

3.genesis
the Annual Report

Introduction

Written as the world begins to emerge from the first global pandemic; this is a financial look back at the third year of the Ministry of Ginger, in the third epoch of agenesis.

This past year’s budget changed significantly in one respect; moving from Infrastructure to Savings, with Arts & Entertainment also taking a significant reduction to support other Departments.

The Ministry of Ginger’s finances remain stable, thanks to enduring employment; however this is always subject to change.

Summary

	Budget	Received	Variance
Income	MG 26,000.00	MG 27,809.64	1,809.64

Expenditure by Department	Budget	Spend	Variance
the Treasury	MG 9,170.69	MG 9,542.53	371.83
the Internet and Communications	MG 848.06	MG 579.10	- 268.97
Art and Entertainment	MG 948.45	MG 1,820.68	872.23
Business and Employment	MG 50.00	MG -	- 50.00
Care and Health	MG 1,273.96	MG 1,269.01	- 4.95
Development	MG 25.00	MG -	- 25.00
Energy and Food	MG 4,119.48	MG 4,579.91	460.43
Foreign Aid and Diplomacy	MG 5,139.22	MG 5,668.26	529.04
History and Legacy	MG 100.00	MG -	- 100.00
Infrastructure and Transport	MG 4,275.13	MG 5,214.31	939.18
Justice	MG 25.00	MG -	- 25.00
Space and Time	MG 25.00	MG -	- 25.00
	MG 26,000.00	MG 28,673.79	2,673.79

Total Income	MG 27,809.64
Total Expenditure	MG 28,673.79
	- 864.16

Income

The Ministry was again fortunate to continue to receive small and regular familial investments, along with occasional Premium Bonds dividends and interest on bank accounts.

There have also been some occasional Income through sales of assets, and an employment bonus.

Salaried Income has remained consistent, with a small increase taking effect from the 2nd quarter onwards.

Expenditure

Whilst lockdowns still took place during the year, personal freedoms were reinstated, allowing for more regular spend.

Although the overall Expenditure exceeded Income, the variance was the lowest since the Ministry began, and below MG | 1000. In addition, no single department's Difference in spend exceeded MG | 1000 either.

What follows is a brief summary by department:

the Treasury

Following a decision during ebb, savings were increased to help fund the future of ERJ. As a result, this unplanned spend took the Department 4% over budget.

the Internet and Communications

All communication channels were sustained through, with spending remaining under budget.

Art and Entertainment

This Department's spend fully reversed the trend from last year, and the Entertainment Events had a modest overspend by way of the UK Board Game Expo, and Harewood Hillclimb Driving School.

However the bulk of the Department's overspend was due to a near eight-fold increase in spend on its Magic Collection, which has led to a 25% increase in the associated line item in the budget for 4.agenesis

Business and Employment

No spend.

Care and Health

This Department came closest to its budget with a very small MG|5 underspend.

However this was only achieved by a reduction in spend associated with Dental Treatment and Personal Vision; counter-balanced by a doubling of spend on Presents for Others, and excess cost through Nominal Spend.

Due to the latter mainly consisting of holiday accommodation and travel, this sub-category has been added to the 4.agenesis budget.

Development

No spend.

Energy and Food

Spend on food and drink exceeded budget by 10%, although this has largely been due to the re-opening of the hospitality sector, without the re-opening of the subsidised canteen at the Director's place of employment.

Energy expenditure has similarly increased by 10%, driven by the energy price crisis in the wider world.

Foreign Aid and Diplomacy

The UK Income Tax and National Insurance contributions saw a slight increase, reflecting the increased temporary Income in the 4th quarter.

Several charitable donations were made throughout the year, significantly exceeding the Nominal Spend for the Department – again, resulting in the addition of a Charitable Donations budget sub-category for 4.agenesis, to identify this particular spend in future years.

History and Legacy

No spend.

Infrastructure and Transport

This Department went from a third of total expenditure in 2.agenesis to one fifth of the total spend in 3.agenesis – driven (as stated in the Introduction) by the significant removal of recurring costs, transitioning to the Treasury in the form of Savings.

Although Car Fuel increased due to the reduction in lockdowns; this was balanced by below-budget spend in both Car and House Insurance.

Justice

No spend required.

Space and Time

No spend.

Conclusions

Although the past year's spend was the highest in the Ministry's first three years (10% over budget), it also saw the highest Income – 7% over budget.

On balance, as previously stated, this still only saw an overall overspend of less than MG|1000, and all departments were within MG|1000 Difference.

As much of the outside world presented an ideal of normality, much was still outside the expected, and it was reassuring to see the relatively stable spend profile of all departments throughout the year.

Anticipated cost of living increases in Energy and Food, along with increased Foreign Aid & Diplomacy – including Charitable Donations – have all been budgeted into 4.agenesis, at the cost of more Optional spend.

We hope the Ministry remains on course throughout the next year.