Annual Performance Report

2022

Higher Education

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1.1 Introduction on the Higher Education Sector

A country's higher education system plays a vital role in connecting all university students with technology and innovative knowledge of the new world, and through it building the human capital demanded by the economy in the next decade of the 21st century. When moving forward with challenges not as a country but as the whole world, the collective support of all parties is crucial in building future plans for the development of primary, secondary and tertiary higher education systems. Under this, the role of the Ministry of Higher Education is extended to increase efficiency and productivity of the higher education sector, develop the infrastructure of the universities, improve the quality of the graduates, increase the employability of graduates, to contribute in increasing research and innovations etc.

1.2 Vision / Mission and Goals of the Institute

Vision

Sri Lanka to be an International Centre of Excellence on Higher Education

Mission

To delight students and other stakeholders of the Higher Education System of Sri Lanka by formulating and implementing results-oriented policies & strategies

Goals

- To provide adequate access to higher education
- To establish evolved and new universities with high world rankings
- To improve the employability and quality of graduates.
- To improve research, publications and commercialization.
- To increase productivity and efficiency of Higher Education Sector.

1.3 Organizational Structure of the Higher Education Division

When consider the organizational structure of the higher education sector, there are 17 universities (16 traditional universities and the Open University of Sri Lanka) and 19 Higher Education Institutes under direct supervision of the University Grants Commission (UGC), which is the apex body functioning under the Ministry. Similarly, the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, and the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) are being implemented under the direct supervision of the ministry.

In addition, under Section 25A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, there are 24 recognized institutes for the purpose of promoting higher education and awarding degrees in connection with the awarding of specific degrees.

1.4 Organizational Chart
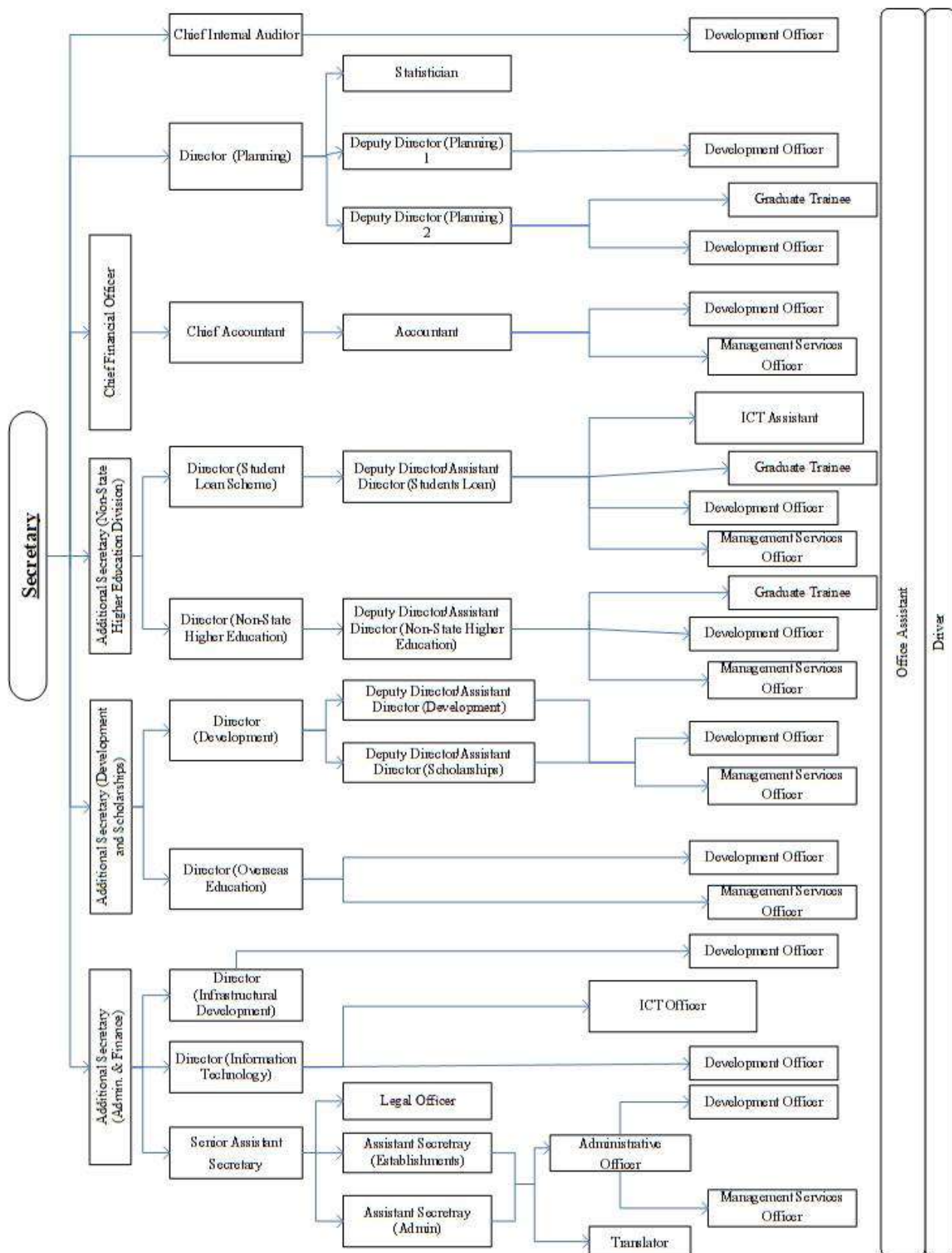
1.4.1 Staff of the Ministry of Higher Education Division - as at 31.12.2022

	Employee Category	Designation	Approved cadre	Actual cadre	Vacant / Surplus
(i)	Senior Level	Secretary	1	1	-
		Additional Secretary (Admin. & Finance)	1	1	-
		Additional Secretary (Development and Scholarships)	1	1	-
		Additional Secretary (Non State Higher Education)	1	1	-
		Chief Financial Officer	1	1	-
		Senior Assistant Secretary	1	1	-
		Director (Overseas Education)	1	1	-
		Director (Non State Higher Education)	1	1	-
		Director (Development)	1	1	-
		Director (Student Loan Division)	1	1	-
		Director (Planning)	1	1	-
		Director (Infrastructural Development)	1	1	-
		Director (Information Technology)	1	1	-
		Chief Accountant	1	1	-
		Chief Internal Auditor	1	1	-
		Engineer (Civil)	1	Has been relrased to the Ministry of Education on full-time basis.	
		Deputy Director/Assistant Director (Development & Scholarships / Skills Development)	2	1	-
		Deputy Director/Assistant Director (Non-State Higher Education)	1	1	--
		Deputy Director/Assistant Director (Student loan Division) SLAS	1	0	-
		Deputy Director/Assistant Director (Planning)	2	2	-
		Deputy Director/Assistant Director (Student loan Division) SLAS	1	1	-
		Assistant Secretary	2	1	-
		Accountant	1	1	-
		Legal officer	1	1	

Table 1.1

	Employee Category	Designation	Approved cadre	Actual cadre	Vacant / Surplus
(ii)	Tertiary	Administrative Officer	1	1	-
		Translator	2	1	1
		ICT Officer	2	2	0
(iii)	Secondary	Development Officer	80	131	Surplus 51
		ICT Assistant	2	1	1
		Media Officer*	1	-	-
		Technical Officer	1	-	1
		Management Services Officer	36	13	23
		Management Assistant**	5	5	-
(iv)	Primary	Driver***	22	17	5
		Driver**	1	1	-
		KKS ***	22	21	1
		Office Assistant **	2	2	-
Total			**204**	**218**	**Surplus 14**

Table1.2

Note:-

* This officer has been relased to the National Institute of Education on secondary basis.

** Departmental posts

**** 04 persons as 01 driver and 03 KKS, who have been assigned among Multitask Development Assistants, are serving for the vacancies of the driver and KKS posts.

1.5 . Divisional Performance

1.5.1. Administration Division

The Administration Division is responsible for maintaining an optimum staff with quality that suits for objectives and tasks of the ministry for enhancing and maintaining the quality of tasks carried out by the Higher Education Division of the Ministry of Education for uplifting higher education, ensure continuous and effective supply of services, develop and maintain regular coordination with other organizations, improve the welfare facilities for the staff and oversee the overall administration and monitoring of the Ministry.

1.5.1.1 Role of the Administration Division

- Taking action regarding the letters received and sent by the ministry daily, and ensuring its effectiveness.

- Directing of Cabinet Memoranda submitted by the Ministry to the Cabinet and notifying of the decisions to the relevant parties.

- Making of observations for the Cabinet Memoranda submitted to the Cabinet by other ministries.

- Making steps to forward parliamentary questions, Consultative Committee meeting proposals, public petitions, violation of human rights and complaints, proposals and requests received from Presidential Secretariat and various parties, to the relevant parties.

- Providing of transport facilities required for purposes of the ministry.

- Registration, maintenance, insurance, obtaining of Revenue Licenses of all the vehicles of the ministry and fuel supplying for all the pool vehicles.

- Providing of infrastructure facilities efficiently and effectively, obtaining of services from relevant institutes regarding the maintenance of buildings and machineries.

- Proper maintenance of security and cleaning activities of the ministry.

- Settling of official telephone bills of the ministry officials.

- Passports, Visa, VIP, grating of travel expenses and allowances related to overseas visits of ministry officials.

- Tabling of Annual Reports and Accounts of universities and higher education institutes by prescribed dates.

- Taking action with regard to leave, overtime and travel expenses of the ministry officials.

- Activities regarding granting of distress loan, property loan, motor bicycle loan, festival advance, and activities related to Agrahara Insurance.

- Issuing monthly railway season tickets and railway warrants.

- At the time of elections, coordination of activities related to them.

- Recruitments, assigning, transfers, promotions, and retirements of the Higher Education Division.

- Recruitments, assigning, and terminations of the staff of Hon. Minister and State Minister/ Deputy Minister of Higher Education.

- Compilation of the Schemes of Recruitments.

- Providing of local and foreign training opportunities for the staff.

- Issuing of motor vehicle permits on concessionary terms for academic and non-academic staff of the institutes coming under the Higher Education Division, University Grants Commission, universities and higher education institutes.

- Appointing of non-academic staff and filling of vacancies at universities and higher education institutes.

- Granting approval to recruit foreign lecturers for universities on contract/ temporary basis.

- Releasing of nonacademic staff temporarily / permanently at universities on a secondary basis.

- Coordination with the General Treasury with regard to the allowances of the university system.

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- Granting of recommendations on salary anomalies of the academic and non-academic staffs of universities.

- Getting approval for the staff of the projects implemented on foreign aids and grants, and making steps to recruit the staff.

1.5.2. Financial Management Division

As prescribed by the Financial Regulations, the Secretary to the Ministry as the Chief Accounting Officer is responsible to the Minister of Finance for the orderliness and adequacy of the financial administration of a Ministry and the Departments coming under its purview.

Accordingly, the main role of the Financial Management Division is to assist the Secretary to the Ministry in the implementation of financial policies and regulations and on financial accountability within a Ministry and regarding the matters that the Secretary to the Ministry is accountable to the Parliament.

Implementing an efficient and effective financial management system, financial advice and guidance, financial planning and budgeting, accounting and reporting, internal management, asset management, procurement management, financial management consultation and supervision related to foreign aid projects are the roles specified by Sri Lanka Accountants Service Minute published by the Government.

Summary of Recurrent Expenditure as at 31.12.2022

(Rs.Mn)

Item / Description	Net provision 2022	Provisions		Provisions Utilization %
		Expenditure	**Balance**	
Administrative and Institutional Services	**603.50**	**596.15**	**7.35**	**98.8%**
Personnel emoluments	108.45	103.64	4.81	**95.6%**
Other recurrent expenditure	495.05	492.51	2.53	**99.5%**
Institutional contribution for quality of higher education	**1,853.50**	**1,780.10**	**73.40**	96.0%
Total	**2,457.00**	**2,376.25**	**80.75**	**96.7%**

Table 1.3

1.5.3 Infrastructure Development Division

1.5.3.1 Tasks performed by the Infrastructure Development Division from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022.

- Performing procurement activities as per the Procurement Guidelines 2006, Financial Regulations, and Budget estimates relevant to the year 2022.

- Providing of relevant services efficiently and productively as per the provisions made in conformity with the Procurement Plan and the annual budget estimate.

- Submission of the project proposals relevant to state universities, which are sent by the UGC after approving, to the Department of National Planning for approval.

- Evaluation of the project proposals submitted by Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, Buddhist & Pali University and SLIATE, and forward them to the Department of National Planning for approval.

- Preparation of Cabinet Memoranda required for obtaining cabinet approval for the projects approved by the Department of National Planning.

- Submission of documents that are received from universities for obtaining rate approvals relevant to the projects to the Standing Technical Committee of the Ministry of Housing and Construction, and forwarding of the approved BOQs to the relevant university.

1.5.3.2 Activities done in the year 2022 with regard to the procurement of services,

1. **Procurement of Services**

   - Submission of names of the professionals, experts with required knowledge for approval in order to appoint Technical Evaluation Committees.

   - Compilation of procurement documents required for meetings of the Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committees and Ministry Procurement Committees.

   - Appointing of Bid Opening Committees and assist in bid opening within the scheduled time and date.

   - Scheduling of bids and submission to the relevant Technical Evaluation Committees.

   - Directing of the Technical Evaluation Committee recommendations to the Procurement Committee and awarding of contracts after receiving the final decisions.

2. **Consultancy Services**

It has been observed that it takes a long duration to commence and complete construction activities of projects of many universities and higher education institutes, after award of contracts and there were instances that the project time and the cost doubled as a result. when looked into the matter, it was revealed that even a minor activity such as selection of an consultant has taken a long time.

As a solution, the Ministry has taken action to categorize constructions of the university system, call for proposals and quotations in compliance with the procurement procedure and prepare and submit a list of consultants for construction projects approved for universities. Accordingly, it has facilitated immediate commencement of construction activities having selected consultants from the list instead of taking a long time to select consultants through the procurement process for such projects.

1.5.4. Information & Communication Technology Division

Main objective of this Division is to utilize Information and Communication Technology to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in the Higher Education Ministry and the higher education sector. Similarly, the Division executes the functions such as providing information technology provisions that can be used to enhance efficiency and standards of the state university system.

1.5.4.1. The major tasks performed by the staff of the Information and Communication Technology Division from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022 are as follows.

- Development of the Online Foreign Leave Approval System for University Staff

  ❖ Currently, this program is being implemented at the University of Colombo, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, University of Kelaniya, University of Moratuwa, University of Ruhuna, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, University of the Visual and Performing Arts, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University, University of Peradeniya, University of Jaffna, Sabaragamuwa University, Uva Wellassa University, South Eastern University, Campuses and at all the Institutes governed by the University Grants Commission.

  ❖ The university academic staff and all the non-academic staff apply leave through this system. Leave approval is also done through this online system.

- Development of an Online Appointment Reservation System for the general public to reserve an appointment to meet the Hon. State Minister.

  ❖ The development of this system has been completed by now, and reserving of appointments to meet the Hon. State Minister is being conducted through this system.

- Developing of a system for maintenance and continuance of the Fixed Assets Register of the Ministry.

  ❖ Currently, this system has been completed and data has been fed up to 31.12.2020.
  ❖ Accuracy of those data are being checked.
  ❖ Data entry relevant to the years 2021, 2022 is being conducted.

- In addition, updating and maintenance of the Computer Accessories Fixed Assets Register of the Higher Education Division of the Ministry of Education.

  ❖ Having Division wise checked those accessory lists, updating of those after verifying the accuracy of the lists of the stores and fixed asset registers.

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- Development of a system for using online system for issuing concessionary motor vehicle permits (Online Management system for Vehicle Permit).

  ❖ Having identified the necessary requirements for designing this new computer software and prepared TOR, an institution has been selected for this purpose by handing over the task of calling for bids to the Procurement Division.
  ❖ Development of the system has been completed by now, and it has to be implemented this system in the university system.

- Using online system to call for applications for foreign scholarships (Online Management System for Scholarships)

  ❖ System designing has been completed and new scholarship programs are being implemented online through this system.
  ❖ Scholarship applicants apply for scholarship through this online system.

- Online Document Tracking System of the Development Division has been developed.

  ❖ Arrangements are being made to host this system in consultation with ICTA.

- Designing of a HR Management System to include information of the ministry employees.

  ❖ The designing of this computer software has been completed.
  ❖ Data in this system is being updated.
  ❖ Through this system, certain reports related to the Administration Division of the Ministry can be obtained, and the work related to the preparation of other necessary reports is being carried out in consultation with ICTA.

- Development of the MOU system of the Development Division.
  ❖ The system development is being carried out.

- Maintaining the Online Interest Free Student Loan Management System of the Non-State Higher Education Division and coordinating activities related to the inclusion of new requirements.

- Development of a data system on the amount due owing to the breach of agreements by university staff.

  ❖ This data system has been finalized and provided to Internal Audit Division and University Grants Commission for verification purposes.

- The below mentioned higher education institutes have been selected in the year 2021 for further expanding Wi-Fi facilities at state universities in terms of the Budget Proposal -2020.
  o Uwa Wellassa University, Badulla
  o Sabaragamuwa University- Belihuloya
  o Postgraduate Institute of Archeology – Colombo

  ❖ By now, overall 85% of the project has been completed.

  o Uwa Wellassa University, Badulla - Has completed 95% of the project.
  o Sabaragamuwa University- Belihuloya – Has completed 80% of the project.
  o Postgraduate Institute of Archeology - කොළඹ - Has completed 98% of the work.

- Preparation of the Information and Technology Plan 2022.

- Performing duties related to the interest free loan project for purchase of laptops as per the 2016 Budget Proposals.

- Updating and maintenance of the Web Site of the Higher Education Division.

- Solving the hardware errors of the computers, laptops, tabs and printers of the ministry.

- Rectifying the errors of computer software, internet and email.

- Inserting of user software as per the requirements of the Divisions, solving of issues related hardware.

- Inclusion and updating of anti-virus software for the protection of computers of the Ministry.

- Maintenance of virus console system.

- Maintenance and expansion of the computer network.

- Administration of the servers of Proxy Server, Firewall Server, e-mail server, Virus Console Server and Higher Education Foreign Leave Server of the Computer Network Administration Center.

- Maintenance of Foreign Leave Software of the Higher Education Division and compilation of relevant forms as per the requirement of the Development Division.

- Maintaining of currently established Wi-Fi system of the ministry and solving of the technical issues arisen from time to time.

- Representing of Technical Committees relevant to the purchasing of computer hardware and software required by the ministry.

- Contribution in different stages of the procurement process when purchasing IT systems.

- Representation of Technical Evaluation Committees in the Procurement Process of Information Technology in Other Ministries and Departments.

- Contribute to the activities of the LGN project implemented by ICTA.

- Preparation of the asset register for the computer and IT accessories of the Ministry.

- Preparation of IT procurement plan.

- Carrying out the administration of the Ms Mail Domain (mail.mohe.gov.lk) email system (Office email Account Creation & Adding Ms office Software rights to each Accounts) and dealing with third party S / W (Assure, SharePoint). Facilitate ministry data management using Cloud Storage Technology, eg One Drive, Google Drive.

- Administration of the Google Mail Domain (mohe.gov.lk) system (creating new email addresses and troubleshooting existing email addresses).

- Connecting more than 4500 students for interviews of the Student Loan Division of the Ministry using Ms Team technology. Further, providing of all facilities for the Development Division to conduct interviews for foreign scholarships through Zoom technology.

- Organizing and coordinating online meetings.

    Zoom Video Conference
    ❖ Providing of necessary IT assistance for conducting Zoom Meetings presided by the Hon. Minister, Secretary, and all other divisions.
    ❖ Providing of necessary IT assistance to hold discussions with institutions affiliated to the Non-State Higher Education Division and the University Grants Commission.

- Preparation of State, MOHE, DAI Online Progress Report.

- Carrying out necessary activities to prepare a software for online registration of foreign students abroad.

- Development of web portal to register foreign students.

- Designing of Google Form in accordance with the requirements of the Divisions.

1.5.5. Development Division

This division is responsible for establishing new state universities in Sri Lanka, preparing the legal framework for the expansion of existing universities and providing physical resources through land acquisition. This Division oversees and operates all the activities of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka and the Buddhist and Pali University, which are not regulated by the University Grants Commission, and the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE). By providing required recommendations and approvals for obtaining leave and incurring of expenses by the staff when they go abroad for educational and personal purposes, and by providing necessary recommendations when importation of chemicals and equipment required for university education, the Division facilitates those tasks.

No. of Officers

Serial No.	Designation	Cadre as at 01.01.2022	Cadre as at 31.12.2022
01	Additional Secretary (Development)	01	01
02	Director (Development)	01	01
03	Assistant Director (Development)	-	-
04	Development Officer	14	14
05	Management Services Officer1	0 1	01
06	KKS III	01	01
Total		**18**	**18**

Table 1.4

1.5.5.1 Role of the Development Division

1. Publishing orders and ordinances on commencement of new study programs, amendments in study programs, commencement of new faculties and departments in terms of Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

2. All matters related to purchasing and acquisition of lands for establishing and expanding of state universities.

3. All matters regarding Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka and Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka (except matters on cadre).

4. Appointment of members for Councils / Management Boards of Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, postgraduate institutes and other degree awarding education institutes.

5. All matters related to the Sri Lanka Advanced Technological Institute (SLIATE).

6. Activities relevant to obtaining of permission of H.E the President and Hon. Minister and the Additional Secretary (Development) for foreign leave applications received from all the universities and postgraduate institutes of those universities.

7. Taking action to grant approval of the Additional Secretary (Development) of the Ministry or the Department of National Budget required for the provisions incurred for foreign tours using generated Funds and local funds by staff of universities, postgraduate institutes and other higher education institutes.

8. Activities related to granting approval for air tickets as per Public Finance Circular No. 431 for university staff.

9. Coordination activities with regard to the appointment of Chancellors and Vice Chancellors of universities.

10. Taking action on the letters received from the Presidential Secretariat and other institutes regarding the issues relevant to the university sector.

11. Activities relevant to granting of approval of the Secretary of the Ministry as per the Public Finance Circular No. 368 for importing chemicals, electric equipment sets, and various accessories required for universities.

12. Forwarding of requests received regarding exemptions / concessions from duty and VAT when importing chemicals, electric equipment sets, and various accessories required for universities, to the Sri Lanka Customs for approval as per Gazette Extraordinary No. 2220/42 and dated 24.03.2021.

1.5.6. Planning Division

1.5.6.1 Role of the Planning Division

- Submitting of local and foreign funded project proposals to the Department of National Planning for approval, and necessary coordination activities with universities for sending replies for the queries made by the said Department with regard to those projects.

- Organizing of activities to commence foreign projects jointly with the External Resources Department, and performing of relevant activities for solving issues arisen with donor countries as well as with local institutes when implementing foreign projects.

- Organizing of activities related to the establishment of Project Management Units for the implementation of foreign projects and coordination with the Administration Division for the approval and recruitment of project staff.

- Preparation of final project reports for completed foreign projects and send them to the External Resources Department, National Audit Office and the project's foreign funding agency (donor).

- Preparation and submission of quarterly progress reports to the Department of Project Monitoring relating to local construction projects, budget proposal projects and foreign projects.

- Preparation and submission of information and progress reports relevant to the inquiries made by the Presidential Secretariat, the Prime Minister's Office, Parliament and the Treasury regarding local construction projects, budget proposal projects and foreign projects.

- Obtaining of financial requirements to be included in the budget estimate in relation to foreign projects and budget proposal projects for the preparation of the annual budget estimate and submitting it to the Accounts Division in order to submit those to the Treasury.

- Obtaining of project proposals from the universities for the budget proposals to be submitted in the budget speech and preparing the project proposal list to be included in the budget proposal and submitting it to the Ministry of Finance.

- Action related to the implementation of budget proposal projects.

- Preparation and submission of progress reports in conformity with the forms requested by the National Budget Department in relation to the implementation of budget proposal projects.

- Organizing of arrangements for holding Steering Committee meetings, preparation of meeting reports, reviewing the implementation of decisions taken at the meeting and implementing the decisions to be taken by the Ministry in relation to the implementation of foreign funded projects and budget proposal projects at universities.

- Organizing of arrangements for holding quarterly progress review meetings and other special meetings, preparation of meeting reports, reviewing the implementation of decisions taken at the meeting and implementing the decisions to be taken by the Ministry in relation to the implementation of local construction projects and budget proposal projects.

- Field visits for solving issues arisen when implementing local construction projects, budget proposal projects and foreign projects as well as to monitor progress of project implementation.

- Replying to audit queries made by the Government Audit Division and the Internal Audit Division regarding local construction projects, budget proposal projects and foreign funded projects.

- Providing of information required for the preparation of the District Integrated Development Plan.

- Preparation of the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry in all three languages and submission it in the Parliament.

- Preparation of the Annual Progress Report of the Ministry in all three languages and submission it in the Parliament.

- Making observations for annual reports of the University Grants Commission, universities, and other institutes.

- Preparation of the corporate plan of the ministry to suit the higher education sector in accordance with the Government Policy Statement, collection, analysis and maintenance, and updating of data based on performance indicators.

- Preparation of the Annual Action Plan of the ministry, monitoring and reporting of quarterly progress relevant to that.

- Supervision, monitoring of the preparation of action plans and corporate plans of the institutes coming under the ministry and organization of workshops in that regard.

- Contribution when compiling National Action Plans of other line ministries and departments representing the ministry.

- Providing of data annually, semi-annually or periodically for the reports published by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Department of Census & Statistics, Ministry of Finance, and UNESCO.

- Providing of information pertaining to the field of higher education for the members of the diplomatic missions who participate in discussions in Sri Lanka and abroad.

- Contributing to the preparation of the Plan for Sustainable Development Goals.

- Compilation and submission of Cabinet memoranda on affairs of universities and higher Education institutes, and making of observations for Cabinet memoranda.

- Carrying out and organizing activities assigned by the Presidential Task Force on Higher Education in Sri Lanka.

- Holding of membership on behalf of the Secretary to the Ministry for the Boards of Management of Universities and Higher Education Institutions.

- Coordination of the development activities of the non-state higher education institutes.

1.5.7. Non-State Higher Education Division

In conformity with the increasing demand for Higher Education, the limited capacity of the State Sector Universities is not sufficient to provide education opportunities to all the qualified candidates. Therefore considering the relative importance to provide opportunities to them via the Non-State Higher Education Sector as an alternative, the development and regulation of the Non State Sector was directly assigned to the Ministry in charge of the Higher Education and accordingly the Non State Higher Education division was established in 2013.

Moreover, the Minister in charge of the Higher Education appoints the Secretary of the Ministry in charge of Higher Education as the Specified Authority for the task of recognizing the Higher Education Institutes as Degree Awarding Institutes in terms of the Section 25A of the Universities act No.16 of 1978 for this purpose. The activities relating to this process is also implemented by this division.

01.   Standing Committee on Accreditation and Quality Assurance (SCAQA)

In terms of the provisions stipulated in the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 the Minister in charge of Higher Education has appointed the Secretary of the respective Ministry as the Specified Authority. In accordance with that the Specified Authority has appointed the Standing Committee on Accreditation and Quality Assurance for the purpose of assisting him in the process of recognizing Degree Awarding Institutes. During the period from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022 the Committee has conducted 09 meetings and the decisions taken at those meetings have been implemented by this division.

1.5.8. Interest Free Student Loan Scheme

Background

Interest Free Student Loan Scheme (IFSLS) was launched in 2017 as per the directives of the Budget Proposal 2017 with the objective of increasing the accessibility for higher education. This program facilitates the production of a pool of high-level human capital which is essential for the economic and human development of the country while providing more opportunities for youth to engage in higher education.

In this context, students who were unable to enter into a state university and cannot afford the cost of course fees, to pursue their degree in a Non-State Higher Education Institute (NSHEI) can obtain a facility of interest free loan up to a maximum limit of Rs. 800,000. Hundred and Eight (108) degree programmes in Seventeen (17) non-state higher education institutions which have been recognized by the Ministry of Education, can be followed by the students under the facilitation of this loan scheme.

1.6. Financial Progress of Higher Education - 2022

Provisions granted for the Higher Education Sector for the year 2022 and its utilization is as follows.

Universities and Institutions	Recurrent			Capital			Total		
	2022 (Rs.Mn)			2022 (Rs.Mn)			2022 (Rs.Mn)		
	Allocation	Expenditure	%	Allocation	Expenditure	%	Allocation	Expenditure	%
Higher Education Division	185.6	179.0	96.5	4.0	2.0	48.8	190	181	95.5
SLIATE	933.5	923.0	98.9	87.5	36.5	41.7	1,021	960	94.0
Buddhist and Pali Uni.	510.0	461.9	90.6	50.0	0.0	0.0	560	462	82.5
Bhiksu University	410.0	395.2	96.4	62.5	23.1	37.0	473	418	88.5
Foreign projects	0.0	0.0	0.0	14,686.0	13,441.6	91.5	14,686	13,442	91.5
Budget proposals	417.9	417.1	99.8	1,749.3	1,743.9	99.7	2,167	2,161	99.7
Sub Total of the Ministry	**2,457.0**	**2,376.2**	**96.7**	**16,639.3**	**15,247.2**	**91.6**	**19,096**	**17,623**	**92.3**
UGC									
Grand Total	**2,457.0**	**2,376.2**	**96.7**	**16,639.3**	**15,247.2**	**91.6**	**19,096**	**17,623**	**92.3**

Table 1.5

1.7 Projects implemented under foreign loans and grants

Out of the total capital expenditure allocated for higher education under the Ministry of Education in the year 2022, Rs.14,686 million has been allocated for projects implemented under foreign loans and grants. This includes 10 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 63,072 million. The project list is given under Annexure 01 and the progress of the projects with estimated cost of more than Rs. 1,000 million is given below.

1.7.1 Project of Construction of a Building Complex for the Faculty of Healthcare Sciences– Eastern University

The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 5,480 million and Rs. 2,507 million has been allocated for constructions alone. Launched in 2016, the project will be implemented until 2023. Rs. 892.8 million has been provided for this project for the year 2022. This project is being implemented under a loan from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development.

Upon completion of this project, the Faculty will be able to enroll 100 students annually for the Medical Degree, 70 for the Nursing Degree, 20 for the Pharmacological Degree and 20 for the Public Health Degree. It is planned to establish the following 03 Academic Departments under this faculty. It is planned to establish the following 03 Academic Departments under this faculty.

    I.   Department of Primary Health Care and Department of Medical Education
   II.   Department of Clinical Sciences and Department of Supplementary Health Science
  III.   Department of Human Biology and Department of Pathophysiology

Construction activities have been completed by the end of 2022 and few images of the buildings are given below.

Library and Self-learning facilities

Department of Clinical Sciences and Department of Supplementary Health

1.7.2   Science and Technology Human Resources development Project

The Science and Technology Human Resources Development (STHRD) assists Sri Lankan government to develop Applied Science and Technology Faculties of the University of Kelaniya, Rajarata University, Sabaragamuwa University and Sri Jayewardenepura University for creating technology-oriented graduates equipped with talents and entrepreneurial spirit relevant to the job market. The project will provide educational and research facilities related to innovative technology and industry, quality curriculum design and support for academic staff in line with industry demand and international standards, and provide competitive industry and foreign university collaboration schemes and capacity building opportunities. The project also includes a component to assist the government in formulating a proposed new higher education project.

The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 26,400 million (US $ 165 million) and out of which Rs. 23,200 million is planned to be financed under the ADB loan and the balance under local funds. A provision of Rs.7,313 million has been made for this project in the year 2022 and the overall physical progress is 68%. This project, which was commenced in the year 2018, will be implemented up to the year 2023. With the construction of these new faculties, it will be possible to admit 1,500 students for one academic year from the year 2023 onwards. A large percentage of the total provision of the project will be allocated for the construction of faculties and providing of equipment. Under this, it is planned to construct faculties for the four universities in accordance with green building standards and women friendly facilities. Also, laboratory facilities and equipment required for each of these faculties will be provided under this project. Project Progress is given below.

Table:1.6 **Construction of faculties under the STHRD Project**

Rs.Mn

Faculty Building	Estimated Cost	Contract Award	Cumulative Cost	Financial Progress %	Physical Progress%
Faculty of Technology, Uni. Kelaniya	4,079.6	4,363.6	3,529.71	81	84
Faculty of Technology, Sabaragamuwa	1,941.5	2,278.14	1,686.75	74	88
Faculty of Engineering, J'Pura Uni.	4,189.2	3,624.9	1,156.22	32	26
Faculty of Technology, Rajarata Uni.	2,933.7	3,000.0	847.99	28	25
Total	**13,144**	**13,266.64**	**7,220.67**	**54**	

* Price escalation payments are not included.

The total number of students admitted in the four faculties of the above universities for the academic year 2020/2021 in the year 2022 is 1,008. Provisions have also been made for postgraduate and doctoral studies for qualified lecturers in the faculties belonging to this project. The progress is given below.

Table:1.7 **Postgraduate and doctoral degree opportunities under the STHRD Project**

Project Management Unit	Postgraduate and doctoral degrees awarded	Provisions (US $)	Provisions granted as at 31.12.2022 (US $)
Kelaniya	6	411,000.00	120,916.44
Sabaragamuwa	5	305,500.00	142,074.08
Rajarata	11	1,000,000.00	358,135.94
Total	22	1,716,500.00	621,126.46

Under this project, 22 selected research project proposals have been funded and are now being implemented at the university level.

Laboratory Building-
Faculty of Technology, University of Kelaniya

Research Building – Sabaragamuwa
University

1.7.3 Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Project

The total estimated cost of the project, which is being implemented under a World Bank loan, is Rs. 14,500 million and the total allocation for the project for the year 2022 is Rs.4,593 million. The components of this project and the progress of the construction projects implemented under the project are given below.

1.8 Table **Project Components** Rs.Million

Results Area	Estimated Cost
1. Increasing of recruitments for higher education in priority disciplines for economic development	**4,350.0**
- *Increase recruitments for degree programs of Science, Technology, English and Mathematics*	*(3,190.0)*
- *Have implemented and regularly updated the Higher Education Development Strategies (HEDS).*	*(1,160.0)*
2. Improvement of quality of higher education	**6,815.0**
- *Have developed through faculty level competitive grants for English Learning, Teaching, and Assessment (ELTA) and English Language Skills Elevation (ELSE) and results obtaining for Arts, Management and Science degrees.*	*(3,480.0)*
- *Have developed through department level competitive grants for English Learning, Teaching, and Assessment (ELTA) and English Language Skills Elevation (ELSE) and results obtaining for Arts, Management and Science degrees.*	*(1,595.0)*
-	*(1,740.0)*
- *Doctoral and postgraduate and professional doctoral degrees completed by the academic staff of universities, non-state higher education institutes and the SLIATE .*	
3. Promoting research, development and innovation	**2,320.0**
- *Have developed university level systems for Research and Development, Innovation and Commercialization (RDIC) programs and achieved results.*	
Other expenditure	**1,015.0**
Total	**14,500.0**

1.9 Table **Construction Projects implemented under the AHEAD Project**

(Rs.Mn)

University	Project	Total Cost Estimate	Contract Amount	Cumulative expenditure	Physical Progress %
Jaffna	Engineering Technology and Biosystems Technology Building Phase II	645.0	491.7	132.5	24
Ruhuna	Three Storied Lecture Hall Building for the Faculty of Technology	412.2	337.9	368.1	100
Wayamba	Nano Science Technology Building, Faculty of Technology	520.8	508.0	176.0	69
Peradeniya	Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering Building extension, Faculty of Engineering	188.0	138.0	73.6	60
J'pura	Anatomy Building , Faculty of Medicine	156.0	140.0	29.0	58
SLIATE	ATI Mannar	529.0	445.0	30.0	73
	ATI Nawalapitiya	529.0	367.0	25.0	61
Total		**3,220.0**	**2,183.4**	**731.3**	

Three Storied Lecture Hall Building for the Faculty of Technology, University of Ruhuna Estimated Cost Rs. 412 million

ATI Mannar Estimated Cost Rs.. 529 million

Figures of the Construction Projects implemented under the AHEAD Project

1.7.4 Wayamba University Township Development Project (WUTDP)

The estimated cost of the Wayamba University Township Development project, which is being implemented under a concessional loan of 105 Saudi Riyal from the Saudi Fund for Development, is US $ 28 million. (Rs.4,088 million). The " Wayamba University Township development Project (WUTDP)" is a novel concept aimed at enhancing close interaction with the surrounding university community as well as strengthening rural areas with a significant development impact. The project is designed to develop the educational and infrastructure facilities of the University as well as to uplift the livelihoods

of the people living close by the University. The main objective of the project is to establish a knowledge-based self-confidence and sustainable community interaction system for the wayamba University of Sri Lanka. This University Township Project covers Kuliyapitiya and Makandura Premises. A provision of Rs. 1,658.5 million was provided for this project in the year 2022 and the overall physical progress is 50%.

1.8. Projects implemented under budget proposals

A provision of Rs. 1,200 million for the year 2022 has been made for 05 budget proposal projects with an estimated cost of Rs. 6,118.7 million. The project list is given under the Annexure 02.

1.8.1 Project of Constructing Twelve Storied Building for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna

The total cost of this project, which is being implemented on a budget proposal of the year 2017, is Rs. 1,179 million. The amount that has been allocated for the Project with an extent of 8,199 Sq.m is 200 million for the year 2022, and the total amount has been disbursed by 31.12.2022, and the cumulative expenditure as at 31.12.2022 is Rs. 835.34 million. The first contractor was given Rs. 187 million as the work inception advance on 17.01.2018 and due to the low progress in the implementation of the project, the first contract was canceled on 23.12.2019 and the project was awarded to a new contractor on 09.07.2020. A physical progress of 48.5% has been acquired by December 31, 2022. After completion of the project, it is proposed to increase the number of students annually admitted up to 200 from the current number of 160 students by increasing 40 student admissions within 4 years as 10 per year.

1.8.2 Project of Constructing a Professorial unit for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna

The total cost of this project, which is being implemented on a budget proposal of the year 2018, is Rs. 1,300 million, and the extent of the buildings constructed by the project is 110,655.64 sq. ft. The contract of this project has been awarded on 24.06.2019. Upon completion of this project, it is expected to accomplish the objectives such as the improvement of facilities for obtaining postgraduate degrees in the field of medical education, provision of necessary infrastructure facilities for academic activities, development of infrastructure in the field of health, laboratories and physical resources etc. Rs. 131.7 million has been released in the year 2020 as an advance, and Rs.155 million has been allocated for the year 2022 and out of that Rs.237.56 million has been disbursed as at 31.12.2022, and the cumulative expenditure incurred as at 31.12.2022 is Rs.714.13ක million. As at 31.12.2022, the physical progress of the project is at the level of 55%.

1.8.3 Project of Constructing the Center for Naval Studies of the University of Ruhuna

The total cost of this project, which is being implemented on a budget proposal of the year 2018, is Rs. 943 million, and the extent of the buildings constructed by the project is 4,449 sq. m. The contract of this project has been awarded on 28.05.2019. The construction works of this are being carried out at two locations and the construction works at Hapugala have been commenced on 01.08.2019 and the construction works at Magalle have been commenced on 01.12.2019. Rs. 223.83 million has been released in the year 2020 as an advance. Under this project, the University of Ruhuna aims to facilitate courses in Naval Engineering and Naval Architecture for the Faculty of Engineering, to provide research and development facilities for vessel construction activities, and to provide the necessary infrastructure

for students to pursue such studies, and it is expected that student intake will also be increased by nearly 100 students. Rs. 65million has been allocated for the year 2022 and out of that Rs. 85.9 million has been disbursed as at 31.12.2022, and the cumulative expenditure incurred as at 31.12.2022 is Rs. 435.2 million. As at 31.12.2022, the physical progress of the project is at the level of 93%.

1.8.4   Project of Constructing Allied Health Sciences of the University of Ruhuna

The total cost of this project, which is being implemented according to a 2019 budget proposal, is Rs. 3,000 million and the area of buildings to be constructed under this project is 117,929.60 square feet. The contract for this project was awarded on 24.11.2020. Rs. 134.69 million has been released as advance in the year 2020. Rs. 350 million has been allocated for the year 2022 and out of that amount, Rs. 415.9 million has been disbursed as at 31.12.2022 and the cumulative expenditure incurred as at 31.12.2022 was Rs. 1101.7million. The physical progress of the project is at the level of 58% by 31.12.2021.

Project of Constructing Twelve Storied Building for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna

Project of Constructing Allied Health Sciences of the University of Ruhuna

1.8.5   Project for Construction of the Medical Faculty of the Sabaragamuwa University Phases

This project, which is implementing as per a Budget Proposal 2018, is being functioned under three phases. After the establishment of this Medical Faculty, the number of students admitted to the Medical Faculty per year is between 75-100. After the completion of all the constructions of the Medical Faculty, progress is expected in all areas including the infrastructure facilities of the Ratnapura Teaching Hospital, provision of medical services, promotion of clinical activities and social welfare.

First Phase - This phase is funded by local funds and the total cost is Rs. 3,070 million. In the year 2022, Rs. 250 million has been allocated for this project, which is currently under construction, out of which 350 million has been spent by 31.12.2022 and the cumulative expenditure incurred as at 31.12.2022 is 1,233.6 million. The physical progress of the project is at the level of 85% by 31.12.2022.

Second Phase - The total cost of the project, which is being funded by the Saudi Development Fund, is Rs. 9,096 million. The area of buildings to be constructed under this project is 38,000 square meters. The effective date of the loan agreement is 19.12.2019, and since then the consultancy services firm of the implementing project, is planning required constructions. An amount of Rs. 400 million has been

allocated for the year 2022 and out of that amount Rs. 444.49 million had been disbursed by 31.12.2022. The physical progress of the project is at the level of 34.62% as at 31.12.2022.

Third Phase - If there are any savings after the completion of the second phase, the third phase will be considered.

1.9   Project of Constructing Pre-Clinical Building of the University Colombo (Local Loans)

The project was launched in the year 2000 with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers and its total cost estimate is Rs. 290 million. Subsequently, on 04th May 2005 the Cabinet granted approval for a cost revision having considered the price escalations and additional requirements of the Medical Faculty. Accordingly,

1 To revise of the estimate of Rs.1,139 million for the construction and completion of the building covering a total land area of 37,801 square meters in 71 months up to Rs. 5,688 million.

2. To appoint that consultant of "State Engineering Corporation for the works of next stage under a consultancy fee of 4% of the Total Project Cost.

The Construction works of the project was commenced on 05.06.2017. At the Cabinet Meeting held on 11-09-2018, it was recommended to obtain a loan of Rs. 5,000 million for the construction of a 17 story building for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo and accordingly the Bank of Ceylon facilitated with the loan.

This is the largest project in the higher education sector to be implemented under local loans. So far, the construction work has been completed here and the work of fixing the defects is still going on. The consulting company has issued the relevant certificate (Taking over Certificate) as the date of taking over the project on 2022.06.08. The contractor has also handed over the final bill to the consultancy firm. So far, Rs.5,645,767,257.24 has been paid as Rs.5,346,658,175.00 (with VAT) to the contractor, Rs.198,124,312.91 to the consulting company and Rs.100,984,769.33 as other payments made for the project.

Project   of   Constructing   Pre-Clinical Building of the University Colombo

Chapter 02 - Progress and Future Vision

2.1. Divisional Performance

2.1.1. Administration Division

1. **Filling of Vacancies at Universities and Higher Education Institutes in terms of the UGC Circular No. 876**

In the year 2022, no vacancies for universities and higher education institutions have been filled as per the University Grants Commission Circular 876.

2. **Training Programms**

Officials of this ministry have been directed to local trainings in the year 2022 and the details are as follows.

Local Training Programms

Training Program	No. of training programs	No. of participated	Cost incurred by the Ministry (Rs)
Local Training Programs	08	245	188,020.00

Table 2.1

Overseas Training programs

Training Program	No. of training programs	No. of participated	Cost incurred by the Ministry (Rs)
Overseas Training programs	03	03	-

Table 2.2

3. **Issuance of Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms**

In terms of the Trade & Investment Policy Circular No. 01/2018 dated 15.02.2018 and No. 01/2018 (I) dated 08.06.2018 issued by the Secretary of the Ministry of Finance & Mass Media, in the year 2022 this ministry has issued Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms. Accordingly, the motor vehicle permits issued in the year 2022 under the said circulars for eligible officials of executive grades of the public service, academic and nonacademic staff of universities and SLIATE coming under the ministry, universities and other degree awarding institutes coming under the University Grants Commission are given in the table below. (the permit numbering was carried out as 0001-1000 for the Ministry of Education and the Higher Education Division as 1001 onwards.)

Serial No.	University / Institute	Ministry of Education (Higher Education Division)	Total
01	University Grants Commission	03	03
02	University of Peradeniya	19	19
03	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	14	14
04	University of Kelaniya	14	14
05	University of Ruhuna	07	07
06	University of Colombo	15	15
07	University of Jaffna	04	04
08	Open University of Sri Lanka	13	13
09	University of Moratuwa	10	10
10	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	05	05
11	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	12	12
12	Eastern University of Sri Lanka	02	02
13	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	14	14
14	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	23	23
15	Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education	17	17
16	University of the Visual and Performing Arts	07	07
17	Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka	05	05
18	Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	15	15
19	Institute of Indigenous Medicine	02	02
20	Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	01	01
21	Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka	03	03
22	Sri Palee Campus- University of Colombo	01	01
23	Postgraduate Institute of Buddhist and Pali Studies	01	01
	Total	**207**	**207**

Table 2.3

4. **Official Passports / Diplomatic Passports**

In year 2022, official passports have been issued to the officers of the university system including the ministry officials, who have fulfilled the qualifications of obtaining official passports as follows.

No. of passports issued to officials of the Higher Education Division	No. of passports issued to the officials of the university system	Total
-	06	06

Table 2.4

Similarly, diplomatic passports have been issued as follows in the year 2022 for the officers of the university system who have fulfilled the qualifications for obtaining diplomatic passports.

The number of diplomatic passports issued to the officials of the University System	Total
02	02

Table 2.5

5. **Obtaining of the Service of Non -Sri Lankan Visiting Lecturers in the Year 2022**

University / Institute	Number
University of Jaffna	02
University of Peradeniya	04

Table 2.6

6. **Cabinet Memoranda, Parliamentary Questions, Public Petition Committees within the Year 2022**

Description	No.
No. of Cabinet memoranda submitted to Cabinet Office	48
No. of Cabinet Memoranda for which decisions have not been received up to 31.12.2022	18
No. of Parliamentary Questions replied	10
No. of replied questions asked under standing orders	-
No. of letters received from the Public Petitions Committee in the year 2022	04
Letters of the Public Petitions Committee for which the reports were sent in the year 2022	03

Table 2.7

7. **Taking Action as per the Right to Information Act**

The summary given below denotes the action taken in the year 2021 with regard to the information requests submitted by the public in terms of Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016.

Table 2.8

Total number of requests received within the year	No. of information provided	No. of information directed to other institutes	No. of appeals in the year 2021
12	9	3	2

8. **Annual Accounts and Administrative Reports relevant to Universities and Higher Education Institutes**

Submission of Annual Reports and Accounts of 38 institutes including the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education that are coming under the Higher Education Division of the Ministry of Education, and State Universities and Higher Education Institutes coming under the University Grants Commission, by 31.12.2022.

Year relevant to the submitted Annual Report	Description	No.
2019	Annual Reports that have been submitted to the Parliament	02
2020	Annual Reports that have been submitted to the Parliament	29
	Annual Reports that are to be submitted to the Parliament	05
	Annual Reports that have been submitted to the Cabinet	04
2021	Annual Reports that are to be submitted to the Parliament	02
	Annual Reports that have been submitted to the Cabinet	10
	Annual Reports that are to be submitted to the Cabinet	09
	Annual Reports for which letters have been sent having instructed to prepare in all the three languages as per the observations of the ministry	17

Table 2.9

9. **All the Maintenance Costs including Security and Sanitary Services**

Task	Cost incurred and No. of bills settled in the year 2022 (Rs)
Security services	4,741,692.67
Sanitary services	4,475,074.00
Postal	464,981.00
Maintenance cost of machinery and equipment	1,436,355.18
Maintenance cost of buildings and constructions	7,696,687.81
Electricity	5,492,623.29
Water	341,953.74
Office telephone and fax	1,638,420.40
Ministry Internet connections	3,647,593.76

Table 2.10

10. **Providing of Transport Facilities**

Providing of required transport facilities to the ministry in the year 2022

Task	Expenditure in the Year 2022 (Rs.)
Supplying of fuel for pool vehicles and supplying of additional fuel	4,011,770.37
Servicing and Repairing of vehicles	4,083,878.94
Payment of fuel allowances for officers who are entitled to official vehicles, supplying of extra fuel, and reimbursement of bills for fuel.	11,025,604.00
Activities related to motor insurance and granting of relevant licenses	580,014.37
Emission tests	15,310.00
Overtime and travel expenses for drivers	2,406,653.49
Supplying of tyres, tubes, batteries and other accessories	901,208.49
Total	**23,024,439.66**

Table 2.11

11. **Loans**

Details regarding distress loans and advances granted to officers of the ministry in the year 2022

Loan / Advance Type	No. of Officers	Amount Granted (Rs.)
Distress loan	89	8,203,429.10
Special advance	18	72,000.00
Festival advance	61	61,000.00
Total	168	8,336,429.10

Table 2.12

2.1.2. Accounts Division

The allocations provided for the Higher Education Sector for the year 2022 and utilization are as follows.

Table 2.13 **Financial Performance of the Higher Education Division - 2022**

Rs. 000'

Type of provision	Allocated Provisions		True Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Original Allocation
	Original Allocation	Final Allocation		
Recurrent	2,457,000	2,456,995	2,376,246	96.7%
Capital	14,050,000	16,639,345	15,247,150	91.6%
Total	**16,507,000**	**19,096,340**	**17,623,397**	**92.3%**

Table 2.13

Universities and Institutions	Recurrent			Capital			Total		
	2022 (Rs.Mn)			2022 (Rs.Mn)			2022 (Rs.Mn)		
	Allocation	Expenditure	%	Allocation	Expenditure	%	Allocation	Expenditure	%
Higher Education Division	185.6	179.0	96.5%	4.0	2.0	48.8%	190	181	95.5%
SLIATE	933.5	923.0	98.9%	87.5	36.5	41.7%	1,021	960	94.0%
Buddhist and Pali Uni.	510.0	461.9	90.6%	50.0	0.0	0.0%	560	462	82.5%
Bhiksu University	410.0	395.2	96.4%	62.5	23.1	37.0%	473	418	88.5%
Foreign projects	0.0	0.0	0.0%	14,686.0	13,441.6	91.5%	14,686	13,442	91.5%
Budget proposals	417.9	417.1	99.8%	1,749.3	1,743.9	99.7%	2,167	2,161	99.7%
Sub Total of the Ministry	**2,457.0**	**2,376.2**	**96.7%**	**16,639.3**	**15,247.2**	**91.6%**	**19,096**	**17,623**	**92.3%**
UGC									
Grand Total	**2,457.0**	**2,376.2**	**96.7%**	**16,639.3**	**15,247.2**	**91.6%**	**19,096**	**17,623**	**92.3%**

Table 2.14

Particulars on distress loans and advances granted for ministry officials in the year 2022

Loan / advance type	No. of officials	The amount granted (Rs.)
Distress Loan	95	13,207,626.90
Special advances	18	72,000.00
Festival advances	82	820,000.00
Vehicle loans	01	6,000.00
Total	**196**	**14,105,626.90**

Table 2.15

Particulars on receiving of imprest

Imprest Account No.	Cash imprest received from the treasury and other sources (Rs.)	Disbursed amount (Rs.)	% of imprest utilization
7002/0000/00/0254/00/0022000	2,878,185,039.22	2,878,185,039.22	100.00%
7003/0000/00/0090/00/0022000	641,880,000.00	641,659,472.00	99.97%
Total	**3,520,065,039.22**	**3,519,844,511.22**	**99.99%**

Table 2.16

Public Officers' Advance B Account 2022

	Expenditure (Rs.)	Receipts (Rs.)	Debit Balance (Rs.)
True values as at 31.12.2022	15,000,743.90	9,450,436.40	27,322,140.39

Table 2.17

Non-cash assets as at 31.12.2022

(Rs.)

Asset Code	Code description	Balance as per Board of Survey Report as at 31.12.2022	Balance as per financial Position Report as at 31.12.2022	Yet to be Accounted	Reporting of progress as a %
9151	Buildings & Structures	76,922,000.00	76,922,000.00	-	100%
9152	Machinery & Equipment	394,050,459.73	394,050,459.73	-	100%
9153	Lands	794,700,000.00	794,700,000.00	-	100%
9154	Intangible Assets (Computer software)	1,755,000.00	1,755,000.00	-	100%
9155	Biological Assets	-	-	-	-
9160	Work in Progress	-	-	-	-
9180	Leased assets	-	-	-	-
	Total	**1,267,427,459.73**	**1,267,427,459.73**	**-**	**100%**

Table 2.18

Financial and Accounting activities implemented by the Accounts Division

		Function	Due date/duration for implementing	Date implemented
01		Vesting of Financial Authority in terms of FR.135	The revenant authority for the year 2022 has been vested by the signature of the Secretary.	
02		Obtaining Approval for the Capital Expenditure exceeding Rs. 500,000/-	Action have been taken to vest authority as per Finance Act No.38 of 1971	
03		Preparation of Annual Accounts for 2022 and submitting to the Auditor General	Prior to 28.02.2023	Prior to 28.02.2023
04		Preparing of Deposit Account 2022 and submission to the Auditor General	Prior to 28.02.2023	Prior to 28.02.2023
05		Preparation of Public Officers' Advance B Account 2022 and submission to the Auditor General	Prior to 28.02.2023	Prior to 28.02.2023
06		Presentation of Annual Board of Survey records to the Auditor General	Prior to 17.02.2022	Prior to 17.02.2022
07		Preparation and submission of bank reconciliation	Prior to 15th of next month	Prior to 15th of next month

Table 2.19

- Action had been taken to value and account all the assets of the Higher Education Division relevant to the year 2022. Disposal of items identified by Board of Survey of Goods in 2021 has been completed in 2022.

- Eight audit queries had been received in the year 2022, and replies had been sent by due dates for those 08 queries.

- Accounts Division executes number of functions on daily and monthly basis such as reporting monthly account summaries to the Department of Public Accounts, making annual allocations, receiving imprest from the Treasury as per monthly imprest requirement and issuing imprest to the relevant organizations, maintaining interim imprest, reconciliation of imprest, maintaining common deposit accounts and advance accounts, payment for vouchers and Shroff tasks etc, without any delay.

2.1.3. Infrastructure Development Division

In the year 2022, the procurement of 02 construction projects with a value of Rs.709 million has been commenced by the Ministry Procurement Committee.

Serial No.	University	Project	Cabinet Approval	Commencement of Procurement Activities	Project Duration (Months)	Project Value (Rs.Mn)
1	Moratuwa	Construction of building complex for Faculty of Medicine to establish Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry laboratories	05.09.2022	01.11.2022	18	495
2	Sri Jayewardenepura	Establishment of Allergy Immunology and Cell Biology Unit	27.04.2021	01.11.2021	12	214

Table 2.20

From 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022, contracts have not been awarded by the Cabinet Appointed Standing Procurement Committee (SCAPC) or the Ministry Procurement Committee.

2.1.4. Information & Communication Technology Division

Amount of interest that had been paid to banks from 01.01.202022 to 31.12.2022.

No.	Month	BoC (Rs.)	People's Bank (Rs.)
1	January	470,523.32	147,794.14
2	February	396,561.06	148,987.09
3	March	438,552.98	137,010.79
4	April	424,016.84	147,263.20
5	June	673,305.60	140,830.17
6	June	784,727.86	134,239.92
7	July	795,815.39	130,806.71
8	August	868,196.99	127,103.51
9	September	811,746.13	125,681.82
10	October	783,736.97	116,667.46
11	November	749,620.25	118,739.18
12	December	776,268.07	119,682.71
	Total amount of interest that had been paid to banks from 01.01.202022 to 31.12.2022.	**9,567,878.16**	

Table 2.21

- Updating and Maintenance of the Web Site of Higher Education Division and Including of Relevant New Information.

Inclusion of details to the ministry website and updates

No.	Division	Information	Amount (Sinhala)	Amount (English)	Amount (Tamil)
1	Development Division	Scholarships for local and foreign students, foreign training sessions for public officers and notifications	50	50	50
2	Additional Secretary (Development)	Changing of homepage of the website, adding new features and links to other websites	10	10	10
3	Hon. State Minister	Photographs and articles on laying of foundation stones, assumption of duties, openings, meetings at the ministry, public gatherings, etc.	40	40	40
4	ICT Division	Price lists on laptop computers, Student Loan Scheme	25	25	25
5	Procurement	Tender notices	25	25	25
6	Non-State Higher Education Division	Degree Program Lists Approved by the Higher Education Division	60	60	60
7	Administration	Vacancy notifications	10	10	10
8	Student Loan Division	Student Loan Project	20	20	20
9	STHRD Project	Tender notifications, vacancy notifications	15	15	15

Table 2.22

- Modernization of the Website of Higher Education Division.

- The website of the Higher Education Division has been completed in a new appearance with the assistance of Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA). In addition, an online IT system has been developed for degree programs and degree awarding private universities relevant to the Non-State Higher Education Division. By now, the new website of the Higher Education Division has been completed and it was launched in November 2019.

- System analysis is being carried out regarding the process of developing a new software system for granting visa extension and recommendation to foreign students, which is a key function of the Development Division.

- System analysis is being carried out regarding the process of developing a new software system of Human Resources Management for the Higher Education Division of the Ministry of Higher Education together with the ICTA.

Universities with free Wi-Fi facilities provided by the Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA).

No.	District	University/ Institute
1	Ampara	Faculty of Applied Sciences - Kalmunai
2	Ampara	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka
3	Anuradhapura	Open University - Anuradhapura
4	Anuradhapura	Rajarata University - Saliyapura
5	Anuradhapura	Rajarata University - Mihintale
6	Batticaloa	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka - Faculty of Applied Sciences
7	Colombo	Buddhist and Pali University - Homagama
8	Colombo	University of Colombo - Thunmulla
9	Colombo	University of Colombo – Medicine Division
10	Colombo	University of Moratuwa
11	Colombo	University of the Visual and Performing Arts
12	Colombo	Open University - Nawala
13	Galle	University of Ruhuna - Faculty of Engineering - Hapugala
14	Galle	University of Ruhuna – Medicine Division - Zone 01
15	Gampaha	University of Kelaniya
16	Gampaha	Open University - Miriswatta
17	Jaffna	University of Jaffna
18	Kalutara	Sri Palee Campus - Horana
19	Kandy	University of Peradeniya - Zone 01
20	Kandy	University of Peradeniya - Hostel

Table 2.23

Providing of services to other institutions representing the Ministry

No.	Ministry / Department	Description
1	National Institute of Library & Information Science University of Colombo	Acting as a Department Procurement Committee member
2	Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA)	Implementation of Cross Government Digital Document Management & Internal Workflow System for 20 Government Institutions- (Phase 1)
3	Ministry of Higher Education	Representation of the Technical Evaluation Committee of expanding Wi-Fi facilities for universities
4	University of Colombo School of Computing	Audit Committee member/ council member

Table 2.24

Services supplied to each Division of the Ministry (From 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022)

No.	Description on Supplying of Services	No. of issues reported and resolved (From 01.01.2022 - 31.12.2022)
1	Issue of accessing to the internet	300
2	Issues regarding E-Mails	200
3	Updating software	125
4	Installing new software	55
5	Minor hardware problems	600
6	Computer printing issues	350
7	Errors in computer printers	300
8	Issues relating to WI-FI	550
9	Networking issues	600
10	Virus issues	10
11	Share Folder issues	50
12	Issues created by N computers	60
13	Issues on the Vehicle Permit System	35

Table 2.25

No. of computers / laptops of which the Operation System was reinstalled (From 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022)

No.	Division	No. of Computers
1	Development Division	7
2	Non-State Higher Education Division	-
3	Information Technology Division	2
4	Internal Audit Division	0
5	Accounts Division	6
6	Government Audit Division	2
7	Procurement Division	3
8	Administration Division	6

Table 2.26

Issuance of Vehicle Permits (From 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022)

From 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022		
1.	Vehicle permit issuance in January	01
2.	Vehicle permit issuance in February	11
3.	Vehicle permit issuance in March	19
4.	Vehicle permit issuance in April	02
5.	Vehicle permit issuance in May	23
6.	Vehicle permit issuance in June	-
7.	Vehicle permit issuance in July	-
8.	Vehicle permit issuance in August	53
9.	Vehicle permit issuance in September	35
10.	Vehicle permit issuance in October	02
11.	Vehicle permit issuance in November	42
12.	Vehicle permit issuance in December	19
	Total	**207**

Table 2.27

2.1.5. Development Division

1. **Appointment of Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors** (From 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022)

Serial No.	University	Chancellor	Term of Office	Vice Chancellor	Term of Office
1.	Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka	Thibbatuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Mahanayaka thero of the Malwathu Chapter of the Syamopali Maha Nikaya	01.06.2021 31.05.2023	Prof. Venerable Kanattegoda Saddharatana Nayaka Thero	28.06.2021 27.06.2024
2.	Buddhist & Pali University	Thibbatuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Mahanayaka thero of the Malwathu Chapter of the Syamopali Maha Nikaya	16.01.2022 15.01.2024	Prof. Rev. Neluwe Sumanawansa Thero (Acting)	From 02.11.2022 until a Rev. Vice Chancellor is appointed.
3.	Eastern University	Dr. M. Selvaraj	02.06.2022 01.06.2027	Professor V. Kanagasingam	.22.01.2022 21.01.2025
4.	Uwa Wellassa University	Ven. Bengamuwe Siri Dhammadinna, Chief Sanganayaka of the Ratnapura Maha Disawa and Chief incumbent of the Pelmadulla Rajamaha Viharaya	09.10.2018 08.10.2023	Prof. J.L. Ratnasekera	02.11.2020 01.11.2023

5.	University of Kelaniya	Chief Incumbent of the Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara, Senior Professor, Ven. Kollupitiye Mahinda Sangharakkitha Thero	05.11.2021 04.11.2026	Prof. Nilanthi de Silva	28.08.2020 27.08.2023
6.	University of Jaffna	Prof. S. Pathmanathan	23.09.2019 22.09.2024	Prof. Sivakolundu Srisatkunarajah	28.08.2020 27.08.2023
7.	Wayamba University	Prof. Tuley de Silva	08.04.2018 07.04.2023	Senior Professor J.M.U.K. Jayasinghe	28.06.2022 27.06.2025
8.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Chief Prelate (Mahanayake) of Kotte Sri Kalayani Samagri Dharma Maha Sangha Sabha of Siyam Maha Nikaya, Ven. Dr. Ittapana Dhammalankara Thero	23.01.2023 22.01.2028	Professor S.M.C.U.P. Subhasinghe (Acting Vice-Chancellor)	From 24.12.2022 until the Vice Chancellor is appointed
9.	Sabaragamuwa University	Professor Ven. Kamburugamuwa Vajira Nayaka Thera	01.01.2021 31.12.2025	Prof. R.M.U.S.K. Ratnayake	03.11.2020 02.11.2023
10.	University of the Visual and the Performing Arts	Prof. Sangeeth Nipun H. M. Sanath Nandasiri	02.12.2021 01.12.2026	Senior Professor R.P. Mahaliyanarachchi	13.10.2020 12.10.2023
11.	University of Moratuwa	Prof. K.K.Y.K. Perera	21.03.2018 20.03.2023	Prof. Niranjan Deepal Gunawardena	02.09.2020 01.09.2023
12.	University of Ruhuna	Venerable Dharma Keerthi Sri Dr. Akuratiye Nanda Nayake Thero	08.07.2019 07.07.2024	Senior Professor T.S.D. Amarasena	13.01.2022 12.01.2025
13.	University of Colombo	Sasana Keerthi Sri Buddhasasana Sobhana Ven. Murutthettuwe Ananda Thero	17.11.2021 16.11.2026	Prof. H.D. Karunaratne	12.04.2022 11.04.2025
14.	Rajarata University	Master of Arts (Honours) Ven. Ethalawetunawewa Gnanatilake Thero	27.01.2020 26.01.2025	Prof. G.A.S. Ginigaddara	13.12.2021 12.12.2024
15.	University of Peradeniya	Prof. G.H. Peiris	06.05.2022 05.05.2027	Prof. M.D Lamawansa	01.08.2021 31.07.2024
16.	Open University of Sri Lanka	Prof. Dammika A. Tantrigoda	09.09.2022 08.09.2025	Prof. P.M.C. Thilakerathne	2021.06.23 2024.06.22
17.	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Faiz Mustafa	14.11.2022 13.11.2027	Prof. A. Ramis	09.08.2021 08.08.2024

18.	Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	Venerable Dr. Niyangoda Dharmakeerthi Sri Sangarakkitha Vijithasiri Thero	25.02.2021 24.02.2026	Senior Professor Ranjana W. Seneviratne	09.06.2022 08.06.2025
19.	University of Vavuniya	Dr. Subramaniam Mohandas	21.08.2021 20.08.2026	Prof. T. Mangelswaran	01.08.2021 31.07.2024

*Table 2.28*Appointment of Chancellors and Vice Chancellors

2. Foreign Leave

Approval for leave of the academic and non-academic staff in universities and higher education institutes from 01.01.2022 – 31.12.2022

University / Institute	Duty Leave	Personal Leave	Total
University Grants Commission	7	9	**16**
Bhiksu University	3	3	**6**
Buddhist & Pali University	14	9	**23**
University of Colombo	189	147	**336**
University of Peradeniya	171	71	**242**
University of Kelaniya	93	98	**191**
University of Sri Jayewardenepura	110	129	**239**
University of Moratuwa	76	93	**169**
University of Ruhuna	112	39	**151**
University of Jaffna	94	107	**201**
Eastern University of Sri Lanka	37	19	**56**
Open University of Sri Lanka	47	40	**87**
Sabaragamuwa University	48	31	**79**
South Eastern University	29	34	**63**
University of the Visual & Performing Arts	19	15	**34**
Rajarata University	53	14	**67**
Wayamba University	33	23	**56**
Uwa Wellassa University	25	16	**41**

Vavuniya University	6	2	**8**
Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	3	2	**5**
Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies- Eastern University of Sri Lanka	5	5	**10**
Trincomalee Campus-Eastern University	2	6	**8**
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) - University of Colombo	0	7	**7**
Institute of Indigenous Medicine (IIM) – (University of Colombo)	1	1	**2**
Sri Palee Campus (University of Colombo)	6	1	**7**
University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC)	1	4	**5**
Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM)- University of Sri Jayewardenepura	1	8	**9**
Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE)	4	8	**12**
Total	**1189**	**941**	**2130**

Table 2.29 Foreign Leave

3. **Gazette notifications on the establishment of Faculties and Departments of all the universities under the Ministry of Education and the higher education institutes affiliated to those universities in terms of Section 27 (1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978**

(01.01.2022 – 31.12.2022)

Serial No.	University	Established Faculties	Established Departments	Gazette No. and Date
01.	University of Colombo	-	Department of Information Technology relevant to the Faculty of Arts	2276/04 18.04.2022
02.	University of the Visual and Performing Arts	-	Department of Information Technology relevant to the Faculty of Dance and Drama	2293/63 19.08.2022
03.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Faculty of Urban and Aquatic Bioresources	Department of Urban Bioresources 2.Department of Aquatic Bioresources 3. Department of Multidisciplinary Studies	2267/35 17.02.2022
04.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	-	Department of Optometry relevant to the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	2266/73 11.02.2022
05.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Faculty of Computing	Department of Scientific Computing	2285/09 10.06.2022

			2.Department of Information Systems Engineering and Informatics 3.Department of Knowledge Engineering and Communication	
06.	Uwa Wellassa University	-	Department of Information and Communication Technology relevant to the Faculty of Technical Studies	2294/43 25.08.2022
07.	Uwa Wellassa University	-	Department of Food Science and Technology related to Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture	2305/16 09.11.2022
08.	University of Ruhuna	-	Department of Information Technology relevant to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	2274/15 06.04.2022
09.	University of Ruhuna	-	Instead of the Department of Agricultural Engineering amendment as the Department of Agricultural Engineering and Environmental Technology relevant to the Faculty of Agriculture	2299/66 30.09.2022
10	University of Ruhuna	-	Instead of the Department of Agricultural Economics amendment as the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agri-Business relevant to the Faculty of Agriculture	2301/31 11.10.2022
11.	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	-	Department of Information Technology Studies relevant to the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages	2274/15 06.04.2022
12.	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	-	Department of Primary Health Care and Family Medicine relevant to the Faculty of Medicine	2299/67 30.09.2022
13.	University of Kelaniya	-	Department of Information Technology relevant to the Faculty of Social Sciences	2274/15 06.04.2022
14.	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	-	Department of Information Technology relevant to the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities	2274/15 06.04.2022
15.	Gampaha Wickramarachchi	-	Department of Information technology relevant to the	2274/15 06.04.2022

	University of Indigenous Medicine		Faculty of Indigenous Social Sciences and Management	
16.	Eastern University of Sri Lanka – Trincomalee Campus	-	Department of Information Technology relevant to the Faculty of Mass Communication and Business Studies	2274/15 06.04.2022
17.	Eastern University of Sri Lanka	-	Department of Information Technology relevant to the Faculty of Arts and Cultural Affairs	2290/13 26.07.2022
18.	University of Moratuwa	-	Department of Facilities Management relevant to the Faculty of Architecture	2290/30 28.07.2022
19.	University of Moratuwa	-	Instead of Transport and Logistics Management amendment as the Department of Transport Management and Logistics Engineering relevant to the Faculty of Engineering	2311/12 19.12.2022
20.	University of Jaffna	-	Department of Mechanical Engineering relevant to the Faculty of Engineering	2292/30 09.08.2022
21.	University of Jaffna	Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan Faculty of Performing and Visual Arts -	Establishment of six faculties Substitution of note with 15 Departments relevant to the Faculty of Arts	2293/22 16.08.2022
22.	University of Jaffna	-	Department of Information technology relevant to the Faculty of Arts	2274/15 06.04.2022
23.	University of Peradeniya	-	Department of Family Medicine relevant to the Faculty of Medicine	2269/53 03.03.2022
24.	University of Peradeniya	-	1. Department of Information Technology in relation to the Faculty of Arts 2. Department of Comprehensive Oral Health Care related to the Faculty of Dental Sciences	2294/48 25.08.2022

Table 2.30

- **Overseas Education Unit**

Implementation of scholarship programs

1.1   Providing overseas education opportunities for Sri Lankan students

Information on scholarship opportunities offered to Sri Lanka by foreign countries as well as educational institutes are published in all the three languages in newspapers and on our website (www.mohe.gov.lk) and from this year onwards online applications are called for in a formal and transparent manner and students are selected on a systematic basis.
Accordingly, scholarship opportunities were provided to Sri Lankan students as follows.

Postgraduate Scholarship Opportunities for the year 2019 - 2022

Country	2019	2020	2021	2022
India	53	61	56	Nominations of 12 students have been sent to the Indian Government
China	14	11	13	06
Japan	7	7	-	07
Russia	3	-	-	-
New Zealand	2	-	-	-
United Kingdom	-	2	5	Nominations for 10 scholarships have been sent to the government of UK.
Belarus	-	-	-	Nominations of two students have been sent to the Belarus government.
Hungary				12 scholarships had been received and selection procedure is being conducted.
Total	**79**	**81**	**74**	**-**

Table 2.31

Undergraduate Scholarship Opportunities 2019 - 2022

Country	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022
India	109	56	32		Nominations of 140 students have been sent to the Indian Government.
China	10	-	-		-
Cuba	1	1	-	1	
Russia	07	-	-		-
Pakistan	18	-	-		-
Serbia	1	2	-	1	One scholarship has been received, and selection procedure is being conducted.

Vietnam	5	5	-		-
Japan	-	-	-		200 students participated in the competitive examination for scholarships (undergraduate-100, technical university-100) and the results are to be received.
Hungary					Eight scholarships have been received and selection process is being conducted.
Belarus					Eight scholarships have been received and selection process is being conducted.
Total	**151**	**64**	**32**		-

Table 2.32

In addition to the above scholarship opportunities, students are made aware on foreign scholarship opportunities that can be applied for directly by publishing those on the website of the Ministry.

2. Providing opportunities for foreign students to pursue education in Sri Lankan universities

3. Providing opportunities for foreign students to pursue education in Sri Lankan universities

2.1 Implementation of the Presidential Scholarship Program

Under the Presidential Scholarship Program, 148 scholarships have been awarded since 2011 and by 2022, and 88 students who have successfully completed their degree have returned to their countries. Similarly, 2 students are pursuing studies for the academic year 2016/2017 and another 4 students are waiting for the final results.

The admission of students for the Presidential Scholarship Program has been temporarily suspended from the 2019/20 academic year until today.

2.2 Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships

Under the "Sri Lanka Commonwealth Scholarship Program," Postgraduate Institute of Management, of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka and Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (IBMBB) in collaboration with the Commonwealth

University Association, have awarded postgraduate scholarships aiming the Sustainable Development Goals in Developing Countries.

Total number of Postgraduate Students 2019-2022

Academic year	No. of Students
2019	02
2020	02
2021	01
2022	02
2023	02
Total	**09**

Table 2.33

2. Implementation of other student assistance programs

3.1 Providing financial assistance for Sri Lankan University Students under the Chinese Ambassador Scholarship Program

Under the Chinese Ambassador Scholarship Program, the Government of China offers financial sponsorship scholarships worth up to Rs. 50,000 / - per annum to undergraduate students who pursue studies in Sri Lankan universities. There, students are selected for scholarships having called for nominations so as to represent all relevant faculties covering the representation of all the state universities based on the total number of students.

This program has been active since 2016 and 497 scholarships have been awarded so far. An amount of Rs. 6,070,000/- has been received for the year 2021 and this year scholarships have been awarded to 177 students with high GPA who are studying at state universities and non-state higher education institutes.

3.2 3.2 "Providing financial sponsorship under the "Huawei Sky Seeds for the Future" Scholarship Program

This Ministry, in collaboration with Huawei Technologies Lanka Co., (PVT) LTD, organized the annual 'Huawei Sky Seeds for the Future' training workshop held by the Huawei headquarters to provide the latest information and communication technology knowledge, and participation of 11 Smart Technocrats studying in universities / non-state higher education institutes.

4. Providing of visa facilities

4.1   Providing of visa facilities for foreign students to study in state universities of this country and for foreign lecturers

The recommendation for Entry Visa and granting and extension of Residence Visa for the relevant duration for foreign students coming to Sri Lanka for academic activities and for foreign lecturers coming to this country is done through online method. The Granting of visa for the entire academic duration in terms of the Cabinet Decision No. CP/22/0379/303/026 and dated March 15,2022 is implemented since September 15, 2022.

The number of foreign students and foreign lecturers of whom the extension of Residence Visa were approved during the period from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022 is attached as Annexure 01.

5. Development of international educational collaboration in the higher education sector

Granting of legal approvals to Sri Lankan state universities when entering into agreements with foreign universities / Higher Education Institutes with the aim of developing international relations for higher academic collaborations and participation in international research to elevate Sri Lankan universities to a higher ranking in the world rankings.

Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval for the below mentioned Memoranda of Understanding from the last quarter of 2021 to the third quarter of 2022.

i.   **Agreements for research collaborations for women scientists in developing countries under the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has launched a basic professional collaboration program (Early Career Fellowship - EC Programme) under the "Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World - OWSD" to support women scientists in developing countries.

This program is hosted by the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), a program unit belonging to the UNESCO organization, and the selection of suitable research projects for the program is done according to the global competitive method.

Accordingly, for the years 2019 and 2020, the following new research projects of five (05) Sri Lankan women scientists have been selected.

#	Name	University	Research Project
1	Dr. Dimanthi Jayathilake	Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya	A Marker-assisted Breeding Tool Kit for Rice Breeders with Low Accessibility to Modern Technology
2	Dr. Pradeepa Bandaranaike	Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya	Internet of Things (IoT) for Smart Agriculture: Assessment of agronomic traits and related gene expression of tomato (solanum lycopersicum) grown under filed, semi controlled, and controlled environmental conditions employed with' low cost, low energy IoT, solutions
3	Dr. Chandima Ariyaratne	Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya	An integrated, fast-tack platform for rice breeding for drought and salinity stress tolerance targeting production environments in Sri Lanka
4	Dr. Dulhari Tanuja Wijeratne	Department of Medical Laboratory Science, Open University of Sri Lanka	Association of functional peripheral blood NK cell responses with clinical disease severity of dengue viral infection
5	Dr. Priyanga Dilini Talagala	Department of Computational Mathematics, University of Moratuwa	RETINA: Revolutionising monitoring systems and Techniques in the Information Age

Table 2.34

Therefore, the following agreements should be entered into with UNESCO.

I.   The university to which each scientist belongs shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with UNESCO as the "Administrative Institute-AI" of that research.

II. Those scientists must enter into a grant agreement with UNESCO as "Principal Investigator-PI".

Also, these MoUs as well as grant agreements are prepared according to a common format for investigators in all countries. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the signing of the following MoUs and Grant Agreements.

Memoranda of Understanding
- Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Peradeniya and UNESCO
- Memorandum of Understanding between Open University of Sri Lanka and UNESCO
- Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Moratuwa and UNESCO

Grant Agreements

- Grant Agreement between Dr. Dimanti Jayathilaka of University of Peradeniya and UNESCO
- Grant Agreement between Dr. Pradeepa Bandaranaike of University of Peradeniya and UNESCO
- Grant agreement between Dr. Chandima Ariyaratne of University of Peradeniya and UNESCO
- Grant Agreement between Dr. Dulhari Tanuja Wijeratne of Open University of Sri Lanka and UNESCO
- Grant Agreement between Dr. Priyanga Dilini Talagala of the University of Moratuwa and UNESCO

ii. **The Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Education of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary under the scholarship program named "STEPENDIUM HUNGARCUM" for the years 2022-2024**

According to this MoU, as direct benefits, 20 scholarship opportunities for Sri Lankan students in Agriculture, Engineering, Economics and Water Management will be awarded annually by the Hungarian government as follows.

Degree Program	Annual
Undergraduate	8
Postgraduate	8
PhD	4
Total	**20**

Similarly, these scholarships can be used for training programs ranging from three (3) to ten (10) months.

iii. **Memorandum of Understanding for Educational Cooperation between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the period 2022-2026**

According to the previously signed agreements, from 2011 to 2020, the Vietnamese government has granted 40 scholarships to students of this country and the Sri Lankan government has granted 08 scholarships to Vietnamese students. Similarly, as direct benefits of the proposed MoU;

   i. Each party exchanges students with special competencies from their party to study in the universities of the other party.

   ii. That the two parties exchange 05 (five) scholarships annually for undergraduate or postgraduate studies in mutually agreed fields,

iii.   Once in every two years, exchange of senior education delegations consisting of four or five representatives for a maximum period of 7 days to exchange experiences and develop cooperation between the two countries,

iv.   By the Ministry of Higher Education in Sri Lanka; To provide facilities for joint research in paddy, vegetable, fruit and organic rice production, agricultural engineering mechanization, clean water/sea water fish product development, renewable energy and other areas proposed by Sri Lanka.

v.   The Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam to provide opportunities for joint research in fisheries, rice production, agricultural engineering mechanization, oil exploration and other areas proposed by the Government of Vietnam.

vi.   Both parties will also encourage exchange of students and scholars (lecturers, researchers, technical experts and technologists) between universities/research centers and related institutions.

2.1.6. Planning Division

• The progress report for the four quarters of the year 2022 on local and foreign projects has been submitted to the Presidential Secretariat and the progress report for the four quarters of the year 2022 to the Department of Project Management & Monitoring.

• Steps were taken to fill vacancies that existed for the steering committees relevant to the ongoing ADB project, World Bank project and Wayamba Development Project, Constructing of Medical Faculty for the Sabaragamuwa University.

• The steering committee meetings conducted in the year 2022 relevant to the foreign-funded projects and budget proposal projects are as follows.

Project	No. of meetings
Science and Technology Human Resources Development Project (ADB)	05
Building Complex for the Faculty of Health Care Sciences Eastern University of Sri Lanka Project	03
Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Project (World Bank)	03
Wayamba University Township Development Project (WUTDP)	03
Construction of Faculty of Medicine Project at The Sabaragamuwa University	03
Project of Constructing Twelve Storied Building for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna	
Project of Establishing a Center for Naval Studies and Shipping of University of Ruhuna	03
Project for Establishment of a Professorial Unit at Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya.	
Project of Establishing the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	
Total	20

Table 2.35

- In the year 2022, 10 foreign projects and 8 budget proposal projects were implemented under the supervision of the Planning Division.

- Monthly progress reports related to budget proposals have been forwarded to the Department of National Budget.

- The 2021 Annual Performance Report and Progress Review Report have been prepared and submitted to the Parliament of Sri Lanka.

- Having prepared the monthly progress report of the Human Rights Action Plan, submitted it to the Ministry of Foreign Employment, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage, and to the Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement, and Hindu Religious Affairs.
- Have replied for 07 audit queries for the year 2022.
- Presidential Task Force on Higher Education in Sri Lanka
- Have contributed for the final report preparation having report
- Project proposals under foreign grants have been recommended and obtained approval as follows:

University	No. of projects recommended by the ministry	No. of projects recommended by the Department of National Planning	No. of approved projects	Amount Rs. Mn
University of Colombo	3	3	2	18.40
University of Peradeniya	6	6	6	256.54
University of Ruhuna	4	4	3	103.97
Wayamba University	1	1	1	6.91
Total	**14**	**14**	**12**	**385.82**

Table 2.36

2.1.7. Non-State Higher Education Division

❖ Non-State Higher Education Institutes recognized as Degree Awarding Institutes in 2022

The following institute was recognized as degree awarding institutions in the year 2022.

1) Lanka Nippon Biztech Institute (Pvt) Ltd

Accordingly, as at 31st of December 2022, 24 institutions have been recognized as Degree Awarding Institutions.

From 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022, 34 new degree programs have been recognized to be offered by these institutes. Accordingly, the total number of degrees recognized to be offered by Non State Higher Education Institute, as at 31 December 2022, is 221.

Number of Degree Programmes

03. Maintaining information on Non-State Higher Education Institutions.

With the intention of monitoring the activities of the institutions that are recognized as degree awarding institutions, this Division maintains a database which contains the information of degree programmes and students enrollment of those institutions. Updating of those information is also done by this division. The details of the year 2022 is attached herewith.

	Bachelor Degrees (Basic Degrees)	Post graduate diploma (P/G Diploma)	(Master)	(M Phil)	(Ph D)	Total
No of degree programs recognized as at 31.12.2021	136	14	16	11	10	187
No of degree programs recognized from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022	29	01	01	01	02	34
No of degree programs recognized as at 31.12.2022	**165**	**15**	**17**	**12**	**12**	**221**

Table 2.37

The details of Student Enrolment for the year - 2022

	Name of the Degree Awarding Institute	*Year 2022*		
		Total No of Students Enrollment	No of Student Intake in 2022	No of Student Graduated in
01	Institute of Surveying and Mapping (ISM)	13	0	13
02	Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT)	15096	5714	1896
03	Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration(SLIDA)	164	25	0
04	National Institute of Social Development (NISD)	1001	90	85

05	Aquinas College of Higher Studies	584	191	121
06	National School of Business Management Limited (NSBM)	*Details not received*		
07	CINEC Campus	2795	930	267
08	Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy (SIBA)	559	456	142
09	The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CASL)	1118	553	343
10	SANASA Campus	171	44	09
11	Horizon College of Business & Technology	2130	734	175
12	KAATSU-Highly Advanced Medical Technology Training Centre	7074	3061	1096
13	Nagananda International Institute for Buddhist Studies	272	144	*N/R*
14	S L T Campus	4192	1624	*N/R*
15	Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (Private) Limited (SLINTEC)	*Details not received*		
16	Saegis Campus (Private) Limited	363	232	20
17	ESOFT Metro Campus (Private) Limited	175	72	0
18	Institute of Chemistry Ceylon	779	232	127
19	International College of Business Technology Ltd	41	32	0
20	**Benedict XVI Catholic Institute of Higher Education (Pvt) Ltd**	129	75	0
21	**Royal Institute of Colombo (Pvt) Ltd**	3	3	0
22	**Business Management School (Pvt) Ltd**	*Details not received*		
23	**International Institute of Health sciences (Pvt) Ltd**	*Details not received*		
24	**Lanka Nippon Biztech Institute (Pvt) Ltd**	39	39	0
	Total	36698	14251	4294

Source: Information provided by respective institutes

Table 2.38

04. Minimum Standards for Institutional and Subject Reviews

Minimum standards for institutional and subject reviews of Non – State Higher Education Institutes to be recognized as Degree Awarding Institutes are being finalized, and steps are being taken to publish it as nationally recognized documents.

Year/ Intake	No of NSHEIs	No of Degree Programmes	No of Students Continuing Studies
2017/ 1st Intake	06	26	80
2018/ 2nd Intake	08	38	903
2019/3rd Intake	10	50	1,978
2020/ 4th Intake	12	69	2,062
2021/ 5th Intake	15	95	3,633
2022/ 6th Intake	16	100	4,664
Total			**13,320**

Table 2.39

05. Establishment of Monitoring Unit

Non-State Higher Education division of the Ministry of Education is to ensure that the quality of education provided by the Non-State Higher Education Institutes recognized by section 25A of the Universities Act, is duly maintained. With the intention of performing that responsibility more efficiently and effectively a sub division was established under the Non-State Higher Education Division, as the Monitoring unit.

06. Progress of Quality Assurance and Accreditation procedure of Higher Education Institute in Sri Lanka

A Cabinet memorandum was submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers captioned 'Approval for establishment of the Quality assurance and Accreditation commission' dated 31.03.2021 to obtain approval of Parliament for the Bill to Establish the Higher Education (Quality assurance and Accreditation) Commission, issued on 17th June 2019 under the Gazette Supplement dated 14th June 2019.

- The approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted to amend the Bill including the views of Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. Minister of Trade, and the amendments proposed by the Hon. Attorney General.

- Observations of the aforesaid Ministers of Cabinet along with the views of Hon. Minister of Justice, Hon. Minister of Youth & Sports and Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs were forwarded for the opinion of Attorney General in order to include them in the draft bill.

- The observations of the Hon. Attorney General on the Cabinet decision dated 10th May 2021 regarding the above draft bill were received by this office via the letter dated 12.11.2021

- It was forwarded to the Legal Draftsman's Department to include the committee-stage amendments incorporating the observations of the Hon. Attorney General via the letter dated 28.02.2022 and the Legal draftsman has sent the drafted committee-stage amendments on 01.04.2022

- The observations of this office were sent to the Legal Draftsman's Department via the letter dated 25.04.2022

- The draft committee-stage amendments incorporating observations to the Quality Assurance and Accreditation commission bill was received by Legal Draftsman's Department in all three languages on 16.06.2022.

- It has been forwarded to the Specified Authority, and the Specified Authority suggested forming a panel to check the accuracy of committee-stage amendments.

Interest Free Student Loan Scheme

Progress of the Enrolments

Over the past five years, the students who have passed the G.C.E. Advanced level examination in the years from 2015 to 2020 were enrolled at the NSHEIs under this loan scheme.

153 students in 1st Intake and 200 students in 2nd intake already graduated under this facilitation. At present, thirteen thousand three hundred twenty (13,320) students pursue degrees in the following sixteen (16) Non-State Higher Education Institutes (NSHEIs);

i. Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology Guarantee Ltd - SLIIT
ii. National School of Business Management - NSBM
iii. CINEC Campus - CINEC
iv. Sri Lanka Institute of Buddhist Academy – SIBA
v. Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka - ICALS
vi. SANASA Campus Ltd - SANASA
vii. Horizon College of Business and Technology Ltd - HORIZON
viii. KAATSU Highly Advanced Medical Technology Training Centre - KIU
ix. SLT Campus (Pvt) Ltd - SLTC
x. SAEGIS Campus (Private) Limited - SAEGIS
xi. Esoft Metro Campus (Pvt) Ltd. - ESOFT
xii. Aquinas College of Higher Studies - AQUINAS
xiii. Institute of Chemistry Ceylon - ICHEM
xiv. International College of Business Technology – ICBT
xv. Benedict XVI Catholic Institute - BCI
xvi. Royal Institute Colombo (Pvt) Ltd. – RIC

Enrolment of 6th Intake in 2022

The activities related to the selection and enrolment of 6th intake were scheduled to commence in 2022 based on the results of the G.C.E A/L Examination in the years of 2018, 2019 and 2020. Accordingly, two new institutes that obtained degree awarding status recently joined this program.

1. Royal Institute Colombo (Pvt) Ltd. - RIC

2. Business Management School (pvt)Ltd.- BMS

Student Loan Division called applications via online for the 6th intake on 21st December, 2021 and submission of online applications was closed on 15th February, 2022. A total number of 15,186 applications were received for the 6th Intake.

All the interviews were conducted via online avoiding physical contact with the applicants. Accordingly, 8,156 applicants participated in online interviews. The selection was done by using an automated system and 6,847 applicants were selected according to the selection criteria. The ongoing economic crisis, in particular the power and energy crisis directly affected the registration process of 6th intake. As a result of the increase in the interest rate of the finance market, Student Loan Scheme was temporally suspended by BOC and all the officials and the institutes had to take many measures and efforts to enroll 6th intake in order to continue the loan scheme.

Conducting online interviews for the selection of 6th intake.

Conducting registration for the 6th intake at Non-State Higher Education Institutes

Loan Facilities

Number of loans approved by BOC from 01st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 are as follows;

Category	No of Loans Approved	Total Amount of Loans Granted (Rs. Mn.)
Loan for Course Fees	99	77.2
Loan for Stipend	104	30.1
Total	**203**	**107.3**

Table 2.40

The Ministry directs BOC to pay semester fees to the respective institutes on behalf of the students. The ongoing economic crisis, in particular the power and energy crisis was not affected the four batches studying under student loan scheme since all the institutes have taken many measures to complete semesters on time. Hence, semester payments were done to the institutes on time.

In addition, all the students were paid Rs. 18,750/- quarterly (Rs. 6,250/- per month) to cover their additional education expenses, living cost etc.

Student Loans Division has conducted an online survey with the students who are in the first four intakes. The monitoring reports were prepared institute-wise and then those were sent to the particular institutes to take remedial actions for the issues pertained as well as to improve the quality of education.

Chapter 03 – Overall Financial Performance for the Year Ended 31.12.2021

3.1. Financial Performance Statement for the Year Ended 31.12.2022

ACA-F

Financial Performance Statement for the Year Ended 31.12.2022

Budget 2022 Rs.		Note	True 2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.	
0	**Revenue Receipts**		-	-	
0	Income Tax	1	-	-	
0	Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	2	-	-	ACA-1
0	Taxes on International Trade	3	-	-	
0	Non Tax Revenue & Others	4	-	-	
0	**Total Revenue Receipts (A)**		-	-	
0	**Non Revenue Receipts**				
0	Treasury Imprests		3,804,554,407	4,403,920,553	ACA-3
0	Deposits		31,793,653	281,267,017	ACA-4
0	Advance Accounts		9,450,436	9,211,679	ACA-5
0	Other Main Ledger Receipts				
0	**Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)**		**3,845,798,496**	**4,694,399,249**	
0	**Total Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts C = (A)+(B)**		**3,845,798,496**	**4,694,399,249**	
	Remittance to the Treasury (D)				
	Net Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts E = (C)-(D)		3,845,798,496	4,694,399,249	
	Less: Expenditure				
0	**Recurrent Expenditure**				
108,450,000	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment Benefits	5	103,637,511	98,885,469	
91,353,000	Other Goods & Services	6	88,954,598	58,596,625	ACA-2 (ii)
2,257,192,000	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	2,183,654,207	2,086,327,356	
0	Interest Payments	8	0	0	
0	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	0	0	
2,456,995,000	**Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)**		**2,376,246,315**	**2,243,809,451**	

	Capital Expenditure				
2,900,000	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets	10	924,557	823,149	
12,244,686,000	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	11,010,406,292	11,537,000,265	**ACA -2 (ii)**
210,000,000	Capital Transfers	12	69,212,523	491,630,392	
0	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	0	0	
2,335,270,000	Capacity Building	14	2,327,213,606	1,947,734,465	
1,846,489,000	Other Capital Expenditure	15	1,839,393,397	1,358,010,240	
16,639,345,000	**Total Capital Expenditure (G)**		**15,247,150,375**	**15,335,198,511**	
					ACA -4
	Deposit Payments		334,960,823	118,083,459	
	Advance Payments		15,000,744	10,092,707	**ACA -5**
	Other Main Ledger Payments		130,745	0	
	Repayments		177,600	100,518	
	Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)		**350,269,912**	**128,276,684**	
	Total Expenditure I = (F+G+H)		**17,973,666,602**	**17,707,284,646**	
-	**Balance as at 31st December J = (E-I)**		**(14,127,868,105)**	**(13,012,885,397)**	
	Balance as per the Imprest Reconciliation Statement		**(14,128,088,633)**	**(13,014,205,564)**	**ACA -7**
-	**Imprest Balance as at 31st December 2021**		220,528	1,320,166	**ACA -3**
			(14,127,868,105)	(13,012,885,397)	

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2022

		True	
	Note	2022	2021
		Rs.	Rs.
Non Financial Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	1,267,427,460	3,939,804,729
Financial Assets			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(A)	605,735,697	963,626,568
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	220,528	1,320,166
Total Assets		**1,873,383,684**	**4,904,751,463**
Net Assets / Equity			
Net Worth to Treasury		-76,332,384	-385,049,861
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		1,267,427,460	3,939,804,729
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(B)	578,413,556	941,854,735
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	103,654,525	406,821,694
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	220,528	1,320,166
Total Liabilities		**1,873,383,684**	**4,904,751,463**

Statement of Cash Flows
for the Period ended 31st December 2022

	True	
	2022 **Rs.**	**2021** **Rs.**
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		-
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non Revenue Receipts	-	-
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads	180,522,834	4,284,192
Imprest Received	3,520,065,039	4,388,654,644
Recoveries from Advance	1,462,187	842,885
Deposit Received	30,026,900	280,794,133
Total Cash generated from Operations (A)	**3,732,076,959**	**4,674,575,854**
Less - Cash disbursed for:		
Personal Emoluments & Operating Payments	175,163,394	140,082,053
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	403,559,207	386,927,356
Expenditure incurred on behalf of Other Heads	32,793,268	1,163,652
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	220,528	1,320,166
Advance Payments	14,105,627	8,454,046
Deposit Payments	240,266,678	118,083,459
Repayments from revenue		100,518
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (B)	**866,108,702**	**656,131,251**
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (C)=(A)-(B)	**2,865,968,257**	**4,018,444,604**
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Recoveries from On Lending	-	-
Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (D)	**-**	**-**
Less - Cash disbursed for:		

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Purchase or Construction of Physical Assets & Acquisition of Other Investment	2,865,968,257	4,018,444,604
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (E)	**2,865,968,257**	**4,018,444,604**
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES(F)=(D)-(E)	**(2,865,968,257)**	**(4,018,444,604)**
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING & INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (G)=(C) + (F)	-	-
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
Less - Cash disbursed for:		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J)=(H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G) + (J)	-	-
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January	-	-

3.4. Performance of the Utilization of Allocation

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Type of provision	Allocated Provisions		True Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Original Allocation
	Original Allocation	Final Allocation		
Recurrent	2,457,000	2,456,995	2,376,246	96.7%
Capital	14,050,000	16,639,345	15,247,150	91.6%
Total	**16,507,000**	**19,096,340**	**17,623,397**	**92.3%**

Table 3.1

Summary of Capital Expenditure as at 31.12.2022

(Rs.Mn)

Item / Description	Net provision 2022	Provisions		Provisions Utilization %
		Expenditure	**Balance**	
Administrative and institutional services	**1,753.35**	**1,745.90**	**7.45**	**99.58%**
Rehabilitation and improvement	2.90	0.92	1.98	31.88%
Acquisition of capital assets	1.00	0.93	0.07	92.86%
Employee training program	0.11	0.10	0.00	99.07%
Project of granting loan facilities for purchasing laptops for university students and improving wi-fi facilities at universities	10.00	9.60	0.40	96.03%
Project of constructing of a 12 storied building at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
Project to establish the Faculty of Medicine at Sabaragamuwa University	350.00	350.00	0.00	100.00%
Establishment of the Professorial Unit at Karapitiya Teaching Hospital	155.00	155.00	0.00	100.00%
Project of establishing Naval and Shipping Centre at the University of Ruhuna	65.00	60.00	5.00	92.31%
Establishment of Professorial Units in Kuliyapitiya and Ratnapura hospitals, Developing the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences of the University of Ruhuna and providing of laboratory facilities for the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura	430.00	430.00	0.00	100.00%
Project of constructing a 17 storied building at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Colombo	539.34	539.34	0.00	100.00%
Higher Education development Projects	**14,686.00**	**13,441.64**	**1,244.36**	**91.53%**
Construction of Research and Training Complex - University of Jaffna	6.67	6.67	0.00	99.99%
AHEAD Project	4,593.00	4,588.40	4.60	99.90%
Healthcare	892.80	643.44	249.36	72.07%
Wayamba University Township Development Project	1,658.50	1,041.13	617.37	62.78%
Science and Technology Human Resources Development Project	7,313.00	6,965.55	347.45	95.25%

Higher Education and Research collaboration on Nanomaterials for Clean Energy Technologies	5.20	5.20	0.00	99.99%
Project of constructing buildings for the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	14.52	0.00	14.52	0.00%
Project of establishing the Medical Faculty of the Sabaragamuwa University	105.55	94.50	11.05	89.53%
Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Jaffna and the Birmingham University	46.58	46.57	0.00	100.00%
Foreign Grants	50.19	50.18	0.00	100.00%
Institutional contribution to quality growth of higher education	**200.00**	**59.61**	**140.39**	**29.81%**
SLIATE	87.50	36.50	51.00	41.71%
Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka	62.50	23.11	39.39	36.98%
Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00%
Total (capital expenditure)	**16,639.35**	**15,247.15**	**1,392.19**	**91.63%**

Table 3.2

❖ **As a single audit report has been issued for both the Schools Division and the Higher Education Division, it is mentioned under Paragraph 3.10 of Chapter 3 of the Annual Performance Report 2021 of the Schools Division.**

Chapter 04 – Performance Indicators

4.1 Performance Indicators of the Institute (Based on the Action Plan)

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	**75%-89%**	**50%-74%**
Graduate employability		**85.5%**	
Increasing student admission to National Higher Education System	In the year 2022, the number of students expected to admit for national universities coming under the purview of the UGC is **42519**. However, the admission of students for the year 2022 has not completed yet.		
University World Rankings		**76.5%**	

Table 4.1

Chapter 05 - Performance of the achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

5.1 Identified Respective Sustainable Developments Goals

Goal /Objective	Targets	Indicators of Achievement	Progress of achieving objectives		
			0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
4.3 By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university education.	• Implementation of the Interest Free Student Loan Scheme.	Increase in the number of students admitted			93.2%
	• Granting higher education opportunities by the SLIATE.				76%
	• Admission of students to the National universities coming under the UGC.				105% (*)
	• Admission of students to the Sri Lanka Bhiksu University.				102%
	• • Admission of students to Sri Lanka Buddhist and Pali University.				97.5%
4.5 By 2030, I. Eliminate gender disparities in education. II. Ensure equal access to all levels of education.	• Targets have been achieved.				100%
III. Vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations.	• Targets have been achieved. • Not relevant to the subject scope of this ministry.				100%
					-

4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5.1

(*) In the year 2022, it was expected to admit 42519 students to the National Universities under the University Grants Commission (UGC). However, admission of students for the year 2022 has not yet been completed yet. However, by the year 2021, 41775 students were expected to be admitted in the National Universities under the University Grants Commission (UGC) and 43882 students were admitted. It is 105% as a percentage.

5.2 Achievements and challenges in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Regarding the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

1. Elimination of gender-based differences in education.   -

Selection for higher education opportunities simply depends on the Z-score. It is not based on gender.

2. Ensure access to all levels of education   -

Each level of higher education has been defined and developed to meet the eligibility criteria required for admission to the SLQF. This ensures that everyone who qualifies has access to various levels. All educational institutions under the Ministry have been adapted to this framework.

3. Provide vocational training for persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children at risk.   -

This is not relevant to the subject scope of this ministry.

Chapter 06 – Human Resources Profile

6.1 **Cadre Management**

	Approved Cadre	**Existing Cadre**	**Vacancies/(Surplus)****
Senior	27	23	4
Tertiary	5	4	1
Secondary	125	150	25 (Development Officer Surplus - 51)
Primary	47	41	6

Table 6.1

06.2 ** Due to the existence of vacancies, it has become difficult for one officer to fulfill the desired objectives of the Ministry efficiently and effectively. Therefore, the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government has been informed to fill the relevant vacancies.

6.3 Human Resources Development

Program	**No. of employees**	**Duration of the Program**	**Total Investment Rs.**		**Nature of the Program (Local/ Foreign)**	**Output/ obtained knowledge ***
			Local	Foreign		
Salary Conversion	74	One day	34,300.00	-	**Local**	To provide an understanding for officers on salary conversion
Document filing	18	One day	8,650.00	-	**Local**	Being able to provide prompt service by keeping office affairs organized
Procedural Rules and leave	17	One day	9,075.00	-	**Local**	To provide an understanding of procedural rules and leave for officers
Etiquette of Serving food for special guests	16	One day	11,450.00	-	**Local**	To provide an understanding for officers on etiquette of Serving food for special guests
Role and responsibility of public officials in financial management	54	One day	36,080.00	-	**Local**	To provide a comprehensive knowledge on the role and responsibility of

						government officials in financial management for proper office functioning
Financial Management and calling of bids	64	One day	45,465.00	-	**Local**	To provide a comprehensive knowledge on financial management and calling of bids to maintain office affairs properly.
Diploma in English for Professionals (DEP) Batch 6	1	30 weeks	25,000.00	-	**Local**	-
Government Payroll System	1	3 days	18,000.00	-	**Local**	Providing training on Public Sector Salary Preparation
17th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2022	1	5 days	-	-	Foreign	-
Recognition of H.B among Asian Countries Discussion by RecoAsia Project	1	6 days	-	-	Foreign	-
The Project of the Professional Development Program 2022 (ADB)	1	7 days	-	-	Foreign	-

Table 6.2

* It is essential to develop the knowledge and skills of officers to perform their duties efficiently and effectively. It is expected that by providing training programs for employees, knowledge on new subject matters will be developed and efficient service will be provided.

Chapter 07 – Compliance Report

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future
1	**The following financial statements/ accounts have been submitted on due date**		–	–
1.1	Annual Financial statements	Complied.	–	–
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Complied.	–	–
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	–	–	–
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	–	–	–
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	–	–	–
1.6	Others	–	–	–
2	**Maintenance of books and registers (FR445)**		–	–
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration circular 267/2018	Complied.	–	–
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards have been maintained and updated	Complied.	–	–
2.3	Register of Audit Queries has been maintained and updated	Complied.	–	–
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and updated	Complied.	–	–
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on the due date	Complied.	–	–
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and updated	Complied.	–	–
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and updated	Complied.	–	–
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and updated	Complied.	–	–
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and updated	Complied.	–	–
No.	**Applicable Requirement**	**Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)**	**Brief explanation for Non-Compliance**	**Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future**

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and updated	Complied.	_	_
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA-N20) has been maintained and updated	Complied.	_	_
03	**Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)**		_	_
3.1	Delegation of financial powers in the institute	Complied.	_	_
3.2	Making aware within the institute regarding the delegation of financial powers	Complied.	_	_
3.3	Powers have to be delegated so as every transaction has to be approved through two or more officials.	Complied.	_	_
3.4	In terms of the Public Finance Circular No. 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014, when using government payroll software package, to perform it under the control of an Accountant.	Complied.	_	_
4	**Preparation of Annual Plans**			
4.1	Preparation of Annual Action Plan	Complied.	_	_
4.2	Preparation of Annual Procurement Plan	Complied.	_	_
4.3	Preparation of Annual Internal Audit Plan	Complied.	_	_
4.4	Preparation of Annual Estimate and submitting it to the Department of National Budget (NBD) on due date	Complied.	_	_
4.5	Submission of Annual Cash Flow Statement to the Treasury Operations Department on the due date.	Complied.	_	_
5	**Audit queries**			
5.1	All audit queries have been answered by the date specified by the Auditor General	Complied.		
6	**Internal Auditing**	-	-	-
6.1	Preparation of the Internal Audit Plan after having discussed with the Auditor General at the beginning of the year, in terms of the FR. 134 (2) DMA /1-2019	Complied.	_	_
No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future
6.2	Have replied to all internal audit reports within one month	Complied.	_	_
6.3	In terms of the Sub Section 40(4) of	Complied.	_	_

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future
	the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018, copies of all internal audit reports have been submitted to the Management Audit Department			
6.4	In terms of FR 134(3), submission of copies of all the internal audit reports to the Auditor General.	Complied.	_	_
7	**Audit and Management Committees**		_	_
7.1	In terms of DMA circular 1-2019, conducting of at least 04 Audit and Management Committees within the relevant year.	Complied.	\Has taken action as per the letter DMA/AMC/M/2021/ 2 dated 06.09.2021	_
8	**Asset Management**		_	_
8.1	Submission of information on Asset Purchasing and Disposal to the Comptroller General's Office as per Chapter 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	Complied.	_	_
8.2	As per the paragraph 13 of the above mentioned circular, have appointed a suitable officer to coordinate the implementation of provisions of that circular and reported the particulars of that officer to the Comptroller General's Office.	Complied.	_	_
8.3	Have conducted Board of Survey as per the Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016, and have submitted the relevant reports to the Auditor General on due date.	Complied.	_	_
8.4	Have met the surpluses, deficits and other recommendations within the prescribed time frame cited in the circular.	Complied.	_	_
8.5	Have done the disposal of condemned goods in terms of FR 772.	Complied.	_	_
No.	**Applicable Requirement**	**Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)**	**Brief explanation for Non-Compliance**	**Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future**
9	**Management of Vehicles**		_	_
9.1	Prepare daily running charts and monthly summary reports for pool vehicles and submit them to the Auditor General on due date	Complied.	_	_
9.2	Have disposed the vehicles before a time period of 06 months after they have become condemned.	Complied.	_	_
9.3	Maintaining vehicle log books and updating them	Complied.	_	_
9.4	Taking action on every vehicle accident as per FR103,104,109, and 110	Complied.	_	_

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future
9.5	Re-inspection of fuel consumption in vehicles in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3.1 of Public Administration Circular No: 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016.	Complied.	_	_
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term	Complied.	_	_
10	**Management of Bank Accounts**		_	_
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified, and made ready for audit by the due date	Complied.	_	_
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous year settled	Complied.	_	_
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month	Complied.	_	_
No.	**Applicable Requirement**	**Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)**	**Brief explanation for Non-Compliance**	**Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future**
11	**Utilization of Provisions**		_	_
11.1	The Provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Complied.	_	_
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per F.R. 94(1)	Not complied.	Due to delays in receiving bills for recurring expenses such as electricity, water and telephone	_
12	**Advance to public officers account**		_	_
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Complied.	_	_
12.2	A time analysis had been carries out on the loans in arrears	Complied.	_	_
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Not complied.	Failure to settle the loan balance of two officers who have vacated the service and a retired officer - Steps have been taken to take legal action against the two officers who have vacated the post. Retired Officer is deceased and as he does not have a pension gratuity, the Director General of	

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future
			the Department of Pensions has been requested that the debt balance be reduced by death gratuities or other allowances.	
13	**General Deposit Account**		_	_
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R. 571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Complied.	_	_
13.2	The control register for general deposits had been updated and maintained	Complied.	_	_
14	**Imprest Account**		_	_
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of year under review remitted to TOD	Complied.	_	_
No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied /Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non- compliance in future
14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Complied.	_	_
14.3	The ad-hoc sub imprests had been issued exceeding the limit approved as per FR. 371	Complied.	_	_
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Complied.	_	_
15	**Revenue Account**		_	_
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	_	_	_
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	_	_	_
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	_	_	_
16	**Human Resource Management**		_	_
16.1	The staff had been paid within the approved cadre	Complied.	_	_
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Complied.	_	_
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Complied.	_	_
17	**Provision of information to the public**	Complied.	_	_
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of Right To Information Act and Regulation	Complied.	_	_

17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided through its Website and has it been facilitated to appreciate/ allegation to public against the public authority by this Website or alternative measures	Complied.		_	_
17.3	Bi-Annual and Annual reports have been submitted as per Section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Complied.		_	_
18	**Implementing citizens charter**	Complied.		_	_
18.1	A citizens charter/ Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Complied.		_	_
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter/ Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	Complied.		_	_
19	**Preparation of the Human Resource Plan**			_	_
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018.	Complied.		_	_
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Complied.		_	_
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied.		_	_
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity-building programs, and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No. 6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied.		_	_
20	**Responses to Audit Paras**			_	_
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Complied.		_	_

Table 7.1

								Annexure 01	
					Ministry of Education - Higher Education				
					Physical and financial Progress of Budget Proposal Projects as at 31st December 2022			Rs.Mn	
	Project	**Project period**	**Total Cost**	**Awarded Amount**	**Cumulative expenditure**	**Allocation 2022**	**Actual Expenditure**	**Cumulative Physical Progress %**	**Remarks**
1	Design, Construction, Supervision, Commissioning completion and Maintenance of Twelve storied building complex for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna	01.11.2017 - 31.01.2023	1,179.70	1,091.50	835.34	200.00	197.43	49	
2	Establishment of a professorial unit at Karapitiya Hospital, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna	01.12.2019 - 28.02.2023	1,300.00	1,138.36	714.13	155.00	237.56	55	Used generated funds
3	Establishment of "Southern Center for Naval Studies and Shipping" Faculty of Engineering. University of Ruhuna	**HapugLa-** 01.08.2019 - 01.07.2021 **Magalle-** 01.12.2019- 31.12.2021	943.00	436.36 (construction)	435.21	65.00	85.94	93	Used generated funds
4	Establishment of Faculty of Allied Health Science - University of Ruhuna	01.12.2020 - 14.07.2023	1,660.00	1,501.73	1,101.69	430.00	415.88	58	
5	Establishment of a Medical Faculty at Sabaragamuwa (Phase 1)	2020.10.05 - 2023.01.23	1,036.00	1,036.00	1,233.60	350.00	350.00	85	
	Total		6,118.70	4,767.59	4,319.97	1,200.00	1,286.81		