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MAIN PROGRAM: LAW COURTS AND JUDICIAL OPERATIONS

PROGRAM: MAGISTRACY SERVICES

Program Objectives:

To exercise Magistrial Services functions independent of Government administration within the framework of the Constitution and the Laws of the Country.

Program Description:

To hear and adjudicate upon all civil disputes and criminal Prosecutions including cases that involve the interpretation, implementation and upholding of the Constitution and the fundamental freedom guaranteed there under. To hear and adjudicate upon appeals from Lower Courts and deal with matters at the Village or Lower court levels under the Constitution and with such other matters as may be authorised by Act of Parliament.

ACTIVITY ADMINISTRATION OF VILLAGE AND DISTRICT COURTS (224-1704-1-111)

A. Expenditure (in Thousands of Kina)

Expenditure Items	Actual	Appropriation	
	2004	2005	2006
143 Grants and Transfers to Public Authorities	19,700.0	18,144.3	19,533.0
TOTAL	19,700.0	18,144.3	19,533.0

B. Other Data in 2006

- Staffing:491 Chief Magistrate:1, Deputy Chief magistrate:1, Principle Magistrates: 25, Magistrates [Grade 4]:105, Sheriff/Security:15, Administrative Support Staff:320
- Unattached:103, These Officers are still on the payroll awaiting for DPM to settle theirfinal entitlements.
- Casuals:1 Headquarters maintains only one casual on tgeir payroll.
- Vehicles:43, Used both by Senior Magistrates and Magistrates in different Provinces
- Footnote: The structure will have to be implemented in the 2007 Nudget. The 2006 Budget has been finalized and approved by NEC based on the current structure.
- Revenue: All revenue collection are at Finance offices throughout the province. They have been issued with dofferent revenue heads in 2005 to impleme- ment in 2006 and onwards.
- Performance Indicators/Targets: Provision of legal services to the Government and to uphold the constitution and laws of the country. The agency managed to acheive most of its objectives within its appropriation for 2004 with the revolts carried forward from 2004.

