

4.genesis
the Annual Report

Introduction

Written at a time of increased global instability as the world powers return to their old ways, now that the first global pandemic has begun to ebb. This is a financial look back at the fourth year of the Ministry of Ginger, in the fourth epoch of agensis.

This past year’s budget remained broadly consistent with the previous year, in the knowledge that Energy & Food requirements would remain at their established levels, due to international forces.

And, whilst employment has come into question in the last two series of the year, we are happy to report that the Ministry of Ginger’s Income remained stable.

Summary

	Budget		Received		Variance
Income	MG	26,000.00	MG	28,282.96	2,282.96

Expenditure by Department	Budget		Spend		Variance
the Treasury	MG	9,900.90	MG	9,890.90	- 10.00
the Internet and Communications	MG	654.20	MG	632.76	- 21.44
Art and Entertainment	MG	563.36	MG	908.25	344.90
Business and Employment	MG	10.00	MG	-	- 10.00
Care and Health	MG	1,126.32	MG	2,189.32	1,063.00
Development	MG	10.00	MG	-	- 10.00
Energy and Food	MG	4,313.53	MG	5,141.84	828.31
Foreign Aid and Diplomacy	MG	5,217.33	MG	5,680.55	463.22
History and Legacy	MG	10.00	MG	5.61	- 4.39
Infrastructure and Transport	MG	4,164.37	MG	4,391.67	227.30
Justice	MG	10.00	MG	-	- 10.00
Space and Time	MG	10.00	MG	-	- 10.00
Dissociation From the United Kingdom	MG	10.00	MG	-	- 10.00
	MG	26,000.00	MG	28,840.90	2,840.90

Total Income	MG	28,282.96
Total Expenditure	MG	28,840.90
	-	557.93

Income

The Ministry was again fortunate to continue to receive small and regular familial investments, along with almost now regular Premium Bonds dividends, and interest on bank accounts.

There was also a one-time employment bonus in recognition of the Cost-of-Living Crisis, towards the end of the 2nd Gregorian quarter.

Salaried Income has remained consistent, with a small increase taking effect from the start of the same quarter onwards.

Expenditure

Due to the aforementioned Cost-of-Living Crisis, both Care & Health and Energy & Food saw the highest overspend in the past year.

Although the overall Expenditure still exceeded Income, the variance was the newly lowest overspend since the Ministry began, and close to only MG|500. Care & Health's overspend exceeded MG|1000 with Energy & Food approaching MG|900; consideration of which was taken into 5.agenesis' budget.

The remaining departmental variances were narrow at a few percentage each.

What follows is a brief summary by department:

the Treasury

All savings followed the expected trajectory this past year, and the Department spent none of its MG|10 Nominal Spend budget.

the Internet and Communications

All communication channels were sustained throughout, with spending remaining just under budget.

Art and Entertainment

Whilst this Department's spend was again over budget; this time an only 61% overspend (compared to the previous year's 92%), driven in the main by a Leeds International Film Festival Explorer Pass, and entertainment activities on the Director's excursion to the European mainland.

Future increased spend in this Department has been provisioned for in the budget for 5.agenesis.

Business and Employment

No spend.

Care and Health

You would have to go back to 1.agenesis to see overspend in this Department at a similar scale; with this year's MG|1063 overspend at the second highest rate for the Department in the Ministry's history.

Half of this was driven by the Director's holiday on the European continent and the broad increase in real world costs of things as a result.

Spend on Presents for Others more than doubled, but – considering the changes in the Director's personal circumstances – this was not unwarranted and not at all unwelcome.

Nearly a five-fold increase in spend on Project JJ also marked a significant portion of the overspend, though – in relative terms – nothing of concern.

As an almost direct result of all of the above; the Department's budget has been significantly increased in anticipation of 5.agenesis.

Development

No spend.

Energy and Food

Savings aside, Food & Drink became the highest spending sector of any Department – driven by the Cost-of-Living Crisis cost of eating out; and whilst the re-opening of the subsidised canteen in descent at the Director's place of employment was welcomed; it did not off-set these increases.

However, despite the real-world economic conditions; the anticipated overspend on Home Power did not materialise thanks to credits through the UK Government. This is not anticipated to be sustainable throughout the coming year; and so a significant boost has been provisioned for in 5.agenesis.

Foreign Aid and Diplomacy

The UK Income Tax and National Insurance contributions saw a slight increase following the Salary increase in the 2nd Gregorian quarter; and a one-off bonus was appropriately taxed also at the end of that quarter.

Charitable Donations were tracked this year, and the Ministry saw no hesitation in exceeding their modest budget by 50% - a trend that is to be reflected in the 5.agenesis budget.

History and Legacy

This Department saw their first ever spend; with the establishment of a modest record keeping system for documentation such as these annual reports, and other important documents that were trialled in 4.agenesis – including the Danifesto.

Infrastructure and Transport

With a budget consistent from the previous year, this Department's overspend was much less pronounced than the previous year, at a mere 5% (compared to 22% the previous year).

Although slight overspends in Car Fuel, Car Tax & Home Equipment; the main overspend came from Car MOT & Service with an unscheduled repair in anew.

However, significant savings in Car Insurance, Home Insurance and Water helped to largely redress this imbalance.

A new category of Public Transport was introduced in 4.agenesis to track associated spend, which was welcomed in line with the Danifesto. As a direct result; the budget for 5.agenesis includes double what was spent this year, in an attempt to encourage this trend.

Justice

No spend required.

Space and Time

No spend.

Dissociation From the United Kingdom

Whilst this Department was formally introduced during 3.agenesis; it was only issued granted Nominal Spend budget this year. However, no such occasion for it to be used was to be found.

Conclusions

This past year's Income is the highest in the first four years of the Ministry, matched in statistic by the highest Expenditure in its history also. However, being only 2% overspent, compared to 3% in 3.agenesis and 4.5% in 4.agenesis must be recognised as an improvement.

Much of this overspend can also be attributed to a much free-feeling year since the pandemic has evolved onto the side-lines, and a general opening up of social endeavours – including the Director's first travel abroad in more than 2.5 years – can be taken as reasonable explanation.

All Departmental overspend can be justified within their own conditions, and appropriate adjustments to the 5.agenesis budget have already taken place.

In addition, the allowance for a change in Expenditure – with regards to a reduction in personal Savings – has been allowed for in the coming year; to permit further indulgence in the emerging social priorities that have manifest themselves in the last half a year in particular.

Overall, the Ministry retains a level of confidence in its finances, and looks forward to documenting them as 5.agenesis unfolds.