

Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources

Quarter 1, 2019 - National Revenue Update

Background

The Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources (MoLNR) is the main agency responsible for managing lands and natural resources in a sustainable and equitable manner for the social and economic wellbeing of the citizens of the country. In 2019, MoLNR is budgeted to collect **VT 1,001.3 million** which is **3.8%** of total national budgeted revenue.

The main objectives for the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources are:

- Ensure there are fair dealing in lands;
- Ensuring that the rights of Custom Owners to their lands and its developments are fully recognised and protected.

Percentage share of MOLNR revenue collected by each Department is:

1. Department of Land Records– **65.6%**
2. Department of Lands – **28.1%**
3. Department of Geology and Mines – **6.0%**
4. Department of Land Survey – **0.2%**

This report provides an update on the revenue performance of different departments of MoLNR in first quarter of 2019.

Brief Summary – Q1 Target Budget vs. Actuals

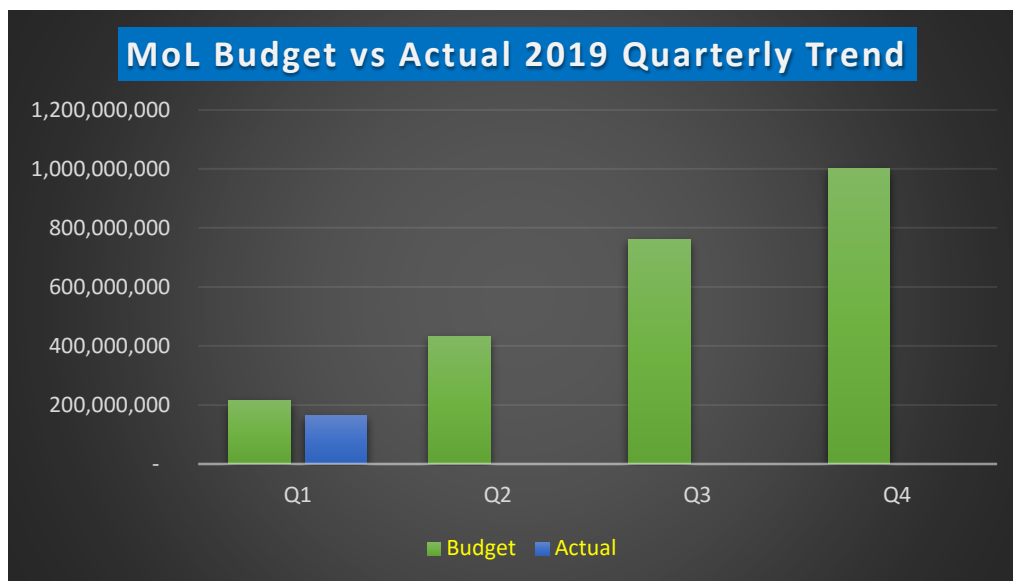
Departments	Annual Budget Revenue	Q1 Budget	Q1 Actuals	Variance
Corporate Services	-	-	155,600	155,600
Department of Lands	281,786,800	33,462,209	33,095,220	4,580,390
Department of Land Records	656,793,600	168,855,551	117,693,307	-51,162,244
Department of Land Survey	2,282,600	601,807	1,634,939	1,033,132
Department of Geology Mines	60,395,800	11,939,803	11,192,102	-747,701
Total	1,001,258,800	214,859,731	163,771,168	-46,140,824

Q1 Revenue Update -

At the end of Quarter 1 of 2019, revenue collected by MoLNR stood at VT 163.8 million which is 16.4 per cent of annual revenue budget. Budgeted collections for first quarter were forecasted at VT 214.9 million which is 21.5 per cent of annual revenue budget of MFEM. Actual collections in this quarter is only 76.2 per cent of quarter one's budget target.

Chart 1 shows cumulative revenue budgeted for MoLNR for each progressive quarter against the actual revenue collected.

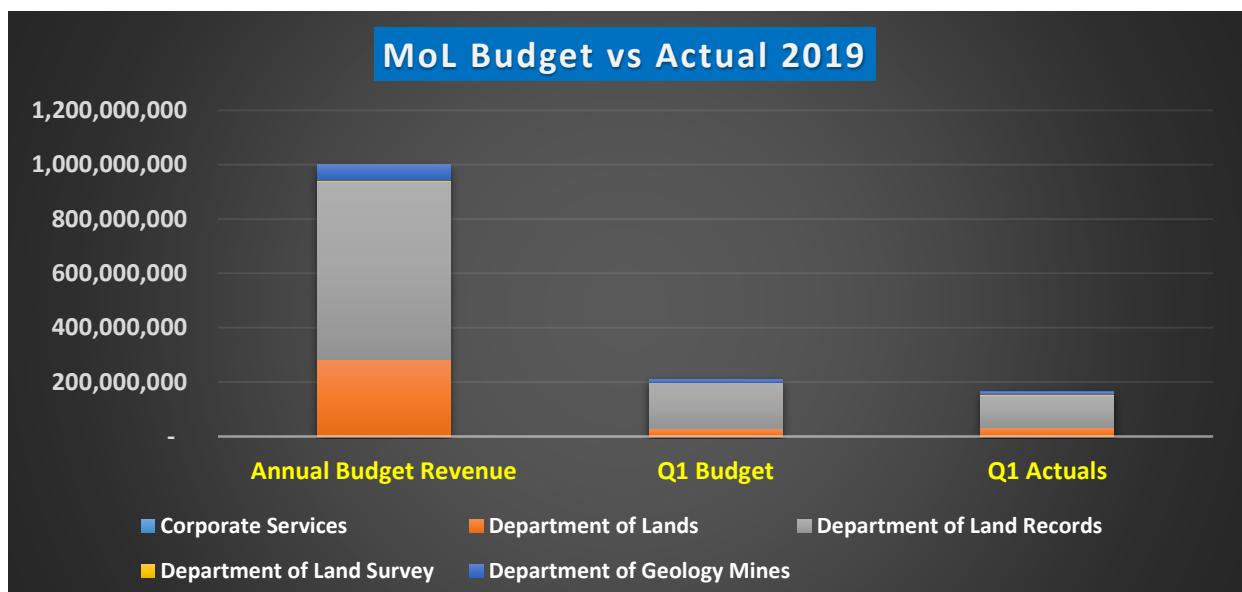
Chart 1: MoLNR Quarterly Budget Revenue Vs Actuals



On the Departmental front, Department of Land collected 98.9 per cent of its quarter 1 budget. This is due to healthy revenue collections in application charges recoveries. The Department of Land survey exceeded its budget target by 171.7% showing a healthy performance in the collection of revenue items such as other fees related to land survey. Department of land records and the Department of Geology & Mines lagged behind VT 46.1 million compared to the budget revenue forecast.

Chart 2 shows comparative collections between budget and actual revenue with their departmental components.

Chart 2 – Quarterly Budget vs. Actuals of Departments in MFEM



Conclusion

Overall, revenue collected by Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources during this first quarter of 2019 is still low. This quarter saw only 78.0 per cent of their collection reaching the budget target. In 2018 the Ministry of Lands have not been able to meet their overall revenue collections target however this does not really rule them out in achieving their revenue targets for 2019.

The Ministry of Lands Revenue collection performance for the second Quarter of 2019 should give us more indication as to whether they will be able to meet their overall target for 2019 financial year.

Annex 1 - Revenue performance of each Department by revenue items

Department	2019 Budget	Q1 Budget	Q1 Actuals	Variance
Corporate Services	-	-	155,600	155,600
Equipment Disposals	-	-		
Other Asset Disposals	-	-	5,600	5,600
Vehicles Disposals	-	-		
Permits Recoveries	-	-	150,000	150,000
Department of Lands	281,786,800	28,514,830	33,095,220	4,580,390
Other Fees	-	-	-	
Application Charges Recoveries	61,510,100	11,803,316	19,359,494	7,556,178
Land Lease	992,500	89,063	176,102	87,039
Land Premiums	56,591,200	15,566,293	7,707,000	-7,859,293
Land Rent	162,693,000	1,056,157	5,852,624	4,796,467
Department of Land Records	656,793,600	168,855,551	117,693,307	-51,162,244
Land Registration	656,793,600	168,855,551	117,693,307	-51,162,244
Department of Land Survey	2,282,600	601,807	1,634,939	1,033,132
Other Asset Disposals	-	-		
Other Fees	2,282,600	601,807	1,634,939	1,033,132
Department of Geology and Mines	60,395,800	11,939,803	11,192,102	-747,701
Other Fees	2,880,700	759,496	155,000	-604,496
Other Recoveries	-	-		
Other User Charges Recoveries	-	-		
Water Charges Recoveries	53,449,900	10,870,476	11,037,102	166,626
Other Items Revenue	-	-		
Prospector Licences & Registration	4,065,200	309,831	-	-309,831
TOTAL	1,001,258,800	209,911,992	163,771,168	-46,140,824