



CENTRAL PROCUREMENT BOARD

# ANNUAL REPORT

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2021-2022

<b>AfDB</b>	African Development Bank
<b>BEC</b>	Bid Evaluation Committee
<b>BOC</b>	Bid Opening Committee
<b>BOT</b>	Build Operate Transfer
<b>CIDB</b>	Construction Industry Development Board
<b>CC</b>	Competition Commission
<b>CPB</b>	Central Procurement Board
<b>CTB</b>	Central Tender Board
<b>CPO</b>	Central Procurement Officer
<b>DBD</b>	Draft Bidding Documents
<b>EOI</b>	Expression of Interest
<b>ICAC</b>	Independent Commission Against Corruption
<b>IRP</b>	Independent Review Panel
<b>MUR</b>	Mauritian Rupee
<b>MOFEPD</b>	Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development
<b>ONB</b>	Open National Bidding
<b>OIB</b>	Open International Bidding
<b>PB</b>	Public Body
<b>PCPO</b>	Principal Central Procurement Officer
<b>PPA</b>	Public Procurement Act 2006 as subsequently amended
<b>PPO</b>	Procurement Policy Office
<b>PPP</b>	Public Private Partnership
<b>RB</b>	Restricted Bidding
<b>RRA</b>	Rodrigues Regional Assembly
<b>SBD</b>	Standard Bidding Document
<b>SIL</b>	State Informatics Limited
<b>TC</b>	Technical Committee

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# Vision, Mission and Values of the Central Procurement Board



## VISION

*To be the Model for Efficient and  
Effective Public Procurement in Mauritius*



## MISSION

*To ensure Value for Money in Public Procurement and  
Timely Acquisition through a Fair and Transparent Process*



## VALUES

*Accountability; Ethical Practices; Equality / Fairness;  
Integrity; Quality; Transparency*



I have much pleasure on behalf of the Central Procurement Board (CPB) to present this annual report, for period 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022, in compliance with Section 8A of the Public Procurement Act 2006 as amended.

### The Central Procurement Board – a major player in the procurement landscape

The CPB continues to play a pivotal role in the development of a public procurement system which allocates scarce government resources in a prudent and judicious manner to projects which yield best value for money. CPB caters for major procurement for the supply of goods, services and infrastructural and other works for public sector entities. CPB's role in the socio-economic development of the country is of great importance and must be given all the support required whether in terms of human resources, logistics and technology to innovate, and modernize.

### Activities during the year

In the year under review (01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022), business activities were back to normal, except for the period 22 November 2021 to 24 January 2022, when staff worked on a roster basis given the alarming situation regarding the rapid proliferation of the Delta Variant of the Corona Virus.

However, given the importance of moving our economy on the path of sustained growth, we diligently worked hard to clear, vet and expedite the launch of bidding documents, appoint promptly bid evaluation team members (within 2 days of reception of bids) to carry out evaluation of the bids as well as carry out due diligence and make recommendations of the best bids and award the contracts within the set target of 15 working days from opening of bids.

We never compromised on our efforts to ensure transparency and that all necessary information be made available to bidders regarding specifications, employer's requirements and expectations, qualification and evaluation and selection criteria so that bidders are on the same level playing field and make informed decisions and submit their best offers.

We continued with our proven policy to engage with the public bodies so that the best possible bidding documents are prepared, submitted and floated with the least delay possible. For most projects, we had working meetings with the Public Bodies where the bidding documents were jointly scrutinised, suggestions for improvement made and closing dates given. The mantra is to make the bidding documents business friendly, with absolute clarity with regard to conditions of contract, specifications for the works or services required, criteria for evaluation and selection to encourage maximum competition.

Over and above the bidding documents to be approved, the Board had to deal diligently with requests for clarifications and approval issue of addenda etc. We continually endeavour to improve the bidding documents to minimise query requests which inevitably in many cases lead to extension of closing dates.

The Board paid special attention on cost estimates to ensure that they reflected market prices so that the bids received were within an acceptable range. Otherwise in case of inaccurate cost estimates, that is, when bids were considered abnormally low or high, awards could not be made with the consequences of projects being delayed

by as much as six months, time taken to refloat and to go through the procurement process anew. This is over and above the cost associated with the aborted project.

In view of the extreme price volatility specially in these uncertain times, every effort must be made to ensure that the cost estimates are worked out properly and extensively to meet the market trends and demands.

### Some Statistics

Despite all the constraints and challenges, the Central Procurement Board held during the year of this report

- (i) 97 formal Board meetings
- (ii) 66 ad-hoc Board meetings
- (iii) 105 meetings with Public Bodies mostly regarding vetting of bid documents
- (iv) 3 regular periodic meetings with the Procurement Policy Office, one with Competition Commission and another one with Independent Review Panel
- (v) effected a site visit for a project involving of major works, for a better understanding of the project by the Board Members and senior staff.

The Board is most conscious of its role and responsibility as the institution that does procurement for major projects for the Government and hence to ensure that Mauritius is a country where procurement is done in all transparency, fairness, equity and where trust prevails and is good for doing business.

In each procurement project that is processed through the CPB, every attention regarding fairness, equity and reasonableness to all concerned parties are given the highest consideration with the aim to encourage competition so that the best value is obtained for the Public Body undertaking the project.

For the year under report the number of procurement projects received were: 71 for a value of 30.4 billion rupees. The comparative figures for 2020/ 2021 and 2019/2020 were 85 for a value of 28.6 billion and 77 for a

value of 28.2 billion respectively. The figures, more details of which are contained in this report, show that despite the pandemic, work at the CPB was much more than business as usual.

Before concluding, I wish to thank my fellow Board members, whose varied experience and expertise in their different disciplines have been of great value in decision making on intricate and complex matters.

I also wish to thank the Chief Executive, the Acting Chief Executive, the Secretary of the Board, each and every single member of the staff for their dedication and for the excellent work they do every day.

Last but not least, I recognize the valued contribution of the competent and experienced evaluators and other experts who carry out the bid evaluation exercises, in absolute independence, and provide a service of the highest standard to the Board.

As Chairperson and on behalf of the CPB, I can assure you that no stone is left unturned to preserve the reputation and integrity of this key institution of our country. By upholding the highest standards of good governance and ethics, we commit to build a culture of trust which remains the bedrock in sound Public Procurement where every cent of tax payers' money is spent in the most judicious manner.

### **Raj H Prayag**

GOSK, PDSM, CEng, PEng, FIEM  
Chairperson



Despite 2020-2021 has been a tough year, yet the response package of the Government has enabled it to avoid massive lay-out of people, economic bankruptcy and social chaos. We have wisely leveraged in our inherent strength to protect our socio-economic structure and provided the momentum for recovery. In the last quarter of FY 2021/2022, with the war in Ukraine and recent lockdowns in China, there has been serious disruptions in the global supply chain rising energy and commodity prices, concurrently impacting on the cost of living.

It is unquestionable that despite the pandemic situation and the war in Ukraine, the CPB has been able to continuously pursue its activities with the same enthusiasm and commitment for the benefit of the country. The Board and Management put their efforts together as a constellation of forces to achieve the vision of the Government for the construction sector more particularly social housing, drains and other infrastructure projects.

Public Procurement has brought a boom in the construction sector where major projects are being implemented through competitive bidding exercises. During the year, the CPB has approved

44 procurement projects worth above 13 billion rupees, thus boosting the economy despite serious drawbacks of the pandemic situation. These projects consist mainly of roads and grade separated junctions, to alleviate the traffic through the Road Decongestion Programme.

Transparency is the key milestone in procurement. The CPB has been continuously requesting public bodies to prepare bidding documents which are user friendly. In the majority of cases, we have observed that there is lack of professionalism in the preparation of bidding documents. Some public bodies are even adamant to put stringent requirement as qualification criteria.

It is most unfortunate to note that quite a number of projects has had to be cancelled and in certain cases higher prices are being paid as the lowest bids are not responsive because of such stringent conditions. In view of the foregoing, the CPB has now decided to involve the preparer, reviewer and the members of the Departmental Bid Committee (DBC) for a more coherent approach and also as a measure of capacity building in public bodies.

As per the PPA, the CPB has to maintain a list of registered evaluators. Appointment of these evaluators are done through public advertisement following which an induction course is done to disseminate awareness of how the CPB operates. Additionally, the evaluators are sent for training at the PPO on the e-Procurement System given that e-Procurement has become mandatory. The Bid Evaluation Committees are composed of qualified and competent officers selected from a pool of evaluators who will examine and evaluate the bids received. In order to avoid delays, evaluators are selected not only on their competency but also on their availability to undertake evaluation during day time. Emphasis is also laid on projects of national interest to be evaluated on a fast-track basis.

n order to reduce the lead time in evaluation, the CPB is having recourse to experienced, qualified and competent retired officers who can devote more time to complete the evaluation exercise as scheduled.

Cost estimates are becoming an impediment for projects to be materialized. Directive No.25 issued by the PPO emphasizes on public bodies that cost estimates should be prepared following early market engagement by public bodies so as to ensure realistic cost estimate. It has been observed that in quite a number of cases, projects have had to be cancelled as the lowest bids received were more than 25% above the cost estimates and as per the PPA, no negotiations can be entertained. It is therefore imperative for public bodies to prepare realistic cost estimate. It is to be noted that much time and resources are being devoted to projects which in turn do not materialize because of unrealistic cost estimate.

During the year, 62 draft Bidding documents were vetted with an average vetting duration of 49 days. The estimated cost of the projects received amounted to MUR 30.4 billion. 49 of the projects received pertained to works projects with a total estimated cost of MUR 27.2 billion. 53 bid opening sessions were held, including 46 under e-Procurement where 236 bids were received,.49 Meetings were held with the public bodies by the Board with a view to exchanging what could be improved so as to bring in more clarity. Another issue is the replies that are made to bidders when queries are made after the launching of bids. Such queries sometimes reflect the inadequacies and inconsistencies noted by bidders in the bidding documents. The CPB therefore takes extra attention to approve the replies to queries whether in the form of clarifications or addenda. The public bodies are again invited to clear with the CPB the replies made so that bidding documents can be more user friendly.

I wish to conclude by thanking the Board, Management, and Staff of the Central Procurement Board for their unflinching support and efforts they have endeavoured to make sure that our core mandates are achieved.

Let me also use this opportunity to thank the Procurement Policy Office, the Independent Review Panel and all our stakeholders, Public Entities, Private Sector, the Civil Society and the Media for their cooperation and support.

I hope that this report will enhance the understanding of our functions and duties and paints a clear picture of the performance and achievements of our team during the year.

**D. Mannick**

Acting Chief Executive



## 1 CPB's Board



**Mr. Raj Hemansing PRAYAG**  
(Chairperson)



**Mr. Swaminathan RAGEN**  
(Vice-Chairperson)



**Mr. Krishna Menon MAUREMOOTOO**  
(Vice-Chairperson up to February 2022)



**Mrs. Sharda Devi DINDOYAL**  
(Member up to February 2022)



**Mr. Kirsley Errol BAGWAN**  
(Member up to February 2022)



**Mr. Abdool Sattar ABOOBAKAR**  
(Member up to February 2022)



**Mr. Chittaman JUGROO**  
(Vice-Chairperson as from February 2022)



**Mr. François SENEQUE**  
(Member as from March 2022)



**Mr. Abdool Samad SAIRALLY**  
(Member as from March 2022)

The Board is composed of a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and three members, appointed for a fixed term. The Chairperson was first appointed in June 2018 and re-appointed in February 2022

## 1.1 Meeting of the Board for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

97 Board Meetings were held during the financial year 2021-2022. There were 66 ad-hoc meetings and 105 meetings with public bodies.

To further improve the procurement process, the CPB held 3 meetings with the PPO and 1 meeting with the CC during the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

The Board also conducted a visit, on 13 July 2021, at the site for the Construction of Drains and Retaining Wall at Morcellement Hermitage, Coromandel.

## The Management

The Management Team is headed by the Chief Executive who is also responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and is assisted in his function by the Deputy Chief Executive.



**Kreetykant DOSIEAH**  
Chief Executive  
(up to September 2021)



**Dinesh Mannick**  
Acting Chief Executive

The core staff of the CPB is made up of the Administrative and Technical units.

Planning, coordination, supervision and performance of functions relating to human resource management, budgeting, information technology, supplies, registry and records management (among others) fall under the purview of the administrative department and central procurement is the prerogative of the Technical Unit. For the financial year 2021-2022, there were 52 funded posts.

The technical unit is responsible for a wide range of activities in respect of procurement documents of major contracts. The unit consists mainly of the Manager, Assistant Managers, Principal Central Procurement Officers (PCPOs), Central Procurement Officers/Senior Central Procurement Officers (CPOs/SCPOs) and qualified engineers. A total of 23 officers were involved in performing related activities under the supervision of the Chief Executive and the Board.

For the financial year 2021-2022, the CPB staff were given the opportunity of participating in a number of training sessions to upskill themselves. In total, the CPB, in collaboration with a number of other ministries and public bodies, provided 10 training courses to its staff, on topics ranging from the E-procurement system to corruption and coastal defense techniques.

## 2 CPB's Senior and Staff

The Management Team is headed by the Chief Executive who is also responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and is assisted in his function by the Deputy Chief Executive, and the following senior staff



**Manager,  
Central Procurement**



**Assistant Managers,  
Central Procurement**



**Principal Central Procurement Officers**



**Engineers**

### 3 Operational Costs

The CPB has incurred operational costs of MUR 58.5 million for the Financial Year 2021-2022. Staff costs constituted the major part (65.3 %) of the CPB's operational costs. Fees paid to members of Bid Evaluation Committees have decreased from MUR 8.2 million in 2020-2021 to MUR 6.4 million in 2021-2022.

TABLE 1 – Operational Costs				
SN	ITEMS	AMOUNT (MUR)		
		Financial year 2020 - 2021	Financial year 2021 - 2022	Estimates Financial year 2022 - 2023
1	Staff Costs	35,863,630.00	38,220,001.90	47,930,000.00
2	Evaluation Fees	8,160,106.00	6,436,463.75	9,000,000.00
3	Rental of Premises, Furniture and Fittings and other Utilities Cost	7,274,083.00	8,330,300.88	8,810,000.00
4	Office Sundry Expenses and Postages	403,962.00	663,796.76	540,000.00
5	Maintenance of - Building, IT Equipment including server, Vehicles & Others	1,213,983.00	1,960,676.91	3,995,000.00
6	Printing & Stationeries, Books & Periodicals, and Publications	599,097.00	1,345,733.14	1,030,000.00
7	Other Recurrent Expenditure (Training Fees, Uniforms, Cleaning Expenses Hospitality & Ceremonies, Legal Fee)	224,000.00	239,828.00	695,000.00
8	Acquisition of IT Equipment		1,345,878.34	
	TOTAL	53,738,861.00	58,542,679.68	72,000,000.00

**Operational Costs in the Financial Year 2021/2022 has increased by 8.9 % (Rs 4.8 M) for the following reasons: -**

- Implementation of PRB report.
- Filling of vacancies in the Central Procurement Cadre.
- Partitioning of new offices for evaluation of bids.
- Purchase of PCs, Laptops, printers and other IT equipment.
- Rise in general price level.

## 4 Useful Statistics

### 4.1 Projects Received

During the 2021-2022 financial year, the CPB received 71 projects out of which 61 were on e-procurement. The total estimated cost of the received projects was MUR 30.4 billion, distributed as follows:

**Table 2 - Procurement Projects Received by Type**

Project Type	2020/2021		2021/2022	
	Count	Contract Value (MUR Million)	Count	Contract Value (MUR Million)
Buildings	18	2,947.60	14	2,276.00
Roads, Bridges & Grade Separated Junctions	9	5,405.50	11	11,781.00
Public Utilities	11	9,661.20	17	12,161.90
Other Works	5	1,457.00	7	1,012.40
<b>SUB-TOTAL (WORKS)</b>	43	19,471.30	49	27,231.30
Goods	23	5,802.40	13	1,838.90
Consultancy	2	1,296.50	1	125.50
Other Services	17	1,983.98	8	1,165.80
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	85	28,554.18	71	30,361.50

49 of the received projects were Works projects with a total estimated cost of MUR 27.2 billion. Goods projects represent 18.3% of all received projects, with a total estimated cost of MUR 1.84 billion. The projects received during the financial year are listed, thereafter:

Table 3 - List of Received Procurement Projects

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
<b>Buildings</b>		
1	Construction of an Elderly Recreational Centre at Baie Lascar, Rodrigues	87.2
2	Construction of New Market Fair at Pamplemousses	104.2
3	Construction of Modern Hospital Block at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Rodrigues	423.5
4	Construction of Maison des Arts Martiaux at Pointe Venus	33.9
5	Renovation of Port Louis Theatre - Phase II	292
6	Construction of a Sport Complex at Plaine-Verte, Port Louis	128.6
7	Upgrading works for the setting up of a Technical School at Citron Donis	57.3
8	Construction of 115 Housing Units and Associated Infrastructure Works at La Valette 1, Bambous	276.9
9	Construction of 108 Housing Units Community Centre and Associated Infrastructural Works at La Valette 2, Bambous	271.8
10	Framework Agreement for Construction and Upgrading of Amenities and Associated Works for a period of three years.	300
11	Construction of an Administration Building and Headquarters at Souillac	57.7
12	Completion of Outstanding Works of 203 Housing Units and Infrastructural Works at Mare D'Albert -Lot 2	136.6
13	Construction of New Station for Mauritius Meteorological Services (MMS) & National Coast Guard (NCG) at Raphael island, St Brandon	56.9
14	Refurbishment of Wards at Victoria Hospital	49.4

Table 3 - List of Received Procurement Projects (Continued)

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
<b>Roads &amp; Bridges &amp; Grade Separated Junctions</b>		
15	Construction of Bridge at Baie du Tombeau (in lieu of Port Bruniquel)	132.2
16	Construction of a Grade separated Junction at Wooton (Design-Build/Turnkey Single Stage, two envelopes)	390
17	Construction of La Brasserie - Beaux Songes Link Road - Phase 2	1226
18	Upgrading of B28 Road (Lot 3 - Phase 2) from Beau Champ to Bel Air	95.6
19	Maintenance, Upgrading, Resurfacing and Construction of Roads in Rodrigues, Year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024	279.5
20	Construction of Grade separated Junction to link the proposed Verdun Bypass and St Pierre Bypass	420
21	Resurfacing of Roads within the Township of Beau Bassin Rose Hill for the period 2021/2022	45
22	Construction of Bois Cheri Bypass	205.2
23	Resurfacing of Roads (B) within the Township of Quatre Bornes	40
24	Construction of a Fly-Over on Motorway at Terre Rouge Roundabout (Design-Build/Turnkey) (Single Stage, Two Envelopes)	347.5
25	Motorway M4: Construction of a Dual Carriageway from Bel Air (B27) to Forbach on Motorway M2	8,600

Table 3 - List of Received Procurement Projects (Continued)

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
<b>Public Utilities</b>		
26	Construction of Riviere des Anguilles Dam	6338
27	Design, Supply, Delivery, installation and Commissioning of a New Generating Unit at Tamarind Falls Hydro Power Station	117
28	Design, Manufacture, Supply, installation & Commissioning of a 20 mw Battery Energy Storage System	515
29	Rehabilitation of Poudre D'Or Balancing Tank and Associated Works at Pumping Stations	98
30	Renewal of Pipeline in the Region of L'Escalier	112.3
31	Procurement of Plugin Type Outdoor Distribution Transformers	-
32	Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of seven 66/22 kV GIS Substations for the Republic of Mauritius	3,236
33	Procurement of 3000 x 2.0 KWAC Grid - Tie Roof mounted Solar Photovoltaic kits for Home Solar Project in the Republic of Mauritius	330
34	Fixing of Appurtenances, Construction of Chambers, Household Connection Works, Commissioning of Pipelines, Reinstatement and other Ancillary Works in Rose Hill	327.7
35	Renewal of pumping main from new Plaine Lauzun pumping station to Upper Monneron Reservoir	123.8
36	Construction of Service Reservoir at Pont Lardier and Associated Trunk Mains	145.9
37	Pierrefonds Leg 1A- Renewal of Service Main from La Chaumiere to New Bosquet Reservoir and Associated Works	265.9
38	Supply of Materials, Connection Works, Installation of Accessories, Household Connections, Reinstatement and other Ancillary Works in Lallmatie, Bon Accueil and Pont Blanc	160.2
39	Design, Construction, Testing and Commissioning of Two 4000 m3 Heavy Fuel Oil Tanks at St Louis Power Station, Republic of Mauritius	105
40	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1MWac Solar PV Farm at Grenade, Rodrigues	90
41	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 09 Nos. Containerised Pressure Filtration Plant	99.5
42	Renewal of Service Main along Coastal Road from Flic en Flac to Wolmar	97.6



Table 3 - List of Received Procurement Projects (Continued)

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
<b>Other Works</b>		
43	Operation and Maintenance of La Chaumiere Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes from La Chaumiere Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill	197.9
44	Contract WW465W - Wastewater project at La Source, Quatre Bornes and Environs Phase 1	217.4
45	Drain Network at Plaine Verte, Port Louis	57.3
46	Sewrage Project at Cite La Ferme, Bambous	165.3
47	Operation and Maintenance of La Brasserie Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes from La Brasserie Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill (OIB)	119.7
48	Flood Mitigating Measures at Anse Jonchee along B28 Road	159.9
49	Procurement for Construction of Drains and Absorption Drains	94.9

Table 3 - List of Received Procurement Projects (Continued)

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
<b>Goods</b>		
50	Procurement of Double CAB VANS (Supply and Commissioning of Double CAB Vans)	99
51	Procurement of a Central Electronic Monitoring System for Gaming Machines with Related Software and Services - (CEMS -GM)-Phase 1	150
52	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Maintenance of a Land Administrative & Valuation Information Maintenance System (LAVIMS 2.0)	185
53	Procurement of Reagents & Consumables for SARS-COV2 for Molecular Biology/ Virology Department - Central Health Department	109.2
54	Procurement of Annual Requirements Cath Lab of Cardiac Unit Dr. A. G. Jeetoo Hospital	69.2
55	Procurement of lubricating oil for CEB's Thermal Power Stations (Under Framework Agreement)	378.4
56	Refit & Dry Docking of CGS Victory	50
57	Procurement of Medical Gas for all Hospitals(2022-2024)	117.7
58	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 2.9 MW P Photovoltaic Power Plant at DBM Industrial Estate Coromandel	183.9
59	Procurement of Frozen Headless White Fish, Frozen Sliced White Tuna Fish and Frozen Sliced Red Tuna Fish	63.3
60	Procurement of Reagents, Chemicals, etc for Haematology Department (Routine), Central Health Laboratory	52.4
61	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1.58 MW P Photovoltaic Power Plant at DBM Industrial Estate Plaine Lauzun	125.7
62	Supply, Testing and Commissioning of Trucks	255.1
<b>Consultancy</b>		
63	Selection of Consultancy Services for Environment and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of Damages caused by the MV Wakashio oil spill	125.5

Table 3 - List of Received Procurement Projects (Continued)

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
<b>Other Services</b>		
64	Procurement of Street Cleaning, refuse collection and disposal including carting away of cyclonic waste in the town of Beau Bassin Rose Hill for a period of 36 months	84.3
65	Procurement of Services for Maintenance & Repair of Ship to Shore Cranes, Rubber Tyre Gantry Cranes and Substations at Mauritius Container Terminal	370
66	Procurement of Maintenance Services of Software Systems	60
67	Framework Agreement for Multidisciplinary Consulting Services 2021-2023	50
68	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal, including Carting away of Post-Cyclonic Waste for Lot 3 & 5 for a period of 36 months	113.5
69	Watch and Security Services in Schools/Institutions	300
70	Procurement for Hosted Services of a Data Centre for a Disaster Recovery Site for the Government Online Centre	65
71	Procurement for the Cleaning of Toilet Blocks, Premises, Toilets, Bathroom and Sluices in all Hospitals and Other Health Insitutions	123

As at 30 June 2022, the status of the 71 received projects was as follows:

*Table 4 - Status of Received Procurement Projects*

Project Type	Count
Approval of Award	15
Non-Approval of Award	5
Returned to Public Body	2
Procurement to be conducted by Public Body	2
Awaiting missing documents/revised documents/clearance/replies	10
In abeyance/ delayed	4
Evaluation stopped	1
In Process	32
Total	71

32 projects were still in process as at 30 June 2022 (see Figure 1 for a more detailed breakdown of projects still in progress) either at the vetting, bidding or evaluation stage or were awaiting approval/decision. Documents for 2 projects were returned to the respective public bodies either at the vetting stage or after the public opening of bids. In the case of 2 projects, the public body informed the CPB that they would conduct the procurement exercise at their level. For 10 projects, missing documents, revised bidding documents, financial clearance or replies from public bodies, the PPO or the Attorney General were being awaited. 4 projects were kept in abeyance while the evaluation process was stopped for 1 project. No approval for award of contract was conveyed for 5 projects.

For the projects still in process as at 30 June 2022, 11 were at the vetting stage; 11 were at the advertising stage; 8 were being evaluated and 2 projects were awaiting approval/ decision.

## PROJECTS IN PROCESS AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

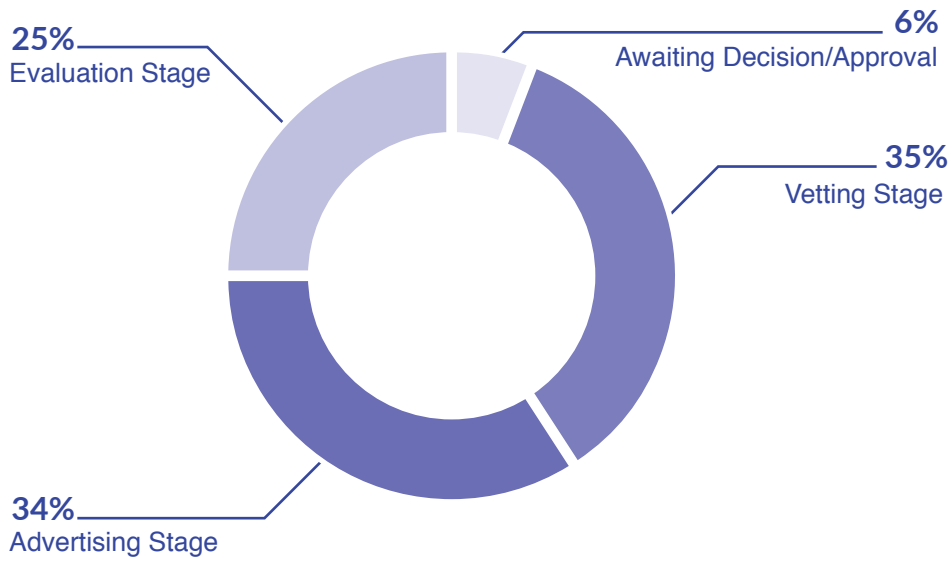


Figure 1 - Projects Still In Process

### 4.2 Vetting of Bidding Documents

Table 5 - Vetting of Bidding Documents

Vetting of Bidding Documents	2020-2021	2021-2022
No. of Bidding Documents	63	62
Total Vetting Duration (Days)	2,245	3,012
Average Vetting Duration (Days)	36	49

A total of 62 bidding documents were vetted during the financial year. The overall total vetting duration, which is measured as the number of days as from the date of receipt of all requested information including complete DBD to its approval by the board, for all 62 projects was 3,012 days. The average vetting period per bidding document was 49 days.

One of the functions of the Board is to vet bidding documents and notices submitted to it by public bodies. This exercise is done inhouse, by the Technical Staff comprising Engineers and Officers of the Central Procurement Cadre. For complex projects where the CPB does not have the necessary competencies, the Board seeks the services of professionals or technical experts, as allowed under the provisions of Section 12(1)(d) of the PPA.

### 4.3 Public Bid Opening Sessions

Table 6 - Public Bid Opening Sessions

Public Bid Opening Sessions	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Sessions	65	53
Total No. of Bids received	474	236
Median	5	3

A total of 53 bid opening sessions (including 46 under e-procurement) took place during the 2021-2022 financial year. The total number of bids received was 236. The median number of bids received was 3. The lowest number of bids received for a project during the financial year was 1 while the maximum was 23.

The bidding methods used for major contracts for the procurement of Goods, Works, Consultancy Services and Other Services are in accordance with the PPA and are as follows:

- Open Advertised Bidding (OAB);
- Open International Bidding (OIB);
- Open National Bidding (ONB); and
- Restricted Bidding (RB).

Open National Bidding (ONB) was the preferred procurement method for the advertised projects; 60% of all advertised projects used this method.

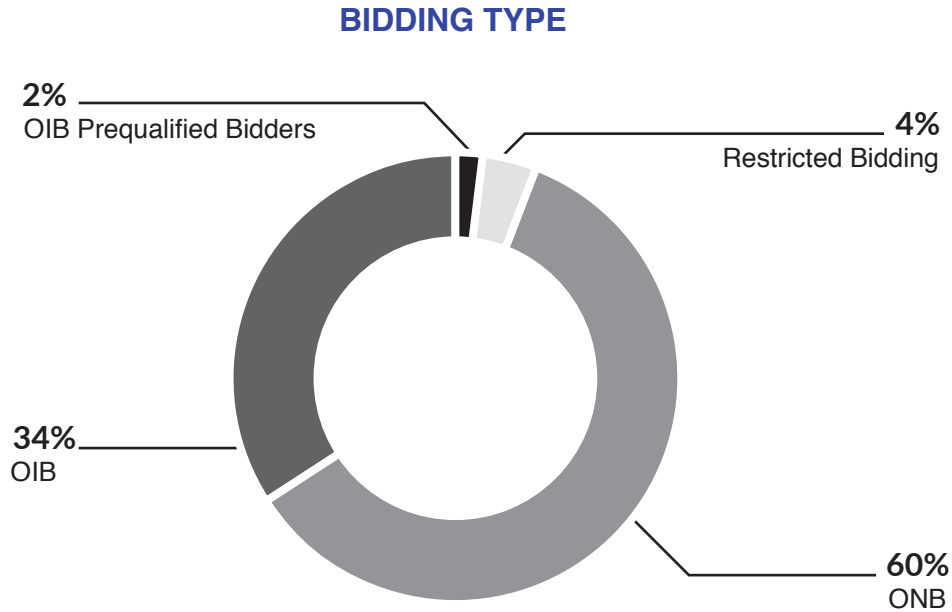


Figure 2 - Procurement Method for Advertised Projects

#### 4.4 Evaluation

During the financial year 2021-2022, bids were evaluated for 56 projects for a total number of 1,341 days. The average number of evaluation days was 24.

Table 7 - Evaluation of Procurement Projects

Projects Evaluated	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Projects	58	56
Total Evaluation Days	1,742	1,341
Average Evaluation Days	30	24

In the quest for transparency, fairness, equitability and rapidity in evaluating Bids received, the CPB has created a database of qualified and competent evaluators from the public service. The database contains a wide range of professionals in their fields of competency, expertise and experience from which are selected evaluators according to the nature of the Bids.

In order to reduce delay, the evaluators are chosen not only on a qualification basis but also on availability. That is why the CPB also has recourse to experienced retired officers who can devote more time regularly, finishing the evaluation exercise earlier. This has resulted in a decrease of the average number of days for evaluation, i.e., from 30 days to 24 days. The CPB is confident to achieve the target of 15 days fixed for evaluation. A new policy of allocation of hours for each evaluation, which varies from 10 hours to 50 hours depending on the number of Bids received, value of the projects and complexity of the projects/bidding documents.

Furthermore, to ensure quality the CPB has recourse to expert services whenever a request is made by evaluators.

## 4.5 Approval of Award

For the financial year ended 30 June 2022, approval of award of contract was conveyed for 44 projects, out of which 29 were carried forward from the previous year, with a total contract value of MUR 13.0 billion. The Board approved award of contract for 26 Works projects with a total contract value of MUR 10.6 billion. 9 projects for the procurement of Goods with a total contract value of MUR 1.3 billion were also approved for award of contract. The remaining related to Consultancy (2 projects) and Other Services (7 projects).

Table 8 - Approved Procurement Projects by Type

Project Type	2020/2021		2021/2022	
	Count	Contract Value (MUR Million)	Count	Contract Value (MUR Million)
Buildings	16	1,143,873,547.00	6	299,628,798.00
Roads & Bridges & Grade Separated Junctions	9	6,666,884,689.00	7	2,112,025,607.00
Public utilities	7	1,441,373,100.00	7	7,343,811,457.00
Other Works	3	271,414,573.00	6	834,449,450.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL (WORKS)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9,523,545,909.00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10,589,915,312.00</b>
Goods	15	3,298,864,619.00	9	1,269,603,603.00
Consultancy	-	-	2	82,305,000.00
Other Services	9	926,624,428.00	7	1,095,863,292.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>13,749,034,956.00</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>13,037,687,207.00</b>

## 4.6 Challenges and Appeals

Bidders may challenge the procurement proceedings within five days from either the invitation to bid or from opening of bids and seven days following notification of award.

Bidders who claim to have suffered, or to be likely to suffer, loss or injury due to breach of a duty imposed by the PPA on a public body or the Board may challenge the procurement proceedings. The challenge has to be submitted to the Public Body (PB), in accordance with the PPA, within the prescribed time. The Board would then provide to the PB materials for reply to the challenge of the aggrieved bidders. In the absence of a decision by the PB within the prescribed time of seven days or if bidders are still not satisfied with the decision of the PB, they may apply to the IRP for a review of procurement proceedings.

During the financial year ended 30 June 2022, challenges were received from aggrieved bidders in respect of 12 major contracts. In 3 cases, aggrieved bidders were satisfied with the replies of the PB. 9 filed applications for review. The IRP found no merit in 5 cases. For one case, the CPB was asked to seek all relevant advice and offer guidance and make recommendations to the Ministry to clarify issues while for another case, the CPB was required to appoint new BEC members from the Engineering side. The IRP further recommended a review of technical specifications for one project. For one project, challenges were made on 3 different occasions. In the first 2 instances, the IRP recommended a re-evaluation of the bids while in the third instance, the application was set aside.



## 5 Approval of Award of Contracts in Financial Year 2021-2022

Approval for award of contract was made for a total of 44 projects during the financial year 2021-2022. The complete list of these projects is provided in Table 8 below.

Table 9 - Approval of Award of Contracts

SN	Procurement Description	Contract Value (MUR)
<b>Buildings</b>		
1	Construction of New Market Fair at Chemin Grenier	12,491,566.00
2	Upgrading of Camp du Roi Stadium at Camp du Roi, Rodrigues - Phase 2	38,010,720.00
3	Construction of a Multisport Complex at Triolet	192,512,512.00
4	Framework Agreement for the Construction and Upgrading of Amenities and Associated Works for a period of 24 months.	Framework Agreement (multiple contracts)
5	Maintenance, Repairs & Rehabilitation of Governemnt Buildings under Framework Agreement (2020-2022)	Framework Agreement (multiple contracts)
6	Refurbishment of Wards at Victoria Hospital	56,614,000.00
<b>Roads &amp; Bridges &amp; Grade Separated Junctions</b>		
7	Construction of La Brasserie - Beaux Songes Link Road - Phase 2 - Prequalificaton	Prequalification
8	Construction of a Flyover at Quay D Roundabout (Design-Build/Turnkey - Single Stage, Two Envelopes)	304,940,000.00
9	Interchange Constructions and Improvements along M3-A14 Corridor at Ebene (Design-Build/Turnkey)	455,795,390.00
10	Construction of about 30 Kms Track Roads including Footpaths and other Civil Works in Rodrigues for Year 2021-2023	Lot 6 - 27,838,000.00 Lot 2 - 27,810,094.00 Lot 4 - 27,810,094.00 Lot 5 - 27,810,094.00
11	Construction of La Brasserie - Beaux Songes Link Road - Phase 2	1,163,687,134.00
12	Resurfacing of Roads within the Township of Beau Bassin Rose Hill for the period 2021/2022	45,962,651.00
13	Resurfacing of Roads (B) within the Township of Quatre Bornes	30,372,150.00

Table 9 - Approval of Award of Contracts (Continued)

SN	Procurement Description	Contract Value (MUR)
<b>Public Utilities</b>		
14	Fixing of New Supplies and Road Reinstatement in Six Water Supply Zones	1 – 23,440,201.00 2 – 29,157,708.00 3 – 23,652,525.00 5 – 20,996,125.00 6 – 27,544,082.00
15	Construction of Riviere des Anguilles Dam	5,926,372,143.00
16	Procurement of Plugin Type Outdoor Distribution Transformers	102,336,059.00
17	Procurement of Security Services for CWA	100,215,568.16
18	Design, Manufacture, Supply, installation & Commissioning of a 20 MW Battery Energy Storage System	MUR 43,100,436.00 EURO 12,683,222.00
19	Procurement of Lubricating Oil for CEB's Thermal Power Stations (Under Framework Agreement)	Bidder 1: 232,884,960.00 Bidder 2: 80,425,600.00
20	Procurement of 2000 x 1.5 kWac Grid Tie Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Lits for home Solar Project	162,941,060.00
<b>Other Works</b>		
21	Operation and Maintenance of Poudre d'Or Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes from Poudre d'Or Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill	192,241,800.00
22	Rehabilitation of Existing Wastewater Network and Ancillary Works on NHDC Housing Estates - Lot 2	163,078,856.00
23	Framework Agreement for Construction and Upgrading of Drains and Associated Works for a Period of Twenty Four Months	Framework Agreement
24	Drain Network at Plaine Verte, Port Louis	55,241,183.65
25	Renewal of Pipeline in the Region of L'Escalier	128,338,556.38
26	Contract WW465W - Wastewater project at La Source, Quatre Bornes and Environs Phase 1	295,549,054.00

Table 9 - Approval of Award of Contracts (Continued)

SN	Procurement Description	Contract Value (MUR)
<b>Goods</b>		
27	Procurement of Dialysis Consumables Kits (for Years 2021 -2023)	USD 5,136,000 CIF
28	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Angiography Machine at Cardiac Centre, Pamplemousses	31,875,000.00
29	Procurement of free Wi-Fi Service in Mauritius and Rodrigues	155,363,500.00
30	Framework Agreement for the Construction and Installation of Traffic and Road Safety Devices	Prequalification
31	Framework Agreement for Government Intranet Network System (GINS)	295,077,960.00
32	Procurement of Orthopaedic Implants and Instruments for two years (2021-2023)	Bidder 1 - 129,192,300.00 Bidder 2 - 182,989,607.00
33	Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Centralized Access Control and CCTV Systems for Port Area Surveillance	<b>(i)</b> Without annual maintenance and contingency: MUR 84,502,651.00 (Excl. VAT) <b>(ii)</b> Maintenance Charges after the warranty period: Maintenance Charges: 18,042,095.00 Contingency Amount: 5,000,000.00 Additional Cost: 899,156.00
34	Procurement of Reagents & Consumables for SARS-COV2 for Molecular Biology/ Virology Department - Central Health Department	99,555,675
35	Procurement of Medical Gas for all Hospitals (2022-2024)	Item 2 - 35,100,000.00 Item 3 - 631,567.00 Item 5 - 99,002.02 Item 6 - 155,090.00

Table 9 - Approval of Award of Contracts (Continued)

SN	Procurement Description	Contract Value (MUR)
<b>Consultancy</b>		
36	Framework Agreement for Consultancy Services for Drainworks, Roadworks and Amenities for a period of two years	Framework Agreement
37	Consultancy Services for the Coastal Protection, Landscaping and Infrastructural Works in Mauritius 2021-2025	82,305,000.00
<b>Other Services</b>		
38	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal Including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Wastes for a period of 36 months for part of Central Flacq Village	46,861,200.00
39	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal including Carting Away of Post-Cyclonic wastes in the District Council of Black River Area for a Period of 36 months	Lot 1 - 178,452,036.00 Lot 2 - 151,509,600.00
40	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal including carting away of post-cyclonic waste for Lot 4 for a period of thirty-Six (36) Months	45,252,000.00
41	Procurement for the provision of scavenging services cleaning of market and fairs, traffic centres, playgrounds and other public places and disposal of wastes including carting away of post cyclonic wastes within the Township of Curepipe for a period of 36 months as from 01 December 2021	Lot 1 - Rs 96,480,000.00 Lot 2 - Rs 27,720,000.00
42	Procurement for the Security Services on Municipal Sites and Locations Throughout Port Louis	58,016,448.24
43	Procurement of Street Cleaning, refuse collection and disposal including carting away of cyclonic waste in the town of Beau Bassin Rose Hill for a period of 36 months	Lot 1: 50,040,000.00 Lot 2: 35,100,000.00
44	Procurement of Services for Maintenance & Repair of Ship to Shore Cranes, Rubber Tyre Gantry Cranes and Substations at Mauritius Container Terminal	406,432,008.00



*Flyover at Quay D Roundabout*



*Upgrading of Camp du Roi Stadium, Rodrigues*



*20MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) - CEB*

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