

7.genesis
the Annual Report

Introduction

This is a financial look back at the seventh year of the Ministry of Ginger, taking place early into the eighth year of agenesis.

Thanks to regular employment confirmed by the Department of Business and Employment, this year's income was much better calculated than the previous; although the actual material local currency was still noticeably lower than a previous couple of years ago; in the main due to the decision by the Director to continue with part-time employment.

Further reflections and negotiations around employment are anticipated in the coming year, but as nothing is guaranteed, nothing has been incorporated into the budget for the eighth year of agenesis.

Summary

	Budget		Received		Variance
Income	MG 	26,000.00	MG 	34,316.87	8,316.87

Expenditure by Department	Budget		Spend		Variance
the Treasury	MG	2,125.00	MG	2,104.35	- 20.65
the Internet and Communications	MG	1,300.00	MG	1,065.32	- 234.68
Art and Entertainment	MG	1,485.63	MG	4,015.33	2,529.70
Business and Employment	MG	25.00	MG	-	- 25.00
Care and Health	MG	4,000.00	MG	6,179.62	2,179.62
Development and Education	MG	25.00	MG	-	- 25.00
Energy and Food	MG	8,284.17	MG	11,533.87	3,249.70
Foreign Aid and Diplomacy	MG	696.00	MG	1,490.88	794.88
History and Legacy	MG	25.00	MG	-	- 25.00
Infrastructure and Transport	MG	7,959.20	MG	7,747.58	- 211.62
Justice	MG	25.00	MG	-	- 25.00
Space and Time	MG	25.00	MG	-	- 25.00
Dissociation From the United Kingdor	MG	25.00	MG	-	- 25.00
	MG 	26,000.00	MG 	34,136.95	8,136.95

Total Income
Total Expenditure

MG 	34,316.87
MG 	34,136.95
	179.92

Income

For the second year in a row, the excessive income belies the true story of the year. However this was more about budgeting versus actuals:

- MG|2.6k additional income through Regular Employment was mainly due to additional hours worked in the second half of the year, plus a fractional wage increase from celestial onwards
- Interest of MG|700 from multiple sources had not been budgeted for
- Similarly, neither had any Premium Bonds income been budgeted for, which totalled MG|2k this year; which has now been allowed for in the current year's budget
- In addition, there was bonus income through sales on eBay and two significant familial contributions that are not expected to repeat

As mentioned, the new/current financial year has now been more realistic in budgeting for the more recurrent income streams, and – whilst they aren't to be entirely relied upon – they can certainly be treated as more likely than not.

Expenditure

Several departments across 7.agenesis saw overspend; the most significant being in Energy and Food, Art and Entertainment and also Care and Health.

As stated in the past, overspend in these departments (particularly the first and latter) is accepted and understood, as long as it is to the benefit of the Director's wellbeing. Further inspection of this will be made in the individual departmental summaries below.

No department saw any significant underspend, although a little in both the Internet and Communications and Infrastructure and Transport.

What follows is a brief summary by department:

the Treasury

All savings followed the continued trajectory this year.

the Internet and Communications

All communication channels were sustained throughout; the spend was slightly lower due to small decreases in monthly broadband & mobile costs, as well as not as many hosting costs as budgeted for.

Art and Entertainment

Once again the main driver of this department's overspend was Magic the Gathering. Five-times what was budgeted for was the amount that was spent, and – in retrospect – the Director acknowledges the parallels with the onset of Project Chrysalis and the coping mechanism this encapsulated.

Elsewhere the spend was pretty much along with the budget, aside from a deliberate choice to invest in a stand-alone MP3 player and earphones, in preparation for the Year of the Dan. It is worth noting that the Netflix Subscription has since been cancelled, and so does not feature in the next year's budget.

Other notable expenses include the Leeds international Film Festival and treats around the Director's 42nd birthday.

Business and Employment

No spend.

Care and Health

An additional MG|1k was spent on Dental Treatment and Personal Vision, that will hopefully not be a recurring expense.

A similar amount was overspend on Holiday Accommodation & Travel; in part towards the Director's 42nd birthday, and has been recouped from one-off Bonus Income.

Pleasingly the year spend saw a 1/3rd reduction in Therapy expenditure, acknowledging the lower frequency of sessions.

A new type of spend on Keep Fit classes had to be incorporated into Nominal Spend (CaH), but has now been merged with Badminton costs into 'Regular Sports' for 8.agenesis and beyond.

Similarly, clothing costs – as have historically been the case – have been captured in the Nominal Spend; this is now highlighted on a separate line in the 8.agenesis budget onwards.

Development and Education

No spend.

Energy and Food

Even though the local currency total spend on Food & Drink remains consistent with previous years (and maybe a little lower in fact); this department still managed to run over budget by the highest amount for a department – MG|3.2k. All of this coming through the Food & Drink category, slightly off-set by a latter-third reduction in Home Power costs.

Foreign Aid and Diplomacy

Seemingly the UK Income Tax and National Insurance calculations as part of the 7.agenesis budget calculations were inaccurate, so there was over a 100% deficit in these categories, although that has now been corrected for the current fiscal year's budget.

A one-off charitable donation pushed this spend over budget, but is not anticipated again this coming year.

History and Legacy

No spend.

Infrastructure and Transport

Although this department reports a small underspend; the detail within is important to analyse:

Car Hire (and related Car Fuel) was more than double what was budgeted for the year (this has been adjusted for the new year's budget).

In contrast, Public Transport was a couple of hundred MG| below budget, although fairly consistent across the series.

The Infrastructure costs were over-budget in terms of a necessary (but hopefully not recurring) laptop purchase, but under-budget in terms of Home Maintenance, and thus balanced each other out.

Justice

No spend required.

Space and Time

No spend.

Dissociation From the United Kingdom

No spend.

Conclusions

This has been a year with a demonstrably lower income than previous fully-employed years; and whilst there is a reliance on additional Income beyond Regular Employment and Donations; this level of Expenditure has been manageable.

Given the mental health journey of the Director over the last year; the fluctuations have been understandable and often necessary.

Whilst a formal assessment of the Ministry's position didn't take place during the second half of 7.agenesis; the future levels of income are increasingly under consideration and review – particularly in the category of Regular Employment – and further updates are likely in the next half year.

The latter stages of the year may well require reliance on the Treasury's reserves for both Home improvement, and long-distance Travel – and the intention will be to refill those reserves through improved levels of Regular Employment Income, within a year's time.