

# OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS



## QUARTERLY DETAILED FINANCIAL REPORT

**SECOND QUARTER/HALF YEAR  
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## **1.0 OVERVIEW**

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), headed by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Eugene Otuonye, K.C., holds the mission *“To deliver an effective, efficient and independent prosecution service that protects good governance, upholds the rule of law and criminal justice and makes the TCI a safe and just society”*. The ODPP’s strategic priorities include ensuring that the quality of prosecutions and related prosecutorial services are of the highest standards in line with the ODPP’s 5-year strategic plan and action plan, as well as clearing the backlog of cases caused by the Covid-19 public health pandemic and working together with other criminal justice stakeholders, especially the Judiciary, Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) and the Criminal Bar.

### **1.1 BUDGETARY OVERVIEW**

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure (the “Estimates”) for the financial year (FY) 2023-24 were approved in the House of Assembly on May 23, 2023 to implement strategies, development programmes and projects, whilst concentrating on the well-being of the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands and achieving social, economic and environmental progress.

The budget is intended to achieve the following Key Objectives for the DPP:

- I. To achieve successful prosecutions at all levels of Courts in TCI, by delivering prosecutorial services of the highest standards and quality.
- II. To ensure criminal investigations and subsequent case file preparations facilitate successful prosecutions, through proactive engagement with the Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA).
- III. In collaboration with the Criminal Justice Stakeholders’ Group, to expeditiously dispose of cases and in the process, address the issue of many remand persons in HM Prisons; to effectively and proactively respond to rise in serious crimes.
- IV. To secure public awareness and involvement in the support and care of Victims and Witnesses of Crimes.

The Government presented a budget including the ODPP’s operating expenditures of \$2,181,465; please see table 1 with breakdown of such.

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**Table 1**

GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS  
Estimate of Consolidated Fund Receipts and Payments for April 2023-March 2026  
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Code	Office of the Director of Public Prosecution 113 Description	2021/2022	2022/2023			2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
		Unaudited Actuals	Original Estimate	Revised Estimate	Unaudited Actuals	Estimate	Forward Projection	Forward Projection
31001	Civil Servants - Salaries	811,775	1,027,157	1,027,157	916,034	1,222,022	1,222,022	1,246,328
31008	Civil Servants - NI Cost	27,847	39,185	39,185	37,911	48,080	48,080	48,329
31010	Civil Servants - NHI Cost	24,713	38,449	38,449	27,761	47,597	47,597	48,672
31015	Employer's Pension Contribution					36,661	36,661	37,390
31501	Civil Servants - Allowances	93,353	112,513	112,513	97,144	128,721	128,721	128,721
31505	Staff Housing Allowances	53,150	73,550	73,550	68,342	105,800	105,800	105,800
31506	Staff Telephone Allowance	19,561	26,700	26,700	22,471	30,600	30,600	30,600
31507	Staff Transport Allowance	27,545	41,700	41,700	28,700	45,300	45,300	45,300
	<b>Civil Servants Employment Costs</b>	<b>1,057,943</b>	<b>1,359,254</b>	<b>1,359,254</b>	<b>1,198,363</b>	<b>1,664,780</b>	<b>1,664,780</b>	<b>1,691,140</b>
32301	Accomm. And Subs. Local Travel	35,546	30,000	38,591	36,848	29,600	29,600	29,600
32305	Transport: Air and Sea fares	32,115	30,000	58,409	48,278	29,600	29,600	29,600
32399	Transport: Other	5,909	5,000	23,775	22,011	32,400	32,400	32,400
32401	Accomm. And Subs. Intern Travel	1,955	15,000	12,500	12,379	20,300	20,300	20,300
32402	Airfare International Travel	18,686	8,031	17,031	17,002	13,800	13,800	13,800
32499	Other Cost on International Travel	171	250	875	875	7,600	7,600	7,600
32601	Electricity Charge	18,383	23,400	30,400	29,912	36,000	36,000	36,000
32602	Water Charges					4,900	4,900	4,900
32803	Communication Expenses	12,444	15,000	7,600	7,600	19,200	19,200	19,200
32806	Postage and Courier	401	500	1,500	1,245	5,500	5,500	5,500
33001	Office Supplies	16,137	20,000	34,881	34,558	36,000	36,000	36,000
33002	Printing and Binding	2,939	3,000	13,500	12,304	14,400	14,400	14,400
33003	Computer supplies	4,879	5,000	5,000	4,580	7,200	7,200	7,200
33004	Office Cleaning	5,481	5,000	8,649	7,354	12,000	12,000	12,000
33101	Subscriptions	21,665	20,000	20,000	19,522	30,000	30,000	30,000
33103	Purchase of Law Books	950	1,000	1,051	550	1,200	1,200	1,200
33399	Other Supplies, Materials and Equipment	11,463	63,133	15,147	7,147	19,204	19,204	19,204
33534	Witness Protection	8,499	54,000	44,905	44,899	21,000	21,000	21,000
33718	Repair of Office Equipment	1,898	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,500	2,500	2,500
33801	Uniforms	1,993	2,000	2,000	1,971	3,600	3,600	3,600
34305	Professional and Consultancy	137,892	102,030	70,030	70,061	129,000	129,000	129,000
34701	Local Hosting and Entertainment	4,918	5,000	5,500	13,442	18,500	18,500	18,500
35001	Local Training	1,965	2,000	4,000	3,933	6,000	6,000	6,000
35002	Overseas Training	2,712	10,000	4,000	3,150	16,000	16,000	16,000
38034	Covid-19 Expenses	4,992	2,000	2,000	1,602	-	-	-
38099	Other Sundry Expenses	4,976	6,000	6,000	5,943	1,181	1,181	1,181
	<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>358,969</b>	<b>428,544</b>	<b>428,544</b>	<b>408,365</b>	<b>516,685</b>	<b>516,685</b>	<b>516,685</b>
	<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>1,416,912</b>	<b>1,787,798</b>	<b>1,787,798</b>	<b>1,606,728</b>	<b>2,181,465</b>	<b>2,181,465</b>	<b>2,207,825</b>

The first supplementary budget was approved on September 28, 2023 to increase the ODPP's recurrent expenditure by \$73,953.40. This budget increase was made towards salaries in order to make provision for a Public Prosecutor. The operating expenditure now sits at \$2,255,418.24.

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## 2.0 EXPENDITURE

### 2.1 Recurrent Expenditure: Quarter 2: \$372K

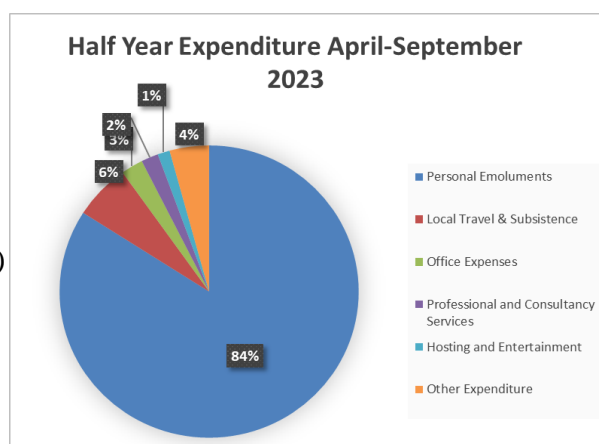
**Year to Date: \$761K**

**Table 2**

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	September			Variance				Quarter 2 (July-September)			Variance				Year to Date			Variance			
	Actual	Estimate	Prior Year					Actual	Estimate	Prior Year					Actual	Estimate	Prior Year				
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	%	\$000	%	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	%	\$000	%	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	%	\$000	%
Personal Emoluments	98.4	223.9	94.1	125.4	56%	(4.3)	-5%	315.1	498.9	320.1	183.8	37%	5.0	2%	640.0	843.1	634.2	203.1	24%	(5.9)	-1%
Local Travel & Subsistence	1.9	7.7	4.0	5.8	75%	2.1	51%	15.8	22.3	22.2	6.5	29%	6.4	29%	46.6	42.2	38.9	(4.4)	-10%	(7.7)	-20%
Office Expenses	1.8	7.0	6.9	5.2	74%	5.1	74%	6.9	18.4	17.8	11.5	63%	10.9	61%	18.2	27.7	26.1	9.5	34%	7.9	30%
Professional and Consultancy Services	-	-	.7	-	0%	.7	100%	14.1	95.0	9.4	80.9	85%	(4.7)	-49%	14.2	129.0	50.6	114.8	89%	36.4	72%
Hosting and Entertainment	4.1	8.5	.1	4.4	52%	(4.0)	0%	6.1	8.5	1.4	2.4	28%	(4.7)	-342%	10.0	10.2	2.2	2	2%	(7.8)	-347%
Other Expenditure	5.6	20.5	4.3	14.8	72%	(1.4)	-32%	13.8	59.2	29.3	45.4	77%	15.4	53%	32.5	123.2	72.5	90.7	74%	40.0	55%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>267.5</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>155.6</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>(1.8)</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>371.8</b>	<b>702.3</b>	<b>400.1</b>	<b>330.5</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>761.4</b>	<b>1,175.4</b>	<b>824.5</b>	<b>414.0</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>8%</b>

During the first half of the fiscal year 2023/24, The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions' recurrent expenditure aggregated \$761K in comparison to the budgeted estimate of \$1.2M. The resulting variance depicts an underspend of \$414K or 35%. In comparison to the prior year's outturn, there was an 8% underspend. Table 2 depicts a breakdown of the top five recurrent expenditures showing the variance between what was actually spent compared to what was budgeted for the month, quarter 2 and year to date. The following categories were highlighted as the top five contributors to the first half of the period's expenditure:

- Personal Emoluments (84%)
- Local Travel & Subsistence (6%)
- Office Expenses (3%)
- Professional & Consultancy Services (2%)
- Hosting and Entertainment(1%)



### 2.2 Personal Emoluments

For the first half of the financial year, recurrent expenditure consisted primarily of personal costs which contributed 84% of the total aggregated expenses. Actual expenditure in the first half was \$640K. In an analysis of the variance of the first half's performance this was \$203K, 24% less than

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the budgeted forecast. For the second quarter, the actual expenditure was 315.1K which resulted in \$183.8K underspend or a 37% less variance. These cost savings are the direct result of vacancies that exist within the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. These vacancies include 1 Personal Secretary, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 Principal Public Prosecutor and 4 Senior Public Prosecutors. It is likely that some of these vacancies will be filled in the second half of the financial year as the recruitment process has already begun. In comparison to the prior year's outturn, there was a 1% Negative overspend.

**2.3 Local Travel & Subsistence:**

As the second highest expense category, Local Travel & Subsistence accounted for 6% of total expenses for the ODPP for the reporting period. Local Travel and Subsistence actual expenditure totaled \$46.6K for the first half of the fiscal year in comparison to the budgeted estimate of \$42.2K. This reflects an overspend of \$4.4K or a negative variance of 10%. In comparison to prior year expenditure, this reflects a \$38.9K overspend or 20% negative variance. For the second quarter, the actual expenditure was 15.8K which resulted in \$6.5K underspend or a 29% less variance. Given the upsurge in crime and increase in court cases, coupled with the clearance of the backlog of cases, this has resulted in an increase in travel expenses for prosecutors travelling between Islands.

**2.4 Office Expenses:**

Office Expenses for the first half of the financial year accounted for 3% of the expenditure. For the first half, actuals totaled \$18.2K against the budgeted estimate \$27.7K. This depicts a \$9.5K variance or 34% underspend. In comparison to the prior year figures, this reflects a \$7.9K underspend or a 30% positive variance. For the second quarter, the actual expenditure was 6.9K which resulted in \$11.5K underspend or a 63% less variance. The first half of the financial year has seen cost savings in Office Expenses.

**2.5 Professional and Consultancy Services:**

Professional & Consultancy Services accounted for 2% of the expenditure. Actual expenditure for Professional & Consultancy Services for the first half of the financial year totaled \$14K in

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comparison to the budget estimate of \$129K. This depicts a \$114.8K or 89% positive variance underspend. In comparison to the prior year figures, this reflects a \$36.4K underspend and a positive variance of 72% was observed. For the second quarter, the actual expenditure was 14.1K which resulted in \$80.9K underspend or an 85% less variance.

For this 2023/2024 financial year, the department had planned to procure and implement a Web-based Case Management System which would include the digitization of the manual files at the Providenciales Office. The Caribbean Agency for Justice Solutions, a non-profit organization highly recommended by the Caribbean Court of Justice (CAJS), is the preferred service provider. A proposal was received for CAJS for the Web-based Case Management System. However, the proposal did not take into account certain costs such as the cost for connecting the Case Management System with the Judiciary's E Folio System (which became operational in April of this year). This meant that the funds budgeted for the Professional and Consultancy account were not sufficient to fully finance the project in its entirety. As such, it would not be prudent to start the project and not be able to complete it for execution, hence the reason for the underspent variance.

**2.6 Hosting and Entertainment:**

Hosting and Entertainment accounted for 1% of first half of the financial year total expenditure. Actuals for Hosting and Entertainment aggregated \$10K for the reporting period in comparison to the budgeted estimate of 10.2K. This resulted in only a .2K or 2% cost savings. In comparison to the prior year figures, 7.8K overspend is a negative variance of 347%. For the second quarter, the actual expenditure was 6.1K which resulted in \$2.4K underspend or a 28% less variance.

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### **3.0 FINANCIAL OUTLOOK**

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions' actual expenditure for the first half of the financial year was 35% under budgeted estimates, but is expected to increase as we progress into the second half of the financial year.

With the return to pre COVID operations and subsequently, increases in expenses are contingent upon there being no further disruptions as a result of the pandemic or any other unforeseen events such as natural disasters. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has executed several training programs for staff to ensure that they receive exposure and specialized training in legal and non-legal areas. Also, emphasis has been placed on ensuring that technical programmers are certified.

As previously mentioned, there are several vacancies within the ODPP and recruitment has already commenced for some, which are expected to be filled in the second half of the financial year.

Nonetheless, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions remains committed to ensuring that the quality of prosecutions and the related prosecutorial services are of the highest standards in line with the ODPP's 5-year Strategic Plan. The continuous professional development of staff is a priority. This is also in context with the guidance provided by the Public Procurement Ordinance and the Financial Management Regulations/Ordinance accordingly.



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#### **4.0 KEY PERFORMANCE STRATEGIES**

##### ***Key Programme Strategies***

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**1. To formulate and implement critical procedures manuals, policies and guidance. This will entail:**

**(a) Completing and bringing into effect by end of Q1, any outstanding critical procedures manual, guidance and policies that will facilitate prosecution at the highest professional standards. In particular, the Disclosure Policy; Plea Bargain Policy and Sufficiency Policy.**

**(b) Formulating by Q2, a Risk Management Policy and to implement same, through establishing a Risk Register that is reviewable once every quarter**

##### **Progress:**

(i) This year's online JEI' Judicial Education Week took place over the period September 18<sup>th</sup> – September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 and featured a wide range of legal topics. One of the webinars focused on the DPP's Disclosure Policy, which was presented to and discussed with the audience on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by Hon. Mr. Eugene Otuonye K.C. The presentation was titled ***"Disclosure in Criminal Cases"***. Detective Superintendent Dean Holder also contributed to the presentation.

The Disclosure Policy is now being considered for operationalization by the end of Q3. In parallel with this operationalization, work will continue on the drafting of the Sufficiency Policy, for which the Q2 deadline was not met.

**2. To formulate and robustly implement by end of Q1 and Q2:**

**(a) A calendar of relevant continuous professional development training, a working relationship with the TCI Justice Education Institute(JEI). The first set of training is to commence by Q2.**

**(b) A calendar of joint Case Reviews with the Police and other Law Agencies (LEA) of important concluded cases from the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. Calendar to be prepared and the first set of Reviews to commence in Q2.**

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**Progress:**

All of the Professional Development Programmes planned for Q1 and Q2 were executed, with the exception of the First Aid/CPR Training. This training will be rescheduled by the end of Q3. The other programmes planned for Q3 will include orientation for new staff and refresher training for the RTCIPF – ODPP Case File

Preparation Policy in keeping with the RTCIPF – ODPP Taskforce Recommendations for the implementation and monitoring of this Policy by both organizations.

In addition, the CFATF Chairman, the Honourable Samuel Bulgin, KC, JP, and the CFATF Deputy Chair, Angelo Brete, have extended an invitation to the ODPP to attend the upcoming CFATF 57th Plenary and Working Group Meetings, which will be held in Aruba, during the period 27th November to 1st December 2023.

(i) The analysis and discussion of case judgments continues to be given priority in support of personal and organizational learning. Recent court verdicts including *R v Floyd Hall & 3 Others* and *R v Karioka* are not only useful for joint case reviews between the ODPP and the RTCIPF, but also serve to demonstrate that the ODPP is taking tangible and effective prosecutorial efforts to attain SDG- 16 Peace, justice and strong institutions: *Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.*

(ii) As a Strategic Priority specifically as it relates to ensuring an effective prosecutorial response to the upsurge in serious crime and the expeditious disposal of cases, over the past two quarters, the ODPP has continued to customize and implement specialized training programmes for our criminal justice stakeholders. For Q3, specialized training in Human Trafficking and Human Smuggling is being planned for the staff of the Immigration Department. This training will also include case reviews.

**3. Three (3) new posts (1 Principal Prosecutor and 2 Senior Prosecutors) have been approved for the ODPP for 2023-24 Financial Year and going forward. To deploy and maximize this additional resource by Q2 certain actions will be taken in the following manner, among which will be:**

**(a) To further equip and strengthen the new ODPP Organized and Serious Crime Unit;**

**(a) To review and assign cases relative to areas of most strength and seniority of Prosecutors;**

**(b) In addition to implementing the Specialty Area Policy, to dedicate a Senior Prosecutor to primarily liaise closely with Police CID for early advice and continuous legal guidance until the relevant investigation is completed and case file is ready for submission to ODPP**

**Progress:**

(i) It became necessary to re-advertise the posts following the application deadline of July 14, 2023, since the potential caliber of candidates were not of the highest competency and prosecutorial standards to strengthen the technical capacity of the Organized and Serious Crime Unit. The filling of these positions is now a matter of dire urgency as the two staff assigned to the Unit will no longer be available for their respective roles:

(a) Ms. Tamika Grant (Senior Public Prosecutor) has been awarded the UK prestigious Chevening Scholarship to pursue a one year Masters of Laws Degree from the Queen Mary, University of

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London. Study leave has been granted for the period September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2024.

- (b) Ms. Mickia Mills (Senior Public Prosecutor) has been promoted as the Coroner for the Turks and Caicos Islands effective November 15, 2023.

The post of Public Prosecutor has also been re-advertised as the incumbent who was offered the post was unable to take up the offer due to personal and health challenges.

- (ii) In spite of the above, the Organized and Serious Crime Unit is still able to provide advice and legal guidance to relevant stakeholders and the ODPP has put contingency plans in place to ensure that no court matter is discontinued due to the unavailability of prosecutors.
- (iii) On August 18th, 2023, the National Security Secretariat (NSS) requested assistance from the ODPP to measure and analyse the usage and impact of certain pieces of legislation on the increase in violent gun and gang crime in the TCI in 2022. The Unit provided input in the matrix completed by the ODPP for analysis by NSS.

**4. To continue close collaboration and deepen engagement with the Criminal Justice Stakeholders Group (CJSG) as well as the Judiciary- ODPP- Police-Criminal Bar platform by actively participating in meetings, and activities. Using these platforms:**

- (a) to ensure that call over and review of cases of persons remanded in custody are undertaken every month and prioritized for disposal as required by the Criminal Procedure Rules.**
- (b) to commence, by end of Q2, a phase of public awareness and involvement campaign on victims and witness support and care, as well as on the civic, moral and legal obligation to report crime and to testify if and when required.**

***Progress***

(i) To ensure that the call over and review of cases achieves its objective by focusing on the necessary course of action to be pursued for aged cases in relation to their readiness for trial, the following initiatives have been adopted:

- (a) The review of cases for trial that were adjourned sine die;
- (b) The improvement of the case scheduling process as a component of the organization's magistracy function; and
- (c) The improvement in the co-ordination and documentary movement and tracking of Magistrate's Court case files within and outside of the department.

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These initiatives have so far been effective to facilitate successful prosecutions, through proactive engagement with the Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA).

(ii) The Victims and Witnesses Support Unit (VWSU) continues to offer its services to victims of crime. During the quarter, staff were able to connect victims outside of the TCI with prosecutors in relation to their respective court cases.

The Unit is at the advanced planning stage, as it relates to their collaborating with the Department of Gender Affairs to execute the activities planned for– Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October).

Also, on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 staff of the Unit participated in the National Domestic Violence Protocol Training, which was organized by the Department of Gender Affairs in Providenciales. At both sessions held in Providenciales, presentations were delivered by the staff to the participants of the training. In addition, on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Department of Gender Affairs conducted a similar training for their stakeholders in Grand Turk, at which time the Deputy Director, Dr. Angela Brooks, delivered a presentation on behalf of the VWSU.

5. To commence in Q1, the robust implementation of the recommendations of the ODPP- RTCIPF Task Force Report which is expected to be submitted by end of this 2022-23 Financial Year.

***Progress***

(i) The Task Force Report suffered significant delays largely due to the upsurge in serious crimes which required the undivided operational attention of the key members from the Police, and tight Court Schedule for the Prosecutor Members. Notwithstanding, the ODPP-RTCIPF Task Force Final Report and Action Plan were submitted on September 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 to the Director of Public Prosecutions for the attention of the Criminal Justice Stakeholders' Group;

(ii) The Recommendations and resultant Action Plan transcend the RTCIPF- ODPP Partnership with implications for the criminal justice delivery. Accordingly, the implementation is now expected to adopt a structured, systemic and Change Management approach. Ideally this may entail the involvement of a Criminal Justice Advisor who will coordinate not only the institutional efforts of the RT&CIPF and ODPP, but also the peer accountability of the Criminal Justice Stakeholder Group.

**6. To complete the ODPP's Digitization Project by Q1 and to implement the web-based Case Management System by Q3**

***Progress***

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Due to financial constraints, the Case Management Project will be deferred to the 2024/2025 financial year. This decision was arrived at after a discussion with and the advice of the Strategic, Planning and Policy Department. In the interim, the Caribbean Agency for Justice Solution will be engaged to carry out an on-site readiness assessment as a precursor to next year's project implementation. The ODPP has also, in this process, been in consultation with and has been guided by the Digitization & E-Government Technology and Innovation (DETI) Department.

**CROSS CUTTING AND OTHER PROGRESS**

To ensure that the quality of prosecutions and the related prosecutorial services are of the highest standards in line with the ODPP's 5-year Strategic Plan, the continuous professional development of our staff has remained a priority. Below is a list of some of the key activities that staff were engaged in during the quarter:

**1. June 2, 2023:**

Detective Police Constable Tavana Wilson successfully completed her pupillage at the ODPP on June 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

**2. July 19<sup>th</sup>:**

On the invitation of the Department of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Dr. Angela Brooks, DDPP, conducted a presentation on the following topics: Legal Age of Consent and Consequences of False Reporting/Accusations. The presentation was made under the department's first female at-risk program to selected females between the 12 and 17 years old at the Helena Jones Robinson High School, under the theme "Restoring Minds & Building Futures".

**3. July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Mr. Clement Joseph, Principal Public Prosecutor (PPP), delivered a presentation on "***Asset Tracing and Fraud – Unexplained Wealth Orders and Investigative Orders – Legal Perspective of the Caribbean***" to members of ARIN-CARIB in the Cayman Islands. The PPP's participation was sponsored by CARICOM-IMPACS.

**4. August 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>:**

The DPP participated in the 2023 Prosecutors' Empowerment Program (PEP), which was facilitated by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Jamaica. Ms. Mickia Mills, Senior Public Prosecutor, was also one of the distinguished presenters who addressed the topic "***Confessions- Truths or Lies?***" on August 09, 2023.

**5. September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 06<sup>th</sup>:**

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, in collaboration with the Attorney General's Chambers and the Financial Crimes Unit, hosted its second Anti-Money Laundering Seminar Series on both dates at the Ethel Ingham Training Center. This collaborative effort demonstrates the active steps taken by the Turks and Caicos Islands Government to provide capacity building to 6

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the relevant Law Enforcement Agencies and to continually enhance the systems in place to combat the scourge of Money Laundering. The training was very interactive and practical and covered several key areas, including:

- (i) TCI Anti-Money Laundering Framework
- (ii) The Fundamentals of Money Laundering
- (iii) Cash Seizure and Detention
- (iv) Forfeiture
- (v) Confiscation
- (vi) Civil Recovery

**6. September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Firearms Training was successfully conducted jointly by the ODPP and the RTCIP for the prosecutorial and judiciary staff.

**7. September 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> (JEI's Judicial Education Week 2023)**

The Hon Chief Justice, the Chairperson of the Judicial Education Institute of the Turks and Caicos Islands (JEI) formally invited the prosecutors to participate in the JEI Week. On September 18<sup>th</sup> a webinar titled ***"2 years on-A Review of the Criminal Procedure Rules"*** was jointly presented by The Hon. Justice Vivian Georgis Taylor -Alexander, ECSC, Mr. Eugene Otuonye, K.C., DPP and Dr. Angela Brooks, DDPP.

**8. On September 20<sup>th</sup>**

The DPP. Mr. Eugene Otuonye K.C. delivered a paper ***"Disclosure in Criminal Cases"***. His Co- Presenter was Det. Supt. Dean Holden of the RT&CIPF.

**9. September 24 – September 27:**

The ODDP was represented by the Deputy Director, DPP, Dr Angela Brooks at the 28<sup>th</sup> International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) Conference and General Meeting held in London.

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