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### **EXTRA- BUDGETARY COMMITMENTS**

The Finance Ministry would like to draw your attention to the legal obligations which emerge from the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which stipulate that “no commitments can be entered into without prior assurance that funds are available”.

Article 22 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act stipulates that no new or additional expenditure can be made or committed to in excess of the relevant budgetary allocation, except with the express approval of the Minister for Finance. A specific committee for this purpose of approving specific requests **prior** to such commitments entered into has been set up.

The Act clearly stipulates that any unauthorised new or additional expenditures shall become the sole responsibility of the person making such authorisations and the person occupying the highest executive position in departments, authorities, agencies and entities falling within the remit of the Act.

I therefore appreciate that you bring this message to the attention of all departments and entities within your Ministry’s portfolio, ensuring compliance with the provisions thereof.

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