

PROCURING ENTITIES (P.Es) COMMENTS ON THE BASELINE REPORT AND ASSURANCE TEAM REPORTS

BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

Comments on the Assurance Team Report

5. Clarifications

1. The design had provision for fire escape stair case but was not measured in the Bill of Quantities due to inadequate time for preparation of Tender Documents. This element was supposed to be covered by the contingency provided for in the contract.
2. The change from terrazzo finish to aluminium cladding board was requested by the client Ministry of Works and Supply after National Road Fund Agency building was completed and the same material for external wall finish was preferred by the client.
3. The soil investigations were not conducted prior to commencement of the project because funds were not made available to do the soil investigation at the time of preparation of Tender Documentation.

5.1 Project Funding and Identification

- I. Projects are normally originated by the end user Ministries/Departments who submit their requirements to the Department for preparation of feasibility studies and subsequent stages.
- II. End-users are provided with preliminary cost estimates which the end-users are supposed to include into their budgetary proposals for consideration by the treasury.
- III. Projects may be started without securing of the necessary funding because the Treasury undertakes to release funds according to the cash flows submitted though this is not usually adhered to by the Treasury.

5.1.2. Project Execution

Client normally fails to provide logistics for monthly site visits thus making it hard to ensure compliance with specifications and adequately supervising and monitoring of projects.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Comments on the Baseline Report

- I. As opposed to what the report reflects almost all of the Material Project Information (MPI) is disclosed through the publication of the Annual Infrastructure Operational Plans (IOPs), which is made available in the public domain by distribution to provinces, districts and parliament.
- II. The Ministry of Health is a public institution which allows the public access to information. Additionally, the Ministry also annually prepares a budget that is approved by parliament and published in the yellow book.
- III. Further, the Ministry of Health also publishes a list of contracts awarded in the public newspapers showing key MPIs that the CoST Project intended to capture. As an example find attached adverts that the Ministry ran in the daily this year.