



Republic of Botswana

**ORGANISATION 3100  
OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER  
2026/2027 RECURRENT AND  
DEVELOPMENT BUDGET PROPOSALS**

**PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY  
BY**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. **Mr. Chairman,** I have the honour to present to this Honourable Committee the 2026/27 budget proposals for the Office of the Receiver.
2. **Mr. Chairman,** before presenting the Office of the Receiver's budget proposals, allow me to highlight the key achievements during the 2025/26 financial year, as well as the priorities that inform the budget proposals for the 2026/2027 Financial Year.
3. **Mr. Chairman,** the mandate of the Office of the Receiver in terms of the Proceeds and Instruments of Crime Act, 2014, as amended, is to receive, manage, and preserve the value of property restrained by the Courts as proceeds or instruments of crime, pending final judicial determination. The Office is further mandated to manage property belonging to persons, entities, or structured groups designated by the United Nations Security Council or nationally listed as terrorists in terms of the Counter Terrorism Act of 2014, as amended. In executing this mandate, the Office plays a critical role in combating money laundering, terrorism financing, corruption, and other transnational crimes by ensuring that criminals do not benefit from the proceeds of crime.
4. **Mr. Chairman,** during the period under review, the Office of the Receiver continues to discharge its mandate in an environment characterised by increasing complexity, growth in volume and diversity of restrained assets, restricted spending, and heightened stakeholder expectations. Notwithstanding these challenges, the Office made notable progress in preserving the value of property under restraint.

## EXECUTION OF COURT ORDERS

5. The Office of the Receiver has experienced an increase in operational responsibilities, as reflected by the rise in Court Orders for the seizure, management, and return of seized property. During the current financial year, the number of Court Orders increased from sixty-six (66) to seventy-nine (79), demonstrating the criminal justice system's sustained efforts to deprive criminals of the proceeds and instrumentalities of crime.
  
6. **Mr. Chairman**, as at February 2026, the portfolio of restrained property under management consisting of real estate, vehicles and plant machinery, livestock, personal effects, furniture, money and business interests decreased from **One Hundred and Sixty-Nine Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Pula, Eighty-One Thebe (P169,527,649.81)** last year to **One Hundred and Forty-One Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifteen Pula, Twenty-Three Thebe (P141,488,115.23)**, representing a significant decline of **16.5 per cent**. During 2025, the Office returned vehicles, immovable properties and funds following Court directives whilst some resulted in final forfeitures to the government.
  
7. **Mr. Chairman**, the active role of the Office of the Receiver in administering the Confiscated Assets Trust Fund is reflected in the substantial growth in the Fund's balance, which increased from **Ten Million, Three Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand, Eight**

**Hundred and Two Pula, Forty-Four Thebe (P10, 383, 802.44)** in the previous year, to **Forty-Three Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Eight Pula, Forty-One Thebe (P43, 795, 778.41)**. This increase of 321.8 per cent is largely attributable to the final forfeiture, in January 2026, of funds amounting to **Thirty-Two Million, Two Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Pula, Ten Thebe (P32,253,471.10)**, as well as continued administrative deposits from law enforcement agencies including the Botswana Police Service, Botswana Unified Revenue Service and the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime.

8. During the year under review, no compensation was paid to victims of crime, as claims received are still undergoing assessment. The Confiscated Assets Trust Fund Management Committee is finalising guidelines for the disbursement of funds to support victims, for compensation and rehabilitation, as well as capacity building and training initiatives for law enforcement agencies involved in combating money laundering, racketeering and terrorism financing.
9. **Mr. Chairman**, notwithstanding these developments, the office of the Receiver continues to face challenges relating to storage and high cost of maintaining restrained property, largely due to prolonged litigation which delays finalisation and disposal of assets.
10. Efforts to secure long-term storage solutions are ongoing. In the interim, the Office, in collaboration with the Botswana Defence Force, completed the construction of three shelters providing **sixty (60) temporary parking bays**. This will significantly reduce

deterioration caused by exposure to the sun. My Ministry is grateful to the Botswana Defence Force for this gesture. The Office will continue to collaborate with other law enforcement agencies to address storage needs.

## **INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE SERVICE DELIVERY**

11. **Mr. Chairman**, the Office of the Receiver continues to implement targeted reforms, projects and initiatives aimed at strengthening service delivery and operational effectiveness. These are as follows;

- **Strategic Planning** – Since its establishment in 2017, the Office has not operated under a formal strategic plan. I am pleased to report that with facilitation from the Directorate of Public Service Management, the Office is finalizing the development of a five-year Strategic Plan, which is scheduled for launching before the end of this Financial Year.
- **Digital Transformation** – Following the identification of a potential partner through a technical design competition (*Hackathon*) for the development of a Property and Asset Management System, the project was reassessed and found to be more complex than initially anticipated. The solicitation was therefore cancelled, and the system is now being procured through a national competitive bidding process, with the tender having closed on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The system remains critical to the Office's core operations, particularly regarding the management of seized assets.
- **Human Capital Capacitation** – **Mr. Chairman**, my Ministry has also noted, as presented to it, the need to conduct an overview of the security needs of the Office of the Receiver as relates to properties as

well as personnel. In execution of such a sensitive mandate, the office continues to deal, on a physical basis, with subjects who have grown some sense of entitlement towards ill-gotten wealth, and dispossessing them of such properties does not come without considerable threats to the security of officers of the Receiver. The officers' security remains threatened in some instances, and require considering them alongside their counterparts in the Ministry in so far as basic minimums such as provision of security alarms and risk allowances for those with core responsibilities are concerned. It is acknowledged that their responsibilities put them at the same risk, if not worse.

- **Infrastructure Development** - The construction of the Confiscated Goods warehouse in Francistown, which is to be achieved through a design-and-build approach, is at adjudication stage following financial negotiations. With the Ministry of Finance having authorized the project to proceed through a savingram dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the project is now expected to commence during the first quarter of the 2026/27 financial year.
- With regard to the construction of the Gaborone Warehouse, the project was earmarked for execution by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure through the Development Manager model, but is one of the 132 that were suspended. The construction of the Lobatse warehouse was deferred due to the country's economic situation.

## **RESOURCING OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER**

12. **Mr. Chairman**, as we all know, the Government has engaged an audit firm to conduct a forensic investigation across Ministries and Government Agencies. Where the outcome of the audit reveals commission of offences such as corruption or money laundering, the law allows for civil forfeiture of the proceeds of crime alongside applicable criminal processes. Also, because of the audit, the Receiver will more likely experience an increase in assets placed under it.
  
13. Against this background, the Ministry is taking deliberate steps to ensure that the Office of the Receiver is adequately resourced to meet the anticipated workload. This includes the provision of appropriate storage and holding facilities for assets under receivership, as well as engaging suitably qualified personnel to manage, preserve and safeguard such assets. The office has also reported the lack of vehicles suited for farm terrains where most of the restrained animals are. At the moment, the office operates with only one serviceable vehicle, which all members of staff rely on, and is shared between the office and farm workers across the country, making it difficult to timeously execute court orders, or even attend to other administrative duties. The situation has been dire, with officers resorting to using their personal vehicles on official duties.
  
14. In this regard, the Ministry sought facilitation from the Directorate of Public Service Management to fully operationalise the Office. As a result, twenty-four (24) posts, largely in support services, were added to the establishment in July 2025. Previously, corporate services were

provided by the Ministry Headquarters. This notwithstanding, the need to resource the office with core functions such as valuers, mechanics, *etc*, remains. It is envisaged that once the recruitment is complete, the Office's capacity constraints will be substantially alleviated.

## **2025/2026 BUDGET UTILISATION**

### **RECURRENT BUDGET**

- 15. Mr. Chairman,** during the financial year 2025/2026, the Office of the Receiver was allocated a sum of **Seventeen Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Pula (P17,947,980)** under the recurrent budget. Out of the approved budget, the sum of **Twelve Million, Seven Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Nine Hundred Pula, Fifty-Five Thebe (P12, 712, 900.55) or 71%** of the budget was spent as at the end of February 2026.

### **DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

- 16. Mr. Chairman,** the Office of the Receiver was allocated a development budget of **Fifty-Two Million Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-One Pula only (P52, 870, 531),** which was revised to **Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Pula (P7,500,000).** No expenditure was incurred in all the projects due to the non-start and deferment of projects under the Office. As earlier indicated in my presentation, the construction of the Lobatse Warehouse was deferred due to the country's financial situation. Evaluation of the tender for the construction of Francistown Warehouse is complete and is to proceed

to the award stage following the recent go-ahead by the Ministry of Finance. The Development of the Confiscated Property and Asset Management CPAM System was cancelled, and a competitive bidding method was initiated. Following the closure of the tender on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026, bids were received, and the tender is currently at the evaluation stage. The construction of the Gaborone Warehouse, through facilitation by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, was deferred during review of the Development Manager Model.

## **BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR**

### **RECURRENT BUDGET**

**17. Mr. Chairman,** the proposed budget allocation for the **2026/2027 financial year** for **Organisation 3100 – Office of the Receiver** is **Twenty-Five Million Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred and Ten Pula (BWP 25,076,410.00)**. This represents 39% over the budget for the current financial year. The allocation is primarily intended to meet **personal emoluments, rental obligations, and operational expenses**, including the **maintenance and preservation of seized property**.

**18.** The key drivers for the increase are personal emoluments, furniture and equipment as a result of the approval of additional staffing (24 posts) for the Office of the Receiver.

### **DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

**19. Mr. Chairman,** for the 2026/2027 financial year, the Office of

the Receiver will continue with the execution of two key development projects, being the construction of the Francistown Warehouse and Property and Asset Management System. For these projects, I request an amount of **Twenty-Four Million Five Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight Pula (P24, 564, 988)**.

## **CONCLUSION**

20. **Mr. Chairman**, I wish to conclude by assuring the Honourable Committee that my Ministry remains committed to efficient and effective management of public finances. I therefore move that the sum of **Twenty-Five Million, Seventy-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Pula (P25, 076, 410)** under the recurrent budget for Organisation 3100 be approved and stand part of the Schedule of the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 (Bill No.1 of 2026); and that the sum of **Twenty-Four Million Five Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight Pula (P24, 564, 988)** under the development budget for Organisation 3100 be approved and stand part of the estimates for the financial year 2026/2027.

21. I move accordingly.

I thank you, **Mr. Chairman**.