



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Report to those charged with governance on the 2024 financial audit

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REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

INTRODUCTION

1. We have completed our audit of the 31 December 2024 financial statements of the Office of the Commissioner of Police (the “Office” or “OCP”). International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) require that we communicate certain matters to those charged with governance of the Office in sufficient time to enable appropriate action. The matters we are required to communicate under ISAs include:
 - Auditors’ responsibilities in relation to the audit
 - the overall scope and approach to the audit, including any expected limitations, or additional requirements
 - relationships that may bear on our independence, and the integrity and objectivity of our staff
 - expected modifications to the audit report; and
 - significant findings from our audit.
2. This report sets out for the consideration of those charged with governance those matters arising from the audit of the financial statements that we consider are worthy of drawing to your attention.
3. This report has been prepared for the sole use of those charged with governance, and we accept no responsibility for its use by a third party. Under the Freedom of Information Act (2020 Revision), it is the policy of the Office of the Auditor General to release all final reports proactively through our website: www.auditorgeneral.gov.ky.

AUDITOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE AUDIT

AUDITOR’S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON AUDITING

4. ISAs require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements is not designed to identify all matters that may be relevant to those charged with governance. Accordingly, the audit does not ordinarily identify all such matters, and this report

includes only those matters of interest which came to our attention as a result of the performance of our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

5. Management's responsibilities are detailed in the engagement letter signed by management on 13 September 2024 to which this engagement was subject. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

OTHER INFORMATION IN DOCUMENTS CONTAINING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

6. While we have no responsibility to perform any audit work on other information, including forward looking statements, containing audited financial statements, we will read the other information contained in the Office's annual report to consider whether such information is materially consistent with information appearing in the financial statements or our knowledge of the operations of the Office.

CONDUCT, APPROACH AND OVERALL SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

7. Information on the integrity and objectivity of the Office of the Auditor General and audit staff, and the nature and scope of the audit, was outlined in the Engagement Letter presented to the Chief Officer and follows the requirements of the ISAs. We are not aware of any impairment to our independence as auditors.

AUDIT REPORT, ADJUSTMENTS AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION

8. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 is unmodified. We have, however, included an Emphasis of Matter paragraph in our audit report to draw users' attention to Note 22 of the financial statements.

Emphasis of Matter

As outlined in Note 22 of the financial statements, the Cabinet authorised two supplementary appropriations for the Office under Section 11(5) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) ("PMFA"), increasing its 2024 operating budget by \$349,000 and its equity investment by \$1,660,000. A supplementary Appropriations Bill for the additional funding was not introduced in Parliament by 31 March 2025 as required by section 11(6) of the PMFA. My opinion is not qualified with respect to this matter.

9. There were no audit adjustments made to the financial statements.
10. As part of the completion of our audit, we obtained written representations from management on aspects of the accounts, judgments, and estimates made. These representations were provided to us on 4 April 2025.

SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS FROM THE AUDIT

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

11. We are responsible for providing our views about qualitative aspects of the Office's significant accounting practices, including accounting policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures. Generally accepted accounting principles provide for the Office to make accounting estimates and judgments about accounting policies and financial statement disclosures.

We are, however, not aware of any new or controversial accounting practices reflected in the Office's financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S JUDGMENTS AND ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

12. OCP made a provision for legal liabilities in the amount of \$1.9m for the 2024 financial year.

GOING CONCERN DOUBTS

13. As a result of our audit, we did not become aware of any material uncertainties related to events and conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Office's ability to continue as a going concern.

SIGNIFICANT AND OTHER DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL CONTROL

14. We did not identify any significant internal control deficiencies as part of our audit.

FRAUD OR ILLEGAL ACTS

15. Applicable auditing standards recognize that the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud and compliance with applicable acts and regulations rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and with management. It is important that management, with the oversight of those charged with governance; place a strong emphasis on fraud prevention and fraud deterrence. They are also responsible for establishing and maintaining controls pertaining to the Office's objective of preparing financial statements that are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and managing risks that may give rise to material misstatements in those financial statements. In exercising oversight responsibility, those charged with governance should consider the potential for management override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process.
16. As auditors, in planning and performing the audit, we are required to reduce audit risk to an acceptably low level, including the risk of undetected misstatements in the financial statements due to fraud. However, we cannot obtain absolute assurance that material misstatements in the financial statements will be detected because of such factors as the use of judgment, the use of testing, the inherent limitations of internal control and the fact that much of the audit evidence available to the auditor is persuasive rather than conclusive in nature.
17. No fraud or illegal acts came to our attention as a result of our audit.

SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED DURING THE COURSE OF OUR AUDIT

18. No serious difficulties were encountered in the performance of our audit.

DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

19. We have had no disagreements with management resulting from our audit.

ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS

20. There were no other significant matters noted during the audit

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

21. We would like to express our thanks to the staff of the Office of the Commissioner of Police for their help and assistance during the audit of this year's financial statements. This enabled us to provide an audit report within the agreed timetable.

Yours sincerely,



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