an overall budget of E99 023 443-00 for the financial year 2024/2025. E97 963 510-00 was released of which E82 695 958-00 was utilized by December 2024. The expenditure consists of actual expenditure and committed amounts. In the overall estimated budget is a capital budget of E6 950 000 which was for the Electronic Case Management System project.

The ministry has settled outstanding EPTC bills and is awaiting the re-connection of the lines. The available funds will primarily be used to settle MTN and Eswatini Mobile bills, as indicated under item 02. For professional services (item 04), there were fewer cases requiring advocates, and no extradited witnesses needed for covert operations. Regarding consumables (item 06), most payments are in process, and we are awaiting deliveries, which should result in a decrease in the figures.

## **8.0 ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION**

### **8.1 INTRODUCTION**

The Elections and Boundaries Commission was established in terms of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini Chapter VII Part 1(c) Section 90 mainly to oversee and supervise the registration of voters and ensure fair and free elections at primary, secondary or other level. Over and above this mandate the commission entrusted with the review of Tinkhundla boundaries every fourth year of Parliament in preparation for elections.

### **FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION**

- oversee and supervise the registration of voters and ensure fair and free elections
- facilitate civic and voter education in between elections
- review and determine Tinkhundla boundaries for the purposes of elections
- Perform such other functions as may be prescribed
- Produce periodic reports in respect of work done.

### **8.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES**

During the second quarter of financial year 2024/25 the commission was able to achieve the following activities.

#### **CIVIC AND VOTER EDUCATION**

The Commission conducted civic and voter education across the country. This was done in selected sectors owing to limited budget. This included Imbali during the Umhlanga annual reed dance, learners who visited EBC and the general public in selected public gatherings.

#### **CAPACITY BUILDING**

The Commission and the Secretariat, with the support from Government and Development Partners were capacitated in the following programmes:

- Induction programme for newly appointed civil servants at the Eswatini Institute of Management and Public Administration (EIMPA).
- Orientation training for newly appointed Commissioners of Electoral Management Bodies held in the Republic of Zambia.
- International Political Campaign programme held in the Republic of South Africa.

- Training for leaders, financial managers, procurement officers, Human Resources professionals and Personal Assistants
- Capacity building on National Data Protection.
- International Political Campaign.

## **OBSERVER MISSIONS**

The Commission attended the following Observer Missions:

- Presidential, Legislative and Provincial elections in the Republic of Mozambique.
- Led observations for SADC-ECF in respect of elections for National Assembly Observation in the Republic of Mauritius.
- Attended General and Provincial elections in the Republic of South Africa under the auspices of SADC Electoral Observer Mission (SEOM) and ECF-SADC Observer Mission.
- General Elections in the Republic of Madagascar under the SEOM.
- General Elections in the Republic of Botswana under SEOM and ECF-SADC.
- National and Presidential Elections in the Republic of Namibia under SEOM and ECF-SADC.

## **ECF-SADC**

The Commission affiliates with the ECF-SADC and EBC Eswatini as a member of the Executive Committee (EXCO) it allowed them to attend and host such meetings, which included:

- The Successful hosting of an Executive Committee and CEOs (EXCO) meeting for ECF-SADC whose aim was to share information and promote the development and adherence to standards essential in ensuring democracy and good political governance as well as preparing for the Annual General Conference for all Member Commissions.
- Attended the ECF-SADC 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Conference in the Republic of Seychelles.
- Was elected to be an Executive Member for ECF-SADC.

## **ELECTIONS**

Finalised the report for the 2023 General Election, it is currently undergoing the printing process and will subsequently be submitted to the relevant authorities.

### 8.3 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT

The table below indicates the actual expenditure incurred in the period under review:

Item	Budget Allocated	Released	Actual Expenditure	variance	variance %
00 - CTA Charges	2,293,919	2,293,918	73,893	2,214,024	97
01- Personnel Costs	13,047,152	12,520,987	10,281,382	2,239,604	18
02- Travel, Transport & Communication	1,973,781	5,073,781	3,544,886	857,716	17
04- Professional Services	7,819,287	4,419,287	626,212	3,793,074	86
06 - Consumables	1,497,231	1,497,231	753,937	655,900	44
07 – Durable materials and equipment	0.00	300,000	00.00	300,000	100
11- Grants and Subsidies-External	530,350	530,350	459,780	70,570	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,161,720</b>	<b>26,635,554</b>	<b>15,740,091</b>	<b>10,130,890</b>	<b>38</b>

#### CTA Charges

This item reflects a positive variance of 97%, this is where the Commission spends on the car hire services and other CTA charges. The spending is within the allocated budget.

#### 01 Personal Cost

This item attracted a positive variance of 18%, this is where payment of salaries and allowances of the department are effected. The expenditure is within the approved budget.

#### 04 Professional Services and Utilities

The item shows a positive variance of 86%. This is where the Commission caters for hospitality services, utilities and various contracts of the department. The positive variance might change before the end of the financial year due to a number of pending payments incurred.

## **06 Consumable**

The item reflects a positive variance of 44%. This is where the Commission procures consumables like office stationery and other miscellaneous materials. The expenditure will be utilised before the end of the financial year.

## **8.5 CHALLENGES**

- **Inability to fill vacancies:** The Commission's Human Resources Unit is dysfunctional following the promotion and redeployment of the officer who was running the unit. Efforts to request a replacement of the officer have been futile. This has greatly affected the operations of the Commission.
- **Financial constraints:** The Commission is not able to fully execute its mandate due to financial constraints as they are expected to deliver quality electoral processes on a very stringent budget.
- **Inability to review the organisational structure:** The organisational structure of the Commission is not suited to adequately deal with emerging challenges associated with running elections. It is the worst in the SADC region and efforts to address this challenge with the Ministry of Public Service have been futile.
- **Lack of relevant officers to execute critical responsibilities:** The Commission only has one (1) accountant responsible for a budget that is almost half a Billion Emalangeni during General Elections. The officer's position is not fully capacitated to handle an assignment of this magnitude. In addition, the Commission does not have a transport officer to effectively manage the fleet. Conversely, the second largest portion of the budget during General Elections is channelled towards CTA charges. This makes it fundamental to effectively manage the Commission's fleet and tighten controls.

## 9.0 ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) is a law enforcement institution established by the Prevention of Corruption Act, 2006. It was re-established into operation in 2008.

### FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

The ACC has a three pronged legal mandate of:

- **Prevention:** Examine practices and procedures and advise on ways of preventing corruption
- **Education:** Educating the public and private bodies and the general public on the forms and dangers of Corruption
- **Investigation:** Receive and investigate complaints of alleged or suspected corrupt practices made against any person, and refer appropriate cases to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

### STRUCTURE

The Commission is headed by the Commissioner who is assisted by two Deputy Commissioners, one heading Operations and the other Administration.

### 9.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

#### 9.2.1 INVESTIGATION SECTION

This Section investigates any alleged or suspected cases of corruption, any other offences disclosed during such investigation and contraventions of any of the provisions of the fiscal and revenue laws of the country as set out in the Prevention of Corruption Act (POCA) of 2006. The ACC is also tasked with the investigation of money laundering and financing of terrorism in accordance with the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism Prevention Act of 2011 as amended.



The Commission successfully hosted five (5) SADC countries for an Anti-Corruption Expo and Study Tour for a period of four (4) days. The activities involved combined awareness raising on corruption and Exhibition.

The following statistic had been recorded by the close of the reporting period:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Investigations</b>
Investigations B/F from previous year		<b>251</b>
Received & registered Complaints	98	
There was a total of 98 received complaints How the complaints 98 complaints were processed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declined for investigation = <b>0</b></li> <li>• Converted into investigations = <b>93</b></li> <li>• Referred to other agencies (e.g. Police, Human Rights, Min of Labour) <b>3</b></li> <li>• Referred to Prevention= <b>0</b></li> <li>• Frivolous complaints = <b>2</b></li> <li>• Pending processing = <b>0</b></li> </ul>	<b>93</b>	
Investigations referred to Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).	6	
Investigations Closed for lack of evidence	87	-
<b>Balance of cases under Investigations</b>		<b>251</b>

Since strengthening of operations, six cases has been finalized currently in the court system. A total of 87 cases were investigated and concluded, which were eventually closed. Additionally, two money laundering cases were investigated and finalized. Three cases were referred to other agencies, and two were declined for investigation as they were deemed frivolous.

## 9.2.2 PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

This section promotes public understanding of corruption and encourages society to take positive action against such practices. The Prevention and Education sections undertook the following activities:

- **Corruption Awareness Training/Campaigns:** Conducted 14 training sessions for both public and private bodies. Hosted six radio shows on Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services, three television interviews, and published 20 television messages. These covered training on international instruments on corruption and methodologies for corruption prevention. Face-to-face interactions reached 1,205 people, excluding radio and television audiences.
- **Collaboration with SADC Anti-Corruption Agencies:** Hosted five anti-corruption agencies and 500 delegates from Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe through a SADC Anti-Corruption Expo and Educational tour. Signed MOUs with the Special Investigating Unit of South Africa, Eswatini Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESSPRA), and the Internal Audit Office.
- **National Anti-Corruption Policy Development:** the Commission is developing a National Anti-Corruption Policy. National consultations have been finalized, and the document is expected to be completed in the current financial year.

## 9.3 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT

The overall appropriated budget for the financial year **2024/2025** was **E24, 778,816.00**. The released and approved Third Quarter budget allocation was **E18, 020,494.00**. However, by the end of the Third Quarter, **E10, 640,065.73** was the total amount spent, leaving a variance of **E7, 380,428.27** which equals to **59%**.

The table below shows the total annual appropriated budget, actual expenditure and the variance reflected against each reporting item;

ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED (E)	RELEASED (E)	ACTUAL (E)	VARIANCE (E)	VARIANCE (%)
002	352,834.00	1,014,624.00	969,127.99	45,496.01	4
01	12,985,392.00	9,739,044.00	8,017,169.04	1,721,874.96	17
02	366,463.00	1,057,147.00	794,507.36	262,639.64	24
04	10,993,026.00	5,916,711.00	642,594.34	5,274,116.66	89
06	81,101.00	292,968.00	216,667.00	76,301.00	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,778,816.00</b>	<b>18,020,494.00</b>	<b>10,640,065.73</b>	<b>7,380,428.27</b>	<b>41</b>

#### Item 002: CTA Charges

The total released budget for CTA charges as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 was E1,014,624.00 and the actual spent amounted to E969,127.99 resulting in a positive variance of E45,496.01, which is 4% under expenditure.

#### Item 04: Professional Services

The total released budget for this budget item as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 was **E5,916,711.00** and the actual spent was **E642,594.34** giving a positive variance of **E5,274,116.66** which is **89%** under expenditure.

#### Item 02: Communication & Travel Costs

The total released budget for this budget item as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 was **E1,057,147.00** and the actual expenditure amounted to **E794,507.36**, resulting in a positive variance of **E262,639.64** which is **24%** under expenditure.

## 9.4 CHALLENGES

**Depreciated ACC fleet:** The ACC has only five (7) functional cars and this affects delivery of results in operations.

**Human Resource:** ACC has (31) vacant positions. As noted, human resource shortage remained a major bottleneck affecting delivery of results. However, the Commission has requested Public Service to fill some key positions.

## 10.0 JUDICIARY

### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

Judiciary is responsible for the administration of justice through the various courts and the administration of estates.

### STRUCTURE OF THE JUDICIARY

Judiciary is responsible for the administration of Justice, the upholding of the rule of law and the administration of estates. The Judiciary carries out its constitutional responsibilities through the following departments: -

- i) The Supreme Court which is the final appellate court in the land and hears appeals from the High Court.
- ii) The High Court which has both review and appellate jurisdiction; it reviews cases from Magistrates Courts and from the Industrial Court. The High Court hears appeals from Magistrates' Courts.
- iii) The Office of the Master of the High Court is responsible for the administration of deceased's estates, liquidation of companies and insolvent estates.
- iv) The Industrial Court of Appeal, which hears appeals from the Industrial Court.
- v) Industrial Court which is responsible for the hearing of labour disputes.
- vi) The Magistracy, which constitutes the Courts of first instance in all matters, both civil and criminal, but not those which are the exclusive preserve of Swazi National Courts, Industrial Court and the High Court.
- vii) The office of the Judicial Commissioner which is responsible for the Swazi National Courts.

## 10.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

The table below provide statics on the status of court cases under the reporting period:

<b>Name of Court</b>	<b>Registered Cases</b>	<b>B/F from the previous quarter</b>	<b>Completed Cases</b>	<b>Pending /Backlog Cases</b>
<b>Supreme Court</b>				
Civil Jurisdiction	114	49	125	38
Criminal Jurisdiction	62	14	39	40
<b>High Court</b>				
Civil Jurisdiction	2 114	1 203	1001	2 316
Criminal Jurisdiction	662	374	513	523
<b>Appeals from the Magistrates' Court</b>	578	703	299	892
<b>Reviews from the Magistrates' Court</b>	10 800	12 573	18 784	6 950
<b>Industrial Court of Appeal</b>	23	20	26	17
<b>Industrial Court</b>	302	831	421	1 252
<b>Manzini Magistracy</b>				
Civil Jurisdiction	10 182	4	3247	6 939
Criminal Jurisdiction	5 739	4 281	4 759	5 261
<b>Mbabane Magistracy</b>				
Civil Jurisdiction	2 248	1050	2 213	1085
Criminal Jurisdiction	831	759	1107	483
<b>Lubombo Magistracy</b>				
Civil Jurisdiction	591	431	841	81
Criminal Jurisdiction	2 985	572	2 653	904
<b>Shiselweni Magistracy</b>				
Civil Jurisdiction	936	91	793	54

Criminal Jurisdiction	932	602	740	794
<b>Pigg's Peak Magistracy</b>				
Civil Jurisdiction	251	50	211	90
Criminal Jurisdiction	867	165	806	226
<b>Small Claims Court</b>				
Manzini	861	422	837	446
Mbabane	348	55	276	127
Pigg's Peak	145	115	124	136
Siteki	338	207	292	205
Nhlangano	581	342	538	385

### 10.3 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

#### RECURRENT PERFORMANCE REPORT

The table presents the budget performance in the period under review:

CONTROL ITEM	ANNUAL BUDGET	RELEASED	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	VARIANCE	VARIANCE%
00-CTA CHARGES	2,116,874.00	1587,651.00	1,143,199.85	444,45.15	27.99
01-PERSONNEL COSTS	53,135,948.18	39,282,221.00	46,606,052.10	(7,323,831.10)	(18.64)
02 -TRAVEL & COMMUNICATION	6,312,010.00	6,697,491.00	5,634,579.39	1,062,911.61	15.87
04-PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL SERVICE	20,692,552.00	25,331,825.00	15,764,124.20	9,567,700.80	37.77
05-RENTAL OF BUILDINGS	14,265,000.00	3,532,500.00	983,871.00	2,548,629.00	72.15
06-CONSUMABLES	4,454,643.00	2,920,935.00	656,022.80	2,264,912.20	77.54
07-DURABLES	9,500,000.00	7,529,058.00	2,445,450.67	5,083,607.33	67.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110,477,027.18</b>	<b>86,881,681.00</b>	<b>73,233,300.01</b>	<b>13,648,380.99</b>	<b>18.64</b>

## **CONTROL ITEM-01 PERSONNEL COST**

Unfavorable variance of -18%.which indicate that budget allocated to this item is not enough for the Judiciary. The 1% once -off payment of annual salary across the board for the financial year 2024/2025 that was implemented December 2024 had also made the variance to be more unfavorable.

## **CONTROL ITEM-02 TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATION**

Although we have a favorable variance, funds in this item are insufficient because the Judiciary, affiliates in many international bodies which requires that officials must attend conferences and workshops. Funds have to be re-allocated to cater for expenses incurred in this item.

## **CONTROL ITEM-04 PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SERVICE**

The budget allocated in this item is insufficient for the financial year. The Judiciary must provide security services for Judges and monthly expenditure is too high. At the beginning of the financial year, we also had an outstanding Judiciary advance that were paid in this item.

## **CHALLENGES**

- There is still a huge backlog of cases in all our courts caused by the shortage of personnel. Many posts need to be filled for Judges, Magistrates, Assistant Registrars, Assistant Masters, Clerks, Secretaries, Typists and Estate Examiners.
- There is an acute shortage of courtrooms causing Judges and Magistrates to share courtrooms and this leads to the backlog of cases.
- The budget of the Judiciary remains very low over many years and this greatly hampers the operations of the judiciary.
- The failure to embark on the capital projects for the construction of additional courts remains a serious impediment to the operations of the judiciary.

## 11.0 MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

### 11.1 INTRODUCTION

The Master of the High Court as an office for Justice is to administer Justice subject to the law, which law should be applied impartially, without prejudice and without fear or favour.

### FUNCTIONS

The Master of the High Court guided by the **Administration of Estates Act of 1902** and other pieces of legislation is responsible for;

- The Administration of estates of deceased and insolvent persons in accordance with the applicable statutory laws.
- The protection of the interest of minors and legally incapacitated persons.
- The protection and Administration of the funds of minors, contractually incapacitated, undermined and absent heirs, which has been paid into the Guardian's Fund.
- The supervision of the administration of Companies and close corporations in accordance with the relevant statutory laws.
- The safeguarding of all documentary material received by the Master in respect of estates, insolvencies, liquidations, trusts, etc.
- The processing of queries by executors, attorneys, beneficiaries and other interested parties.
- The appointment of impartial and capable persons as executors, trustees, curators and liquidators.



## 11.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

a) The table below shows the different activities done on deceased's estates and companies put under liquidation. The activities include but not limited to; the appointment of Executors, Curators and Liquidators. The office also resolves disputes arising amongst beneficiaries.

	HHOHHO	MANZINI	LUBOMBO	SHISELWENI	TOTAL
Deceased Estate Reported	142	102	74	29	347
Next of Kin Meetings held	102	65	61	21	249
Executors Appointed	44	41	44	17	231
Wills Registered	63	0	4	4	71
Finalized Estates	27	3	7	9	46
Pending Estates	99	65	78	11	253
Companies in Liquidation	12	-	-	-	12
Companies Finalised	0	-	-	-	0
Companies Pending	12	-	-	-	12

### (b) Guardian's Fund Account (Special Account)

- This Statutory Fund includes deposits of the Guardian's Fund, Dormant Accounts and Master's Fees of office. The current interest rate in the Guardian's Fund still remains calculated at 6.5% per annum.
- Money belonging to deceased persons emanating, *inter alia*, from gratuities and death terminal benefits amount to a total of **E 13, 809, 276.61 (Thirteen Million Eight Hundred And Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six Emalangenzi Sixty One Cents)**. These monies have been dully collected by the Master. These Funds are requisitioned in the normal government procedures, broken down as follows:

(c) Total cash collected from regional revenues	E 11, 574.00
(d) Total cash collected by Master's Office	E 8, 404, 167.33
(e) Total receipted from direct bank deposits	<u>E 5, 393, 535.28</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>E 13, 809, 276.61</u></b>

**(i) Bank Statement Balances in the Guardian's Fund Account 100016207016**

Balance brought forward as at 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	<b>E 182,906,746.02</b>
Balance for Investment as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	<b><u>E 187,651,818.15</u></b>
Increase	<b><u>E 4,745,072.13</u></b>

The balance increased by **E 4,745,072.13 (Four Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand, and Seventy-Two Emalangeni, Thirteen Cents)** because collected receipts were more than payments made in the Guardians Fund.

**(ii) Payments from Guardian's Fund Account 100016207016 & 100016207091**

(a) Payments as at 1 <sup>st</sup> October to 31 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>E 10, 194,231.60</b>
<b>(Ten Million One Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-One Emalangeni, Sixty Cents.)</b>	

The payments above have been made in respect of beneficiaries of estates using the Guardian's Fund special bank account.

**(iii) MASTER'S FEES COLLECTED ON CONCLUDED ESTATES:**

Collection from 1 <sup>st</sup> October to 31 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>E62,926.63</b>
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(iv) Interest earned on bank balance in Guardian's Fund Account	
From 1 <sup>st</sup> October to 31 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>E466,707.09</b>
<b>(Four Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seven Emalangeni Nine Cents).</b>	

#### **11.4 CHALLENGES**

They still remain the reported challenges reported in the last quarter;

- Computerisation
- Renovations of our Siteki and Hlathikhulu offices.
- Shortage of staff for all regions

## 12.0 HIS MAJESTY'S CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

### 12.1 INTRODUCTION

His Majesty's Correctional Services is mandated by the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini (2005) and the Correctional Services Act of 2017. The department's responsibilities include but not limited to the following;

- Administration of sentences imposed by legal courts of the country ;
- Safe containment of all persons committed to custody by the courts;
- Facilitating the administration of justice by the production of offenders to courts for trial;
- Rehabilitating and reformation of offenders through education, training and counselling ;
- Promoting offender's opportunities for social reintegration through after care programme;
- Actively participating in National Security activities together with other security services; and
- Taking part in Royal Close Protection Unit

The department comprises 14 centres including the Staff College and Head Office with an average of 4 315 inmates and 2 798 officer.

The budget for the department is inadequate; therefore Cost Saving Projects have been introduced. These include the following ; Bakery Unit, Tailoring for sewing in-house uniform for officers and inmates, Milling Machine, Trading Accounts for dairy and poultry. Inmates undergo several programmes as a means to facilitate their rehabilitation and enhance their social reintegration. These programmes include formal and non-formal education, vocational skills, psychosocial, and farming.

## 12.2 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

- 97 offenders were trained on building skills and 21 are registered for grade testing (building, painting, fencing, steel fixing, plumbing, electrical, refrigeration and aluminium)
- 21, 618 litres of milk has been produced.
- 12,432 chicken has been produced
- Vegetables valued at E228,184.00 has been produced
- 63 offenders were trained on different livestock farming enterprises which include broiler production, dairy production, beef production, goat production, indigenous poultry production, pig production, bee keeping, pasture management etc.
- 137 inmates were trained in different trade skills under the crop production section.

## 12.3 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT

Control Item	Estimated budget	Releases	Actual Expenditure	Variance E	Percentage (%)
00- CTA Charges	E11,916,970	E13,316,965	E13,615,289	-E298,324	-2.24%
01- Personnel Cost	E521,280,465	E505,830,940	E489,083,452	E16,747,488	3.31%
02-Communications & Travel	E7,788,252	E17,018,252	E14,384,765	E2,633,487	15.47%
03- Drugs	E1,802,556	E1,487,532	E667,766	E819,766	55.11%
04- Utility Services	E54,459,226	E60,059,226	E49,123,402	E10,935,824	18.21%
06-Consumables	E52,685,714	E53,835,714	E45,039,554	E8,796,160	16.34%
07-Durables	E5,170,070	E9,350,070	E5,340,160	E8,796,160	42.89%

### 00 CTA Charges

The over-expenditure has occurred due to insufficient fund allocation for this item. The entire budget has been exhausted, and the item is now being financed through reallocations.

### 01 Personnel Costs

The under expenditure is attributed to the department's request for an early release of funds, resulting in the disbursement of funds for the fourth quarter ahead of schedule.

### 06 Consumables

"The under expenditure is due to the awarding of the uniform tender at the end of the review period. The situation is expected to normalize as the year progresses.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT FOR 2024/25

Control Item	Estimated budget	Releases	Actual Expenditure	Variance E	Percentage (%)
P312/99 Improvement of prison Facilities	E3,000,000	E3,000,000	E3,000,000	E0.00	0
P313/99 Remote Remand	E1,000,000	E898,720	E0.00	E898,720	100
P315/99 Rehabilitation of Prisons	E20,000,000	E19,000,000	E19,000,000	E0.00	0
P338/99 Irrigation Infrastructure at Correctional Farms	E3,000,000	E0.00	E0.00	E0.00	0

#### **P312/99 – improvement of prison facilities**

This project was allocated E3,000,000.00 and funds were fully released and utilized.

#### **P313/99 – radio communication and remote remand**

This project was allocated E1,000,000.00 00 and E898,720.00 was released. A contract for the tender has been signed and the suppliers are working on delivery. Funds will be utilized as the year progresses.

#### **P315/99 – Rehabilitation of Prison**

This project was allocated E20,000,000.00 00 and E19,000,000.00 was released. The released funds have been transferred to Microproject as the implementing agent.

#### **P338/99 – irrigation infrastructure at correctional farms**

This project was allocated E3, 000,000.00 and no funds are released. . There are no funds spent pending the completion of the jobs. An award of contract has been signed and contractors are on site

## 12.4 CHALLENGES

- Insufficient budget allocation for utilities, repairs and maintenance of structure and procurement of working tools.
- Delays in the release of payments has resulted in most suppliers being reluctant to sell to the department.
- The department's structures are old and dilapidated. This is a national security threat in that mass escapes may be experienced.
- Prices of agricultural inputs greatly affect the productivity of the department

## 13.0 ESWATINI ASSOCIATION FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS – ESACRO

### 13.1 INTRODUCTION

The Eswatini Association for Crime Prevention & Rehabilitation of Offenders (ESACRO) is dedicated to addressing factors that contribute to crime, drug abuse, re-offending, and delinquency among young people in Eswatini. The organization not only focuses on individuals involved in or at risk of engaging in criminal activities but also supports street children and orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) by providing them with a daily meal, five times a week, at the Mbabane Drop-In Centre (DIC). These young individuals receive counseling to help them cope with past traumatic stress disorders, manage anger, and receive spiritual guidance. Additionally, ESACRO has plans to extend its efforts to adult inmates, depending on how they align with the organization's objectives.

### FUNCTIONS

To promote the adoption of crime prevention strategies with specific reference to young people:

- To under-take and stimulate research into the causes of Juvenile delinquency and address the causes of recidivism;
- To promote and secure the welfare of young people through the provision of rehabilitation and after-care of young offenders;
- To promote and secure the welfare of incarcerated Juveniles awaiting trials through advocacy for a fairer criminal justice system;
- To encourage community based youth income generating projects;
- To educate and encourage the public on collective responsibility in matters relating to the causes and prevention of crime, the rehabilitation and after-care of discharged prisoners and the most effective methods of treatment for offenders.

## 13.2 ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

### Mass Media and Communications:

- Annually, we begin with crime statistics from stakeholders (REPS) and discuss crime prevention measures, especially regarding school payments.
- ESACRO representatives share yearly resolutions, projects, and projections.
- Testimonials from ex-prisoners and staff, addressing issues like gangsterism, murders, shoplifting, and reintegration programs.
- Engaged HMCS on inmates' wellbeing and parole applications.
- Community police and REPS provided safety tips for the festive season.
- Bankers' association warned about cyber-crime targeting banks and bankers.
- Unpacked income-generating projects.
- Discussed the psychosocial effects of crime on offenders.

### Social Work Department Annual Report:

- **Awareness and Sensitization:** Published articles in the Eswatini Observer and pre-recorded audio for offenders on pressing issues, impacts, and solutions.
- **Giving Back to Community and Re-integration:** Conducted a clothes donation program and donated toiletries to Vulamasango in partnership with VSO. Also conducted a cleaning campaign with VSO.
- **Influence on New Laws and Research:** Participated in drafting the Crime Prevention bill with the Royal Eswatini Police Service. Noted a significant increase in theft cases involving young people and children under 15.
- **School Visits:** Partnered with ex-inmates to visit over 30 schools, raising awareness and offering psychological support.
- **Counseling Sessions:** Provided free, private, and confidential counseling for youth in conflict with the law and ex-inmates.



- **Training Program:** Officers received training from VSO at Global Village and successfully drafted a volunteer policy.
- **Client Training Program:** Secured a partnership with Likusasa Letfu Youth Employability to educate and fund clients' skills.
- **Community Visits:** Conducted visits to crime-infested areas, addressing root causes of violence, gangsterism, GBV, and substance abuse through a Man's Indaba "Sidla Inhloko."
- **Partnerships:** Forging relationships with the DPMO's Office under the Children's Welfare department to provide remedies and support.
- **Drop-In Centre Operations:** Finalizing the Memorandum of Agreement with the Municipality of Mbabane and establishing a relationship with the Children's Welfare department to support underprivileged children in Msunduzi.

The department maintains a solid relationship with the Royal Eswatini Police Service under the Crime Prevention Department (Manzini) and seeks to establish an MOU with HMCS. Despite financial challenges, we have successfully implemented the above activities.

### 13.3 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT

Notes	INCOME	Approved Budget	Actual Expenditure
1.0	Subvention	646,748	646,748
2.0	Rental Income	273,338	273,338
3.0	Other Income (VSO)	67,954	240,995
4.0	Motor Vehicle Expenses (Petty cash)	4,000	4,000
5.0	Personnel Costs	937,469	937,469
6.0	Administration Costs	31,534	31,534
7.0	Operating Cost	17,050	17,050
8.0	Professional fees	209,064	209,064
9.0	Utility services	61,734	61,734
	<b>Total Incoming resource</b>	<b>1,161,081</b>	<b>1,161,081</b>
	<b>Total outgoing expenditure</b>	<b>1,260,851</b>	<b>1,260,851</b>
	<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the yr</b>	<b>(99,770)</b>	<b>(99,770)</b>

## 13.4 CHALLENGES

- Lack of transport for facilitating social work to sensitize students, teachers and community of the challenges brought about by crime and poverty, inclusive of gender-based violence.
- Insufficient subvention
- Depilated old structures
- Lack of funding for running projects.

## 14.0 SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION

### SCHEDULE ACTS PUBLISHED

1. The Appropriation Act, 2024;
2. The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2024.
3. The Anti-Money Laundering Counter Financing of Terrorism and proliferation Financing (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2024;
4. The OPEC Fund for International Development (Mkhondvo-Ngwavuma) Water Augmentation Program Phase 1B) Loan Act, 2024;
5. African Development Bank (Mkhondvo Ngwavuma) Water Augmentation Project Phase IB Loan Act, 2024; and
6. The International fund for agricultural Productivity Enhancement and (SAPEMP) Loan Act, 2024.

### BILLS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE

1. The International Fund for Agricultural Development and Smallholder Agricultural Production Enhancement and Marketing Product (SAPEMP) Loan Bill, 2024;
2. The Legal Aid Bill, 2024;
3. The Legal Practitioners Act (Amendment Bill, 2024; and
4. The Land Concessions (Transfer) Bill, 2024;
5. The Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024;
6. African Development Bank (Mkhondvo Ngwavuma) Water Augmentation Project Phase IB Loan Bill, 2024;
7. The Law Reform and Development Bill, 2024;
8. The Nuclear Radiation Safety Bill, 2024;
9. The Companies Bill, 2024;
10. The Employment Bill, 2024;
11. The Disaster Risk Management Bill, 2024;
12. Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2024; and

13. The OPEC Fund for International Development (Mkhondvo-Ngwavuma) Water Augmentation Program Phase 1B) Loan Bill, 2024.

## **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

1. The Declaration of Fonteyn Township (Amendment) Regulation Notice, 2024
2. The Wages Regulations Notice, 2024
3. The Schools Accounting Regulations, 2024;
4. The Declaration of the Lavumisa Township (Supplementary) Regulations, 2024;
5. The Declaration of Farm No, 1329 as a Township Regulations, 2024;
6. The Declaration of Ebuhleni Township Regulations, 2024;
7. The Gaming Fees Rules, 2024;
8. The Regulations of Wages for Manufacturing and Sale of Handicraft Order, 2024;
9. The Regulation of Wages for Agricultural Industry Order, 2024;
10. The Regulations of Wages for Motor Engineering Trades, Order, 2024;
11. The Regulations of Wages for Mining and Quarrying Industry, Order, 2024;
12. The Regulations of Wages for Funeral Undertakers Industry, Order, 2024;
13. The Regulations of Wages for Micro-Money Landers, Order, 2024;
14. The Regulations of Wages for Support Employees in Schools and Educational Institutions, Order, 2024;
15. The Regulations of Wages for Pre-schools and Day-Care Centres Industry, Order, 2024;
16. The Regulations of Wages for Security Services Industry, Order, 2024;
17. The Regulations of Wages for Retail, Hairdressing, Wholesale and Distributive Trades Industry, Order, 2024;
18. The Regulations of Wages for Domestic Employees, Order, 2024; and
19. The Fixation of Water and Sewer Tariffs Regulations, 2024.

## LEGAL NOTICES:

1. The Maximum Wholesale and Retail Prices of Petroleum Products Notice, 2024;
2. The Appointment of Members of the Liquor Licensing Board Notice, 2024;
3. The Appointment of Acting Principal Secretaries Notice, 2023;
4. The Appointment of Board Members for the Hlane Town Board (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
5. Appointment of Members of the Joint River Basin Authorities Project Board Notice, 2024;
6. The Prescription of Statutory Salaries and Allowances of Emabandla, Commissions and Boards Notice, 2024;
7. Establishment and Appointment of Valuation Court Members for Mankanyane;
8. Establishment and Appointment of Valuation Court Members for Nhlangano;
9. Establishment and Appointment of Valuation Court Members for Siteki;
10. The Export and Import Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan Exim Bank) (the Construction of International Convention Centre Supplementary Loan Act, 2019
11. The Appointment of Acting Judge of the Industrial Court;
12. The Appointment of Members of the Parliamentary Service Board, 2024;
13. The Establishment of a Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Impropriety, Maladministration and Abuse of Power at the Office of The Master of the High Court (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
14. The Appointment of Members of the Road Transportation Council (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
15. The Request for Publication of the Legal Notice: The Magistrate Court Act, 1938;
16. The Prescription of Cash Threshold Reporting, Notice 2024;
17. The Appointment of Members of the Inter Agency Task Force for the prevention of People Trafficking and People Smuggling Notice, 2024;
18. The Appointment of an Alternative Member of the Industrial Court;
19. The Appointment of a Board Member of the Eswatini Electricity Company Notice, 2024;

20. The Extension of term of Office for the Board Members of the Eswatini Electricity Company Notice, 2024;
21. The Appointment of the Sectional Titles Examinations Committee Notice, 2024;
22. The Appointment of Members of the Steering Committee of the Eswatini Agriculture Development Fund Notice;
23. The Ban of Plastic Carrier Bags Notice, 2024
24. The Dipping Stock Notice, 2024;
25. The Appointment of the Board of Commissioners for Eswatini National Trust Commission (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
26. The Appointment of National Chief Defence Officer Notice, 2024;
27. The Appointment of Members of The Civil Service Commission Notice, 2024;
28. The Appointment of Members of Likoqo Council Notice, 2024;
29. The Appointment of Members of the Teaching Service Commission Notice, 2024;
30. The Appointment of Members of Ludzidzini Council Notice, 2024;
31. The Appointment of Members of the Land Management Board Notice, 2024;
32. The Appointment of Members of the Losses Committee (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
33. The Appointment of Members of the Board of Directors for Eswatini National Housing Board Notice, 2024;
34. The Control of White Maize Price Notice, 2024;
35. The Appointment of Members of the Town Planning Board (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
36. The Appointment of Members of the Minerals Management Board Notice, 2024;
37. The Appointment of Commissioner of Mines Notice, 2024;
38. The Maximum Wholesale and Retail Prices of Petroleum Products Notice, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024;
39. The Nomination of Acting Commissioner of Anti-Corruption Commission Notice, 2024;

40. The Appointment of Members of the Steering Committee of the Eswatini Agric Development Fund Notice, 2024;
41. The Appointment of the Royal Trustees Notice, 2024;
42. The Appointment of Members of the Task Team to Review the Implementation of Projects and Costing the Completion of the One Shop Building (Biotech) at the Royal Science and Technology Park Nokwane Notice, 2024;
43. The Appointment of Members of the Board for Royal Science and Technology Park Notice, 2024;
44. The Appointment of Members of the Human Settlement Authority Notice, 2024;
45. The Appointment of Members of the Sectional Titles Regulations Board Notice, 2024;
46. The Manufacture and Characteristics of the New Fifty Emalangeneni Note Notice, 2024;
47. The Date of Commencement (The Citizens Economic Empowerment, Act 2023) Notice, 2024.
48. The Appointment of Members of the Eswatini Television Authority Board (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
49. The Appointment of Members of the Tripartite Advisory Technical Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (T CUSH) Notice, 2024;
50. The Appointment of Members of the Valuation Court for Nhlanguano (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
51. The Appointment of Members of the Board for Eswatini National Petroleum Company Notice, 2024;
52. The Appointment of Acting Principal Secretaries;
53. The Appointment of Acting Principal Secretaries
54. The Appointments of Task Team: the Education, Training and Skills Development Committee;
55. The Appointment of a Task Team to investigate the state of Affairs at the University of Eswatini Notice, 2024;
56. The Appointment of National Commissioner of Police;

- 57.The Appointment of Senior Deputy National Commissioner of Police;
- 58.The Appointment of Deputy National Commissioner of Police;
- 59.The Appointment of the Members of the Audit Committee Notice, 2024;
- 60.The Appointment of Members of the Task Team to Address all Comments, Observations & Regulations made by the Supervisory Bodies of the ILO Regarding the Implementation of Connection NO. 87 and NO. 98 notice, 2024;
61. The Appointment of Members of the National Labour Migration Policy Steering Committee Notice, 2024;
- 62.The Nomination of Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission Notice, 2024
- 63.The Appointment of Members of the Examination Council of Eswatini Notice, 2024;
- 64.The Commissioning and Appointment of an Inspection into the Affairs of Piggsspeak town Council Notice, 2024;
- 65.The Extension of Boundaries for Nhlangano Township Notice, 2024;
- 66.The Maximum Wholesale and Retail Prices of Petroleum Notice, Thursday Midnight 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2024;
- 67.The Agreement between the States of Guernsey and the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini for the Exchange of Information Relating to Tax Matters Notice, 2024;
- 68.The Control of White Maize, Notice 2024;
- 69.The Appointment of Messenger of Small Claims Court for Hhohho Region Notice, 2024;
- 70.The Appointment of Chairperson and Alternate Member for the Select Committee on Rural Electrification (Score) Notice, 2024;
71. The Revision of Eswatini Statutes Notice, 2024.
- 72.The Maximum Wholesale and Retail Prices of Petroleum Products Notice, Thursday Midnight 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Notice, 2024;
- 73.The Amendment of National Advisory Committee, Notice 2024;
- 74.Gazetting of Sebenta National Institute;



75. The Amendment of Legal Notice No. 487 of 2022
76. The Appointment of Members of the Eswatini Government Tender Board (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
77. The Declaration of Ngwenya Township Extension;
78. The Declaration of Mvakwelitje Township Extension;
79. The Declaration of Malagwane Township Extension;
80. The Declaration of Manzana Township Extension;
81. The Dipping of Stock Notice, 2024
82. The Appointment of an alternate Member of the Industrial Court;
83. The Appointment of Members of the Registration of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and allied Professionals Council (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
84. The Farm Dwellers Advisory Committee Notice;
85. The Appointment of Members of the Firearms Licensing Board Notice, 2024;
86. The Rates for Discounts, Rediscounts and Advances Notice, 2024
87. The Appointment of Members of the Eswatini Gaming Board Notice, 2024;
88. The Appointment of Members of the Board of the Sebenta National Institute Notice, 2024;
89. The Appointment of Members of the Citizenship Board (Amendment) Notice, 2024;
90. The Establishment of a Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Power at the Office of the Master of the High Court (Amendment), Notice 2024;
91. The Appointment of Members of The Eswatini Higher Education Council Notice, 2024;
92. The Appointment of Acting Principal Secretaries;
93. The Exemption of Sectional Title Professionals Notice, 2024;
94. The Appointment of Labour Advisory Board Notice, 2024;
95. The Eswatini Broadcasting Act (Date of Commencement) Notice, 2024;
96. The Importation of Levy on Sugarcane Growers Notice, 2024;
97. The prescription of Statutory Salaries and Allowances of Emabandla, Commissions and Boards Notice, 2024;
98. The Control of White Maize Prices;

99. The Appointment of Members of the Eswatini Gaming Board Notice, 2024;
100. The Rates for Discounts, Rediscounts and Advances Notice, 2024.

#### **GENERAL NOTICES:**

1. Authorization of Change of Name Notice, 2024;
2. Authorization of Change of Name Notice, 2024;
3. The Term of Office of Councils Commissions, Boards and Others Notice, 2024;
4. Advertisements – Forfeiture Court Orders;
5. The Appointment of National Commissioner of Police (Extension of Term of Office) Notice, 2024;
6. Advertisements – Preservation Orders of the POCA
7. Authorization of Change of Name Notice, 2024;
8. Advertisement of Forfeiture Order;
9. Advertisement of Preservation of Property Court Order;
10. Authorization of Change of Name Notice, 2024;
11. Authorization of Change of Name Notice, 2024;
12. Medical Practitioners /Medical Specialists and Dentists Newly Entered in the Register on 01<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, in terms of Section 13 (d) of the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act, 1970;
13. Medical Practitioners /Medical Specialists and Dentists Newly Entered in the Register on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, in terms of Section 13 (d) of the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act, 1970;
14. Advertisements – Preservation Orders of the POCA;
15. Authorization of Change of Name Notice, 2024.
16. Authorisation of Change of Name;
17. Advertisement – Preservation Orders (S.43 (1) (b) of the Prevention of Organised Crimes Act;
18. Authorisation of Change of Name;
19. Advertisement of Forfeiture Orders in terms of Section 52 (7) of the prevention of Organised Crimes Act, 2018;

20. Authorisation of Change of Name;
21. Authorisation of Change of Name;
22. Authorisation of Change of Name;
23. Authorisation of Change of Name;
24. Advertisement of Forfeiture Orders in terms of Section 52 (7) of the prevention of Organised Crimes Act, 2018;
25. Authorisation of Change of Name;
26. Authorisation of Change of Name;
27. The Appointment of a Public Holiday (Umhlanga Reed Dance) Day Notice, 2024;
28. Authorisation of Change of Name;
29. Advertisement – Preservation Orders in terms of Section 43 (1) (b) of the Prevention of Organised Crimes Act, 2018;
30. Advertisement of Forfeiture Orders in terms of Section 52 (7) of the prevention of Organised Crimes Act, 2018;
31. Advertisement – Preservation Orders in terms of Section 43 (1) (b) of the Prevention of Organised Crimes Act, 2018;
32. Authorisation of Change of Name;
33. The Variation of Approved Scheme Notice, 2024;
34. Authorisation of Change of Name;
35. Authorisation of Change of Name;
36. Advertisement of Forfeiture Orders in terms of Section 52 (7) of the prevention of Organised Crimes Act, 2018;
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38. Advertisement of Forfeiture Orders in terms of Section 52 (7) of the prevention of Organised Crimes Act, 2018;
39. Authorisation of Change of Name;
40. Authorisation of Change of Name;
41. Authorisation of Change of Name;
42. The Variation of Approved Scheme Notice, 2024;

43. The Declaration of an Approved Settlement – Mkhosi Township AND Matsapha Lukhwane Township Notice, 2024; and
44. Advertisement- Preservation Orders (S.43 (1) (b) of the POCA.