

## Budget Freeze Update

A total of SR 96,967,729.00 was frozen under the 2018 budget by the National Assembly. The amount frozen represents 1.22% of the approved total budget for this year.

Following this, the Public Budget Section within Ministry of Finance Trade & Economic Planning has been liaising with the concerned Ministries, Department & Agencies (MDAs) to ensure that all necessary information is submitted before the Finance Public Accounts Committee, FPAC and the Ministry as well.

The MDA's affected by the budget freeze are as follows:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Budget Freeze Amount</b>
	<b>SR</b>
National Institute of Technology, Science Innovation	240,000.00
Department of Defense	10,000,000.00
Office of the President	13,051,240.00
Seychelles Tourism Board	240,000.00
Agency for the Prevention of Drug Abuse & Rehabilitation	13,024,412.00
National Intelligence Agency	3,500,000.00
Seychelles Heritage Foundation	400,000.00
Seychelles Fishing Authority	6,000,000.00
Department of Prisons Services	40,212,077.00
The Judiciary	3,300,000.00
Children's Fund: Social Programs of Government	7,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96,967,729.00</b>

**The current status of the budget-freeze is as follows:**

### **National Institute of Science Technology and Innovation (NISTI)**

NISTI launched a tender for the provision of security services through an open tender which was closed on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and nine bids were received. Upon evaluation of the tender NISTI observed some discrepancies in the tender documents, more specifically in certain clauses in the instruction to bidders which created an impact in the evaluation process. The tender was therefore cancelled and the existing contract was renewed for another three months which is sufficient time for a new tender to be completed.

### **Department of Defence**

The Department of Defence submitted the breakdown of Gratuity and the Public Budget Office is in the process of reviewing the submitted document.

### **Office of the President**