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Gambling Regulatory Authority

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VISION AND MISSION



Our Mission

As a regulatory body, our activities revolve around deeply rooted values of incorruptibility, meritocracy and impartiality. Those values are not only at the core of the GRA, but govern what we ambition to become in the future: a respected, world-class, forward-looking and dynamic Authority, recognised for its proactiveness, strong sense of integrity and justice.



Our Vision

Our primary mission is to protect gamblers while ensuring that any gambling activity they might engage themselves into is legally compliant and does not violate their rights. In addition, the Gambling Regulatory Authority's role is to find means and ways to curtail illegal betting and to monitor gambling activities so that they are conducted in a fair and transparent manner. We aim to:

- Deliver prompt and efficient services to our stakeholders;
- Monitor all gaming and gambling activities and ensure that they are conducted in a fair and transparent manner;
- Foster responsible gambling in order to create awareness and minimize the harm caused by gambling;
- Turn Mauritius into a healthy gambling hub; and
- Depict Mauritius as an innovative and safe betting destination for tourists.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



The Gambling Regulatory Authority has many other ambitious projects in the pipeline and the list of achievements stated [...] is a non-exhaustive one.

I am very pleased to address this message as the Chairperson of the Gambling Regulatory Authority, and more at this particular juncture when the local gambling landscape has witnessed a major turning point, following major reforms.

We now have two Horse Racing Organisers, Mauritius Turf Club Sports and Leisure Ltd (MTCSL) and People's Turf Public Limited Company (PTPLC).

Additionally, the Horse Racing Division (HRD) under the GRA became a reality during the last financial year. The creation of this independent division is by far one of the Authority's greatest achievements as same was set up and made operational within a period of less than twelve months following the amendments made to the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021. Intensive recruitment exercises were carried out to fill the posts of Head of Horseracing Division, Stipendiary Steward and Veterinarian, amongst others, which resulted in the formation of a team comprising both foreign and local expertise.

In the same vein, a Horse Racing Committee was constituted as prescribed by the law for the proper administration and management of the Horse Racing Division. This Committee presently comprise a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and five members.

Until recently, decisions and sanctions in relation to the races were taken by a team of Stipendiary Stewards employed by the horseracing organiser itself. However, questions have, many a time, been raised as to whether there was a possible case of conflict of interest and malpractices. In order to mitigate those risks, the HRD took over those governance, integrity and regulatory responsibilities. This endeavour, although there are other changes to be brought, proved to be a real game changer to uphold public confidence in the horseracing sector.

On another note, I am proud to announce that the Integrity and Anti-Money Laundering Division of the GRA is fully manned since the end of 2021.

Interviews and selection exercises were held to fill the posts for one Lead Anti-Money Laundering Officer and seven Anti-Money Laundering Officers. Shortly after, this department also started to carry out regular on-site inspections to ensure that our licensees are fully compliant with the current laws and guidelines in force in Mauritius. The Division contributed in the effective implementation of the recommendations made by FATF.

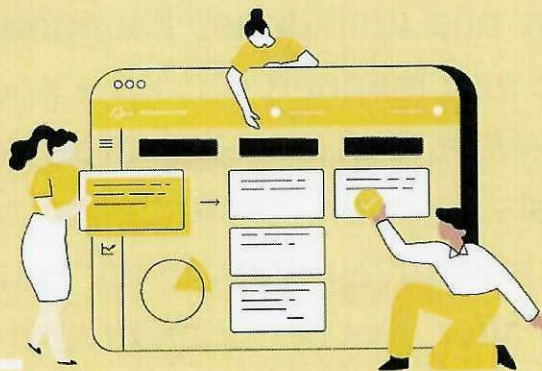
Lastly, in an attempt to digitalise the internal processes in place at the Gambling Regulatory Authority, we have recently implemented the E-Board project. This is indeed a helpful tool as it enables officers to digitally sign and submit Board papers from their respective work stations. Furthermore, Board papers can be sent to members electronically, hence removing the hassle of having to handle paper bulks and contributing to environmental exigencies. The introduction of this new system also allows members to consult documents in real-time, insert comments and annotations, amongst others. More importantly, in addition to rendering the process paperless, the E-Board is a solution which enhances security and confidentiality thanks to data encryption.

In the same vein, the whole IT system of the Authority is being revamped for more efficiency and accountability.

The Gambling Regulatory Authority has many other ambitious projects in the pipeline and the list of achievements stated above is a non-exhaustive one. However, as I am writing this finishing note, I cannot omit the fact that none would have materialised without the commitment and hard work of the different parties involved. To this end, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all members of the Board for their relentless support throughout the year, to the parent ministry, to all our stakeholders, and to the staff of the Authority for their dedication. I will fail in my duty if I do not extend my gratitude and thanks to the Government of Mauritius which has given all the necessary support and resources to the Authority to realise its objectives. I believe that the Authority has been faring extremely well till date and will go on to perform even better in the years to come.

Om Kumar Dabidin
Chairperson

ROLE AND OBJECTS



01 Our Role

The Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA) was set up under the Gambling Regulatory Act (GRA) 2007 and is a corporate body which operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development. The Authority is administered and managed by the Gambling Regulatory Board as per section 5 of the GRA Act.

The Authority is primarily responsible for the issue of gambling licences and collection of the licence fees from stakeholders, the total of which is credited to the consolidated fund and funds are thereafter made available to the Authority for meeting its operational expenses. The GRA as a regulatory body equally ensures compliance to the GRA Act and conditions to Licences as well as conducts investigations and enforces sanctions for offences committed by licensees.

02 Objects of the Authority

The objects of the Authority are to:

- regulate and control gambling activities and the organization of lottery games, Sweepstakes and lotteries;
- regulate and monitor the organization of horse-racing;
- promote public confidence in the integrity of the gambling industry and the horse-racing industry;
- ensure that gambling is conducted in a fair and transparent manner;
- foster responsible gambling in order to minimize harm caused by gambling;
- promote tourism, employment and economic development generally; and
- promote the welfare and leisure of the race-going public.

CORE VALUES AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



Core Values

Integrity : honesty, transparency and integrity are foremost in our dealing.

Fairness : an ethical approach in the performance of our actions.

Innovation : always a priority.



Strategic Objectives

The objective of the Authority is to become a reference regulator in matter pertaining to gambling both locally and internationally. As such the Authority has adopted sound business and administrative practices to carry out its operations in an efficient and cost-effective manner, while upholding high standards of trust, integrity, credibility, competence and accountability.

Furthermore, the affairs of the Authority are conducted in accordance with the GRA Act, other relevant statutory provisions and the principles of good corporate governance. All functions are exercised honestly, in good faith, with due care and diligence and in the best interests of the GRA and its stakeholders.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Introduction

The Gambling Regulatory Authority is a body corporate established under the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act 2007 (The “Act”) and it operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development.

The Authority recognizes good corporate governance practices as a prerequisite for good performance within the organization. The corporate governance structures put in place are in accordance with the National Code of Corporate Governance. This section thus highlights the main corporate governance structures of the GRA as per the eight principles set out in the NCCG 2016. An in-depth view of the functions and purposes of the GRA Board, Board Committees, Risk Management and Internal Audit, Auditing and Accounting Principles and Integrated Sustainability Reporting, are set out hereunder.

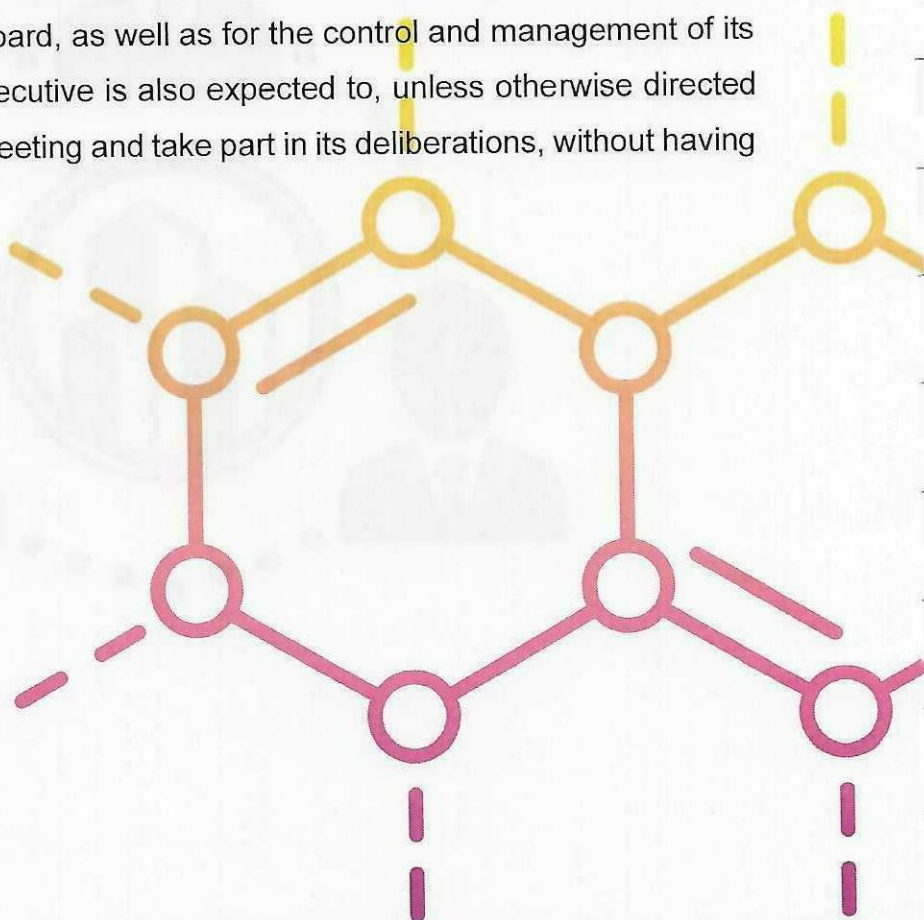


Principle 1 – Governance Structure

The Act provides that the Authority is managed and administered by the Gambling Regulatory Authority Board. Its mandate is to effectively regulate and control gambling operations across the country while ensuring compliance of its licensees for the promotion of fair, transparent and responsible gambling. The Board comprises non-executive Directors including a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a representative of the Prime Minister's Office, a representative of the Attorney General's Office, a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Finance, a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Tourism, a representative of the Commissioner of Police and three other members.

According to the Act, the Board's main prerogative, is to issue, renew, suspend or revoke licences issued by its authority. It has the duty to ensure the protection of the public through the regulation and supervision of gambling activities. Moreover, the Board can initiate investigations into suspicious or illegal gambling-related matters and impose financial penalties for non-compliance with conditions of licence, rules, directions or guidelines.

The Act further establishes that the Authority shall have a Chief Executive responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board, as well as for the control and management of its day-to-day business. The Chief Executive is also expected to, unless otherwise directed by the Board, attend every Board meeting and take part in its deliberations, without having the right to vote.



Principle 2 – The Structure of the Board and its Committees

The Gambling Regulatory Authority Board meets regularly to convey decisions or take cognisance of matters which require its attention. Updates are provided by the Chief Executive on the day-to-day running of the Authority.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

For the period of 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, the Board was constituted as follows:

Name	Title	Date of Appointment
Mr O. K. Dabidin	Chairperson	05 Apr 2018
Dr S. P. W. Maharajah	Vice Chairperson	15 May 2015 to 13 Jan 2022
Mr K. Beekharry	Member	13 Mar 2015 to 13 Jan 2022
	Vice – Chairperson	14 Jan 2022
Mr D. K. Dabee	Member – Representative of the Attorney General's Office	21 Dec 2007 to 10 Nov 2021
Mr. M.S.M.R.P Seetaram		11 Nov 2021
Mr G. P. Bussier	Member – Representative of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development	21 Oct 2011
Ms G. Callychurn	Member – Representative of the Ministry of Tourism	03 Jun 2021
Ms K. Kautick	Member – Representative of the Prime Minister's Office	27 Nov 2017
Mr K. Jhugroo	Member – Representative of the Commissioner of Police	13 Mar 2015
Mr C. Ujoodhia	Member	13 Mar 2015
Mr S. Khuntoo	Member	22 Oct 2020
Mr K. Molaye	Member	14 Jan 2022

PROFILES OF BOARD MEMBERS



Mr Om Kumar DABIDIN
Chairperson

Mr Om Kumar Dabidin, Secretary for Home Affairs at the Prime Minister's Office (Defence & Home Affairs Division) was appointed member of the Gambling Regulatory Board in November 2017 and is, with effect from 05 April 2018, Chairman of the Authority.

Mr O. K. Dabidin is, amongst others, Board member of the following statutory bodies:

- (i) Mauritius Ports Authority;
- (ii) Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd;
- (iii) Mauritius Oceanographic Institute; and
- (iv) Information and Communication Technologies Authority.

Mr O. K. Dabidin began his career as a teacher in the secondary schools and later joined the civil service as Administrative Officer at the Prime Minister's Office. He is a seasoned public officer having held a number of senior positions over the last two decades across a wide range of Ministries such as:

- (i) Agriculture & Food Technology and Natural Resources, Environment;
- (ii) Civil Service & Administrative Reforms;
- (iii) Youth & Sports; and
- (iv) Finance & Economic Development.

He was also Acting Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life. Mr O. K. Dabidin spearheaded a number of projects in several Ministries and Departments and contributed to public sector reforms with a view to bringing about, throughout government institutions, a more effective and efficient service delivery including improvement of the quality of service to citizens.

With his present position at the Gambling Regulatory Authority, he is committed, with all Board Members, staff and other stakeholders, to work together towards the realization of the objectives of the Authority in light of prevailing legislations and in line with the policy directions set out by Government for the Gambling and Betting Sector.



**Dr Somnath Panday Woogra
MAHARAHAJE
Vice Chairperson**

Dr S. P. W Maharahaje was appointed to the Board in May 2015 as Vice - Chairperson. He has served for several years in the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life as Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and as Regional Health Director. He is also a member of the Medical Tribunal in the Ministry of Social Security and National Solidarity and Reform Institutions. He has also served in Rodrigues as Director Health Services.



**Mr Kreedeo (Dev) BEEKHARRY
Board Member/ Vice
Chairperson**

Mr K. Beekharry is currently Senior Adviser at the Prime Minister's Office. He is also a board member of the Mauritius Duty Free Paradise Co. Ltd and Metro Express Limited. He is a communications specialist and has had a rich career as economic and financial journalist. Mr Beekharry was formerly deputy editor-in-chief of Business Magazine, Editor of the Top 100 Companies and of the Directory of Financial Institutions. He was appointed to the Board in March 2015 and as Vice Chairperson in January 2022.



**Mr Dheerendra Kumar DABEE
G.O.S.K., S.C.
Board Member**

Mr D.K. Dabee, Solicitor General in the Attorney General's Office, a Senior Counsel, and a former Laureate (Economics Side), is a graduate in Mauritius, Law and Political Science from Birmingham University, and was called to the bar in UK in 1981 at the Middle Temple, Inn of Court. He joined the Crown Law office in Mauritius in 1982 and occupied all higher positions in Attorney General's Office, until his appointment as Solicitor General in 1998. He is the main non-political legal adviser to Government and the legal adviser of a number of public bodies. Mr D. K. Dabee is the Chairperson of the Control and Arbitration Committee of the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority and a division of the Medical Tribunal. He also represents the Attorney General's Office on the Board of Independent Broadcasting Authority and is currently Chairman of the Financial Intelligence Unit following his appointment in November 2016.

**Mr Moun M.S.M.R.P.
SEETARAM
Board Member**

Mr Moun M.S.M.R.P. Seetaram, has started his career as Temporary State Counsel at the Attorney-General's Office on 1st October 2003. He now occupies the post of Ag. Senior Assistant Parliamentary Counsel. He read law at the University of Buckingham (UK) and has a Bachelor of Laws, LLB (Hons), University of Buckingham (2001) (UK). He has a Post Graduate Diploma in Bar Vocational Studies (Bar) University of Wales, Cardiff (2001) (UK) and later on, he did his Masters of Laws in Medical Law, LLM, University of Northumbria (Newcastle, UK). Mr Seetaram, has 20 years' experience as a barrister. He delivered several courses to Police Prosecutors and Government officers in the field of Criminal Law, Law of Evidence and other legal subjects, and in Legislative Drafting. For the past 10 years, he has, on a yearly basis, delivered Legislative Drafting courses to public officials. For the last 15 years, he has been involved in the drafting of the Laws of Mauritius, including regulations.



**Mr Gerard Pascal BUSSIER
Board Member**

Mr G. Bussier was appointed to the Board in March 2015. He is presently performing the duties of Deputy Financial Secretary at the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development and has served the Civil Service for several years.

**Ms Gyaneswaree
CALLYCHURN
Board Member**

Ms G. Callychurn was appointed Board Member of the Gambling Regulatory Authority in May 2021. She is the holder of a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Birmingham and is currently Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Tourism. She is also a Board Member of the Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd. She joined the Civil Service as Assistant Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office in November 1997 and has since occupied senior positions across a range of Ministries and Departments: Education, Agro-Industry, Social Security and the National Human Rights Commission, amongst others.

Ms Kalianee KAUTICK
Board Member

Ms Kalianee Kautick, Deputy Permanent Secretary, is posted to Cabinet Office of the Prime Minister's Office since September 2017. She holds a Master of Science in Public Sector Management as well as a *Diplome du Cycle International d'Administration Publique* at *Ecole Nationale d'Administration* in Strasbourg. In her capacity as Assistant Permanent Secretary she has worked at the National Development Unit dealing essentially with projects and Home Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Office as desk officer for issues related to Police and security.



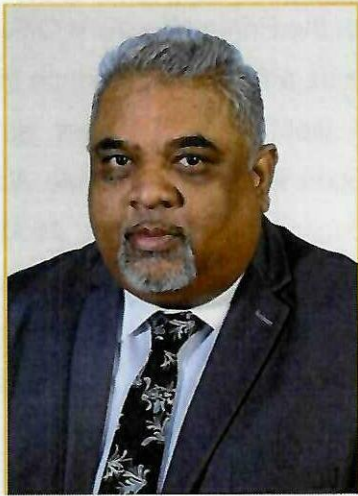
Mr Krishna JHUGROO
Board Member

Mr K. Jhugroo was appointed to the Board in March 2015. He is presently Deputy Commissioner of Police and has served several years in the Police Force.



Mr Chandrashekar UJODHIA
Board Member

Mr C. Ujoodhia was appointed to the Board in March 2015. He holds a B Com (Hons) from Delhi University and Post Graduate Certificate in Education from Mauritius Institute of Education. He is currently the Rector in a Private Secondary College and is in the teaching sector for nearly 25 years. He was formerly the Marketing Executive of a textile firm.



Mr Shiv KHUNTOO
Board Member

Mr Shiv Khuntoo was the Municipal Councillor for the Town Council of Beau-Bassin Rose-Hill from 2001 to 2006. He was, during this period, Deputy Mayor of the said town. Mr Khuntoo was formerly employed in the administrative section of the Om Sai Medical Center at Earl's Court, London, from 2006 to 2009. Upon his return to Mauritius, he took up new responsibilities as Sales Representative then Insurance Advisor. He is a social work enthusiast and is actively involved in social activities within his locality.



Mr Krishna MOLAYE
Board Member

Mr Krishna Molaye was appointed to the Board in January 2022. He graduated in the field of Computer & Software Engineering from Informatics Academy of Singapore & University of Cambridge. This IT professional, with over 21 years of working experience in the private sector, is currently the Managing Director of INFOGIL LTEE and was appointed to take over the company's directorship in 2007 as Managing Partner. He started his career in 2001 as an Assistant Analyst Programmer with MedPro Ltd. He then worked for several conglomerates, namely IBL group and CJIT from 2002 to 2006, where he held various positions. He later took office as Senior Consultant at eBS Consulting Ltd in 2006, prior to joining INFOGIL LTEE. During his career, his involvement as project leader for successfully implementing IT projects were notable at Emtel, SBM, MCB, TNT International, Ceridien, Sun Resorts, MMA, SPMPC, Angsana Balaclava, Anahita, Azuri amongst others. He has also chaired several committees, from Interview Panels to Disaster Recovery.

SUBCOMMITTEES

The Finance and Procurement Committee

The Finance and Procurement Committee assists the Board in making procurement decisions and ensures compliance with provisions of the Public Procurement Act 2006. It ensures that GRA's procurement system and processes are fair, transparent, competitive and cost effective.

For the reporting period, the GRA Finance and Procurement Committee was constituted as follows:

- Mr C. Ujoodhia - Chairperson
- Dr S. P. W. Maharahaje - Member (up to 13 January 2022)
- Mr G. P. Bussier – Member
- Ms K. Kautick - Member

The GRA Finance and Procurement Committee held five meetings for the reporting period. The attendance details and allowances are summarised below:

Member	Attendance for the Finance and Procurement Committee Meetings	Allowance (Rs)
Mr C. Ujoodhia	5/5	40,000
Dr S. P. W. Maharahaje	1/5	7,000
Mr G. P. Bussier ¹	4/5	28,000
Ms K. Kautick	5/5	28,000

¹ Mr N. Armoogum, Lead Analyst, attended 1 Meeting as alternate to Mr G. P. Bussier.

The Human Resource Committee

The Human Resource Committee has been set up to assist the Board in:

- (i) Making recommendations for all the HR matters including promotion, retirement, gender policy and recruitment of employees after examining, interviewing and shortlisting of candidates.
- (ii) Examining representations from employees regarding conditions of employment or matters connected with their employment when not satisfactorily attended by Management.

(iii) Dealing with complaints against employees of the Authority or any staff matters that may be referred thereto.

For the reporting period, the Human Resource Committee was constituted as follows:

- Mr K. Beekharri – Chairperson
- Mr C. Ujoodhia – Member
- Mr G. P. Bussier – Member
- Mrs R. Ruchchan – Ad Hoc Member

Human Resource Committee attendance details and allowances for the reporting period is summarised below:

Member	Attendance for the Human Resource Committee Meetings	Allowance (Rs)
Mr K. Beekharri	4/4	40,000
Mr G. P. Bussier	3/4	14,000
Mr C. Ujoodhia	4/4	28,000
Mrs R. Ruchchan	4/4	28,000

The Managing Committee for the Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund

Section 11A of the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act provides that the Gambling Regulatory Authority shall set up a Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund. Same is to be administered by a Managing Committee comprising a Chairperson and not more than 4 other persons, to be appointed by the Board after consultation with the Minister. The terms of reference of the Responsible Gambling and Capacity building Fund are:

- To develop and implement a responsible gambling programme for the public;
 - To identify and address the ills associated with the gambling industry;
 - For capacity building at the Authority;
 - To ensure integrity and best practices in the gambling industry; and
- any other purpose as the Board may determine.

For the period of July 2021 June 2022, the Managing Committee was constituted as follows:

- Mr M. Bheekhee - Acting Chairperson
- Mr N. Soopramanien - Member



Mr Mahensingh BHEEKHEE
– Acting Chairperson/
Member

Mr M. Bheekhee is currently Lead Analyst at the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development. He started his career as Education Officer and has worked at the Ministry of Finance for more than 24 years. He holds a Bsc (Hons) in Economics from the University of Mauritius and a Master in Financial Economics from the University of London.

External appointments:

- (a) Board Member at the Mauritius Revenue Authority
- (b) Board Director at the Mauritius Civil Service Mutual Aid Association Ltd
- (c) Board Director at the State Investment Finance Corporation Ltd



Mr Gilbert Nicolas
SOOPRAMANIEN - Member

Mr G. N. Soopramanien is a clinical psychologist, and President of the Société des Professionnels en Psychologie. He holds about ten years of hands-on experience as a practitioner locally. Further to his studies in France at the Université Denis Diderot, his expertise was sought in educational institutions such as Ecole du Centre, St Mary's West College and Association d'Alphabétisation de Fatima, as well as in shelters namely Centre d'Education et de Développement pour les Enfants Mauriciens (CEDEM), SOS Village, ARISE and Foyer Père Laval. He also worked in the penitentiary service through NGOs such as Kinouété and Groupe Elan.

The Managing Committee met on four occasions for the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. The attendance details and allowances for the reporting period are as follows:

Name	Title	Attendance for Managing Committee Meetings	Allowance (Rs)
Mr M. Bheekhee	Acting Chairperson	4/4	144,000
Mr N. Soopramanien	Member	4/4	120,000

The Horse Racing Committee

The Horse Racing Division (HRD) is administered and managed by the Horse Racing Committee whose terms of reference is to:

- Ensure that a horse racing organiser effectively discharges its responsibilities regarding the organisation of horse racing in all its aspects, including safety, comfort and standards of hygiene, security, discipline and the prevention of fraud,
- Initiate, develop and implement strategies conducive to the development of horse racing and the protection of the public in relation to risks inherent to horse racing,
- Coordinate with the *Police des Jeux* for the prevention of illegal acts in connection with horse racing,
- Be responsible for horse race planning, including the preparation and publication of the horse race calendar, fixture lists, nominations and race cards,
- Conduct disciplinary proceedings that may arise in relation to the conduct of horse racing,
- Issue Personal Management Licences under Section 93B,
- Approve and licence equestrian centres and workout programmes,
- Approve the importation of racehorses,
- Set and enforce standards for race courses,
- Issue and enforce the Rules of Racing, other rules and guidelines and directions,
- Set up panels of Racing Stewards,
- Register Stables and Owners,
- Register Trainers, Jockeys, Riders and other horse racing professionals,
- Employ and issue directions to race course officials,
- Issue Rules, Directions and Guidelines to any horse racing organiser to –
 - (a) Provide for veterinary services,
 - (b) Ensure the safety and security of race horses,
 - (c) Ensure anti-doping measures, and
 - (d) Procure laboratory services for testing of equine blood, urine and other samples,
- Licence Equine Veterinarians,
- Advise the Minister on any matter relating to the organisation of horse racing,
- Undertake such other functions as may be prescribed.

For the reporting period, the Horse Racing Committee was constituted as follows:

- Mr. Wayne Wood – Chairperson (*Head of HRD*)
- Mr. Krishnakantsing Auchoybur – Vice – Chairperson (*Integrity Officer*)
- Dr Dewan Sibartie – Member (*Veterinarian*)
- Mr. Mahendher Telugu Subramaniyam – Member (*Operations Officer*)
- Mr. Kaviraj Gooljar – Member (*Accountant*)
- Mr. Nevin Seengh – Member (*Legal Officer*)
- Mr. Jean Hugues Lewis Laval Olivier – Member (*Communication and Media Officer*)

Horse Racing Committee members' attendance and allowances for the reporting period is summarised below:

Members	Attendance for the Horse Racing Committee Meetings	Allowance (Rs)
Mr. Wayne Wood	5/5	100,000
Mr. Krishnakantsing Auchoybur	5/5	60,000
Dr Dewan Sibartie	5/5	40,000
Mr. Mahendher Telugu Subramaniyam	3/3	33,548
Mr. Kaviraj Gooljar	5/5	40,000
Mr. Nevin Seengh	5/5	40,000
Mr. Jean Hugues Lewis Laval Olivier	5/5	40,000

Principle 3 – Board Appointment Procedures

Members of the Board are appointed by their respective ministers on such terms and conditions as they may determine. The Act requires that no members should have or have had a direct or indirect interest in any activity regulated under same in the last 5 years prior to appointment.

Principle 4 – Board Duties and Remuneration

In order to effectively discharge its duties, the Board meets regularly. Special or additional meetings may also be convened as and when required. All members are expected to attend meetings unless exceptional circumstances prevent them from doing so. The relevant documentations are circulated to all members by the Board Secretary prior to each meeting.

Attendance of the Board

For the reporting period, the Board of the Gambling Regulatory Authority met on nineteen occasions (seventeen Board Meetings and two Special Board Meetings for specific issues) as summarised below:

Name	Title	Appointment Date	Board Meetings Attended	Special Board Meetings Attended
Mr O. K. Dabidin	Chairperson	05 April 2018	14	2
Dr S.P.W. Maharahaje	Vice Chairperson	15 May 2015 to 13 January 2022	6	0
Mr D.K. Dabee	Member - Representative of the Attorney General's Office	21 December 2007 to 10 November 2021	2	0
Mr M.S.M.R.P. Seetaram		11 November 2021	12	2
Mr K. Beekharry	Member	13 March 2015	16	2
	Vice Chairperson	14 January 2022		
Ms G. Callychurn	Member - Representative of the Ministry of Tourism	03 June 2021	11	0

Ms K. Kautick	Member - Representative of the Prime Minister's Office	27 November 2017	15	2
Mr G.P. Bussier ¹	Member - Representative of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	21 October 2011	14	1
Mr K. Jhugroo ²	Member - Representative of the Commissioner of Police	13 March 2015	16	2
Mr C. Ujoodhia	Member	13 March 2015	14	2
Mr S. Khuntoo	Member	22 October 2020	15	2
Mr K. Molaye	Member	14 January 2022	9	2

¹ Mr N. Armoogum, Lead Analyst, attended 6 Board Meetings and 1 Special Board Meeting as alternate to Mr G. P. Bussier.

² Mr Juwaheer, Assistant Superintendent of Police, attended 1 Board Meeting as alternate to Mr K. Jhugroo.

Board Fees

Fees drawn by each Board Member for the period of July 2021 to June 2022 are as follows:

Name (Title)	Amount (Rs)
Mr O. K. Dabidin (Chairperson)	600,000
Dr S. P. W. Maharajah (Vice Chairperson)	245,000
Mr K. Beekharry (Vice Chairperson/ Member)	350,000
Mr D. K. Dabee (Member)	100,000
Mr M. S. M. R. P. Seetaram (Member)	191,667
Mr G. P. Bussier (Member)	300,000
Ms G. Callychurn (Member)	300,000
Ms K. Kautick (Member)	300,000
Mr K. Jhugroo (Member)	300,000
Mr C. Ujoodhia (Member)	300,000
Mr S. Khuntoo (Member)	300,000
Mr K. Molaye (Member)	139,516

Principle 5 – Risk Governance and Internal Control

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority recognises that sustained effort is required to reinforce its risk management structures and further improve its governance processes to ensure that they are in line with best practices. At present, responsibility for the identification, assessment and management of risks lies with the Board. A risk committee to advise the Board on the risk strategies has already been set up.

Reputational Risk

Board members, the Chief Executive and employees of the Gambling Regulatory Authority are ambassadors who are to uphold its reputation and credibility. Given that the gambling sector is considered as a high-risk industry, mostly in terms of money laundering, internal stakeholders are expected to demonstrate high levels of integrity in and outside the course of their duties. Otherwise, involvement in corruptive practices, unrighteous acts or other unethical behaviours will inevitably have repercussions on the Authority's image. A Code of Conduct has thus been devised in an attempt to safeguard the reputation of the Authority.

Financial Risk

As a public sector entity, the Gambling Regulatory Authority's financial risks are relatively low. As such, exposure to credit, liquidity, foreign currency exchange and interest rate risks are negligible.

Operational Risk Management

Operational Risk Management can prove to be useful for organisations aiming to plan strategically on the ways to manage risks. Knowledge and awareness on the importance of containing and managing risks have been imparted to key members and staff of the Authority for this purpose.

Legal Risk

The Authority is conscious of the legal risks associated with its duties and responsibilities. Even though the Gambling Regulatory Authority is a non-profit making entity, the risks of

incurring legal lawsuits and damages are present. As a preventive measure, legal advice is sought from the external and internal lawyers, as well as from the State Law Office.

Internal Control

The GRA Board has the responsibility to ensure that procedures and practices are in place to protect the Authority's assets and reputation. The Management ensures the effectiveness of the Authority's Internal Control Systems and proper segregation of duties. The Authority seeks the services of Internal Control Department of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development as and when required. An Internal Audit Division will be set up upon recruitment of an Auditor.

Principle 6 – Reporting with Integrity

POLICIES AND PRACTICES REGARDING ETHICAL, HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Ethics

Board members, the Chief Executive and staff of the Gambling Regulatory Authority are bound to carry out their duties with utmost fairness, professionalism and integrity. The following measures are in place at the Authority to this end:

- The Authority subscribes to the principle of ethical behavior in the day-to-day affairs. In this context, all employees have been instructed to adhere to its Code of Conduct. This is essential to enable the Authority to earn respect from its stakeholders.
- The Affairs of the Authority are conducted in a transparent manner. However, the staff is also bound by an oath to secrecy to remind them that disclosure of confidential information for gratification or other interests is highly condemnable.
- All new employees have to submit a declaration of assets in an appropriate form upon recruitment. Existing members and staff should, on the other hand, update theirs every three years. Additionally, same should be updated upon expiry or termination of employment on any basis.

- The Act establishes that every member of the Gambling Regulatory Authority should disclose any interest he or she may have in any enterprise which is subject to the Authority's control. A declaration of conflict of interest should be made if the member holds that he or she has a direct or indirect interest in an organization or person involved with or having a link to the Authority's line of duties and responsibilities.

Health and Safety

The Authority recognizes that Health and Safety is of fundamental importance for providing and maintaining a healthy, safe and secure working environment for all its staff and stakeholders.

Environmental

The Authority is committed to providing work practices that preserve the environment. It ensures that the operations of its licensees are conducted in a friendly environment. Equally employees of the Authority are conscious of the need to save heat and light energy when an office is not in use.

Principle 7 – Audit

The Board is responsible for the timely preparation of the Annual Report which includes the financial statements for every financial year.

As per the Act, the Board shall, not later than six months after the close of every financial year, forward to the Minister a report on the activities of the Authority together with its audited accounts in respect of that financial year. Furthermore, in accordance with the Statutory (Accounts and Audit) Act, the Chief Executive has, not later than 3 months after the end of the financial year to submit the annual report to the Board for approval. After approval by the Board, the Chief Executive must, not later than 4 months after the end of the financial year, submit the Annual Report, including the financial statements, to the National Audit Office.

The Director of Audit, must within 6 months of the date of receipt of the Annual Report, submit the Annual Report and the Audit Report to the Board.

On receipt of the Annual Report including the audited financial statements and the Audit Report, the Board, not later than one month from the date of receipt, furnishes the responsible Minister with such reports and financial statements.

Principle 8 – Relations with Stakeholders

Related Party Transactions

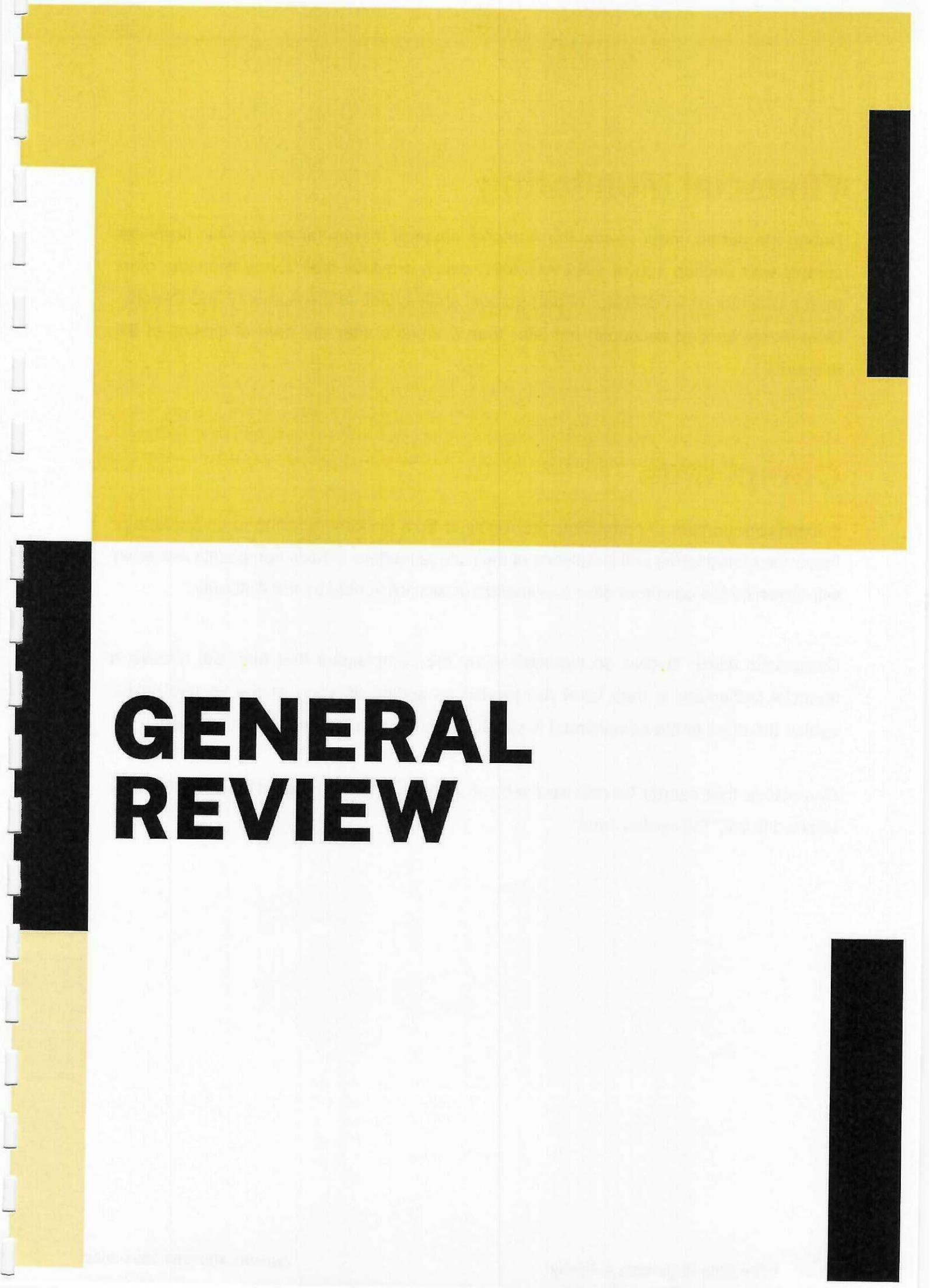
The Authority regards the Government of Mauritius as its controlling party. As per provisions of the Act constituting the Authority, the Board members represent the interest of stakeholders. An amount of Rs 5,982,037 was paid as board fees and sub committee fees to Board Members. Other related party transactions are as follows:

- i. Employees of the Authority which include key administrative personnel namely the Chief Executive, Administrative and Human Resource Manager, Information Systems Officer, Lead Anti Money Laundering Officer, Legal Consultant and the Accountant. Remuneration paid to these officers is in accordance with the recommendations of the Pay Research Bureau Report an amounted to Rs 6,489,406.
Eligible employees are granted duty free facilities and/or loans for the purchase of car as prescribed in the Pay Research Bureau Report. The details, amount granted and balances under these loans are given at note 8 in the financial statements. There are no other loans to key management personnel or to other categories of staff.
- ii. Licence fees collected are remitted into the Consolidated Fund and for the year under review an amount of Rs 286,147,863 was remitted into the Consolidated Fund.
- iii. An amount of Rs 67,950,042 was remitted to the Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund by the Mauritius Revenue Authority.
- iv. The Authority issued licences for operator and gaming machines to four casinos owed by the State Investment Corporation Limited against payment of licence fees amounting to Rs 42,085,562.
- v. The National Solidarity Fund under the GRA Act is in receipt of unclaimed prizes. As per GRA Act any winning which has not been claimed by a punter shall be paid into the National Solidarity Fund. For the under review an amount of Rs 126,036,801 was remitted into the National Solidarity Fund.

vi. The Authority is assisted in its enforcement and surveillance mandate by the Police Des Jeux, a unit under the purview of the Police Department. The salaries of the police officers of the Police Des Jeux unit is paid directly by the Government. However, allowances amounting to Rs 414,000 was paid by the Authority to the Police Des Jeux.

Relations with Stakeholders

The Authority spares no efforts to maintain open lines of communication with its stakeholders and the general public for ensuring optimal transparency and disclosure of information at all levels.

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GENERAL REVIEW

Financial Monitoring

During the period under review the Authority ensured that as far as possible licensees comply with Section 106 of GRA Act 2007, which provides that “Every licensee, other than a collector or an operator of dart games, shall submit to the Authority and Director-General his audited accounts, not later than 6 months after the date of closing of the accounts.”

Complaints

A significant number of complaints are received from customers failing to understand or follow the stated terms and conditions of the license holders. These complaints are either withdrawn by the customer after explanation or are not upheld by the Authority.

Complaints which involve an expectation by the complainant that they will receive a financial settlement in their favor are treated as settled as soon as the license holder settled the dues or the complainant is satisfied that the case cannot be entertained.

Complaints that cannot be resolved with an operator or need further investigation are referred to the “Police des Jeux”.

ANALYSIS OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD 01 JULY 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2022

Activity	Types of Complaints	Total	Action Taken				
			Refer to Police Des Jeux	Settled	Withdrawn	Not upheld	Under Process
Casino	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gaming House	Alleged manipulation of gaming machines	3	-	3	-	-	-
	Malfunctioning of gaming house	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non- Validation of winning bet	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Alleged mismanagement of gaming house	1	-	1	-	-	-
	Miscellaneous	3	-	-	-	1	2
	Alleged harassment from senior staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amusement Machine	Negative influence on society	1	1	-	-	-	-
	Illegal operation of Amusement machine	6	3	3	-	-	-
	Illicit activities and alleged Money Laundering	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Application of Amusement Machine Operator	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bookmaker conducting Fixed Odds Betting on local race	Tickets (lost, unreadable, cancelled & erroneous), refund i.c.w. withdrawal & wrong results, etc.	19	3	6	3	7	-
Bookmaker conducting Fixed Odds Betting on Football Matches	Scheduled kick-off time, tickets (lost, unreadable & erroneous), void matches. Inaccurate fixtures & results, etc.	24	-	24	-	-	-
Miscellaneous (lotteries)	Tickets - lost, unreadable, etc.	6	-	3	-	1	2
TOTAL		63	7	40	3	9	4

Police des Jeux

The Authority has recourse to the assistance of the Police des Jeux in accordance with section 113 of the GRA Act.

Regular meetings are held with the Officer-in-Charge of the Police des Jeux to discuss strategies with a view to combat illegal betting and to enforce the provision of the Act.

A summary of cases detected by the Police des Jeux during the period from 1st July 2021 to 30 June 2022, is given hereunder:

No. of cases detected	No of persons contravened	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons convicted	No. of cases dismissed /no further action	No. of cases pending before Court	No. of cases pending decision of DPP
40	2	34	-	5	-	-

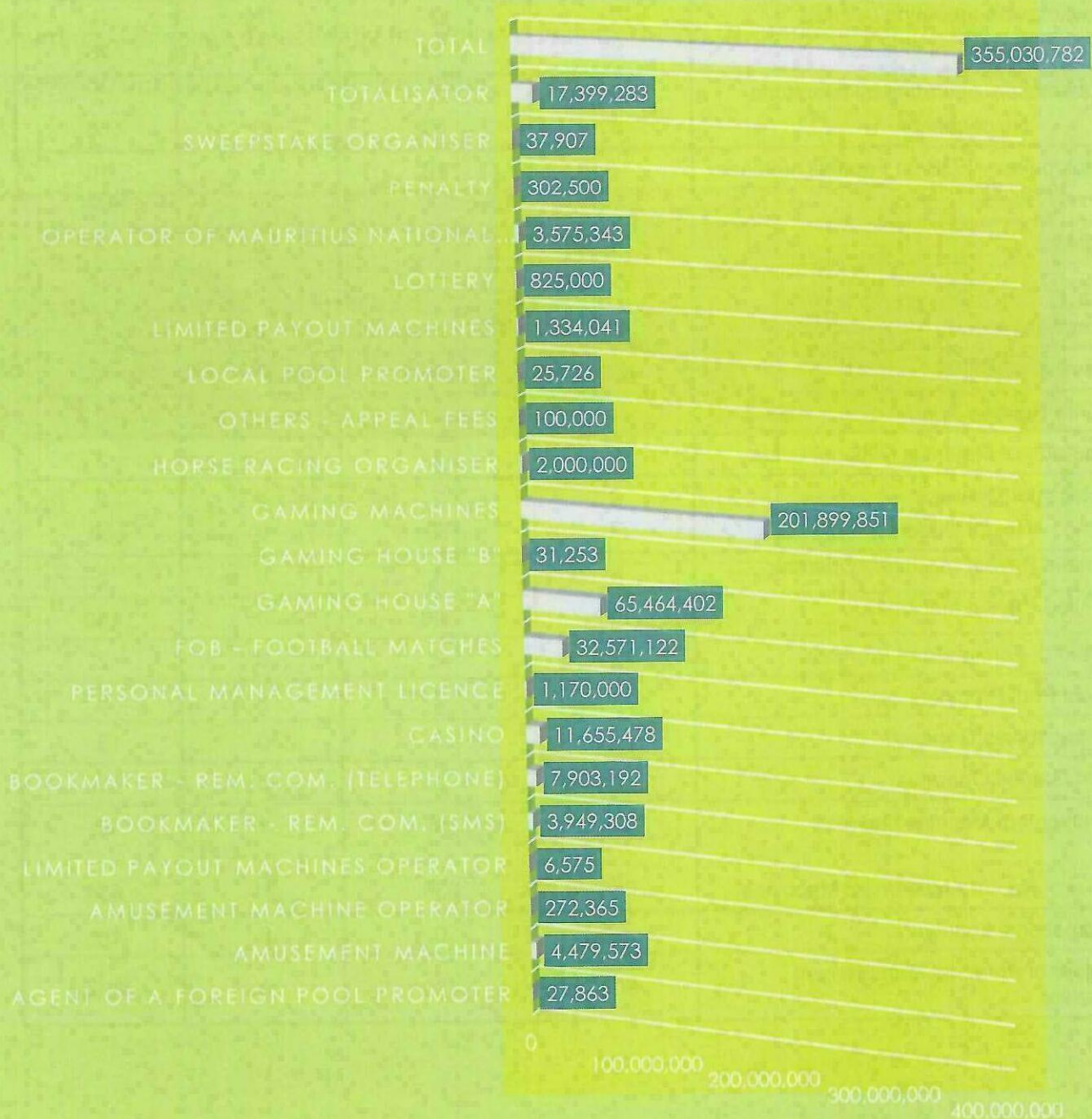
Licensees as at 30 June 2022

As per the GRA Act, the GRA Board shall have power to issue, renew, suspend or revoke any licence. The table gives a breakdown of licence types as at 30 June 2022.

Licensee	No. of Licensees as at 30 June 2021	No. of Licences issued / renewed 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022	No. of Licences not renewed 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022	No. of Licences as at 30th June 2022
Bookmakers operating on Race Course	0	0	0	0
Bookmakers operating by SMS	1	1	0	1
• No. of Outlets	25	25	0	25
Bookmakers operating by telephone	2	2	0	2
• No of outlets	50	50	0	50
Bookmaker – FOB on Football matches	8	10	0	10
• No. of Outlets	96	110	0	110
Casinos	4	4	0	4
Gaming House "A"	21	21	0	21
Gaming House "B"	3	3	0	3
Gaming Machines	1666	1744	8	1736
Horse Racing Organiser	1	2	0	2
Operator of Mauritius National Lottery	1	1	0	1
Totalisator Operator	2	2	0	2
• No. Of Outlets	50	50	0	50
Limited Payout Machines Operator	1	1	0	1
Limited Payout Machines	100	140	0	140
Agent of Foreign Pool Promoter	2	2	0	2
Local Pool Promoter	2	2	0	2
Sweepstakes Organiser	3	3	0	3
Dart Games Operator	0	0	0	0
Amusement Machine Operator	34	33	1	33
• No. Of Amusement Machines	655	633	21	634
Promotional Lottery	57	0	0	52
Holder of Personal Management Licence	906	190	0	1096

Licence Fees Collected for Financial Year 2021/2022

GAMBLING REGULATORY AUTHORITY LICENCE FEE COLLECTED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022 AMOUNT (RS)



Licence fees

No person shall operate unless he holds a licence and pays the appropriate licence fee as per third schedule of the GRA Act which are set out in the table below. As per GRA Act all licence fees collected are remitted into the Consolidated Fund.

Activities	Licence Fee (Rupees)	Period
CATEGORY 1 – Casino		
Casino licence	3,500,000, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	12 months
Gaming machine licence	125,000n per gaming machine payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	12 months
CATEGORY 1A – Hotel casino		
Hotel casino licence	(a) 55,000 for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021; (b) 75,000 thereafter, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	12 months
Hotel casino operator licence (per licenced premise)	(a) 250,000 for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021; (b) 300,000 thereafter, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months.	12 months
Hotel casino gaming machine licence	(a) 50,000 for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021; (b) 75,000 thereafter, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of	12 months

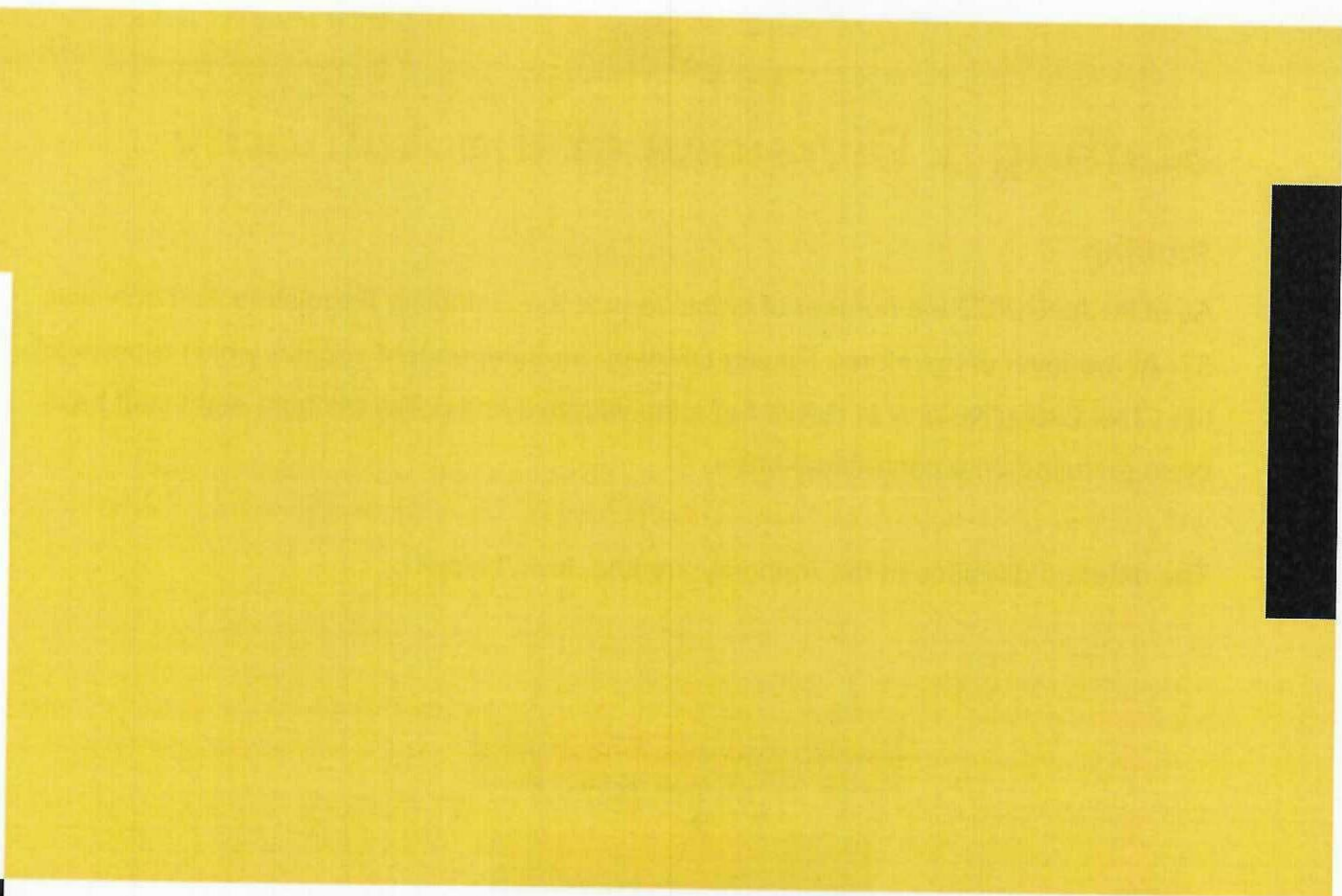
	every period of 3 months.	
CATEGORY 2 – Gaming House “A”		
Gaming House licence in respect of Gaming House “A” games	3,500,000, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	12 months
Gaming machine licence	125,000 per gaming machine, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months.	12 months
CATEGORY 3 – Horse Racing		
Bookmaker licence for conducting fixed odds betting on local races:		
(a) at the racecourse	500,000	1 January to 15 August of every year or part thereof
	500,000	16 August to 31 December of every year or part thereof
(b) -	1,750,000	16 August to 31 December of every year or part thereof

(c) through remote communication	1,750,000 in respect of the principal place of business	1 January to 15 August of every year or part thereof
	1,750,000 in respect of the principal place of business	16 August to 31 December of every year or part thereof
	20,000 in respect of every other place at which facilities are provided	1 January to 15 August of every year or part thereof
	20,000 in respect of every other place at which facilities are provided	16 August to 31 December of every year or part thereof
Totalisator operator licence –		
(a) for operating at the racecourse	1,000,000	Yearly or part thereof
(b) for operating outside the racecourse	40,000 in respect of each place of business	Yearly or part thereof
(c) for operating through remote communication at such place outside the racecourse as may be approved by Board	40,000 in respect of the principal place of business	Yearly or part thereof

	40,000 in respect of every other place at which facilities are provided	Yearly or part thereof
(d) for conducting local race inter-totalisator betting	3,500,000	Yearly or part thereof
(e) for conducting foreign race inter-totalisator betting	3,500,000	Yearly or part thereof
(f) in respect of each terminal	40,000	Yearly or part thereof
Horse racing organiser licence	1,000,000, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	Yearly or part thereof
CATEGORY 4		
Bookmaker licence for conducting fixed odds betting on any football matches taking place outside Mauritius other than a local race	3,500,00 in respect of the principal place of business, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	Yearly of part thereof
	40,000 in respect of every other additional place of business, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	Yearly of part thereof
CATEGORY 5		
Licence to Operator of Mauritius National Lottery	5,000,000	12 months

CATEGORY 6 – Miscellaneous		
(a) Sweepstake organiser licence	15,000	Yearly or part thereof
(b) Local pool promoter licence	15,000	Yearly or part thereof
(c) Agent of a foreign pool promoter licence	15,000	Yearly or party thereof
(d) Lottery licence under Part XVII	15,000 in respect of each lottery organised	
(e) Dart games licence	7,500 per dart board	1 January to 15 August of every year or part thereof
	7,500 per dart board	16 August to 31 December of every year or part thereof
Authorised days and time		
Days immediately preceding race day falling on Saturday:		
Day	Time	
Thursday	13.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs	
Friday	10.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs	
Days immediately preceding race day falling on Sunday:		
Day	Time	
Friday	10.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs	
Saturday	10.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs	
Race day	09.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs	
Monday immediately following race day: -		
12.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs		

(f) Ad hoc licence	15,000	Per day
(g) Gaming house licence in respect of gaming house "B" games	15,000, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	12 months
(h) Limited payout machine operator licence	15,000, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	Yearly or part thereof
(i) Limited payout machine licence	10,000, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	Yearly or part thereof
(j) Amusement machine operator licence	15,000, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	Yearly or part thereof
(k) Amusement machine licence	10,000, payable in 4 equal instalments, each instalment being payable on or before the first day of every period of 3 months	Yearly or part thereof



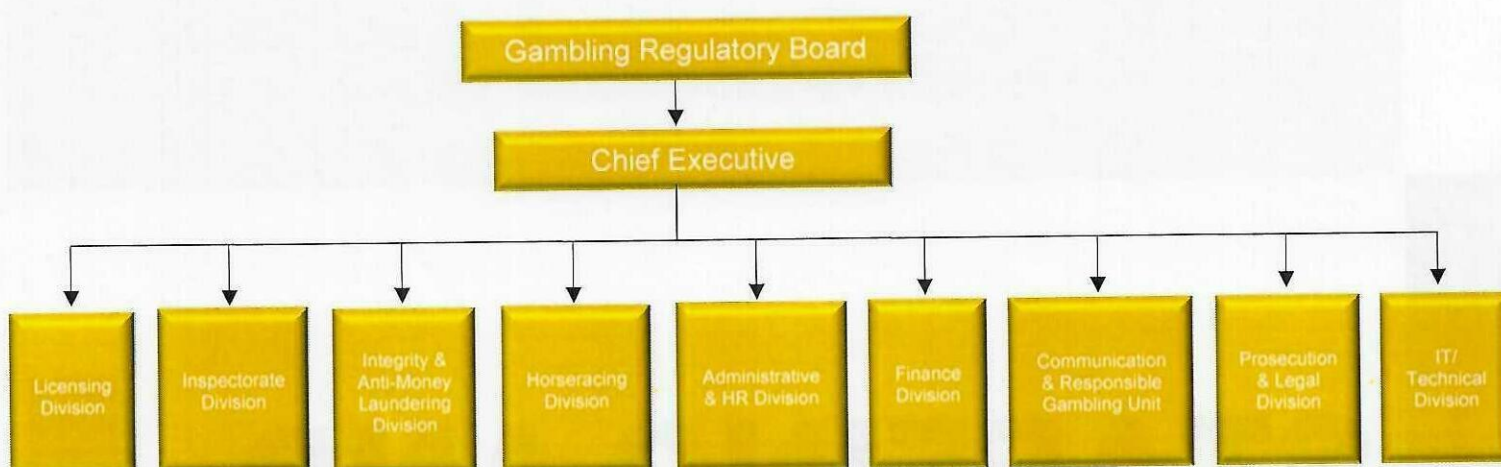
STAFFING AND DIVISIONS

Staffing & Divisions of the Authority

Staffing

As at 30 June 2022 the number of employees at the Gambling Regulatory Authority was 51. At the level of the Horse Racing Division, an independent section which reports to the Chief Executive only in respect of administrative and policy matters, eight staff have been recruited on a contractual basis.

The different divisions at the Authority are laid down below:



BUDGETARY MEASURES

The main amendments to the GRA Act during the year 2021-2022 were made to:

- (a) Introduce definitions of “gross proceeds”, “gross stakes” and “gross takings”.
- (b) Align the definition of “suspicious transaction” with the requirement of the action plan of the FIAMLA recommendations.
- (c) Set up a Horse Racing Division responsible for the regulatory and governance functions of horse racing as recommended in the Parry Report.
- (d) Make it a legal requirement for a local pool promoter or an agent of foreign pool promoter to be a company.
- (e) Empower the GRA to extend the validity period for claiming a lottery prize in the case of the Covid-19 period or other national disaster or calamity.
- (f) Allow the GRA to prescribe the category of officers in respect of licensees other than a horse racing organiser who shall require Personal Management Licence.
- (g) Empower the Board to take disciplinary actions against its licensees for failing to comply with the anti-money laundering and terrorism financing and proliferation guidelines issued by the Authority.
- (h) Allow bookmakers licensed to conduct fixed odds betting on football matches taking place outside Mauritius to effect payment of the licence fee in four instalments as is currently the case for casino and gaming house licensees.
- (i) Require “Loterie Vert” operator to provide a security as is the case for other licensees and that the payment of 47.16% of net proceeds be made by the said operator to the MRA at such times as specified in the licence.
- (j) Provide for the introduction of digital gaming in the gambling industry for local operators.
- (k) Allow the operator of Mauritius National Lottery to conduct lottery and lottery games through remote communication on terms and conditions to be prescribed.
- (l) Make it a legal requirement for any shareholder holding more than 50% of the shares in a Public Limited Company with a horse racing organiser licence to be fully compliant with all the provisions of the Act governing the horse racing organiser.
- (m) Make it an offence for a licensed bookmaker conducting fixed odds betting on local races to subdivide his business and create other independent sub-operators under the same licence.
- (n) Make it an offence for holders of a personal management licence or any member or associate member of a horse racing organiser to place bets illegally.
- (o) Limit the number of terminals on the premise of a bookmaker conducting fixed odds betting on local races to three terminals.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Some of the main achievements for the period July 2021 to June 2022 were as follows:

- During the last financial year, the Authority has successfully set up and manned the Horse Racing Division. A Head of Horse Racing Division was first recruited followed by a team of expatriates comprising a Chief Stipendiary Steward, Stipendiary Stewards and Handicapper amongst others.
- According to section 15B(1) of the GRA Act, the Horse Racing Division needs to be managed and administered by a Horse Racing Committee. This committee was thus created during the financial year 2021/2022 to ensure the proper running of the said division. It is to be noted that the Horse Racing Committee is chaired by the Head of Horse Racing Division and has, since its instauration, met on several occasions.
- A new horse racing organiser was granted a licence to hold races in Mauritius. The advent of a second horse racing organiser will uphold competition and provide a wider range of options to punters.
- To ensure that licensees are fully compliant with new AML/CFT laws and guidelines, the Authority has recruited a team of Anti-Money Laundering Officers. This dedicated cluster plays a crucial part in the allocation of Personal Management Licenses to stakeholders of the gambling industry.
- The Mauritian gambling sector has been under close scrutiny due to the fact that it is considered as a highly exposed sector for money laundering and terrorism financing. For this purpose, the GRA Act has been reinforced to empower the Board to take sanctions against licensees who fail to comply with the anti-money laundering and terrorism financing and proliferation guidelines issued by the GRA.
- In an attempt to enhance efficiency and digitalise internal processes, the Authority has recently embarked on its E-Board project. The functionality enables officers to digitally sign Board papers from their respective work stations hence rendering this process paperless.
- Amendments to the GRA Act were made to limit the number of terminals for each bookmaker providing fixed odds betting at the local race course to three. This measure prevents bookmakers' premises from being overcrowded, hence allowing easier control and monitoring of bets on race days.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for approving, monitoring, reviewing and evaluating the implementation of strategies, policies and plans. The Directors of the Authority are aware of their legal duties. The Board confirms that in preparing the financial statements it has, as far as possible, ensured that:

- Suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently;
- Judgements and estimates are reasonable and prudent;
- Applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures and explained in the financial statements;
- Kept proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Authority;
- The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis; and
- Taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

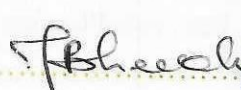
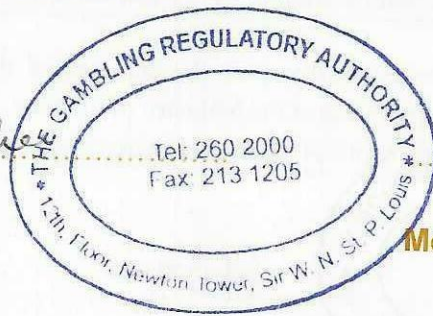
The Directors are also responsible for ensuring that the Authority complies with the National Code of Corporate Governance.

The Board ensures the maintenance of an effective internal control systems relevant to the Authority's functions including controls relevant to the preparation of the financial statements.

The Board has the overall responsibility to safeguard the assets of the Authority to prevent and detect fraud and irregularities. The Authority seek the services of the Internal Control Department of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development as and when required.

The Board is, moreover, responsible for Risk Management. The Audit and Risk Committee reviews audit reports and the Committee is also kept informed of progress on the implementation of audit recommendations. The Board is responsible for taking appropriate action to mitigate risks using measures, policies and procedures that they believe are most appropriate.

Signed on behalf of the GRA Board.


Member **Member**

Statement of Compliance

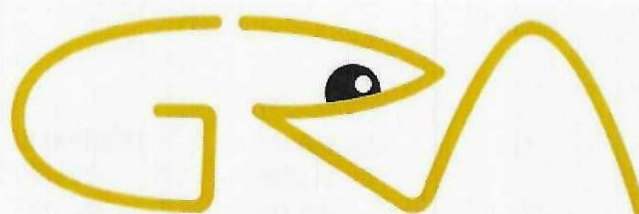
Throughout the year ended 30 June 2021, to the best of the Board's knowledge, the Gambling Regulatory Authority has complied with the requirements of the Corporate Governance Code for Mauritius except for Principles as stated below with reasons for non-compliance.

Principles	Reasons for non-compliance
Principle 1 – Corporate Governance Board Charter Code of Ethics	Functions of the Board, Powers of the Board and Meetings of Board is outlined in the GRA Act and pending a customised Board Charter the Board adheres to what is mentioned in the GRA Act. The GRA being a parastatal follows the code of ethics for public officers pending application of a customised code of ethics.
Principle 2 - The Structure of the Board and its Committees Board Composition	In compliance with section 13 of the GRA Act the Chief Executive of the Authority is in attendance in all Board Meetings. The law does not provide for the Executive Director to be a Member. This is a policy issue.
Principle 3 – Director Appointment Procedures Due Diligence	All the Ex Officio Members are public officers and due diligence is conducted prior to appointment of these Members. As regards to other Members, they are appointed by the Minister after necessary clearances.
Principle 4 – Director Duties, Remuneration and Performance Disclosure of Interests Board Evaluation	Members of the Board are required to disclose to the Board the nature of their interests as soon as practicable after the relevant facts had come to their knowledge and should not be present during any deliberation of the Board or take part in any decision, with respect to that matter. Disclosure of interest is stated in the minutes of Board meetings. The performance of the Board, committees and individual directors are evaluated on the basis of number of Board Meetings held and number of decisions taken and attendance of Members.
Principle 5 – Risk Governance and Internal Control Risk Register	During the year 2020 the Authority was in the process to upgrade its IT infrastructure. Risks were identified with a view to develop mechanism to mitigate the risks with the implementation of the IT infrastructure.
Principle 7 – Audit Internal Audit	The Authority seek the services of the Internal Control Department of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development as and when required.

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Member



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Member



GAMBLING REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Gambling Regulatory Authority
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

GAMBLING REGULATORY AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

		As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
	Notes		
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	260,788,110	339,649,812
Inventories		241,285	272,948
Receivables from exchange transactions	10	628,140	666,254
Receivables from non exchange transactions	10	10,093,308	2,537,063
Prepayments	10	5,846,718	3,658,674
		<u>277,597,561</u>	<u>346,784,751</u>
Non current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	5,856,111	4,410,614
Intangible assets	7	389,603	135,011
Receivables from non exchange transactions	10	824,833	1,066,311
		<u>7,070,547</u>	<u>5,611,936</u>
Total assets		<u>284,668,108</u>	<u>352,396,687</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables under exchange transactions	15	4,133,872	4,178,018
Payables under non exchange transactions	15	1,541,648	384,285
Employee benefits	12	543,932	53,868
Deposit licence fees		82,303,628	14,440,000
		<u>88,523,080</u>	<u>19,056,171</u>
Non current liabilities			
Payables under non exchange transactions	8	824,833	1,066,311
Employee benefits	12	10,266,719	8,370,884
Retirement benefits obligations	9	4,224,871	2,637,551
Refundable guarantee deposits	14	18,350,054	13,612,308
Waiver of licence fees		20,000,000	20,000,000
		<u>53,666,477</u>	<u>45,687,054</u>
Total liabilities		<u>142,189,557</u>	<u>64,743,225</u>
Net assets		<u>142,478,551</u>	<u>287,653,462</u>
NET ASSETS / EQUITY			
Accumulated Fund			
Gambling Regulatory Authority		(25,158,623)	(2,749,882)
Responsible Gambling & Capacity Building Fund		165,718,661	289,620,944
Horse Racing Division		1,331,713	-
Revaluation reserve	6	586,800	782,400
Total Net Assets / Equity		<u>142,478,551</u>	<u>287,653,462</u>

Approved on 164th Board Meeting held on 21st November 2022.

Amended approved on 197th Board Meeting held on 27th June 2025.

Member

Member

GAMBLING REGULATORY AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

		As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
	Notes		
REVENUE			
Non-Exchange Transactions	13	37,900,000	43,000,000
Exchange Transactions	13	130,442	109,631
Gain on foreign exchange transaction		-	105,710
Total revenue		<u>38,030,442</u>	<u>43,215,341</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Operating costs	16	12,473,445	8,289,730
Staff costs	17	33,103,600	26,959,202
Administrative costs	18	10,867,625	9,095,297
Depreciation	19	2,561,246	1,715,328
Finance costs		51,406	42,369
Loss on foreign exchange transaction		44,110	-
		<u>59,101,432</u>	<u>46,101,926</u>
Deficit for the year		<u>(21,070,990)</u>	<u>(2,886,585)</u>

GAMBLING REGULATORY AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	Revaluation Surplus	Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building fund	Horse Racing Division	Gambling Regulatory Authority	Total
Balance as at 01 July 2020		978,000	235,504,090		12,891	254,155,829
Prior year adjustment			3,809,040			3,809,040
Net surplus / (deficit) for period			50,307,814		(2,886,585)	47,421,229
Transfer to depreciation surplus		(195,600)				(195,600)
Remeasurement gain					123,812	123,812
Balance as at 30 June 2021		<u>782,400</u>	<u>289,620,944</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,749,882)</u>	<u>287,653,462</u>
Balance as at 01 July 2021		782,400	289,620,944	-	(2,749,882)	287,653,462
Net surplus / (deficit) for period			51,097,717	1,331,713	(21,070,990)	31,358,440
Transfer to depreciation surplus		(195,600)				(195,600)
Remeasurement gain / (loss)			-175,000,000		(1,337,751)	(1,337,751)
Balance as at 30 June 2022		<u>586,800</u>	<u>165,718,661</u>	<u>1,331,713</u>	<u>(25,158,623)</u>	<u>142,478,551</u>

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CASH FLOWS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Surplus / (Deficit) for year		(21,070,990)	(2,886,585)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortization		3,183,205	1,715,328
Remeasurement (loss) / gain		(1,337,751)	123,812
Foreign exchange loss / (gain)		44,110	(105,710)
Receipt from licence	23	355,030,782	266,163,198
Licence fees remitted into Consolidated Fund		(286,147,863)	(304,454,396)
Receipts from MRA to RGCBF	20	60,250,940	61,826,103
Expenses - RGCBF		(192,831,457)	(9,663,411)
Receipts - HRD	21	12,342,236	-
Expenses - HRD		(11,043,351)	-
Retirement Benefits Obligations-adjustment		(1,587,320)	46,232
Increase in provisions relating to employee benefit		2,385,899	2,793,828
Interest		(66,396)	(91,295)
OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT BEFORE WORKING CAPITAL CHANGES		(80,847,956)	15,467,104
Decrease/(Increase) in inventories		31,663	(6,220)
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables		497,494	(610,991)
Increase/(Decrease) in payables		6,375,669	(3,780,687)
Net cash flow from operating activities		(73,943,130)	11,069,206
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of assets		(5,078,894)	(1,104,553)
Interest receivable		116,212	136,117
Net cash flow from investing activities		(4,962,682)	(968,436)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Government grant received			
Net cashflow from financing activities			
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(78,905,812)	10,100,770
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		339,649,812	329,443,332
Effects of changes of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents		44,110	105,710
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year / period		260,788,110	339,649,812

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand and balance with bank and comprise the following statement of financial position amounts:

	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
Cash at bank	260,779,893	339,643,873
Cash in hand	8,217	5,939
	<u>260,788,110</u>	<u>339,649,812</u>

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

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STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Original Budget Rs	Revised Budget Rs	Actual Amount Rs	Difference Budgeted and Actual Amount Rs		Explanatory Notes
Revenue:						
License Fee	457,100,000	457,100,000	361,309,565	(95,790,435)		i
Recurrent Grant	48,500,000	48,000,000	37,900,000	(10,100,000)		ii
Recurrent Expenditure						
Salaries and compensation	18,177,985	18,177,985	19,126,754	948,769		iii
Passage benefits	300,000	300,000	285,693	(14,307)		iv
End of year bonus	1,223,000	1,223,000	1,438,038	215,038		v
Cash in lieu of leaves	97,815	97,815	109,827	12,012		vi
Allowances	2,120,000	2,120,000	2,074,035	(45,965)		vii
Travelling and transport	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,827,827	27,827		viii
Overtime	225,000	225,000	484,144	259,144		ix
Pension contribution	2,700,000	2,700,000	3,447,923	747,923		x
Cost of utilities	1,945,000	1,945,000	1,551,177	(393,823)		xi
Fuel, oil, insurance and road tax	375,000	375,000	369,759	(5,241)		xii
Rental of building and parking slots	8,400,000	8,400,000	11,469,513	3,069,513		xiii
Equipment and furniture	967,000	967,000	3,267,557	2,300,557		xiv
Office expenses	325,000	325,000	138,742	(186,258)		xv
Maintenance	335,000	335,000	372,363	37,363		xvi
Cleaning services	184,200	184,200	193,080	8,880		xvii
Publications and stationery	745,000	745,000	673,479	(71,521)		xviii
Board Members fees	6,900,000	6,400,000	5,982,037	(417,963)		xix
Audit fees	150,000	150,000	-	(150,000)		xx
Subscriptions	55,000	55,000	245,849	190,849		xxi
Insurance	100,000	100,000	-	(100,000)		xxii
General expenses	375,000	375,000	1,200,133	825,133		xxiii
Bank charges			51,406			
Legal, Consultancy & Professional fees	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,955,242	955,242		xxiv
Total Expenses	48,500,000	48,000,000	56,264,578	8,213,172		
Capital budget	10,000,000	9,000,000	2,150,363	(7,849,637)		xxv
Total	58,500,000	57,000,000	58,414,941	363,535		

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STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 (CONTINUED)

The budget and the accounting bases differ. The Financial Statements are prepared on the accrual basis using a classification based on the nature of expenses in the Statement of Financial Performance.

A reconciliation of the actual amounts on a comparable basis as presented in the Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts with the actual amounts in the Statement of Financial Performance is presented below.

Revenue

Actual Revenue as per Statement of Comparison of Budgets and Actual Amounts	37,900,000
Gain on foreign exchange	-
Movement in interest	130,442
Sundry income	-
Total Revenue as per Statement of Financial Performance	<u>38,030,442</u>

Expenses

Actual Expenditure as per Statement of Comparison of Budgets and Actual Amounts	56,264,578
Commitment for the year and other adjustments	1,489,644
Commitment of last year	(389,455)
Inventories as at 1 July 2021	272,948
Inventories as at 30 June 2022	(241,285)
Depreciation & Amortisation	2,561,246
Movement in employee benefits	2,304,964
Pension Obligation adjustment	2,058,263
Prepayment as at 01 July 2021	332,964
Prepayment as at 01 July 2022	(2,521,008)
Forex exchange	44,110
Additions to PPE and Intangible assets	(3,075,537)
Expenditure as per Statement of Financial Performance	<u>59,101,432</u>

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE

The Authority prepares its budget on a cash basis. A budget of Rs 48 M and Rs 9 M was allocated for recurrent expenditure and capital expenditure respectively in accordance with ceiling provided to the Authority. Differences between budget and actual amount are explained below.

- (i) **Licence Fee**
The shortfall in licence fees was attributable to the negative impact of Covid 19. Licence fees were adjusted taking into consideration the confinement period. Lower licence fees were also collected because of provision was made for issue of Hotel Casino Licences and gaming machines for Hotel Casino which did not materialise.
- (ii) **Recurrent Grant**
Less recurrent grant was received as the balance of grant not utilised for the previous financial year was used to meet expenses of current financial year.
- (iii) **Salaries and Compensation**
Higher expenditure was due to the revision of salaries following the implementation of the recommendations of the Pay Research Bureau Report 2021.
- (iv) **Passage Benefits**
Lower claims for passage benefits from employees were received than anticipated.
- (v) **End of year bonus**
Higher bonus was paid as compared to budgeted amount due to revised salaries following the implementation of the recommendations of the Pay Research Bureau Report 2021.
- (vi) **Cash in lieu of leaves**
Higher sick leave refund was paid as compared to budgeted amount due to revised salaries following implementation of recommendations of the Pay Research Bureau Report 2021.
- (vii) **Allowances**
The reduced allowance was due to delay in the start of 2022 racing season.
- (viii) **Travelling & Transport**
Higher travelling expense was due to the increase in rate of mileage resulting from implementation of recommendations of the Pay Research Bureau Report 2021.
- (ix) **Overtime**
Higher overtime expense was due to the increase in rate of overtime upon revision of salaries.
- (x) **Pension contributions**
Higher cost of pension was due to the increase in pension contribution resulting from revised salaries.
- (xi) **Cost of utilities**
Provision was made for cost of utilities in respect of additional office space at Happy World House but same did not materialise as at June 2022.
- (xii) **Fuel, Oil, Insurance & Road Tax**
Cost of fuel was higher as a result of the increase in the price of fuel.

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- (xiii) **Rental of building and parking slots**
Actual expenditure was higher due to a rise in the rate of rental to cater for refurbishment works carried out at offices of Happy World House.
- (xiv) **Equipment and furniture**
Lower expenditure was due to the deferment of purchase of office furniture.
- (xv) **Office expenses**
Lower expenditure than budgeted was due to the fact that provision was made for expenses related with additional offices which did not materialise.
- (xvi) **Maintenance**
Higher actual expenditure was due to more maintenance required for vehicles than anticipated.
- (xvii) **Cleaning services**
Higher expenditure was due to general disinfection of offices in respect of Covid 19.
- (xviii) **Publications and stationery**
More press notices were placed than budgeted which resulted in higher expenses.
- (xix) **Board Member Fees**
Fewer payment was effected in respect of sub-committees than budgeted.
- (xx) **Audit Fees**
Payment of audit fee was deferred as audit of accounts was not finalised as at June 2022.
- (xxi) **Subscriptions**
Payment of subscription was deferred due to Covid 19.
- (xxii) **Insurance**
Payment for insurance of equipment was deferred as new list of equipment was not finalised as at June 2022.
- (xxiii) **General expenses**
Higher actual expenditure on general expenses include cost of overseas mission which was not budgeted for and realisation of bank guarantee of licencees which were remitted to the Mauritius Revenue Authority in respect of Attachment Orders.
- (xxiv) **Legal, Consultancy & Professional charges**
Higher legal fees in respect of court cases were paid than anticipated.
- (xxv) **Capital expenditure**
Expenses in respect of IT Project were deferred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON REPORTING ENTITY

The Gambling Regulatory Act 2007 was proclaimed on 6 December 2007 and the Authority became operational on the same date. In accordance with Section 165 (7) the Gambling Regulatory Authority took over the activities, assets and liabilities of the Horse Racing Board. The assets were taken over at its net book value as stated in the Statement of Financial Position at 5th December 2007.

The Gambling Regulatory Authority is a body corporate and operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance Economic Planning and Development.

As per Gambling Regulatory Act 2007 the objects of the Authority are to:

- (a) regulate and control gambling activities and the organisation of lottery games, sweepstakes and lotteries;
- (b) regulate and monitor the organisation of horse-racing;
- (c) promote public confidence in the integrity of the gambling industry and the horse-racing industry;
- (d) ensure that gambling is conducted in a fair and transparent manner;
- (e) foster responsible gambling in order to minimise harm caused by gambling;
- (f) promote tourism, employment and economic development generally; and
- (g) promote the welfare and leisure of the race-going public.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

(i) Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Gambling Regulatory Authority have been prepared in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs) issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standard Board (IPSASB) which is a Board of the International Federation of Accountants Committee (IFAC). Where an IPSAS does not address a particular issue, the appropriate International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and International Accounting Standards (IASs) of the International Accounting Standards Board are applied.

(ii) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period. They have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

(iii) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with IPSAS and generally accepted accounting practices required the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period.

In the application of the GRA accounting policies, Management are required to make judgements estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

The estimates and associated assumptions, based on actual results, may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the estimate affects only that period or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. Estimates include but are not limited to fair valuation of inventories, accounts receivables, contingent assets and liabilities, and degree of impairment of property, plant and equipment.

One of the main assumptions and estimates concerning the future and reporting date is the Retirement Benefit Obligation. This necessitate the use of actuarial calculations and/or other assumptions such as significant estimates in respect of the expected return on plan assets, future salary and pension variation. These significant estimates are assessed periodically by management with the actuaries where applicable. Difference between actual and estimates are recorded as actuarial gain or losses.

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2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT.)

(iv) **Functional and presentation of currency**

The financial statements are presented in Mauritian Rupees. Roundings have been done where applicable to the nearest rupee.

(v) **Reporting date**

The financial statements have been prepared for the financial year July 2021 to June 2022. Comparative figures relate to 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

(vi) **Measurement base**

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of the financial performance, cash flows, and financial position on an accrual basis using historical cost are followed in the preparation of the financial statements. The effects of transactions and other events are recognised when they occur and they are recorded in the accounting records and reported in the financial statements of the period to which they relate.

3 IPSAS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

IPSAS 3 (Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors) requires disclosure of new IPSAS that have been issued but are not yet effective.

IPSAS - 41 Financial Instruments (Effective date 1 January 2023)

The objective of IPSAS 41 is to establish principles for the financial reporting of financial assets and financial liabilities that will present relevant and useful information to users of financial statements for their assessment of the amounts, timing, and uncertainty of an entity's future cash flows.

Initially the effective date for IPSAS 41 was 01 January 2022 but it has now been postponed due to Covid 19 pandemic.

IPSAS - 42 Social Benefits (Effective date 1 January 2023)

The objective of IPSAS 42 is to improve the relevance, faithful representativeness and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial statements. This standard applies to a transaction that meets the definition of a Social Benefit. It does not apply to cash transfers that are accounted for in accordance with other standards. Initially the effective date for IPSAS 42 was 01 January 2022 but it has now been postponed due to Covid 19 pandemic.

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4 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Revenue Recognition

Based on IPSAS 23 'Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers)' the Authority classifies its revenue as Revenue from Exchange Transactions and Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions.

Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions

Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions includes recurrent and capital grants from the Government.

Revenue from Exchange Transactions

Revenue from Exchange Transactions are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefit or service potential associated with transactions will follow to the Authority and that the revenue can be reliably measured.

(ii) **Expenses**

All expenses have been accounted on an accrual basis.

(iii) **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost or revalued amount less accumulated depreciation and any recognised impairment losses. Costs includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the assets.

Assets with a total contract value below the Rs 5,000 threshold are expensed in the Statement of Financial Performance during the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method at the following rates:

Computer equipment	33.33%
Computer software	20%
Office equipment	20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	10%

Depreciation is fully charged in the year of acquisition and no charge is made in the year of disposal.

The cost of replacing part of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow to the Authority and its cost can be measured reliably. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property plant and equipment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance as incurred.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an item of plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

At each Statement of Financial Position date, the Authority reviews the carrying amount of its tangible assets to determine whether there is an indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss and the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount.

Intangible assets such as computer software are recognised only if it is probable that future economic benefits that are attributable to the assets will flow to the Authority and the cost of the assets can be measured reliably.

The vehicles of the Authority were valued by a Motor Surveyor as at 30 June 2020.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

4 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(iv) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and cash in hand.

(v) Inventories

Inventories consist of consumables and are stated at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis) and net realisable value. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to the present location and condition. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in selling.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, then the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Performance, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

(vi) Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the Statement of Financial Position when the GRA becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instruments. Financial instruments are initially measured at cost until such time when the rights to receive cash flows from those assets have expired or have been transferred and the Authority has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

The Authority's accounting policies in respect of the main financial instruments are as follows:

(vii) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at their nominal value as reduced for estimated irrecoverable amounts.

(viii) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are stated at their nominal value.

(ix) Budget information

The Authority prepares its budget on cash basis classified by nature of expenses and covers 12 months period from 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

4 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(x) Retirement and other benefit obligation

Employee benefits

Employee benefits comprise all forms of consideration given by the Authority in exchange of service rendered by employees. These includes current and short term benefits such as salaries, National Savings Funds, Family Protection Schemes, contribution, annual leaves, vacation leaves, sick leaves and passage benefits.

Sick leave

Sick leaves not taken are accumulated by employees to a bank maximum of 110 days. Sick leaves are either cashed in full on resignation, on retirement or taken as leave prior to retirement and are recognised as liability in the financial statements.

Passage benefits

Passage benefits are provided to eligible employees as part of their contract of employment. It is calculated as a percentage of employee's salary as specified in the Pay Research Bureau Report 2021. The amount earned is accrued and same is cleared as and when employees take their passage benefit entitlement. They are therefore classified as employee benefits and are measured at their nominal value. The carrying amount is re-measured each year and after taking into account amount paid and earned during the year.

Benefits for officers on contract

Benefits such as gratuity, unutilised annual leaves and passage benefits for officers employed on contract are expensed during the period and amount unpaid as at the date of reporting are accrued and recognised as liability.

Vacation leave

Provision is made at the end of each reporting date with respect to vacation leaves accruing to the employees as per conditions and recommendations stipulated in the Pay Research Bureau.

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Provision for retirement benefits to employees of Authority is made under the Statutory Bodies Pension Funds Act, as subsequently amended. The Scheme is partly funded by GRA and the employee. Its assets are managed by the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd. The cost of providing benefits is determined using the projected unit credit method with actuarial valuations being carried out at the end of annual reporting period.

The present value of the defined benefit obligations is recognized in the Statement of Financial Position after adjusting the fair value of the plan's assets, any unrecognized actuarial gains and losses and any unrecognized past service. The net total of the current service cost, interest cost, expected returns on plan's assets, fund expenses, any recognized actuarial gains and losses, any recognized past service cost and the effect of any curtailment or settlement is recognized in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Family Protection Scheme

This scheme is established by the Civil Service Family Protection Scheme Act. Under this Act every public officer shall, from the date of his appointment, make a contribution to the Scheme at the rate specified in the Schedule, until he ceases to be a public officer and attains the age of 60 or optionally up to 65 years. On the death of the contributor, his surviving spouse and children are granted a pension at the rate specified in the Act. The pension granted ceases on the death of the surviving spouse or remarriage.

State Pension Plan

Contributions to the National Pension Scheme on behalf of temporary and contract employees are expensed in the Statement of Financial Performance in the period in which they fall due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

4 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(xi) Provisions and Contingent Liabilities

A provision is recognised in the statement of financial position when GRA has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are reviewed at each statement of financial position date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

(xii) Risk Management Policies

A description of the various risks to which the Authority is exposed to is shown below and the approach adopted by management to control and mitigate those risks.

Currency Risk

Currency risk arises only from purchase of goods and services which are denominated in foreign currencies that are negotiated at prevailing exchange rates.

Financial Risk

The Authority as a public sector entity, is not much exposed to financial risks. The Authority does not use any derivative financial instruments to hedge risk exposures.

Operational Risk

Operational risk, which is inherent in all organisations activities, is the risk of financial loss instability arising from failures in internal controls, operational processes or the system that supports them. It is recognized that such risks can never be entirely eliminated and the costs of controls in minimizing these risks may outweigh the potential benefits.

Legal Risk

Legal risk is the risk that business activities of the Authority have unintended or unexpected legal consequences. The Authority identifies and manages legal risks through legal advice from the State Law Office on all its day to day dealings.

(xiii) Taxation

No provision has been made in the financial statements for income tax and value added tax, on the basis that the Authority is exempted.

(xiv) Foreign Currency Transactions

Transaction in foreign currencies are translated to Mauritian rupee at the exchange rate ruling at the date of transaction.

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5 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT - GAMBLING REGULATORY AUTHORITY

	COMPUTER HARDWARE, PERIPHERALS	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	FURNITURE & FIXTURES	MOTOR VEHICLES	TOTAL
COST	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
As at 01 July 2021 - GRA	4,504,788	2,783,658	3,552,540	3,186,750	14,027,736
As at 01 July 2021 - HRD	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4,504,788	2,783,658	3,552,540	3,186,750	14,027,736
Additions - GRA	2,783,727	19,750	124,365	-	2,927,842
Additions - HRD	1,697,170	10,580	49,450	-	1,757,200
Total	4,480,897	30,330	173,815	-	4,685,042
At 30 June 2022	8,985,685	2,813,988	3,726,355	3,186,750	18,712,778
DEPRECIATION					
As at 01 July 2021 - GRA	3,771,390	1,943,287	2,660,095	1,242,350	9,617,122
As at 01 July 2021 - HRD	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,771,390	1,943,287	2,660,095	1,242,350	9,617,122
Charge for the year - GRA	1,379,054	413,201	153,962	525,000	2,471,217
Charge for the year - HRD	565,667	2,116	4,945	-	572,728
Release of revaluation surplus - GRA	-	-	-	195,600	195,600
Total	1,944,721	415,317	158,907	720,600	3,239,545
At 30 June 2022	5,716,111	2,358,604	2,819,002	1,962,950	12,856,667
CARRYING AMOUNT					
At 30 June 2022 - GRA	2,138,071	446,920	862,848	1,223,800	4,671,639
At 30 June 2022 - HRD	1,131,503	8,464	44,505	-	1,184,472
Total	3,269,574	455,384	907,353	1,223,800	5,856,111
At 30 June 2021 - GRA	733,398	840,371	892,445	1,944,400	4,410,614
At 30 June 2021 - HRD	-	-	-	-	-
	733,398	840,371	892,445	1,944,400	4,410,614

6 REVALUATION RESERVE

The vehicles of the Authority was revalued by a Motor Surveyor as at 30 June 2020. The results are shown below:

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
Valuation at start of year	782,400	978,000
Gain on revaluation	-	-
Amortisation	(195,600)	(195,600)
Balance at end of year	586,800	782,400

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7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	GRA	HRD	TOTAL
	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	
COST	Rs	Rs	Rs
At 01 July 2021	1,007,073	-	1,007,073
Additions	147,695	246,157	393,852
At 30 June 2022	<u>1,154,768</u>	<u>246,157</u>	<u>1,400,925</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 01 July 2021	872,062	-	872,062
Charge for the year	90,029	49,231	139,260
At 30 June 2022	<u>962,091</u>	<u>49,231</u>	<u>1,011,322</u>
CARRYING AMOUNT			
At 30 June 2022	192,677	196,926	389,603
At 01 July 2021	135,011	-	135,011

8 CAR LOAN

Eligible officers of the GRA are granted car loan as per terms and conditions in the PRB Report. Outstanding capital on car loans as at 30 June 2022 were as follows:

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
Car loan	<u>1,066,311</u>	<u>1,450,596</u>

Movement in car loan are as follows:

Balance at 01 July	1,450,596	1,834,881
Refund during the year	(384,285)	(384,285)
Balance as at 30 June	<u>1,066,311</u>	<u>1,450,596</u>

Amount shown as current (non-exchange transactions)	241,428	384,285
Amount shown as non-current (non-exchange transaction)	824,883	1,066,311

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9 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION - IPSAS 39

The actuarial valuation of the Authority Staff Pension Fund managed by SICOM Ltd as at 30 June 2022 is reported as follows:

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
Amount recognised in Statement of Financial Position at end of year:		
Defined benefit obligation	14,291,932	12,163,637
Fair value of plan assets	(10,067,061)	(9,526,086)
Liability recognised in statement of financial position at year end	4,224,871	2,637,551
Amounts recognised in Income Statement:		
Service cost:		
Current service cost	773,061	694,992
(Employee contributions)	(256,878)	(237,823)
Fund Expenses	88,436	29,695
Net Interest expense/(income)	115,893	26,725
P & L Charge	720,512	513,589
Remeasurement		
Liability (gain)/loss	747,052	447,321
Assets (gain)/loss	590,699	(571,133)
Net Assets / Equity (NAE)	1,337,751	(123,812)
Total	2,058,263	389,777
Movements in liability recognised in statement of financial position:		
At start of year	2,637,551	2,683,783
Amount recognised in P & L	720,512	513,589
(Contributions paid by employer)	(470,943)	(436,009)
Amount recognised in NAE	1,337,751	(123,812)
At end of year	4,224,871	2,637,551

The plan is a defined benefit arrangement for the employees and it is funded. The assets of the funded plan are held independently and administered by The State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd.

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9 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION (CONT'D)

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
Reconciliation of the present value of defined benefit obligation		
Present value of obligation at start of period	12,163,637	7,380,572
Current service cost	773,061	694,992
Interest cost	608,182	287,842
(Benefits paid)	-	3,352,910
Liability (gain)/loss	747,052	447,321
Present value of obligation at end of period	<u>14,291,932</u>	<u>12,163,637</u>
Reconciliation of fair value of plan assets		
Fair value of plan assets at start of period	9,526,086	4,696,789
Expected return on plan assets	492,289	261,117
Employer contributions	470,943	436,009
Employee contributions	256,878	237,823
Special Contributions	-	-
(Benefits paid + other outgo)	(88,436)	3,323,215
Asset gain/(loss)	(590,699)	571,133
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	<u>10,067,061</u>	<u>9,526,086</u>
Distribution of plan assets at end of period		
	JUNE 2022	JUNE 2021
Percentage of assets at end of year		
Fixed Interest securities and cash	58.00%	54.80%
Loans	2.90%	2.80%
Local equities	13.60%	11.80%
Overseas bonds and equities	25.00%	30.10%
Property	0.50%	0.50%
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>
Additional disclosure on assets issued or used by the reporting entity		
	JUNE 2022	JUNE 2021
Percentage of assets at end of year	(%)	(%)
Assets held in the entity's own financial instruments	0	0
Property occupied by the entity	0	0
Other assets used by the entity	0	0
Components of the amount recognised in OCI		
Year	JUNE 2022	JUNE 2021
Currency	Rs	Rs
Asset experience gain/(loss) during the period	(590,699)	571,133
Liability experience gain/(loss) during the period	(747,052)	(447,321)
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>(1,337,751)</u>	<u>123,812</u>
Year		2022/2023
Expected employer contributions		507,270
Weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation (Calculated as a % change in PV of liabilities for a 1% change in discount rate)		20 years

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9 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION (CONT'D)

The plan is exposed to actuarial risks such as: Investment risk, interest rate risk, longevity risk and salary risk. The risk relating to death in service benefits is re-insured.

The cost of providing the benefits is determined using the Projected Unit Method. The principal assumptions used for the purpose of the actuarial valuation were as follows:

	Year ending 30 June 2022	Period ended 30 June 2021
Discount rate	5.50%	5.00%
Future salary increases	3.50%	3.00%
Future pension increases	2.50%	2.00%
Mortality before retirement	Nil	
Mortality in retirement	PA (90) Tables rated down by 2 years	
Retirement age	62 years	

The discount rate is determined by reference to market yields on bonds.

Significant actuarial assumptions for determination of the defined benefit obligation are discount rate, expected salary increase and mortality. The sensitivity analysis below have been determined based reasonably on possible changes of the assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period.

If the discount rate would be 100 basis points (one percent) higher (lower), the defined benefit obligation would decrease by Rs 2.5 M (increase by Rs 3.3 M) if all other assumptions were held unchanged.

If the expected salary growth would increase (decrease) by 100 basis point, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs 2.1 M (decrease by Rs 1.8 M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

If life expectancy would increase (decrease) by one year, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs 0.4 M (decrease by Rs 0.4 M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

In reality one might expect interrelationships between the assumptions, especially between discount rate and expected salary increases, given that both depends to a certain extent on expected inflation rates. The analysis above abstracts from these interdependence between the assumptions.

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10 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
<u>Exchange Transactions (Current Asset)</u>		
Interest Receivable	14,230	8,234
Court expenses receivables	613,910	658,020
	<u>628,140</u>	<u>666,254</u>
Deposit	2,220,872	617,790
Prepayments - Gambling Regulatory Authority	917,926	332,964
Prepayments - Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund	2,707,920	2,707,920
	<u>5,846,718</u>	<u>3,658,674</u>
<u>Non-Exchange Transactions (Current Asset)</u>		
Car Loan (Notes 8)	241,428	384,285
Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund	9,851,880	2,152,778
	<u>10,093,308</u>	<u>2,537,063</u>
<u>Non-Exchange Transactions (Non Current Asset)</u>		
Car Loan (Notes 8)	824,833	1,066,311
	<u>824,833</u>	<u>1,066,311</u>

11 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Savings A/C	3,964,191	22,135,773
Savings A/C - License fees	41,246,728	14,440,000
Savings A/C - Refundable Deposit	19,973,788	17,259,402
Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund	153,228,181	285,808,698
Horse Racing Division	985,605	-
Cash in Hand	41,389,617	5,939
Total	<u>260,788,110</u>	<u>339,649,812</u>

The bank balances comprise cash held by the Authority at the Maubank Ltd and the State Bank of Mauritius Ltd.

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12 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Employee benefits represent provision for sick leave, annual leave, passage benefits and gratuity. The accumulated balance under these items are detailed as below:-

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021 Rs
Opening Balance	8,424,752	5,630,924
Earnings for the year	2,439,767	2,943,008
Paid to staff	(53,868)	(149,180)
Balance as at 30 June	<u>10,810,651</u>	<u>8,424,752</u>

These obligations are payable as follows:

Current Liabilities

Payable within one year	543,932	53,868
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Non Current Liabilities

Payable after one year	10,266,719	8,370,884
	<u>10,810,651</u>	<u>8,424,752</u>

13 REVENUE

Non - Exchange Transactions

	As at 30 June 2021 Rs	As at 30 June 2021 Rs
Grant received from government	<u>37,900,000</u>	<u>43,000,000</u>

Exchange Transactions

	As at 30 June 2022 Rs	As at 30 June 2021 Rs
Interest received	116,212	139,844
Interest receivable	14,230	8,234
	<u>130,442</u>	<u>148,078</u>
Interest transferred to Consolidated Fund	(49,816)	(48,549)
	<u>80,626</u>	<u>99,529</u>
Sundry income	-	10,102
	<u>80,626</u>	<u>109,631</u>

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14 REFUNDABLE GUARANTEE DEPOSITS

Security Deposit in the form of Bank Guarantee for the sum of Rs 146,401,788 has been furnished by licensees at 30 June 2022 movement of which is shown below:

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
	Rs	
Opening balance of bank guarantee as at 01 July	161,342,083	135,484,723
Bank guarantee received during year	21,299,072	51,254,447
Bank guarantee released during year	(36,239,367)	(25,397,087)
Closing balance of bank guarantee as at 30 June	<u>146,401,788</u>	<u>161,342,083</u>

Details of Refundable Deposits included in the accounts are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
Balance at 1 July	14,538,432	16,464,164
Deposit Received	9,950,620	8,425,238
less refund of Deposit	(6,138,998)	(11,277,094)
Balance at 30 June	<u>18,350,054</u>	<u>13,612,308</u>

15 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
<u>Exchange Transactions (Current Liabilities)</u>		
Payables and Accrued Expenses	4,004,982	3,329,566
Payables - Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund	69,320	1,048,452
Payables - Horse Racing Division	59,570	-
	<u>4,133,872</u>	<u>4,378,018</u>
<u>Non Exchange Transactions (Current Liabilities)</u>		
Car loan (note 7)	241,428	384,285
Horse Racing Division	1,300,220	-
	<u>1,541,648</u>	<u>384,285</u>

Non Exchange Transactions (Non Current Liabilities)

Car Loan	824,833	1,066,311
	<u>824,833</u>	<u>1,066,311</u>

16 OPERATING COSTS

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
	Rs	Rs
Police des Jeux	414,000	276,000
Rent of Building & parking slot	9,937,315	6,103,550
Telephone Charges	835,054	949,029
Electricity Charges	786,807	551,798
Printing and Stationery	500,269	409,353
	<u>12,473,445</u>	<u>8,289,730</u>

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	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
Salaries, allowances and other staff cost	26,495,398	20,853,723
Pensions expenses	3,447,923	3,286,283
Employee Benefits	2,439,767	2,943,008
Retirement Benefits Obligations	720,512	(123,812)
	<u>33,103,600</u>	<u>26,959,202</u>

18 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021
Board & Committee Fees	4,017,015	3,740,335
Appeal Committee Fees	2,262,330	378,000
Legal Fees	1,440,400	1,741,375
Postage	20,906	17,711
Newspapers & Periodicals	132,066	43,830
Press Notice	127,926	128,225
Office Supplies and Refreshments	148,434	193,927
Cleaning Services	193,080	147,410
Repairs & Maintenance	385,374	100,353
General Expenses	57,877	179,388
Motor vehicles expenses	423,016	406,906
Overseas Mission	205,193	-
Professional Fees	234,342	295,500
Consultancy Fees	-	1,380,000
Subscription	40,539	92,336
Miscellaneous expenses	929,127	-
Audit Fees	250,000	250,000
	<u>10,867,625</u>	<u>9,095,297</u>

19 DEPRECIATION

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2021	RATE
Depreciation Charge			
Motor Vehicle	525,000	329,400	20%
Furniture & Fixtures	153,962	145,033	10%
Office Equipment	413,201	414,485	20%
Computer Equipment	1,379,054	752,700	33%
Computer Software	90,029	73,710	20%
	<u>2,561,246</u>	<u>1,715,328</u>	

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20 RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND

The Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund (RGCBF) was set up under the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2016. As per the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2016 the Gambling Regulatory Authority shall set up a Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund:

- (a) into which shall be paid the levy raised from licensees; and
- (b) out of which shall be paid such sums as the Managing Committee may approve for –
 - (i) developing and implementing a responsible gambling programme for the public;
 - (ii) identifying and addressing the ills associated with the gambling industry;
 - (iii) capacity building at the Authority;
 - (iv) ensuring integrity and best practices in the gambling industry;
 - (v) any other purpose as the Board may determine.

As per the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2016:

1. The Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund shall be administered by a Managing Committee which shall consist of a chairperson and not more than 4 other persons, to be appointed by the Board after consultation with the Minister.
2. The Managing Committee shall hold its meetings at such time and place as the Chairperson may determine.
3. The Managing Committee shall regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it may determine.
4. Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3), the Managing Committee shall, where required by the Minister or Board –
 - (a) furnish information in respect of its activities; and
 - (b) comply with such directions of a general character as the Minister or Board considers necessary in the public interest.

The day to day tasks of the RGCBF are managed by employees of the Gambling Regulatory Authority situated at the 12 floor, Newton Tower, Sir William Newton Street, Port Louis.

The Mauritius Revenue Authority collects levy from licensees and remit same to the Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund. The Mauritius Revenue Authority started to remit levy collected as from October 2016.

Cash flows related to the fund are included in this financial statements.

GAMBLING REGULATORY AUTHORITY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022****20 RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND (CONTINUED)**

Revenue and expenditure for the Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund for the year ended 30 June 2022 were as follows:

	As at 30 June 2022 Rs	As at 30 June 2021 Rs
REVENUE		
<u>Non Exchange Transactions</u>		
Receipts from Mauritius Revenue Authority	67,950,042	60,538,623
Total revenue	<u>67,950,042</u>	<u>60,538,623</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Staff costs	-	2,048,265
Member fees	254,100	264,000
Subscription	675,455	-
Remittance into Consolidated Fund	-	-
Administrative costs	513,164	1,015,422
Customer relation hub	822,250	1,140,157
Capacity building	-	150,500
Out of competition testing	2,370,405	5,607,444
Transfer to Horse Racing Division	11,717,556	-
Consultancy fees	460,325	-
Finance costs	39,070	5,021
	<u>16,852,325</u>	<u>10,230,809</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	<u>51,097,717</u>	<u>50,307,814</u>

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21 HORSE RACING DIVISION

The GRA Act was amended through the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021 for the establishment of the Horse Racing Division with the following objectives:

- (i) To regulate, control and monitor the organisation of horse racing activities;
- (ii) To promote public confidence in the integrity of the horse racing industry by ensuring proper standards of conduct and competence;
- (iii) To ensure that horse racing is fair, clean and free from corruption or malpractice;
- (iv) To ensure that there is a clear and transparent framework for access to participation in horse racing;
- (v) To promote the welfare and leisure of the racegoing public.

As per the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act the activities of the Horse Racing Division shall be financed out of the Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund.

Revenue and expenditure for the Horse Racing Division for the year ended 30 June 2022 were as follows:

	Rs
REVENUE	
<u>Non Exchange Transactions</u>	
Receipts from Responsible Gambling & Capacity Building Fund	11,717,556
Receipts from Horse Racing Organisers - Jockey's fees	631,000
Total revenue	<u>12,348,556</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Staff costs	811,530
Member fees	166,357
Jockey's fees	631,000
Consultancy fees	7,890,042
Administrative costs	895,842
Depreciation	621,957
Finance costs	115
	<u>11,016,843</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>1,331,713</u>

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22 Receipts of Licence Fees and Remittance Into Consolidated Fund

Amount collected as Licence Fees during financial year 2021/2022 amounted to Rs 355,030,782 as detailed below.

Licence Type	Amount (Rs)
Agent of a Foreign Pool Promoter	27,863
Amusement Machine	4,479,573
Amusement Machine Operator	272,365
Bookmaker - Rem. Com. (SMS)	3,949,308
Bookmaker - Rem. Com. (Telephone)	7,903,192
Casino	11,655,478
Personal Management Licence	1,170,000
Others - Appeal Fees	100,000
FOB - Football matches	32,571,122
Gaming House "A"	65,464,402
Gaming House "B"	31,253
Gaming Machines	201,899,851
Horse Racing Organiser	2,000,000
Limited Payout Machine Operator	6,575
Local Pool Promoter	25,726
Limited Payout Machines	1,334,041
Lottery	825,000
Operator of Mauritius National Lottery	3,575,343
Penalty	302,500
Sweepstake Organiser	37,907
Totalisator	17,399,283
Total	355,030,782

An amount of Rs 286,147,863 was remitted into the Consolidated Fund.

Licence fees are accounted in the Cash Flow Statement.

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23 GAIN/LOSS RESULTING UPON TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

As at 30 June 2022 the Authority have receivables of GBP 11,000. This transaction have been restated and the result is shown below.

	GBP	Exchange Rate	Rs
Receivables at start of year	11,000	59.82	658,020
Receivables at end of year	11,000	55.81	613,910
Gain from changes in exchange rate			<u>-44,110</u>

24 Court Settlement (Waiver of licence fees)

The licence of one Gaming House namely, Funworld Co Ltd, was revoked on 19th August 2010. Subsequently, Funworld Ltd lodged a Court Case against the State of Mauritius & Others including the GRA. In a Judgement given on 06 March 2020 the parties agreed that the matter be settled for the sum of Rs 50 million made up as follows:

(a) Rs 30 million as cash compensation; and

(b) Rs 20 million in terms of 2 Gaming House A licences for 100 coin-operated gaming machines, to operate 2 new outlets. Under the terms of settlement it was agreed that in respect of the outlets licence fees will be waived as aforesaid for a period of one year.

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25 LEASE**Operating Lease**

Rentals payable under operating lease agreements are charged to the Statement of Financial Performance on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

Operating leases are leases of assets, the ownership of which are retained by the lessor.

Operating Lease Arrangements

	As at 30 June 2022 Rs	As at 30 June 2021 Rs
Minimum lease payments under operating lease recognised	9,937,315	6,103,550

At Statement of Financial Position date, the Authority has outstanding commitments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:-

- within one year	14,242,300	8,406,546
Later than one year and not more than three years	16,368,789	8,415,792
Total Operating Lease Obligations	30,611,089	16,822,338

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the GRA for leasehold of office space and parking slots under renewable agreements.

26 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

The Authority regards the Government of Mauritius as its controlling party. As per provisions of the Act constituting the Authority, the Board members represent the interest of stakeholders. An amount of Rs 5,982,037 was paid as board fees and sub committee fees to Board Members. Other related party transactions are as follows:

i. Employees of the Authority which include key administrative personnel namely the Chief Executive, Administrative and Human Resource Manager, Information Systems Officer, Lead Anti Money Laundering Officer, Legal Consultant and the Accountant. Remuneration paid to these officers is in accordance with the recommendations of the Pay Research Bureau Report amounted to Rs 6,489,406.

Eligible employees are granted duty free facilities and/or loans for the purchase of car as prescribed in the Pay Research Bureau Report. The details, amount granted and balances under these loans are given at note 8 in the financial statements. There are no other loans to key management personnel or to other categories of staff.

ii. Licence fees collected are remitted into the Consolidated Fund and for the year under review an amount of Rs 286,147,863 was remitted into the Consolidated Fund.

iii. An amount of Rs 67,950,042 was remitted to the Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund by the Mauritius Revenue Authority.

iv. The Authority issued licences for operator and gaming machines to four casinos owed by the State Investment Corporation Limited against payment of licence fees amounting to Rs 42,085,562.

v. The National Solidarity Fund under the GRA Act is in receipt of unclaimed prizes. As per GRA Act any winning which has not been claimed by a punter shall be paid into the National Solidarity Fund. For the year under review an amount of Rs 126,036,801 was remitted in the National Solidarity Fund.

vi. The Authority is assisted in its enforcement and surveillance mandate by the Police Des Jeux, a unit under the purview of the Police Department. The salaries of the police officers of the Police Des Jeux unit is paid directly by the Government. However, allowances amounting to Rs 414,000 was paid by the Authority to the Police Des Jeux.