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MAIN PROGRAM MISCELLANEOUS MULTI-FUNCTIONAL SERVICES

PROGRAM CONSUMER WELFARE AND FAIR TRADING

Program Objectives:

To advise and assist the Minister in the development of relevant policies in accordance with legislative requirements, and implement the Government's mission to enhance the welfare of the people of Papua New Guinea by encouraging fair trade and protecting consumer's interests, promoting competitive and informed market practices, regulating declared goods and services and industries, where the market is restricted, whilst assisting the management of ICCC in the dispensing of their functions in accordance with its established tasks and responsibilities.

Program Description:

Provision of services in support of the Commission's programs, including regulating of prices, contracts, licensing, protecting consumer interests, investigating complaints from consumers and businesses in acquisition of goods and services, promote and protect fair competition in the market place and reviewing conduct of businesses when required, and advise the Minister on its implementation of its work plans. This program consists of one activity, the expenditure and other data are as follows:

A. Expenditure in 2006 (in Thousands of Kina)

Code	Description	Actual	Appropriation	
		2004	2005	2006
4201-1-101-143	Management And Administrative Services	1,387.2	1,360.5	1,400.0
	TOTAL	1,387.2	1,360.5	1,400.0

B. Other Data in 2006

- 1) Staffing 49: Commissioners 3, Managers 12, Economists 11, Market Analyst 1, Price Analysts 3, Codes Officers 1, Administrative 18.
- 2) Vehicles: 3 Units.
- 3) Performance Indicators: Inform all stakeholders of Act, roles & function of ICCC by provision of information programs through media, MOU and seminars, and achieve compliance by dealing with complaints and queries, conducting reviews of regulatory contracts, clearance and authorisation and monitor fair market practice, whilst managing ICCC to effectively conduct staff training, explore new revenue options and complete computer network.
- 4) Revenue: To be collected as internal revenue: K2,700.0 based on Budget Reviews 2005 from Licensing Fees, Trade Measurement Fees, Authorisation Fees, Telikom Regulatory Fees and Exemption Fees.
- 5) Footnote: The Commission will charge a much higher Licence Fee as reflected above, to cater for the increased regulatory costs and manpower resources in 2006.

