

5 May 2023

Treasury Circular 2023/03

Unrestricted Distribution

Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance

Contact for Enquiries: Your Treasury Vote Analyst

**UNAPPROPRIATED EXPENSES AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OR
UNAUTHORISED CAPITAL INJECTIONS FOR 2022/23**

1. This circular provides the information and templates for the 2022/23 unappropriated expenditure process.
2. For simplicity, this circular uses the term *unappropriated expenditure* to mean:
 - expenses and/or capital expenditure in excess, or outside the scope, of existing appropriations
 - expenditure without appropriation, and/or
 - capital injections made without parliamentary authorisation.
3. **All departments** must submit the relevant part of the Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure to Treasury by **1pm Friday 15 September 2023**. This includes departments which have no instances of unappropriated expenditure.

This circular is set out as follows:

Mechanisms for Addressing Unappropriated Expenditure.....	2
Process for Addressing Potential or Actual Unappropriated Expenditure	2
Timetable.....	4
Guidance	5
Section 26A – Transfer of resources between output expense appropriations	5
Section 26B – Minister of Finance approval of expenses or capital expenditure in excess of an existing appropriation	7
Section 26C and 26CA – Parliamentary validation of expenses and/or capital expenditure without appropriation or other authority and/or capital injections.....	9
Templates.....	12
Template for Section 26A Transfers.....	12
Template for Section 26B Approvals.....	15
Template for Sections 26C & CA Validation	17
Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure.....	18

Attachments

The templates can all be found as attachments to this Circular in:
[CFISnet - Info - Circulars](#).

MECHANISMS FOR ADDRESSING UNAPPROPRIATED EXPENDITURE

4. Spending without or in excess of appropriation is unlawful, and the Public Finance Act 1989 (PFA) contains some provisions for avoiding or remedying unappropriated expenditure, as set out below:

Section	Mechanism	Type of approval
26A	Provides for fiscally neutral transfers of up to 5% between output expense appropriations (including multi-category appropriations that include only categories of output expenses) within a Vote.	<i>Order in Council</i> (made prior to 30 June) and subsequently confirmed by Parliament in the <i>Appropriation (Confirmation and Validation) Act</i>
26B	Allows the Minister of Finance to approve expenses or capital expenditure in the last 3 months of any financial year up to the greater of \$10,000 or 2% in excess of an existing appropriation, but within the scope of that appropriation.	Minister of Finance approval, confirmed by Parliament in the <i>Appropriation (Confirmation and Validation) Act</i>
26C & CA	Any expenditure incurred in excess of, or without, appropriation or other authority is unlawful unless it is subsequently validated by Parliament in an Appropriation Act. Capital injections made without authority or approval require validation by Parliament.	Validating legislation – <i>Appropriation (Confirmation and Validation) Act</i>

5. If an agency does not ensure the unappropriated expenditure is dealt with in accordance with the PFA, the Controller and Auditor-General can direct the responsible Minister to report to Parliament on a breach and stop payments out of a Crown or Departmental Bank Account.

PROCESS FOR ADDRESSING POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL UNAPPROPRIATED EXPENDITURE

6. Where a department identifies a potential breach of appropriation in advance they should notify their Vote Analyst as soon as possible, and should **seek interim authority under Imprest Supply** in advance of the expenditure being incurred or, if expenditure falls **within the scope of 26B, seek the Minister of Finance's approval.**¹
- a. Interim authority under Imprest Supply usually requires Cabinet approval unless it falls within an authority joint Ministers have from Cabinet. The approval will then be confirmed by *Order in Council* (section 26A) or validated by Parliament in the *Appropriation (Confirmation and Validation) Act* (section 26C or 26CA).²

¹ In the case of 26B, Imprest Supply is not required as the Minister of Finance's approval takes effect from when given.

² Excludes the use of Imprest Supply where that use has subsequently been appropriated in the *Appropriation (Supplementary Estimates) Act*.

7. In the event that actual unappropriated expenditure is incurred without authority under Imprest Supply, in addition to notifying their Vote Analyst, the department is required to notify their auditor for follow up with the Controller-function auditors.
8. Whether interim authority under Imprest Supply has been obtained or not, where unappropriated expenditure has occurred (either during the year or at year end), departments are to **submit the relevant template attached to this circular to the Treasury**. This must include an explanation from the Minister responsible for the unappropriated expenditure. The explanation is included in the *Report on Unappropriated Expenses and Capital Expenditure*, which is tabled in Parliament alongside the *Appropriation (Confirmation and Validation) Bill*. The text must be suitable for inclusion in a report to Parliament and of **publishable quality** (for example, Cabinet minute references should not be included in explanations).
 - a. In the case of unappropriated expenditure that **occurs towards the end of the financial year**, the explanation should be limited to factors that occurred after the close of the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates.
 - b. In the case of **in-year unappropriated expenditure**, the explanation should be limited to factors that gave rise to the in-year unappropriated expenditure.
9. A statement of unappropriated expenditure under sections **26B, 26C, and 26CA** of the PFA must be included in the department's and the Government's annual financial statements.
10. The processes for each of sections 26A, 26B and 26C and 26CA are set out in greater detail below, along with templates for submissions.

Submissions must be uploaded to the CFISnet Info Module (in Word or PDF format).

To upload into CFISnet, follow this process:

CFISnet - Info - Document Sharing – Upload a new Document.

1. Select Process = **“Unappropriated – 26A, 26B, 26C & Supporting Docs”**.
2. Click the **“Browse”** button to browse for the relevant completed template(s) (merged into a single document) to upload.
3. If the name of file is not suitably descriptive please enter a comment describing the content of the file.

Once they have been uploaded, **please also email them** to your Treasury Vote Analyst and CC in katelin.livingstone@treasury.govt.nz

For simplicity, please put completed templates into a **single document**.

Simon Duncan
Manager, Budget

2023 TIMETABLE

Date	S 26A	S 26B	S 26C/CA
Before 1pm Friday 19 May	Consult with your Vote Analyst to determine whether a S26A transfer is necessary.		
1pm Friday 19 May	Final date for section 26A request letters to be signed by appropriation Ministers and received by the Minister of Finance		
1pm Friday 19 May	Deadline for submitting section 26A templates to Treasury		
Friday 26 May	Report by Treasury to the Minister of Finance seeking agreement to an <i>Order in Council</i> for section 26A items approved by Joint Ministers Treasury to compile material on transfers for the Report to Minister of Finance		
Thursday 1 June	<i>Order in Council</i> for section 26A proposals is lodged for LEG		
Thursday 8 June	<i>Order in Council</i> for section 26A proposals is considered at LEG		
Monday 12 June	Cabinet and Executive Council consider the <i>Order in Council</i> for section 26A		
Thursday 29 June	Last date that interim authority under Imprest Supply can be given in advance of expenditure being incurred		Last date that interim authority under Imprest Supply can be given in advance of expenditure being incurred
1pm Friday 15 September	Departments to submit to Treasury Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure. Where there is no unappropriated expenditure <u>nil returns are required.</u>		
		Departments to submit completed templates for section 26B approvals and for sections 26C and 26CA, where unappropriated expenditure and/or unauthorised capital injections have occurred. <i>If any unappropriated expenditure is identified following this deadline, please immediately notify the Treasury and complete the requirements set out in this circular.</i>	
Friday 29 September		Last date the Minister of Finance can make section 26B approvals under the PFA	
After September		Omnibus report prepared by Treasury setting out the contents of the Appropriation (Confirmation and Validation) Bill and section 26C/CA report to Minister of Finance	

GUIDANCE

Section 26A – Transfer of resources between output expense appropriations.

Before using this section to avoid incurring unappropriated expenditure, please consult with your Vote Analyst.

Deadline: 1pm Friday 19 May 2023

11. Ideally, expected unappropriated expenditure should be met from existing resources in the Vote.
12. Section 26A provides that:
 - a. an *Order in Council* may transfer resources between output expense appropriations (including a multi-category appropriation that includes only categories of output expenses) within a single Vote,
 - b. the total of such transfers may not increase the recipient output expense appropriation by more than 5%, and
 - c. the *Order in Council* must be made by **30 June**.
13. Transfers can be used only where expenses are within the current scope of the existing appropriations.
14. Transfers **cannot** be made to or from **multi-year appropriations, multi-category appropriations** (except multi-category appropriations that include **only** categories of output expenses) **or permanent legislative authorities**. A multi-category appropriation that includes categories other than output expenses is not an output expense appropriation, even though it may contain output expense categories.
15. As the *Order in Council* will not be made until near the end of June, departments need to seek interim authority under Imprest Supply ahead of incurring unappropriated expenditure (similar to seeking authority prior to passing of Supplementary Estimates during the year).
16. While the increase sought should be in relation to the Supplementary Estimates (i.e., the total authority for expenditure), the 5% limit relates to the Appropriation Act in force at the time of the approval. Because it is not clear in advance whether the *Appropriation (Supplementary Estimates) Act* will be in force at the time the *Order in Council* comes into force, whichever is the lower amount from the Main or the Supplementary Estimates must be used in calculating the 5% limit:
 - a. If the appropriation is either **unchanged** or **increased** in the Supplementary Estimates, then the **Main Estimates** figure must be used as the base for calculation, as follows:

		\$ million
Main Estimates Appropriation	A	100.000
Supplementary Estimates Addition		50.000
Cumulative Appropriation		150.000
Actual Expenditure		155.000
Value of Section 26A transfer sought	B	5.000

Percentage of Main Estimates	B/A =	5%
------------------------------	-------	----

- b. If the appropriation is **reduced** in the Supplementary Estimates, the **Supplementary Estimates** figure must be used as the base for calculation, as follows:

		\$ million
Main Estimates Appropriation		100.000
Supplementary Estimates Addition		(50.000)
Cumulative Appropriation	A	50.000
Actual Expenditure		52.500
Value of Section 26A transfer sought	B	2.500
Percentage of Supplementary Estimates B/A =		5%

Process for section 26A approvals and reporting to Treasury

17. Where the potential for unappropriated expenditure is identified and it meets the criteria for a section 26A transfer, the Minister responsible for the appropriation should write to the Minister of Finance:

- a. outlining the reason for the proposed transfer, including why it was not in the Supplementary Estimates
- b. including any Treasury comment (please discuss with your Vote Team)
- c. including the following recommendations:

agree [details of transfers], and

agree that the changes to output expenses above be included in an Order in Council under section 26A of the Public Finance Act, and that, in the interim, these expenses be met from Imprest Supply.

18. To prepare the *Order in Council*, all approvals need to be signed by appropriation Ministers and received by the Minister of Finance by **1pm Friday 19 May 2023**.
19. Departments need to:
- a. complete a **section 26A return** for all approved items and Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure (see attachment for templates)
 - b. attach signed copies of approvals, and
 - c. submit to Treasury prior to **1pm Friday 19 May 2023**.

Section 26B – Minister of Finance approval of expenses or capital expenditure in excess of an existing appropriation

Deadline: 1pm Friday 15 September 2023

20. The Minister of Finance may approve expenses or capital expenditure in excess of appropriation, within certain limits:
 - a. expenditure must be within the scope of an existing appropriation
 - b. the expenditure in excess of appropriation must be incurred in the last three months of the financial year, and
 - c. the cumulative total of such approvals for a single appropriation may only be up to the greater of \$10,000 or 2% of the appropriation.
21. Section 26B **does not apply to capital injections.**
22. Where possible, section 26B approvals should be sought in advance of expenditure. Unlike section 26A, where Imprest Supply is required to cover the period prior to the *Order in Council* being made, Imprest Supply is not required for section 26B approvals as the Minister of Finance's approval takes effect from when it is given.
23. In different circumstances it will be appropriate to use different bases for calculating the \$10,000 or 2% limits.
24. For section 26B requests to be approved **before** the *Appropriation (Supplementary Estimates) Act* has been passed in late June:
 - a. if the net effect of the Supplementary Estimates and/or any section 26A transfer is to either **increase** the appropriation or **leave it unchanged**, the **Main Estimates** figure must be used as the base for calculation, and
 - b. if the net effect of the Supplementary Estimates and/or any section 26A transfer is to **reduce** the appropriation, the latest **Supplementary Estimates** figure as amended by any section 26A transfers must be used as the base for calculation.
25. For section 26B approvals to be approved **after** the *Appropriation (Supplementary Estimates) Act* and the *Order in Council* (giving effect to the section 26A transfers) have come into force in late June, the latest **Supplementary Estimates** figure, as amended by any section 26A transfers, must be used as the base for calculation.
26. Where a breach of greater than 2% or \$10,000 has been identified, the whole breach is to be remedied through **section 26C.**
27. The last date the Minister of Finance can make section 26B approvals is **29 September**. This is to allow for approval of expenditure that becomes apparent only during the audit of the annual financial statements. However, as approvals made after 30 June will be for expenditure already incurred, Treasury will recommend that these be approved only in exceptional circumstances. In general, validation under section 26C will be more suitable for unappropriated expenditure identified after 30 June.

28. If a department is seeking a section 26B approval for expenditure already incurred, as well as discussing the circumstances with the Treasury Vote Team, the department should outline why it was not possible to identify the overspend in advance.
29. Retrospective approvals should be avoided, as the expenditure will be unlawful when it is being incurred.

Process for section 26B approvals and reporting to Treasury

30. Where (the potential for) unappropriated expenditure is identified *and* it meets the criteria for a section 26B approval, the Minister responsible for the appropriation should write to the Minister of Finance:
 - a. outlining the reason for the (proposed) additional spend, including why it was not included in the Supplementary Estimates
 - b. including any Treasury comment (please discuss with your Vote Team)
 - c. including the following recommendations:

note [details of additional spend];

approve the additional expenditure above under section 26B of the Public Finance Act 1989

Where Treasury does not support the section 26B approval, include the following alternative recommendation:

or [Treasury preferred option]; and

agree that the additional expenses *and/or* capital expenditure above be included in the Appropriation (2022/23 Confirmation and Validation) Bill for confirmation by Parliament.

31. Departments should follow the following process:
 - a. complete the section 26B return and Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure (see attachment for templates)
 - b. attach signed copies of joint Minister approvals, and
 - c. submit to Treasury prior to **1pm Friday 15 September 2023**.
32. Reporting requirements for unappropriated expenditure are set out in section 26D of the PFA. That is, a statement relating to the unappropriated expenditure must be included in both the department's and the Government's annual financial statements.

Section 26C and 26CA – Parliamentary validation of expenses and/or capital expenditure without appropriation or other authority and/or capital injections

Deadline: 1pm Friday 15 September 2023

33. Section 26C of the Public Finance Act covers all expenditure incurred without appropriation or other authority where:
 - a. authority for additional expenditure has not been obtained in advance, or
 - b. the additional expenditure has not been approved under section 26B, either because it is too large, or the Minister of Finance has deemed it more appropriate for the expenditure to be validated.
34. Such unappropriated expenditure requires validation in the *Appropriation (Confirmation and Validation) Act*. Where possible departments should, in the first instance, seek to use one of the approval options described previously.
35. Validation is a *retrospective* approval for:
 - a. expenses or capital expenditure outside the scope of an appropriation
 - b. expenses or capital expenditure in excess of the amount of an appropriation, not already, or able to be, remedied via the tools above, and
 - c. unapproved or unauthorised capital injections (please contact your Vote Analyst early if this is relevant to you).
36. Reporting requirements for unappropriated expenditure are set out in sections 26C(2) and 26D of the PFA. A statement relating to the unappropriated expenditure must be included in the department's and the Government's annual financial statements and in the report that the Minister of Finance is required to present to the House on the introduction of the Appropriation (Confirmation and Validation) Bill.
37. Note that if an appropriation has been exceeded during the year (in respect of amount or scope), and the department has *subsequently* sought a change in the amount or scope of the appropriation, this subsequent approval authorises expenditure only from the date of Cabinet approval. Unless the expenditure incurred between the initial breach and the Cabinet approval has been approved under section 26B, such an expenditure breach must be validated under section 26C of the PFA. Please include all such "in-year" breaches within the section 26C template and Ministerial certification.

Process for section 26C and 26CA when seeking Cabinet approval prior to 30 June

38. Except where Joint Ministers have a delegation from Cabinet, the Minister responsible for the appropriation should submit a Cabinet paper:
- a. outlining the reason for the unappropriated expenditure or unauthorised capital injection, including an explanation of why it was not in the Supplementary Estimates
 - b. including any Treasury comment (please discuss with your Vote Team), and
 - c. including the following recommendations:

***note** [details of additional spend, including type and value], and*

***agree** that the [additional expenses and/or capital expenditure and/or the capital injection above be included in the Appropriation (2022/23 Confirmation and Validation) Bill for validation by Parliament and that, in the interim, the expenses and/or capital expenditure and/or capital injection be met from Imprest Supply.*

39. The recommendation above regarding Imprest Supply is sufficient to meet the criteria for interim authority under Imprest Supply. Imprest Supply is required because the section 26C or 26CA approval is not validated until the next financial year when the *Appropriation (2022/23 Confirmation and Validation) Bill* is passed.
40. In addition, departments must:
- a. complete the section 26C return and Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure (attached to this circular)
 - b. for each item of unappropriated expenditure and unauthorised capital injection include the explanation of the Minister responsible for the appropriation for tabling in the House of Representatives (see the 'Guidance for explanations' text box below for more information about what the explanation should include), and
 - c. submit to Treasury prior to **1pm Friday 15 September 2023**.

Process for section 26C when expenditure has already been incurred

41. Where expenditure has been incurred without approval, no Cabinet paper is required but the same information as above should be submitted to Treasury.
42. This includes the explanation of the unappropriated expenditure from the Appropriation Minister, the section 26C return and the Certificate of Unappropriated Expenditure.
43. The Treasury will then advise the Minister of Finance on all such unappropriated expenditure.

Guidance for the explanations of Minister responsible for the appropriation

Each instance of unappropriated expenditure requiring validation by Parliament under section 26C or 26CA must include an explanation from the Minister responsible for the appropriation for tabling in Parliament in the Report on Unappropriated Expenses and Capital Expenditure.

The explanation should:

- be written in the Minister’s voice and of a standard suitable for tabling in Parliament
- provide a clear and concise explanation of the unappropriated expenditure, and the nature of the breach (e.g., whether in excess of appropriation, outside of scope or without an appropriation),
- enable a reader with no background knowledge of the area to understand how and why the unappropriated expenditure has occurred – accordingly, it should be written in plain English, be free of jargon and “insider” language, and not contain references to Cabinet minutes, and
- be of publishable quality, noting that explanations will be included in the annual Financial Statements of the Government as well as the Report on Unappropriated Expenses and Capital Expenditure.

For expenditure approved under Imprest Supply, but where this was done too late to be included in the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates, you should use the following text:

“The incurring of this expenditure under Imprest Supply was approved by Cabinet/Joint Ministers [omit whichever does not apply] before the expenditure was incurred, but it was identified too late for inclusion in the Appropriation (2022/23 Supplementary Estimates) Bill and is thus unappropriated expenditure requiring validation.”

TEMPLATES

Template for Section 26A Transfers

- (1) Fill this table out if Joint Ministers have approved a section 26A transfer for a Vote administered by your department.
- (2) Please submit the completed details and associated documentation to the Treasury as outlined in the circular – *the template itself does not need to be signed off by Cabinet or Joint Ministers.*

Please use one template per set of transfers

Have the Minister responsible for the appropriation <u>and</u> the Minister of Finance approved the transfer?	Yes/No
Has the use of Imprest been approved by Cabinet (or Joint Ministers, if a delegation is in place)?	Yes/No if yes, please enter the Cabinet Minute or reference to Joint Minister approval below:
Are the titles of the output expense appropriations consistent with the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates?	Yes/No (if no, please ensure this is corrected)

Vote XXXX Briefly describe the reason for the transfer including why it was not included in the 2022/23 Supplementary Estimates	(\$million)
Baseline Reductions Departmental Output Expense/Non-Departmental Output Expense(s): (please insert Name of Output Expense Appropriation(s))	(x.xxx)
Total	(x.xxx)
Baseline Increases Departmental Output Expenses/Non-Departmental Output Expense(s): (please insert Name of Output Expense Appropriation(s))	y.yyy
Total	y.yyy

Reconciliation: A section 26A transfer must not increase the appropriation for an output expense by more than 5%. The 5% threshold relates to the Appropriation Act in force at the time of the approval. As both *the Appropriation (2022/23 Supplementary Estimates) Act* and the *Order in Council* (that gives effect to the section 26A transfers) come into force in late June, it is not clear whether the *Appropriation (2022/23 Supplementary Estimates) Act* or the *Appropriation (2022/23 Supplementary Estimates) Act* will be in force when the section 26A transfer takes place.

For this reason, a conservative approach must be taken in calculating the 5% threshold:

- If the appropriation is either **unchanged** or **increased** in the Supplementary Estimates, then the **Main Estimates** figure must be used as the base for calculation.
- If the appropriation is **reduced** in the Supplementary Estimates, then the **Supplementary Estimates** figure must be used as the base for calculation.

Please fill out the table below:

Appropriation Name	Relevant Appropriation Act	Main Estimates Output Expense (2022/23) amount (\$ million)	Supplementary Estimates (2022/23) Output Expense Appropriation (\$ million)	Percentage increase (to 3 decimal places) compared to relevant Appropriation Act.
	Main Estimates / Supplementary Estimates <i>[Choose one]</i>	xx.xxx	xx.xxx	x.xxx%

Template for Section 26B Approvals

- (1) Fill this table out if an approval under section 26B has been approved for a Vote administered by your department.
- (2) Please submit the completed details and associated documentation to Treasury as outlined in the circular – the template itself does not need to be signed off by Cabinet or Joint Ministers.

Does the case of unappropriated expenses meet the conditions for section 26B approvals (less than 2% or \$10,000)?	Yes/No
Have the Minister responsible for the appropriation <u>and</u> Minister of Finance approved it?	Yes/No
Was the approval in advance of the expenditure being incurred?	Yes/No
Are the titles of the appropriations consistent with the Estimates?	Yes/No (if no, ensure this is corrected)

Vote	Description	Amount (\$ million)
(XXXX)	Provide details of the appropriation name and type	xx.xxx

Reconciliation: A section 26B approval must not increase the appropriation by more than 2% or \$10,000, whichever is greater. In different circumstances it will be appropriate to use different bases for calculating the \$10,000/2% thresholds:

- For section 26B requests to be approved **before** the Appropriation (2022/23 Supplementary Estimates) Act has been passed in late June:
 - a. if the net effect of the Supplementary Estimates and/or any section 26A transfer is to either **increase** the appropriation or leave it **unchanged**, the **Main Estimates** figure should be used as the base for calculation, or
 - b. if the net effect of the Supplementary Estimates and/or any section 26A transfer is to **reduce** the appropriation, the **Supplementary Estimates** figure as amended by any section 26A transfers should be used as the base for calculation.
- For section 26B requests to be approved **after** the *Appropriation (2022/23 Supplementary Estimates) Act* and the *Order in Council* giving effect to the section 26A transfers have come into force in late June, the final **Supplementary Estimates** figure as amended by any section 26A transfers should be used as the base for calculation.

Please fill out the table below:

Appropriation Name	Date Approval Given	Relevant Appropriation Act	Main Estimates (2022/23) Output Expense amount (\$ million)	Supplementary Estimates (2022/23) Output Expense Appropriation amount (\$ million)	Percentage increase (to 3 decimal places) compared to relevant Appropriation Act.
		Main Estimates / Supplementary Estimates [<i>Choose one</i>]	xx.xxx	xx.xxx	x.xxx%

Template for Sections 26C & 26CA Validation

- (1) Fill this table out if your Minister is seeking validation of unappropriated expenditure or capital injections.
- (2) Please submit the completed details and associated documentation to Treasury as outlined in the circular – the template itself does not need to be signed off by Cabinet or Joint Ministers.

Has the Minister responsible for the appropriation been informed and certified the reason for the expenditure?	Yes/No (if not, do so)
Has the use of Imprest been approved by Cabinet (or Joint Ministers, if a delegation is in place)?	Yes/No if yes, please enter the Cabinet Minute or reference to Joint Minister Approval:
Does this return include any expenditure outside the scope of an existing appropriation?	Yes/No
Are the titles of the appropriations consistent with the Estimates?	Yes/No (if no, please ensure this is corrected)

Vote	Description	Amount (\$ million)
(XXXX)	<p>Provide details of the appropriation name and type</p> <p><i>Provide a brief reason (in the Minister's voice) for the unappropriated expenditure, including why it was not in the Supplementary Estimates. This will be tabled in the House of Representatives and should be written in a clear, concise and publishable manner.</i></p> <p><i>Clearly identify if the unappropriated expenditure is outside the scope of an appropriation. This type of breach should be quantified.</i></p> <p>If the spending was approved under Imprest Supply, but requires validation, please use the following text:</p> <p>"The incurring of this expenditure/ the making of a capital injection under Imprest Supply was approved by Cabinet/Joint Ministers [<i>omit whichever is inappropriate</i>] before the expenditure/capital injection was incurred/made, but it was identified too late for inclusion in the Appropriation (2022/23 Supplementary Estimates) Bill and is thus unappropriated (expenditure) [<i>omit word expenditure if capital injection</i>] requiring validation."</p>	xx.xxx

Certification of Unappropriated Expenditure and Unauthorised Capital Injections

- (1) **All** departments and Offices of Parliament **must** submit this form.
- (2) Please submit the completed details, and any associated documentation, **by 1pm Friday 15 September 2023**:
 - In the case of a one appropriation Minister Vote, you should submit **either a Part I or Part II return**.
 - In the case of a multi-appropriation Minister Vote, you should submit **both Part I and Part II returns**, unless *all* appropriation Ministers have completed a Part I return.

Part I

CERTIFICATION OF SCHEDULE OF UNAPPROPRIATED EXPENSES AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OR UNAUTHORISED CAPITAL INJECTIONS FOR [20XX/YY]

I hereby certify that the explanations provided for the unappropriated expenses and capital expenditure in Vote [name of Vote], and unauthorised capital injections to department [name of department], for which I am responsible, are correct, and agree that these explanations are suitable for inclusion in the *Report on Unappropriated Expenses and Capital Expenditure* presented to the House of Representatives.

These are the only instances of unappropriated expenses or capital expenditure, for which I am the appropriation Minister in [name of Vote], [or of unauthorised capital injections to [name of department], for which I am the responsible Minister].

Minister of/for [insert Portfolio name]

Date:

Part II (Nil Return)

This is required in respect of either particular appropriation Ministers, or the Vote or department as a whole.

CERTIFICATION THAT THERE ARE NO INSTANCES OF UNAPPROPRIATED EXPENSES AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OR UNAUTHORISED CAPITAL INJECTIONS FOR [20XX/YY]

I hereby certify that there are no instances of unappropriated expenses or capital expenditure in Vote(s) [insert Vote name(s)], [for which the following appropriation Minister(s) are/is responsible: [list appropriation Ministers by portfolio].]

I also certify that there are no unauthorised capital injections to [name of department].

Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance

Date: