



Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 07-05-2025

01. The Statement of Government Financial Performance – First quarter 2025

As per the Section 53 (1) of the Public Financial Management Act No. 44 of 2024, the Minister in charge of Finance shall submit a statement of the financial performance of the Government, including revenue and expenditure, to the Cabinet not less than 45 days at the end of the quarter at least on a quarterly basis. According to the aforementioned provisions, the statement of the financial performance for the quarter ending at 31-03-2025 shall be submitted to the Cabinet on or before 15-05-2025. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has considered the Statement of Government Financial Performance prepared for the first quarter in the year 2025 from 01-01-2025 to 31-03-2025 based on the classification stipulated in the 2025 annual budget estimates presented by the His Excellency, the President, in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, including all specific expenditure units related to the first quarter including following cumulative income and expenditure reported by the special expenditure units, ministries, departments and district secretariats.

	Income	Rupees in Billion
01	Tax Income	970.58
02	Non-tax income	87.26
03	Capital income	5.77
04	Grant	1.05
	Total Income	1,064.66

	Expenditure	Rupees in Billion
01	Recurrent Expenditure	1,226.55
	Capital Expenditure (Including the repayment of public debt)	336.39
	Total Expenditure	1,562.94

02. Establishment of Public Prosecutor's Office

The current election manifesto has proposed to introduce a Public Prosecutor's Office as a mechanism to prevent delays in the judicial system, to establish an independent public prosecutor's office outside the Attorney General's Department to hear cases on behalf of the government, and to establish sub-offices in the provinces. Thereby, it is expected to enhance the independence and the transparency of the criminal justice system and to expedite the criminal justice process so as to increase the reliability of the people. The final report that was presented by the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights on Sri Lanka in September 2024 had suggested that the establishment of an independent prosecutorial authority be considered as an urgent requirement. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Justice and National Integration to appoint a technical specialist committee chaired by Mr. Yasantha Kodagoda, Supreme Court Judge and President's Advocate, to study and report on the introduction of a new law for the establishment of such an office and to forward recommendations for the introduction of necessary amendments to the existing laws when required.

03. Review the role of the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology Pvt Limited (SLINTEC) and the Sri Lanka Institute of Biotechnology Pvt Limited (SLIBREC)

The Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology Pvt Limited (SLINTEC) has been established for research and the transfer of technology based on nanotechnology. At the same time, the Sri Lanka Institute of Biotechnology Pvt Limited has been established with the prime objective of increasing biotechnology exports and developing import substitution products through biotechnology-related research. Under the current domestic and global economic and political trends, it has been identified that restructuring the two institutes is necessary to provide greater contributions to the rapid economic development of Sri Lanka through a nanotechnology and biotechnology research and development approach. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Science and Technology to appoint an expert committee to submit a report with recommendations regarding amendments needed to the legal structure and strategic plans after reviewing the roles of these two institutes, namely , the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology Pvt Limited and the Sri Lanka Institute of Biotechnology Pvt Limited.

04 Procurement for the supply of 30,000 vials of 50 mg Lyposomal type Amphotericin B.

International competitive bids have been invited for the purchase of 30,000 vials of 50 mg Lyposomal type Amphotericin B, which is used for the treatment of life-threatening fungal infections, including cryptococcal meningitis and endemic leishmaniasis, especially in people with compromised immune systems. Three (3) bids have been received for this purpose. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to award the relevant procurement to the lowest responsive bidder, M/s Slim Pharmaceuticals (Pvt) Ltd (Manufacturer - M/s Gufic Bioscience Ltd, India) in Sri Lanka at a total cost of Sri Lankan Rupees 194.26 million based on the recommendations of the highest-level standing procurement committee.

05 Procurement for the supply of 3000 TKR component sets for the total knee replacement (TKR) system

International competitive bids have been invited for the procurement of 3,000 sets of TKR components for the patient-specific, high-flexibility total knee replacement system that is used to improve mobility by replacing a severely damaged or worn knee joint. Only one (1) bid has been submitted for this purpose. After discussing the prices submitted, M/s Zodiac Medicals (Pvt) Ltd., the local representative of M/s Zimmer Pte Ltd. (manufacturer: Zimmer Inc., USA), has agreed to grant a 2% discount from the bidding price. The highest-level standing procurement committee has recommended awarding the procurement to M/s Zimmer Pte Ltd (manufacturer: Zimmer Inc., USA) in Singapore for the supply of only 1,000 TKR component sets instead of 3,000 TKR component sets and recalling bids again from the registered suppliers of the National Medicine Regulatory Authority for following the limited international competitive bidding procedure to supply the remaining amount of TKR component sets. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to implement the aforementioned recommendations.

06. Implementation of a high-priority transmission development project under the framework of full mutual trust between the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank

The World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have agreed to provide financial support under the framework of full mutual trust for the implementation of a series of high-priority transmission development projects, which were identified in the 2023-2032 long-term transmission plan prepared by the Ceylon Electricity Board. Ten (10) projects were identified for implementation within the proposed framework of full mutual trust. The World Bank plans to invest 40 million US dollars, while the Asian Development Bank plans to invest 30 million US dollars, along with a guarantee facility of 10 million US dollars to be provided by the International Development Institute. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Power and Energy to take further action relevant to obtaining a 60 million US dollar investment package for the development of the proposed grid substation under the framework of full mutual trust offered by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, and to secure the risk guarantee facility sponsorship of 10 million US dollars provided by the International Development Institute.

07. Inviting investment proposals for exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas in four exploration blocks in Mannar Basin and obtaining the service of marketing consultant

According to the exploration and mining conducted by Cairn Lanka (Private) Limited in 2011, 02 natural gas deposits were discovered in the M2 exploration block of the Mannar Basin that confirmed the existence of a viable hydrocarbon system in the Mannar Basin. In accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum Resource Act No 21 of 2021, Sri Lanka Petroleum Development Authority has been vested the powers to call for investment proposals for the offshore petroleum and natural gas exploration plots in terms of the prescribed procedures of the regulations approved by the Cabinet of Ministers. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the exploration and production of petroleum and natural gas in 04 exploration plots in the Mannar Basin, and to

obtain the services of a suitable marketing consultant to implement an effective marketing program for that purpose.

08. Amendments to the Bills of Exchange Ordinance

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 24.01.2024 either to amend provisions of aged - old Bills of Exchange Ordinance No. 25 of 1927 (Authority 82) or repeal it. Accordingly, the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 15.07.2024 to publish the draft bill of Bills of Exchange (Amendment) which is prepared by the Legal Draftsmen in the government gazette notification and subsequently forward the same to the Parliament for its concurrence. However, due dissolution of the Parliament on 24.09.2024, the said draft bill could not be presented to the Parliament. Wherefore, considering the joint resolution furnished by His Excellency the President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Plan Implementation and Economic Development with the Minister of Justice and National Integration, the Cabinet of Ministers decided to grant approval to grant the policy approval of the Cabinet of Ministers for the draft Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Act and publish the same in the government gazette notification and subsequently forward the same to the Parliament for its concurrence.

09. Amendment of Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 07.08.2023 to amend the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980. The Legal Draftsmen has pointed out that the approval of the current Cabinet of Ministers has to be obtained to proceed with the actions amendment of the draft bill. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the proposal submitted by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation to grant the policy approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to proceed with the actions of amendment of the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980.

10. Parliamentary Act to establish Sri Lanka Food Science and Technology Agency.

Sri Lanka Food Science and Technology Agency comprised of those engaged in food technology and scientists, and operated voluntarily by them was established in the year 2004 and, has been registered as a company limited by guarantee at present. Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 27.09.2016 to legalize the entity by a Parliamentary act as a government sponsorship to maintain the entity to proceed at national and international level and to strengthen its process. Accordingly, the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 11.06.2024 to prepare the final draft bill including the amendments furnished by the Attorney General on the draft bill prepared by the Legal Draftsmen. However, the said draft bill has not been presented to the Parliament. Considering the facts, the Cabinet of Ministers granted their approval to the proposal furnished by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation to grant policy approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to hastily complete the formulation of the said draft bill.

11. Taking the Samurdhi community based banks and Samurdhi community based banking societies under the government audit process.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 30.12.2024 to amend the Samurdhi act No. 1 of 2013 amended by the Divinaguma (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2017 to include amendments to take Samurdhi community based banks and Samurdhi community based banking societies under the purview of government audit. Accordingly, approval of the Attorney General has been granted to the draft bill prepared by the Legal Draftsmen. The Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal submitted by the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment to publish the draft bill in the government gazette notification and subsequently submit the said draft bill to the Parliament for concurrence.

12. Appointment to the Post of Commissioner General of Examinations

The period of service of Mr. H. J. M. C. A. Jayasundara who served in the office of the Commissioner General of Examinations has been ended from 06.05.2025. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education to appoint Mrs. A. K. Subhashini Indika Kumari Liyanage, an officer in the special grade in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service and currently serving in a post of Commissioner in the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka to the vacant post of Commissioner General of Examinations with immediate effect.

13. Appointment to the post of Surveyor General

Mr. U. K. S. P. Wijesinghe, a special grade officer in Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service who served as the Surveyor General got retired from government service with effect from 22.01.2025 having completed the age of 60 years. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers decided to grant approval to the proposal submitted by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation to appoint Mr. Y. G. Gnanathilake, the special grade officer in Sri Lanka Surveyors' Service to the post of Surveyor General with immediate effect.

14. Amendment of acts of Employees' Budget Concessionary Allowance Nos. 36 of 2005 and No. 4 of 2016 and the Employees' National Minimum Wage Act No. 3 of 2016.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted at their meeting held on 07.04.2025 to amend Employees' Budget Concessionary Allowance Nos. 36 of 2005 and No. 4 of 2016 and the Employees' National Minimum Wage Act No. 3 of 2016 in relation to escalate the national minimum monthly and daily wages of private sector employees parallel to increase of government employees' salaries. Accordingly, the Legal Draftsmen has prepared amended draft bill to revise those acts for which the concurrence of the Attorney General has been granted. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers have given approval to the proposal submitted by the Minister of Labour to publish the said revised draft bills in the government gazette notification and subsequently present them to the Parliament for its concurrence.

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