



CENTRAL PROCUREMENT BOARD

# Annual Report 2015-2016

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

AML	Airports of Mauritius Co. Limited
BEC	Bid Evaluation Committee
BOC	Bid Opening Committee
BOT	Build Operate Transfer
CIDB	Construction Industry Development Board
CPB	Central Procurement Board
CPBSWA	Central Procurement Board Staff Welfare Association
EOI	Expression of Interest
ICAC	Independent Commission Against Corruption
IRP	Independent Review Panel
MCCI	Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry
MCSAR	Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms
MCT	Mauritius Container Terminal
MOFED	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
MPA	Mauritius Ports Authority
NTC	National Transport Corporation
PPA	Public Procurement Act
PPO	Procurement Policy Office
PPP	Public Private Partnership
RDA	Road Development Authority
TC	Technical Committee

## Chairman's report



As Chairman of the CPB, I am pleased to report on our activities for fiscal year 2015-2016. The Board functions under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development. It was reconstituted early 2015 by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Mauritius as per provisions of the PPA (2006).

The Board consists of a Chairperson, 2 Vice Chairpersons and 3 members, having wide experience in administrative, economic, financial, engineering or technical matters.

The importance of public procurement in the overall strategy of development and administration of the country cannot be overemphasized. In fact, a significant proportion (estimated at more than 15 per cent) of public expenditure comprising those of Central Government, Local Government and Parastatals - is spent on procurement of goods, works and services.

Well designed, good and effective policies have been enshrined in the law to promote equality of opportunity as well as fairness to the bidding community, transparency of process and decisions to ensure as far as possible that the public sector obtains the best value for money. This is vital for all sectors of the economy to remain competitive and to be able to provide the best services in such areas as health, education, housing, power, water, local and international transport, communications and the environment which are directly correlated with the quality of life and the well-being of the people. The Board has been doing its utmost for fast implementation of public procurement projects in the best interest of the community and in order not to deprive the public of any essential service.

Several important changes were brought to the PPA in August 2015 on the proclamation of the provisions pertaining to Public Procurement in the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act No. 9 of 2015. The CPB which was a body corporate previously, changed status and integrated the MOFED. The Chief Executive who is accountable and answerable to the Board has now been entrusted with the additional responsibility to certify that all procurement rules and procedures at the level of the Board have been complied with, prior to approval of award of contract. The Board is authorized to constitute another BEC to make fresh or further evaluation in case it is not satisfied with the initial bid evaluation report. Another major change is that Consultancy Services may now be procured through "Open Advertised Bidding". Also, the prescribed amount for major contracts for Rodrigues Regional Assembly has been increased from Rs. 15 million to Rs. 25 million.

Following the proclamation of the BOT Projects Act on 5 April 2016, the CPB has now to examine and approve the request for proposal documentation to be issued by contracting authority, to evaluate bids in accordance with its rules and procedures and to make recommendations to the contracting authority to enter into an agreement with a private party.

With the mandatory requirement for bidders to register with the CIDB as one qualification requirement to be eligible to bid for a works contract in the Public Sector, the Standard bidding document for works contracts was modified. These developments required close consultation with the PPO and CIDB for fine tuning of the standard bidding documents.

During the fiscal year, some 255 meetings were held, out of which 104 regular board meetings on Mondays and Thursdays, 73 meetings with public bodies, 40 meetings with evaluators and 38 sessions for public opening of bids. In addition, meetings were held with the PPO to brainstorm on procurement issues and to discuss suggested amendments to the Act, Regulations, Directives and Standard Bidding Documents with a view to reinforcing fairness and equity in the procurement process.

Vetting of bidding documents being a core function of the CPB, the Board ensures that bidding documents spell out clearly the requirements for bidders to submit informed bids. A number of meetings are held with the public bodies at Officers' level to clear all weaknesses and flaws before finalising bid documents.

Proper and accurate evaluation of bid proposals by bidders is highly dependent on the quality and contents of the bid documents as well as, the competencies, skills and expertise of the evaluators selected and appointed by the Board. The CPB has updated its list of evaluators, following a public advertisement last year.

Approval of award of contract is done after a thorough and in-depth analysis of the evaluation report and after ensuring that all procedures and rules have been properly followed and complied with.

Bidders are given the opportunity to voice their grievances at different stages of the procurement process through challenges addressed to public bodies and appeal to the IRP for review. The majority of the cases lodged at the IRP, have been found to be of no merit. Nevertheless, this has led to significant delays in procurement.

The CPB received the visits of two delegations during the year, the first from Botswana Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board in February 2016 and the second from Zambia Public Procurement Authority in April 2016. The two delegations were on a study tour to Mauritius.

This report would not be complete if I were to focus only on the bright side of the spectrum and ignore its darker side. Our organization has been suffering from an acute shortage of technical staff. Having been deprived of its corporate status in 2015, the CPB lost its ability to recruit the additional staff required and it has even been denied of the possibility to renew contracts of those who were in post.

Ever since, and for more than a year now, the Board has been facing a real challenge and yet delivered with the limited staff in post. Requests have been made to the Ministry to recruit the required staff as a matter of urgency.

I would wish to conclude on a very positive note and thank all my colleagues in the procurement landscape for their collaboration and for assisting the CPB in delivering and successfully meeting the challenge of severe staff constraints. Our thanks go also to all the stakeholders in the public procurement activities.

**Madhukarlal BAGUANT, C.S.K.**

**Chairman**

**23 December 2016**

Commitment of the CPB

VISION

To be the model for effective and efficient public procurement in Mauritius

MISSION

To ensure value for money in public procurement and timely acquisition through a fair and transparent process



## The Central Procurement Board (CPB)

The CPB has been established under the PPA 2006. Section 8 of the Act provides that *“There is established a Central Procurement Board, to be responsible for the approval of the award of major contracts by public bodies...”*

The PPA 2006 confers upon the CPB the responsibility to approve the award of major contracts by public bodies, the value of which exceeds the prescribed amount.

The prescribed amount applicable to public bodies varies in the range of Rs 15m-100m, depending on the category in which the public body is listed in the Schedule of the Act.

Accordingly, all procurement with the estimated value exceeding the prescribed amount, shall be referred to the CPB.

The Act provides that, in respect of major contracts, the CPB shall, inter alia:

- ◆ vet bidding documents and procurement notices submitted by public bodies;
- ◆ receive and publicly open bids;
- ◆ select persons from a list of qualified evaluators maintained by it to act as members of BEC and oversee the examination and evaluation of bids;
- ◆ review the recommendations of a BEC and approve the award of the contract; or require the Evaluation Committee to make a fresh or further evaluation on specified grounds or appoint another Evaluation Committee.

It is also provided that, in the discharge of its functions, the Board may:

- ◆ call for such information and documents it may require from any public body;
- ◆ examine such records or other documents and take copies or extracts from them;
- ◆ commission any studies relevant to the determination of the award of major contracts;
- ◆ request any professional or technical assistance from any appropriate person in Mauritius or elsewhere.

In addition, the Board is responsible for the recommendation of award of contracts under the PPP Act 2004 and the BOT Projects Act 2016.

The **Central Tender Board** was restyled as **CPB** by the Government, in the context of the major reform in the procurement system undertaken between 2006 and 2008 and vested with powers and functions to ensure transparency, accountability, fairness and equity in the system.

## Composition of the Board

The Board is constituted of a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and three members having wide experience in legal, administrative, economic, financial, engineering, scientific or technical matters as per the provisions of the PPA. They are appointed by the President of the Republic, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister tendered after the Prime Minister has consulted the Leader of the Opposition.

For the fiscal year 2015-2016, the composition of the Board was as follows:-



**Mr. Madhukarlal  
BAGUANT, CSK  
Chairperson**



**Mr. Krishna Menon  
MAUREMOOTOO  
Vice Chairperson**



**Mr. Hirendranath  
RAMBHOJUN  
Vice Chairperson**



**Mr. Kirsley Errol  
BAGWAN  
Board Member**



**Mrs. Sharda Devi  
DINDOYAL  
Board Member**



**Mr. Dawood Mamode Ally  
ZMANAY, OSK  
Board Member**



## Board meetings



*From left to right: Mrs. S. Chiniah (Secretary to the Board), Mrs. S. D. Dindoyal (Board Member), Mr. K. M. Mauremootoo (Vice-Chairperson), Mr. M. Baguant (Chairperson), Mr. H. Rambhojun (Vice-Chairperson), Mr. K. Dosieah (Ag. Chief Executive), Mr. D. M. A. Zmanay (Board Member), Mr. K. E. Bagwan (Board Member)*

	No. of regular meetings	No. of ad hoc meetings	No. of bid opening sessions	Total No. of meetings
1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016	104	113	38	255
1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015	104	94	52	250
1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014	99	98	47	244

*Table 1: Board Meetings*

During the fiscal year, some **255 meetings** were held, namely:

- ◆ regular board meetings every Monday and Thursday (**104**)
- ◆ meetings held with public bodies to discuss *inter alia* any deficiencies, shortcomings in bidding documents, clear addenda to these bidding documents, and brief evaluators (**113**), and
- ◆ bid opening sessions (**38**) where the bid prices for a project and other related information were announced in the presence of representatives of bidders.

Still other meetings were held at the PPO to brainstorm on procurement issues and to discuss suggested amendments to the Act with a view to ensure fairness and equity in the procurement process.

## Overseas Delegation

The CPB welcomed two delegations from Botswana Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board and Zambia Public Procurement Authority in March and April 2016 respectively which were on a study tour to Mauritius.



*Botswana delegation*



*Zambia delegation*

Half-day sessions were held with the delegations. A presentation on the roles and functions of the CPB was made and discussions were held on bid evaluation, reasonableness of bid prices and competitive negotiations in public procurement, among others.

## Organisation Structure of the Central Procurement Board

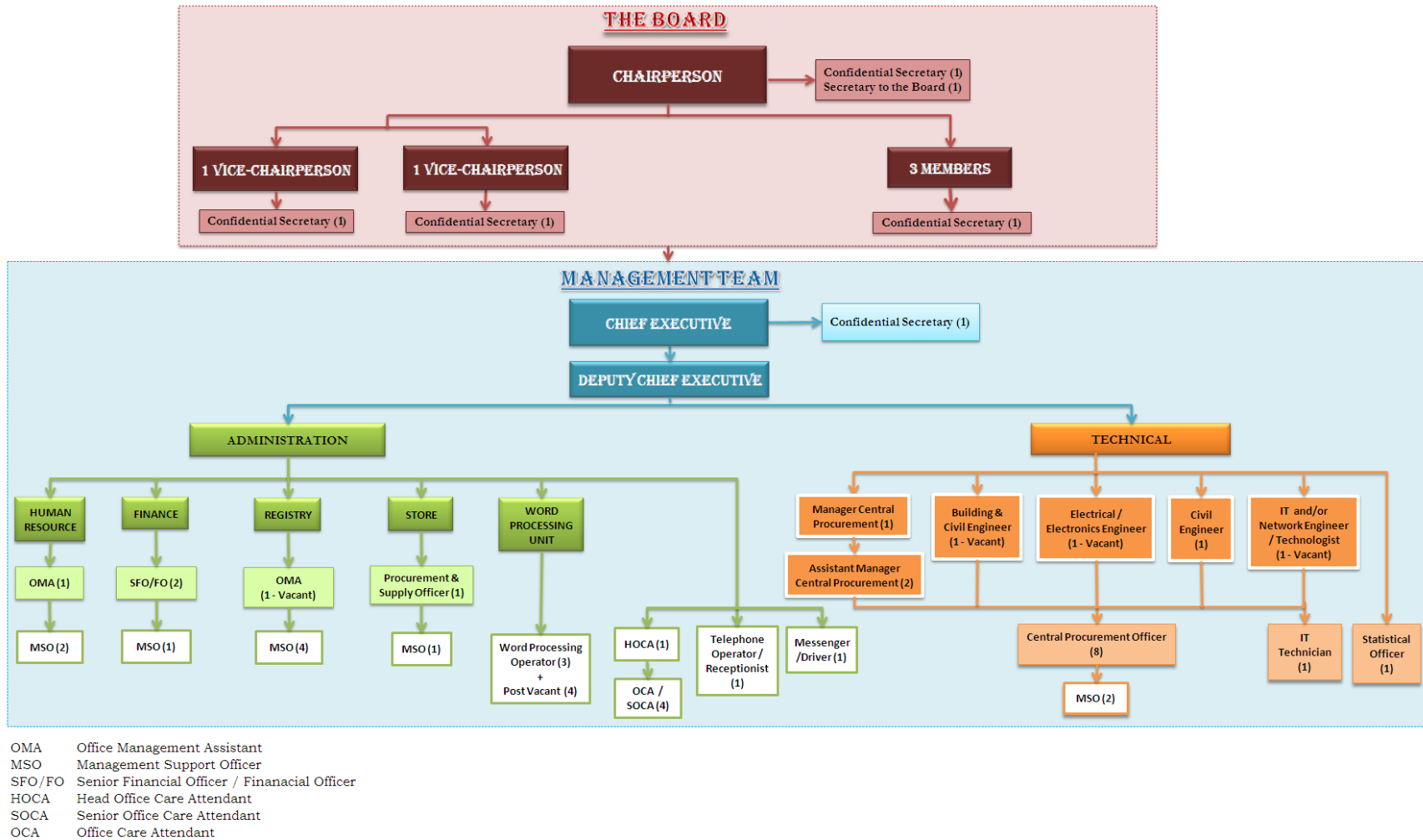


Figure 1: Organisation Structure of the Central Procurement Board as at 30 June 2016

## Management

The Management is led by an Acting Chief Executive, supported by an administrative staff and a technical team comprising of a Manager, two Assistant Managers, Procurement Officers, Engineers and technicians.

As per section 9 of the PPA 2006, the Chief Executive shall be a public officer and shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and for the control and management of the day-to-day business of the Board. In the discharge of his functions, the Chief Executive shall –

- ◆ before the review of the recommendations of a bid evaluation committee by the Board to either approve the award of the contract or request the evaluation committee to make a fresh or further evaluation on specified grounds, certify that all procurement rules at the level of the Board have been complied with in accordance with this Act;
- ◆ act in accordance with such directives as he may receive from the Board; and
- ◆ be accountable and answerable to the Board.

The Acting Chief Executive attends every meeting of the Board and takes part in its deliberations but does not have the right to vote.



**Mr. K. Dosieah, Ag. Chief Executive**

## Human Resources

As per budget speech 2015-2016, the Government announced its firm intention *inter alia* to restructure the CPB “with more staff in order to expedite the allocation of contracts in a more transparent manner”.

According to the PPA, the Chief Executive shall be assisted by-

- ◆ such public officers as may be necessary;
- ◆ such other public officers as may be designated by the Head of the Civil Service; and
- ◆ such other persons as may be appointed by the Board on such contract terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

However, the status of the CPB was altered from being a corporate body to that of a Department. Thus, the CPB lost its ability to recruit, to fill in vacancies or even to renew contracts which were coming to expiration. With such a critical function of manpower management suddenly transferred, the Board has ever since, and for more than a year now, been facing a real challenge whilst delivering against expectations.

The CPB has a total staff of 50 including the six members of the Board and the five contract officers as at 30 June 2016.

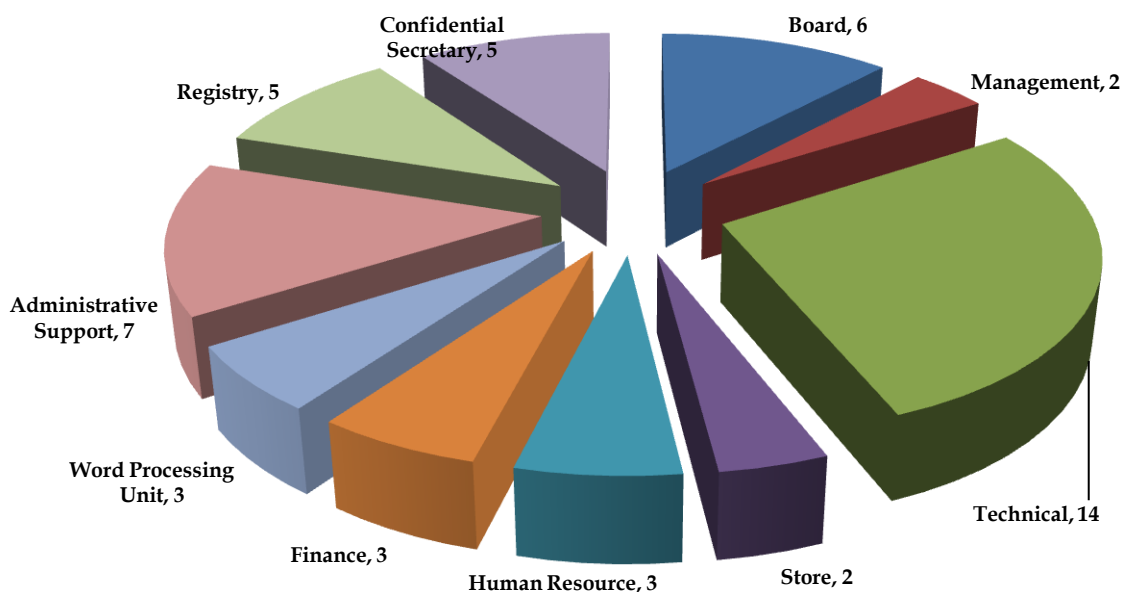


Figure 2: Distribution of Staff of the CPB

## Staff Training

Each staff has his/her own contribution to the proper functioning of the CPB. In this line trainings/workshops are offered to staff to be more effective in the day-to-day activity.

During the fiscal year 2015-2016, some 12 staff members have attended the following training/workshop:

- ◆ Training empowerment of integrity officers (ICAC and MCSAR);
- ◆ Advanced training programme for integrity officers (ICAC and MCSAR);
- ◆ Public management (Academy of International Officials of China);
- ◆ Train the trainer programme (PPO);
- ◆ Project/contract management workshop;
- ◆ Workshop on public expenditure and financial accountability assessment report 2015 (MOFED);
- ◆ Workshop on relevance of competition law to your business (MCCI).

## Vetting of bid documents

Vetting of bidding documents is a core function of the CPB and is taken very seriously. We ensure that the bidding document contains in no uncertain and confusing terms what is required of the bidder. We hold a number of meetings with public bodies regarding any perceived weakness or flaws during vetting of the bid documents.

After the vetting and issue of the bid document, queries made by bidders are attended to. Sometimes, discussions are again held with the public bodies to ensure that clarifications or, if necessary, modifications are made to the document via addenda which are circulated to all bidders. When required, the closing date is postponed after consultation with the public body to ensure that bidders have sufficient time to take stock of all modifications.

To promote equitable treatment and free and fair competition amongst bidders, the bid document must be clear, comprehensive and provide all the necessary disclosures to enable the bidder to be fully informed of the requirements of the public body. In some cases, where the qualification and evaluation criteria could eliminate competition or encourage monopolization or a cartel among bidders, CPB had to be vigilant and necessary action was taken to address the issue. For some complex procurement projects, CPB had to enlist external expertise for the vetting of bid documents to ensure that the document contained all the information and important requirements.

The vetting duration is measured as from the date of receipt of the bidding documents, as long as they are in acceptable shape, till the documents are cleared and finalized by the Board and the amendments are communicated to the public body. For the fiscal year the number of projects vetted was **45**. The CPB did its utmost to keep to an average vetting duration of **13 days** as highlighted hereunder. Though the CPB would still wish to further reduce the vetting time, there is a need to strike a balance between expediency and thoroughness.

	No. of projects vetted	Total vetting duration (days)	Average vetting duration (days)
1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016	45	583	13
1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015	46	684	15
1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014	60	595	10

Table 2: Vetting duration

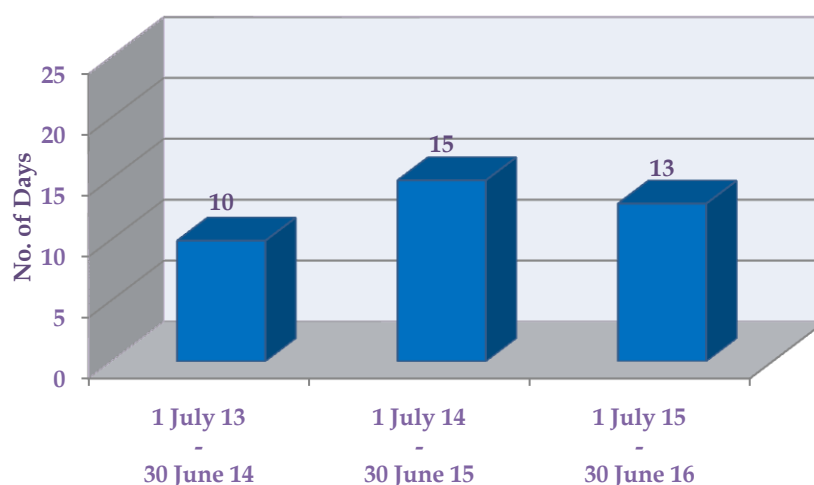


Figure 3: Average Vetting Duration (Days)

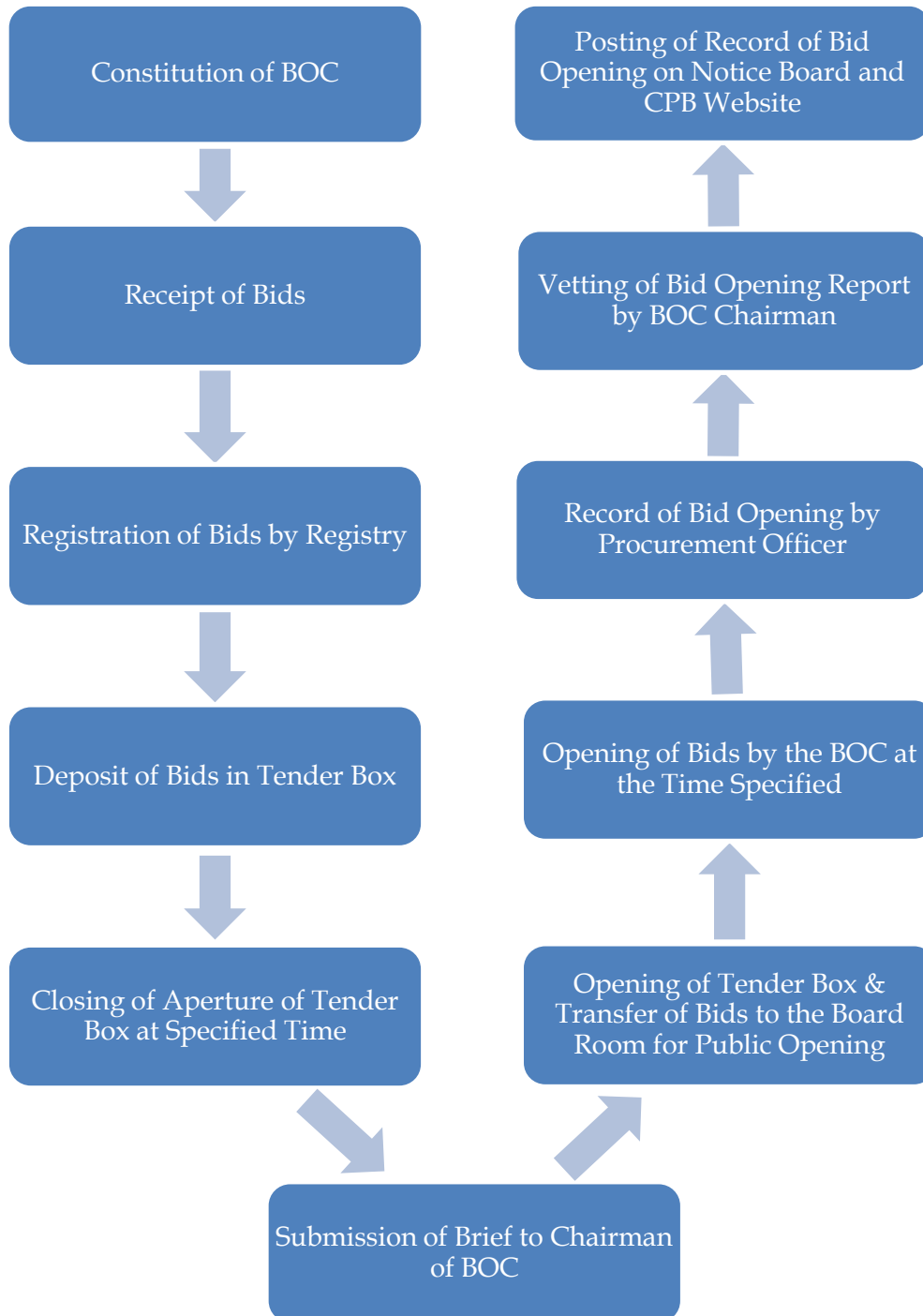




*Construction of New Administrative Block and Extension Works to Existing Building at the Conservatoire National de Musique François Mitterrand*

### Public Bid Opening Sessions

The following flow chart illustrates the steps involved in the process of public opening of bids to comply with the requirements of the PPA.



The total number of bid opening sessions carried out in the fiscal year 2015-2016 was 38 and the total number of bids received was 331.

	No. of bid opening sessions	No. of bids received	Average number of bids per bidding exercise
1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016	38	331	9
1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015	52	366	7
1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014	47	300	6

*Table 3: Bid opening sessions*



*Bid opening session*

## Evaluation of Bids

Evaluation of bid proposals by bidders is highly dependent on the quality and contents of the bid documents and the expertise of evaluators. Evaluators are appointed after a careful selection from a list maintained by the CPB, taking into consideration the nature and complexity of projects. The BEC is setup with a minimum of three selected members out of which one member is designated as "Team Leader". At times, technical expertise may be provided to assist the BEC either by public bodies through their "Consultant" or by the CPB. A "Secretary" designated by the public body owner of the project assists the BEC in drafting the Bid Evaluation Report. The Team Leader is the point of contact with the CPB.

During this fiscal year, the CPB invited expressions of interest from potential evaluators. There was a good response which helped to enlarge the pool of evaluators registered with the CPB.

After selection of members of the BEC, pre-evaluation meetings are held to brief evaluators inter alia on ethical issues, timeframe for completion of the evaluation exercise and ensure compliance with the provisions of the PPA. The pre-evaluation brief covers extensively what is expected from evaluators selected to conduct a Bid Evaluation exercise.

When the CPB is of the opinion that special expertise is needed from outside to assist the evaluation team recourse is made to experts. It also happens that a review of some reports was required from the evaluators or a second team of evaluators was appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

A bid evaluation exercise is meant to analyse all bids received in respect of a public procurement exercise, against qualification and evaluation criteria set out in the bidding document and as per relevant regulations and directives, to determine the eligibility of bidders, their qualification to the exercise, and the completeness of their bids before an in-depth analysis to determine the lowest evaluated substantially responsive bid.

The findings of the BEC are ultimately submitted to the Board through a comprehensive and documented report.

The Board also expects from the BEC, observations and suggestions, if any, on eventual enhancement to bidding documents in order to improve future public procurement exercises.

For the fiscal year under consideration some **35** evaluations were conducted, with 17 works projects, **5** for goods, **5** for consultancies and **8** for other services.

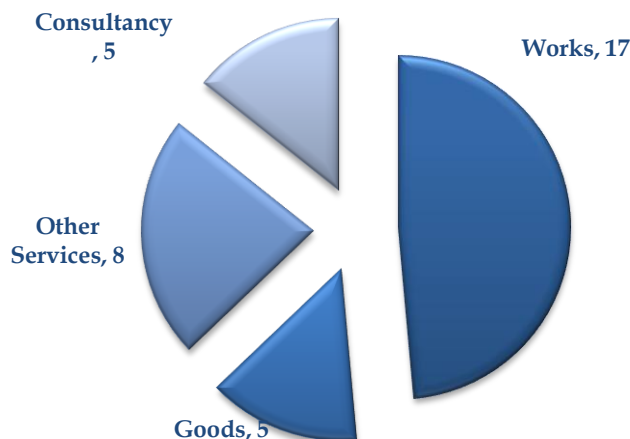


Figure 4: Evaluation by procurement type for the fiscal year 2015-2016

The evaluation duration is measured from the first BEC meeting till the submission of the BEC report. For the fiscal year 2015-2016, 35 evaluations were conducted with an average duration of 20 days.

	No. of projects evaluated	Total evaluation duration (days)	Average evaluation duration (days)
1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016	35	696	20
1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015	46	1034	22
1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014	45	792	18

Table 4: Evaluation duration

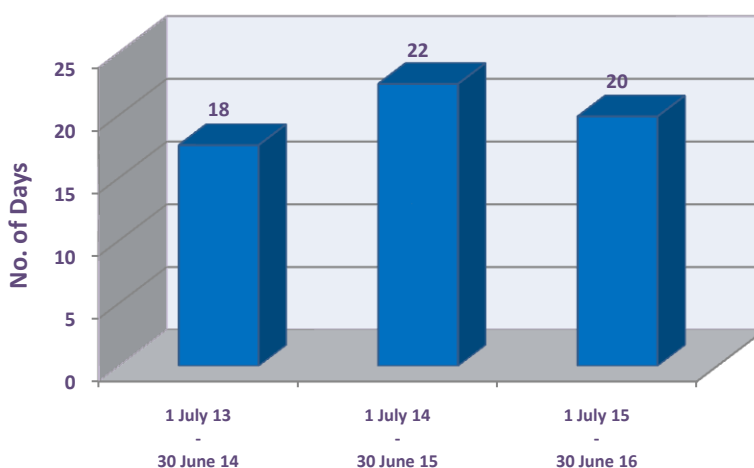
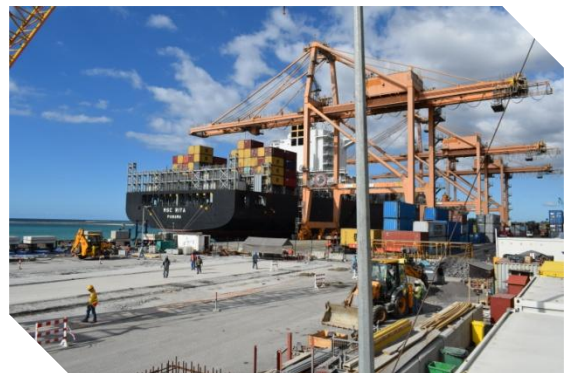
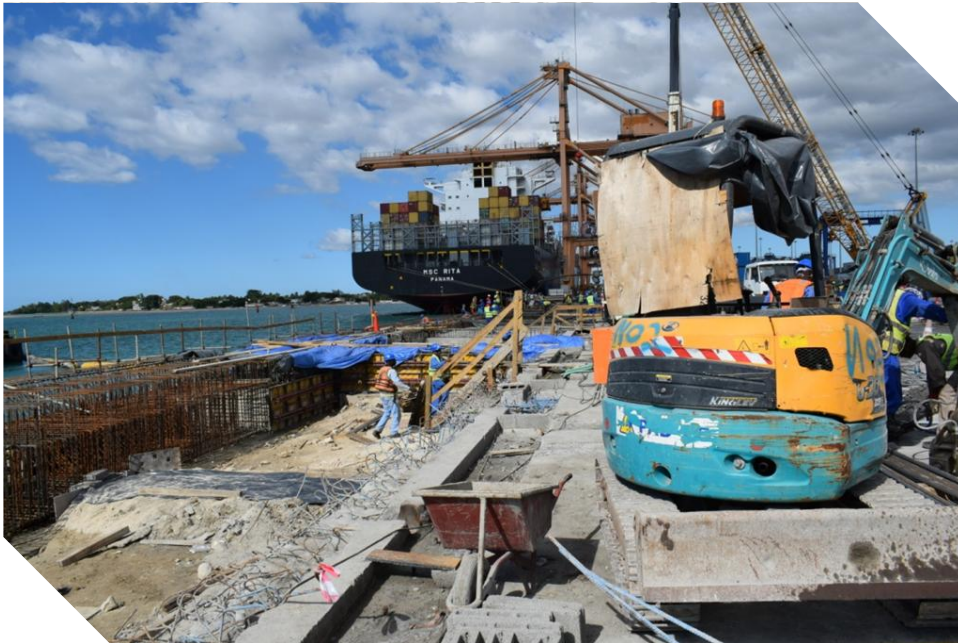
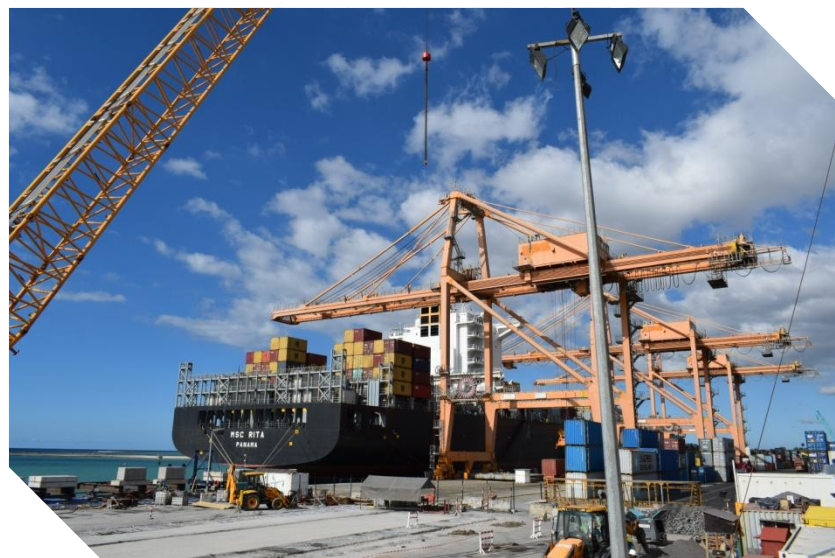


Figure 5: Average Evaluation Duration



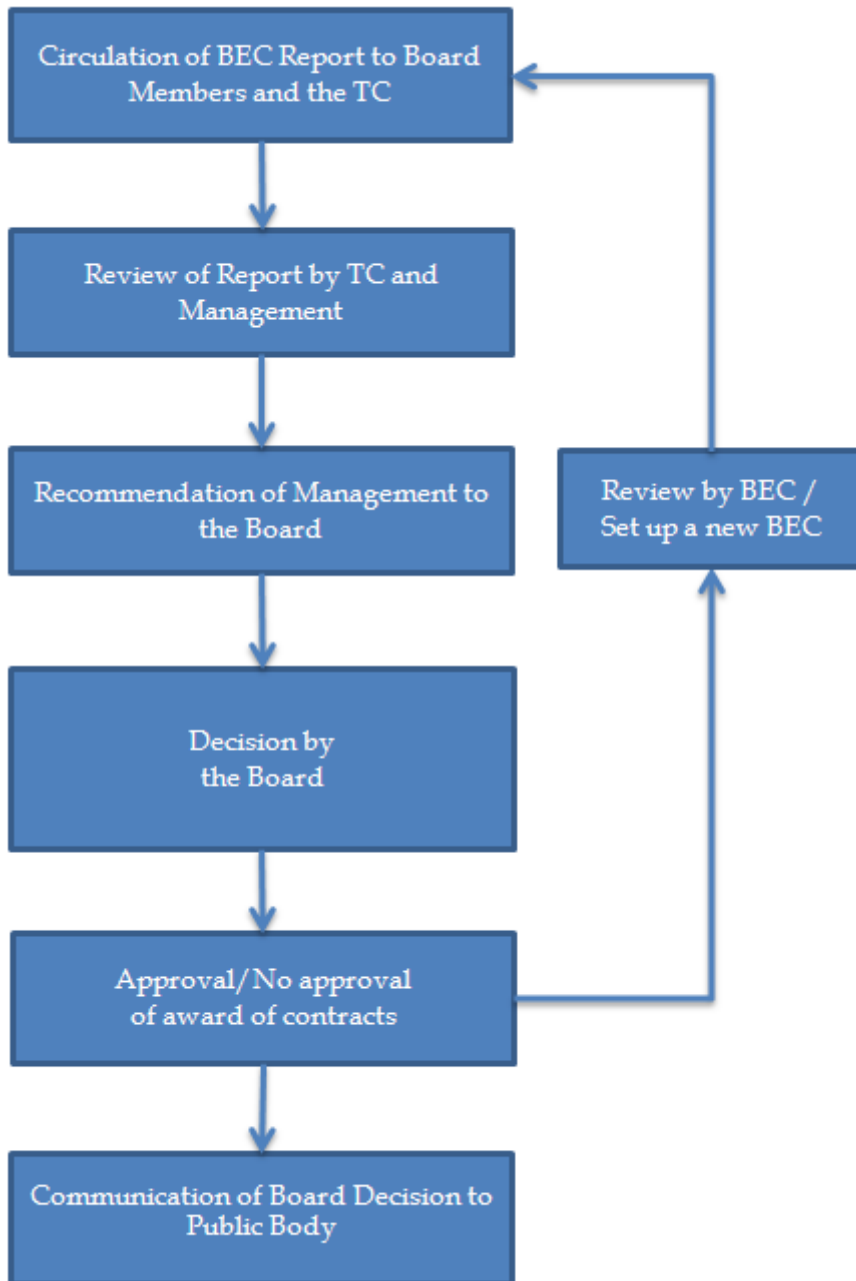
*Extension and strengthening of the MCT Quay at Port Louis Harbour- Dredging works package – MPA*



*Extension and strengthening of the MCT Quay at Port Louis Harbour- Dredging works package – MPA*

**Approval of award of contracts**

The flowchart below illustrates the steps involved from the submission of the BEC report till the communication of approval to the public body.



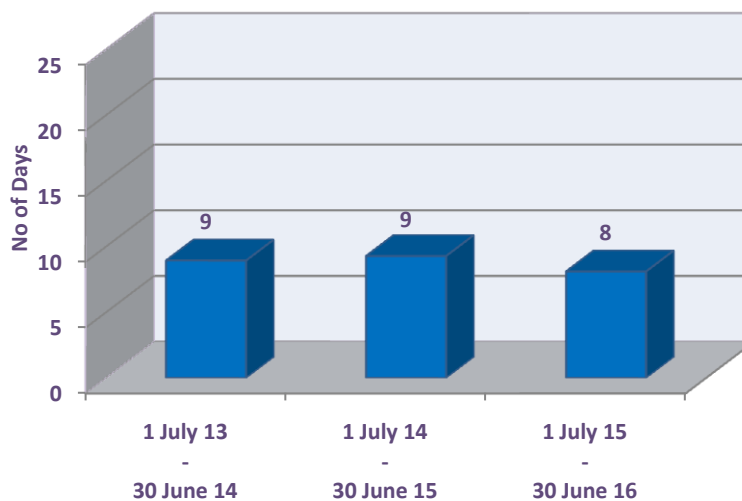


The approval duration for the award of contract is measured from the day the evaluation report is submitted till the day the Board approves the award of contract.

	No. of projects approved	Total approval duration (days)	Average approval duration (days)
1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016	39	316	8
1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015	40	371	9
1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014	46	411	9

*Table 5: Approval duration*

For the fiscal year 2015-2016, there have been 39 approvals of award of contracts with an average duration of 8 days.



*Figure 6: Average Approval Duration*



*Construction of a New Airport Access Road to SSR International Airport - RDA*

### Value of contracts approved

The approvals for award of contract amounted to a total contract value of Rs.14,810,171,038 for the fiscal year 2015-2016, excluding the EOI, prequalification and framework agreement projects which amounted to Rs. 4,768,600,000.

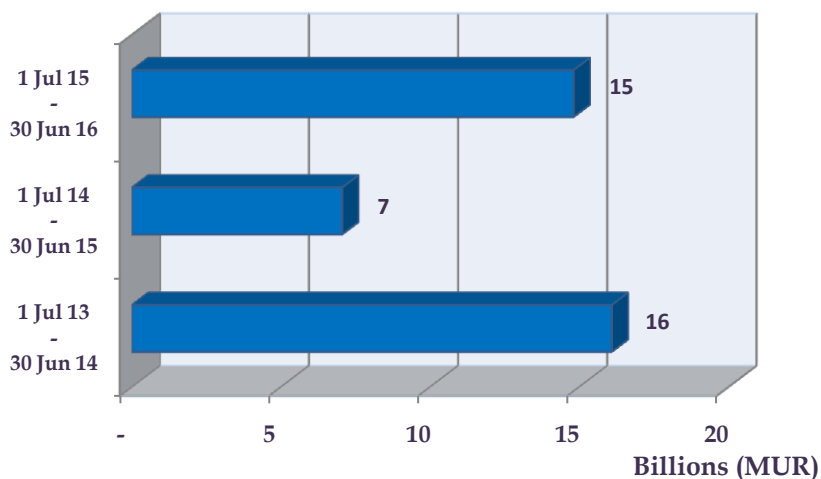


Figure 7: Value of contracts approve for award

Again the majority of the projects approved relates to works contracts amounting to a total value of Rs. 13,268,816,409, including framework agreement projects.

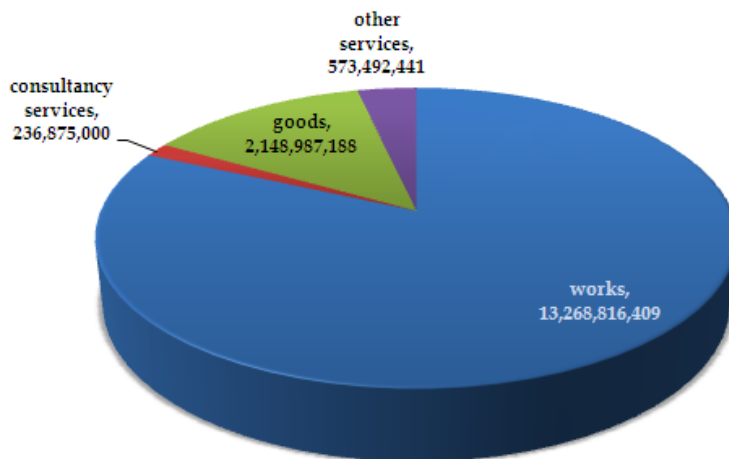


Figure 8: Contract value distributed by procurement type for the fiscal year 2015-2016



*Aircraft parking stand No. 16 and installation of passenger boarding bridge on stand No. 15 – AML*



*Aircraft parking stand No. 16 and installation of passenger boarding bridge on stand No. 15 – AML*

**Contract value of all projects approved for award**

Procurement Description	Public Body	Contract Value (Million Rs)
Framework Agreement for Construction and Upgrading of Roads and Associated Civil Works for Year 2015 - 2017	Prime Minister's Office (National Development Unit)	4,527
Redevelopment of Saint Louis Power Station- Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Diesel Power Plant of Capacity 60MW+/-10%	Central Electricity Board	4,213
Procurement of Two Super Post Panamax Ship to Shore Cranes, Six Rubber Tyre Gantry Cranes and Associated Equipment	Cargo Handling Corporation Limited	1,230
Construction of Bagatelle Water Treatment Plant	Central Water Authority	1,024
Construction of a New Airport Access Road to SSR International Airport	Road Development Authority	603
Construction of One Aircraft Parking Stand No.16 and Installation of Passenger Boarding Bridge on Stand 15 at SSR International Airport	Airports of Mauritius Limited	481
Procurement of Hundred (100) Fully Built Semi Low Floor Buses	National Transport Corporation	406
Maintenance, Upgrading, Resurfacing & Construction of Roads in Rodrigues Year 2015-2017	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	379
Procurement of Lubricating Oil for CEB's Power Stations (Under Framework Agreement)	Central Electricity Board	173
Construction of Feeder Pipeline from Bagatelle Water Treatment Plant to Sorèze - Contract CWA/C2012/15	Central Water Authority	166
Supply of Dialysis Consumables	Min. of Health & Quality of Life	165
Chlorine Storage Depot and Associated Buildings at La Nicolière - Contract CWA/C2013/85	Central Water Authority	139
Operation & Maintenance of La Chaumière Transfer Station & Transportation of Wastes to Mare Chicose Landfill (Solid Waste Management Division)	Min. of Environment and Sustainable Development, Disaster & Beach Management	125
Procurement of Orthopaedic Implants (Annual Requirements 2015 - 2016)	Min. of Health & Quality of Life	111
Design - Build and Turnkey Contract for Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plants and Equipment at Baie Malgache and Pointe Coton	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	103
Renovation of Salle des Fêtes and Administrative Block of Plaza Building	Municipal Council of Beau-Bassin / Rose-Hill	97
Construction of a New Secondary School at Pistaches	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	88
Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning Refuse Collection & Disposal Services (Lot 3 & 5) for a period of 3 years	Municipal Council of Port Louis	82

Procurement Description	Public Body	Contract Value (Million Rs)
Operation and Maintenance of La Brasserie Transfer Station & Transportation of Wastes from La Brasserie Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill	Min. of Environment and Sustainable Development, Disaster & Beach Management	82
Procurement of Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal Services for a period of 3 years	Municipal Council of Port Louis	79
Cleaning of Premises in Government Schools / Institutions Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4 for year 2015 - 2018	Min. of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education & Scientific Research	77
Procurement of Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal including carting away of Post Cyclonic Waste	Municipal Council of Curepipe	71
Procurement of Wound Management Products	Min. of Health & Quality of Life	63
Procurement of the Construction of about 24 KM of Track Roads including Footpaths in Rodrigues (Year 2016-2017)	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	60
Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning Refuse Collection & Disposal including Carting Away of Post cyclonic Waste in the Town of Beau-Bassin / Rose-Hill	Municipal Council of Beau-Bassin / Rose-Hill	56
Selection of Consultant for Global Consultancy Services for Selected Development Projects in Rodrigues	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	49
Construction of a Student's Accommodation House at Vacoas, (Mauritius) for Rodriguan Students	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	48
Extension to Existing MIE Buildings	Mauritius Institute of Education	48
Construction of Remand and Convict Block for Prison at Pointe La Gueule	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	33
Construction of New Administrative Block and Extension Works to Existing Building at the Conservatoire National de Musique François Mitterrand Trust Fund	Centre National de Musique François Mitterrand	28

*Table 6: List of projects approved for award of contract by the CPB*

Procurement Description	Public Body	Estimated Cost (Million Rs)
EOI Global Consultancy Services for Selected Development Projects in Rodrigues	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	148
EOI: Consultancy Services for the (i) Design and Supervision of the Construction of a Fishing Port at Pointe L'Herbe in Rodrigues and (ii) Removal of Coral Outcrops in the Navigational Channel at Port Mathurin	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	40

Table 7: List of EOI projects

Procurement Description	Public Body	Estimated Cost (Million Rs)
Prequalification of Grand Baie Sewerage Project Phase 1B-Contract WW302W-Construction of Sewer Main Reticulation Network, Pumping Stations and Associated Mechanical & Electrical Works	Wastewater Management Authority	2,149
Prequalification - Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Two (2) Gas Turbine Units Each Rated 35-40MW (Site Conditions) at Fort George, Mauritius	Central Electricity Board	1,600
Extension & Strengthening of the Mauritius Container Terminal Quay Project at Port-Louis Harbour-Dredging Works Package-Contract MPA 297/2015. Prequalification of Potential Dredging Contractors	Mauritius Ports Authority	1,200

Table 8: List of prequalification projects

Procurement Description	Public Body	Estimated Cost (Million Rs)
Framework Agreement for Construction and Upgrading of Drains & Associated Civil Works for the years 2015-2017	Prime Minister's Office (National Development Unit)	750
Framework Agreement for Consultancy Services for Drains, Roadworks, Amenities Project for the years 2015-2017	Prime Minister's Office (National Development Unit)	110
Framework Agreement for Amenities Project for the years 2015-2017	Prime Minister's Office (National Development Unit)	250
Framework Agreement for Minor Works for Pipelaying and Ancillary Works years 2015 - 2017	Central Water Authority	120

Table 9: List of framework agreement projects

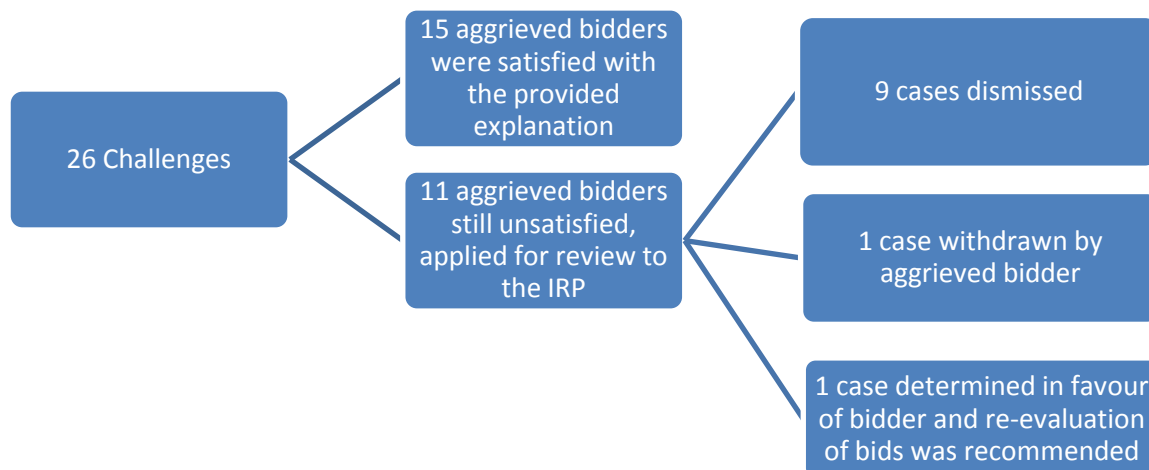






*Redevelopment of Saint Louis Power Station – CEB*

## Challenges and Appeals



For the fiscal year, there were **26** challenges received from aggrieved bidders, **eleven** of which not satisfied with the response to their challenges, applied for review to the IRP. Out of the **11 cases**, **9** were found to be of no merit by the IRP. **One** application was withdrawn by the bidder whilst for the other application, the IRP, finding merit in the case, recommended a re-evaluation of bids.

An aggrieved bidder should have the right to challenge and appeal, however this has sometimes caused unnecessary procurement delay resulting in undue hardship. In some circumstances this has had serious repercussions on national development projects.

Sometimes, deliberate delays caused by bidders abusing the challenge and appeal process have resulted in expiring contracts being renewed on a month to month basis to the detriment of the public body.



*Semi-low Floor Buses - NTC*

## Live Projects

As at 30 June 2016, there were some projects in progress at the different stages of procurement. For instance, there were 9 projects in the vetting process, 6 projects were at the advertising stage and 5 were being evaluated.

## Operational Costs of the CPB

The total operational costs of the CPB for the fiscal year 2015-2016 amounts to Rs.50,419,094.90, including the fees of Rs.6,755,594.75 paid to evaluators. Below is the detailed cost for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Item	Amount (MUR)
Staff Costs	33,109,819.13
Evaluation Fees	6,755,594.75
Rent, Equipment, Furniture and Other Utilities Costs	6,593,283.48
Sundries and Postage	2,054,661.85
Maintenance of Building, Equipment, Vehicles and Others	1,342,006.49
Printing and Stationery	435,343.20
Other Expenditure	128,386.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,419,094.90</b>

*Table 10: Operational Costs of the CPB for the fiscal year 2015-2016*

## Central Procurement Board Staff Welfare Association

The Central Procurement Board Staff Welfare Association (CPBSWA) was established since 2009 with a view to promote togetherness and welfare among the CPB staff. Members are encouraged to participate actively in the events organized by the CPBSWA.

The Association is managed by an Executive Committee comprising 10 members, who are elected at General Meeting by members of the CPBSWA every two years. The accounts of the CPBSWA are audited by two independent auditors.

The funds are derived not only from the monthly subscription fee paid by the members but also through fund raising activities namely Bring and Buy, Briani Sale, «Corbeille Ménagère», participation in Civil Service Kermesse amongst others.

As at June 2016, the association had 42 members including the Executive Committee Members.

### Activities of the CPBSWA

The different activities which were organized in the fiscal year 2015-2016:

July 2015:	Bring & Buy
August 2015:	Outing at Bras d'Eau, Caverne Madame at Roches Noires and lunch at Poste La Fayette Beach
September 2015	Medical Check-up for non communicable diseases (blood pressure, body mass index, glucose, eye test) and screening for breast and cervical cancer
October 2015:	Corbeille Ménagère
November 2015:	Participation in Civil Service Kermesse 2015 at Gymkhana, Vacoas
December 2015:	End of year party at Le Surcouf Hotel, Belle Mare Lunch in office Tracksuits offered to all members
January 2016:	Annual General Meeting



*Medical Check-up by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life*



*End of year party at Le Surcouf Hotel, Belle Mare*







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