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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND VETERAN AFFAIRS: VOTE 31 DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

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TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the accounts of the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs: Vote 31 Department of Veteran Affairs for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 in terms of Article 127(2) of the Namibian Constitution. The report is transmitted to the Honorable Minister of Finance in terms of Section 27(1) of the State Finance Act, 1991, (Act 31 of 1991) to be laid upon the Table of the National Assembly in terms of Section 27(4) of the Act.

WINDHOEK, FEBRUARY 2023

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**JUNIAS ETUNA KANDJEKE
AUDITOR-GENERAL**

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DEFINITIONS

<p>Types of Audit Opinions:</p>	<p>Unqualified Opinion. In an unqualified report, the auditors conclude that the financial statements of your O/M/A's present fairly its affairs in all material aspects.</p> <p>Qualified Opinion. An auditor's report is qualified when there is either a limitation of scope in the auditor's work, or when there is a disagreement with management regarding application, acceptability or adequacy of accounting policies.</p> <p>Disclaimer Opinion. Auditor's do not express an opinion on the financial position of a firm because they have not completed an examination of its accounts or the examination is not broad enough in scope to enable them to form an opinion.</p> <p>Adverse Opinion. The Financial statement of an O/M/A's do not fairly present its actual financial position and the required information was either not disclosed, or (if disclosed) was inadequately disclosed or was inaccurate.</p>
<p>Treasury:</p>	<p>Financial authority in public service. (The department of Government that has control over the collection, management and disbursement of public revenue).</p>
<p>Vote:</p>	<p>Represents an Office/Ministry/Agency.</p>
<p>Appropriation Act:</p>	<p>Estimate of expenditure and revenue for a particular financial year presented to the National Assembly, the Act passed by Parliament.</p>
<p>Appropriation Account:</p>	<p>Government Income and Expenditure statement, showing on receipt side the estimated budgeted amounts and on expenditure side the actual expenditure amounts and the difference thereof.</p>
<p>Standard sub-division:</p>	<p>Government Balance account, showing balances incurred on each account/activity.</p>
<p>Suspension:</p>	<p>Reduction on budget (Treasury may from time without or suspend any amount in an estimate of expenditure).</p>
<p>Virement:</p>	<p>Moving of budgeted funds from one account to another account within the same budget of the same office/ministry/agency. The utilization of a saving under one main division/sub division of a vote to defray an excess under another existing division of the same vote.</p>
<p>Unauthorised Expenditure:</p>	<p>Expenditure that exceeds the amount appropriated (budgeted) for a vote, main division or subdivision.</p>
<p>Underexpenditure:</p>	<p>Saving on the budget.</p>
<p>Miscellaneous Revenue:</p>	<p>All revenue collected and not having a specified revenue code.</p>
<p>Commitments:</p>	<p>Funds reserved to acquire goods or services from a supplier.</p>
<p>Suspense accounts:</p>	<p>Is an account opened in the books of Government that records movement of transactions of a temporarily nature, for example salary deductions of housing instalments.</p>
<p>S&T Advance Suspense</p>	<p>A suspense account reflecting the outstanding subsistence and travel</p>

Account:	advances.
Rejection Account:	A suspense account reflecting names and balances of all persons/companies that owe the money to the State.
Budget:	Is an estimation of the revenue and expenses over a specified future period of time specified
Subsistence Advance:	Payment given in advance to an employee to reimburse accommodation, meal and incidental expenses, while on an official assignment.
Performance Information:	Measurement of an individual, group, organization, system or component which is collected, analysed and reported. (Includes Strategic plans, annual plans, performance agreements and personal development plans) performance agreements and personal development plans)
Materiality:	Is a concept or convention relating to the importance or significance of an amount, transaction, or discrepancy that effects the decision of the user.
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Key performance indicator (KPI):	A measurable value used to monitor and demonstrates how effectively an organization is achieving key business objectives. ISSAI: International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions
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Reasonable Assurance:	It is when the audit conclusion is expressed positively, conveying that, in the auditor's opinion, the subject matter is or is not compliant in all material respects or, where relevant, that the subject matter information provides a true and fair view, in accordance with the applicable criteria.
Limited Assurance:	It is when the audit conclusion states that, based on the procedures performed; nothing has come to the auditor's attention to cause the auditor to believe that the subject matter is not in compliance with the criteria.
Direct reporting engagement:	It is when an auditor measures or evaluates the subject matter against the criteria. The auditor is responsible for producing the subject matter information. The auditor selects the subject matter and criteria, taking into consideration risk and materiality. By measuring the subject matter evidence against the criteria, the auditor is able to form a conclusion.
Attestation engagement:	It is when a responsible party (the entity) measures the subject matter against the criteria and presents the subject matter information, on which you, the auditor, then gather sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a reasonable basis for forming a conclusion.
Materiality:	Is a concept or convention relating to the importance or significance of an amount, transaction, or discrepancy that affects the decision of the user.
OMA:	Office/Ministry/Agency

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FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022**

1. SECTION A: FINANCIAL AUDIT

1.1 UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION

I have audited the financial statements of the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs: Department of Veteran Affairs (Vote 31) for the financial year ended 31 March 2022, provided by the Accounting Officer as attached in Annexure A. These financial statements comprise the Appropriation Account, Standard Subdivisions, Departmental Revenue, notes to the financial statements and general information for the year then ended and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs: Department of Veteran Affairs as at 31 March 2022 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Section 12 and 13 of the State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991) and relevant legislation.

1.2 BASIS FOR UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the entity in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Supreme Audit Institutions together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Namibia and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in my professional judgment, were of most significance in my audit of the financial statements of the current period. I have determined that there were no key audit matters to communicate in my report.

1.4 OTHER INFORMATION

Management is responsible for the other information. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. Based on the work I have performed, I have nothing to report in this regard.

2. SECTION B: COMPLIANCE AUDIT AND AUDIT OF PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

2.1 COMPLIANCE TO LAWS AND REGULATIONS

2.2 SUBJECT MATTER: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND THE USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

I have audited the financial performance and the use of appropriated funds of the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs: Department of Veteran Affairs for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

2.3 DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT MATTER INFORMATION AND AUDIT SCOPE

The audit aimed to determine whether the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs: Department of Veteran Affairs used the appropriated funds in compliance with the Appropriation Act, 2021 (Act 1 of 2021); Appropriation Amendment Act, 2021 (Act 4 of 2021); the State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991), Public Procurement Act, 2015 (Act 15 of 2015); Treasury Instructions and Public Procurement Regulations during the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

2.4 AUDIT OBJECTIVE

The objective of this compliance audit is to verify and assess whether Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs: Department of Veteran Affairs has complied with all laws and regulations that have an impact on the financial statements in accordance with the ISSAI. This audit is an attestation engagement where the entity presented the subject matter information on which the auditor then gathered sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide reasonable assurance in forming an opinion. In forming an opinion, the findings and recommendation are taken into account.

In addition, the objective of this audit is to verify and assess whether public funds have been used appropriately and lawfully, and to report issues of non-compliance so that corrective action is taken and compliance to laws and regulations is strengthened.

2.5 AUDIT CRITERIA

The audit criteria of this compliance audit are derived from the following laws and regulations stated below:

- Appropriation Act, 2021 (Act 1 of 2021);
- Appropriation Amendment Act, 2021 (Act 4 of 2021);
- State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991);
- Public Procurement Act, 2015 (Act 15 of 2015);
- Treasury Instructions; and
- Public Procurement Regulations.

2.6 SUMMARY OF METHODS APPLIED

I have audited the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 submitted by the Accounting Officer in order to determine whether this information complied with laws and regulations that governs them.

2.7 KEY AUDIT FINDINGS

2.7.1 Unauthorized expenditure

The following unauthorized expenditures occurred during the financial year and are hereby reported as such in terms of Section 27(6)(a) of the State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991):

- i) The vote was exceeded with N\$ 9 879 443.37 which is unauthorized in terms of Section 6 (a) (i) of the State Finance Act, 1991(Act 31 of 1991);
- ii) One (1) main division was exceeded with a total amount of N\$ 9 936 270.46 which is unauthorized in terms of Section 6 (a) (ii) of the State Finance Act, 1991(Act 31 of 1991); and
- iii) Although Treasury authorization was obtained to utilize certain expected savings for the defrayal of expenditure through virements during the year, one (1) operational sub-division was exceeded with an amount of N\$ 9 945 068.00, which is unauthorized in terms of Section 6(a) (iii) of the State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991).

It is recommended that the Accounting Officer should closely monitor and review the financial position of the department on a continuous basis to enable better financial control, and take appropriate action timeously to avoid unauthorized expenditure.

Management comment

The Accounting Officer indicated that the Department took note of the recommendation and will strengthen the budget monitoring processes to avoid any unauthorised expenditure.

2.8 OPINION ON THE SUBJECT MATTER

In my opinion, the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs: Department of Veteran Affairs financial performance and use of appropriated funds is in compliance, in all material respects, with the State Finance Act, 1991(Act of 1991), Public Procurement Act, 2015 (Act 15 of 2015), Treasury Instructions, Public Procurement Regulations and Appropriation Act, 2021 (Act 1 of 2021) and Appropriation Amendment Act, 2021 (Act 4 of 2021).

3. AUDIT OF PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

I have audited the performance information of the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs: Department of Veteran Affairs for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

3.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT MATTER INFORMATION AND AUDIT SCOPE

A Performance Management System (PMS) is defined as a systematic process for achievement and improvement in obtaining results from an organization and its staff members by managing performance within an agreed framework consisting of objectives, outputs, key performance indicators (KPIs) and timelines.

The primary function of the PMS is to enable Offices, Ministries and Agencies (OMAs) to achieve success in National Development Plans (NDP) and provide improvements in service delivery to the public.

The scoping of the key performance indicators was performed, by looking at the high-level statements, which are indicated in the Mandate of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan and the Annual Plan. Key performance indicators were selected based on what would be significant to the intended users and their usefulness in assessing the entity's achievements in terms of its service performance objectives.

3.2 AUDIT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) audit is to provide assurance on whether the reported performance information measured against key performance indicators is useful, reliable and evidence-based. Key performance indicators also provide the basis for the (OMAs) to inform the Parliament, the public and other stakeholders on its strategic priorities, programs, and projects.

This audit is an attestation engagement where the department presented the subject matter information on which the auditor then gathered sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide reasonable assurance in forming an opinion. The findings and recommendations are taken into consideration.

3.3 AUDIT CRITERIA

In this audit, the performance information was tested against the following selected criteria:

- Compliance with legislative requirements,
- Usefulness;
- Reliability;
- Existence;
- Timeliness;
- Presentation;
- Measurability;
- Relevance;
- Consistency;
- Validity;
- Accuracy; and
- Completeness.

3.4. SUMMARY OF METHODS APPLIED

The auditor reviewed the NDP 5, Harambee Prosperity Plan, MTEF and Strategic Plan of the Office to confirm whether the Strategic objectives in the Strategic Plan are aligned to the National Development Plans (NDP 5 & Harambee Prosperity Plan) and the MTEF. The auditor also reviewed the annual plan and the directorate's quarterly reviews to confirm whether the Strategic Plan objectives, targets and KPIs have been correctly cascaded to the Annual Plan and the selected key performance indicators for the year under review, are reported in the Annual Performance Report/ Annual plan review/ Directorate quarterly reports. Furthermore, the auditor conducted interviews and used reviewed documents to obtain information that pertains to the selected key performance indicators.

3.5 Selected key performance indicators

3.5.1 Directorate/Department: Veterans Affairs

The following two (2) key performance indicators from the Department Public Service Management (DPSM) were selected out of a population of five (5) key performance indicators from the 2021/2022 Annual plan:

Strategic Objective	Key Performance Indicators
Improve social welfare and economic status of veterans	Number of veterans accorded status
	Number of beneficiaries sponsored

3.6 Conclusion on the subject matter

All criteria of the performance information were met, which concluded that reported information is reliable and might be useful to the general public and stakeholders.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Section 12 and 13 of the State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991) and legislation, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible of overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

The management is also responsible for ensuring adherence to the State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991), Public Procurement Act, 2015 (Act 15 of 2015), Public Procurement Regulations, Appropriation Act, 2021 (Act 1 of 2021), Appropriation Amendment Act, 2021 (Act 4 of 2021) and Treasury Instructions to ensure that effective and efficient internal controls are implemented to enable compliance to the law that governs the performance information.

5. AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs), will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

My powers and duties towards auditing and reporting on the financial statements and compliance to the subject matter are outlined under Section 25 (1) (c), Section 26 (1) and Section 27 (3) of the State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991).

As part of an audit in accordance with the International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions, I exercise professional scepticism throughout the audit, I also;

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence, obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.
- I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.
- From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or, when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.
- It is also my responsibility to express an opinion on whether the financial performance and the use of appropriated funds is, in all material respect is in compliance with the Appropriation Act, 2021 (Act 1 of 2021), Appropriation Amendment Act, 2021 (Act 4 of 2021), State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991), Public Procurement Act, 2015 (Act 15 of 2015), Treasury Instructions and Public Procurement Regulations. I have conducted the audit in accordance with International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the audited entity is in compliance with the authorities that govern the audited entity in the execution of its roles and responsibilities.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

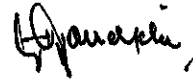
The financial statements, notes to the financial statements and general information provided by the Accounting Officer are attached as Annexure (A).

The accounts were submitted timeously by the Accounting Officer to the Auditor-General on 31 October 2022 in terms of Section 12 and 13 of the State Finance Act, 1991 (Act 31 of 1991).

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The co-operation and assistance by the management and staff of the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs: Department of Veteran Affairs during the audit is appreciated.

WINDHOEK, FEBRUARY 2023



JUNIAS ETUNA KANDJEKE
AUDITOR-GENERAL

ANNEXURE A

1. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1.1 Appropriation account

Service	2021/2022					2020/2021
	Authorized expenditure	Actual expenditure	Variations		Actual expenditure	
			Under expenditure/ (Excess)	Percentage		
N\$	N\$	N\$	N\$	%	N\$	
02 General Services:						
Original budget						
Less: Virement						
	32 908 000					
	(197 130)	32 710 870	32 678 068.59	32 801.41	0.10	34 838 440.12
03 Policy, Heritage and Social Affairs:						
Original budget	801 675 000					
Additional budget	19 100 000					
Plus: Virement	4 900 841	825 675 841	835 612 111.46	(9 936 270.46)	(1.20)	813 496 253.68
04 Planning and Development:						
Original budget	26 761 000					
Less: Virement	(4 703 711)					
Less: Suspension	(2 000 000)	20 057 289	20 033 263.32	24 025.68	0.12	21 237 416.58
TOTAL:		878 444 000	888 323 443.37	(9 879 443.37)	(1.12)	869 572 110.38

ANNEXURE A (continued)

1.2 Standard subdivisions

Subdivision	2021/2022			2020/2021
	Authorised expenditure	Actual expenditure	Under-expenditure/ (Excess)	Actual expenditure
	N\$	N\$	N\$	N\$
Operational:				
Current expenditure: Personnel				
001. Remuneration	31 952 957	31 933 194.37	19 762.63	33 927 589.54
002. Employer's Contribution to the G.I.P.F and M.P.O.O.B.P.F.	3 915 738	3 912 162.16	3 575.84	4 173 370.14
003. Other conditions of service	1 262 446	1 262 444.45	1.55	2 147 220.61
005. Employer's contribution to the social security	109 039	107 928.20	1 110.80	114 028.97
Total	37 240 180	37 215 729.18	24 450.82	40 362 209.26
Current expenditure: Goods and other services				
021. Travel and subsistence allowance	481 522	466 287.07	15 234.93	249 933.30
022. Materials and supplies	899 796	899 794.21	1.79	673 382.32
023. Transport	9 459 034	9 459 033.77	0.23	9 890 352.42
024. Utilities	4 977 349	4 952 439.66	24 909.34	3 852 157.30
025. Maintenance expenses	756 865	756 863.23	1.77	1 941 970.30
026. Property rental & related charges	696 798	696 797.85	0.15	644 203.31
027. Other services and expenses	4 152 000	4 150 975.40	1 024.60	4 119 249.50
Total	21 423 364	21 382 191.19	41 172.81	21 371 248.45
Current expenditure: Subsidies, grants and other transfers				
043. Government organizations	814 677 306	824 622 374.00	(9 945 068.00)	801 689 016.00
Total	814 677 306	824 622 374.00	(9 945 068.00)	801 689 016.00
Total: Current expenditure	873 340 850	883 220 294.37	(9 879 444.37)	863 422 473.71
Capital expenditure: Acquisition of assets				
101. Furniture and office equipment	238 764	238 763.22	0.78	198 072.00
Total: Capital expenditure	238 764	238 763.22	0.78	198 072.00
Total: Operational expenditure	873 579 614	883 459 057.59	(9 879 443.59)	863 620 545.71

ANNEXURE A (continued)

Subdivision	2021/2022			2020/2021
	Authorised expenditure	Actual expenditure	Under-expenditure/ (Excess)	Actual expenditure
	N\$	N\$	N\$	N\$
Development:				
Capital expenditure				
117. Construction, renovation and improvement	4 864 386	4 864 385.78	0.22	5 951 564.67
Total: Development expenditure	4 864 386	4 864 385.78	0.22	5 951 564.67
GRAND TOTAL	878 444 000	888 323 443.37	(9 879 443.37)	869 572 110.38

1.3 Departmental revenue

Revenue for the year is as follows:

Revenue head	Estimate	Actual revenue 2021/2022	More/(Less) than estimated	Actual revenue 2020/2021
	N\$	N\$	N\$	N\$
Miscellaneous	10 000	2 702.71	(7 297.29)	1 160.68
Sale of bid documents	1 000	-	(1 000.00)	-
Total	11 000	2 702.71	(8 297.29)	1 160.68

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 Fund account

The Accounting Officer reported that the Veterans Fund Account had a closing balance of N\$ 50 614 783.29 at 31 March 2022.

2.2 Outstanding commitments

The Accounting Officer reported outstanding commitments amounting to N\$ 1 269 309.24 for the year under review.

2.3 Capital projects

The Accounting Officer reported the following development projects of the Department for the year under review:

Nature of project	Approved total budget	Total expenditure at 31/03/2021	Approved appropriation 2020/2021	Actual expenditure 2020/2021	Total expenditure at 31/03/2022	Expected year of completion
	N\$	N\$	N\$	N\$	N\$	
Erection and Preservation of Liberation Struggle Monuments	49 699 000	3 382 328.84	-	-	3 382 328.84	31/03/2025
Acquisition/Construction of Offices for MoVA HQ and Regional Offices	71 445 000	34 821 060.83	4 864 386.00	4 864 385.78	39 685 446.61	31/03/2025
Construction of Veterans Recreational Facilities at Onesi	369 730 000	15 506 405.05	-	-	15 506 405.05	31/03/2025
Total	490 874 000	53 709 794.72	4 864 386.00	4 864 385.78	58 574 180.50	

2.4 Bursary and study assistance

The Accounting Officer reported that ten (10) staff members were provided with study assistance amounting to N\$ 257 772.10 for the year under review.

2.5 Annual stocktaking

The Accounting Officer reported stock on hand amounting to N\$ 8 494 787.89 for the year under of review.

2.6 Internal inspections

The Accounting Officer reported that two (2) inspections were conducted during financial year under review.

2.7 Vehicles

2.7.1 Vehicles on hand (Pool vehicles- Government Garage)

The Accounting Officer reported the following vehicles on hand for the year under review as follows:

Pool Vehicles	Vehicle type				Value
	Sedans	Pick-ups and Combies	Heavy vehicles	Other	
Balance as at 01/04/2021	13	43	4	1	N\$ 866 330.66
Returned	(7)	(21)	(2)	-	(453 240.71)
Balance as at 31/03/2022	6	22	2	1	413 089.95

2.7.2 Vehicle accidents – Cost of damages

The Accounting Officer reported one (1) vehicle accident for the financial year under review. The balance brought forward of the vehicles not yet repaired from the 2020/21 financial year was three (3) vehicles, no vehicle was repaired during the year under review which totals to four (4) vehicles still to be repaired as at 31 March 2022, with repair cost not yet determined.

2.7 Suspense accounts

The final ledger of the Department of Veteran Affairs shows six (6) suspense accounts balances at 31 March 2022 with credit balances as follows:

Description	Balance as at 31 March 2022 (Debit/Credit)
	N\$
Receipt suspense	(30 942.56)
RD Cheques	(502.00)
S&T advance suspense account	(200 355.36)
Rejection account	(25 186.62)
Bills payable	(306 753.84)
Electronic Fund Transfer Clearing Account (EFT)	(10 313.20)

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