

**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL  
ON THE ST AUGUSTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2014**

We have audited the Statement of Financial Position of the St Augustine Primary School together with the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 August 2014.

**DISCLAIMER OF OPINION**

2. We do not express an opinion on the financial statements of the SAPS. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph below, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an opinion on these financial Statements.

**BASIS FOR DISCLAIMER OF OPINION**

3. We were unable to verify some expenditure transactions as supporting documents underpinning approximately 45% of total expenditures were not presented for audit examination. This limited the scope of our audit and we could not determine that the costs had actually been incurred or to check for errors.

4. We experienced some difficulties in obtaining responses to our audit queries. In fact, to date, there has been no response from the Finance Officer regarding the financial differences discovered during the course of our audit, and we have not received the adjusted financial statements.

5. As a result of these matters, we are unable to determine whether any adjustments would have been necessary to the Income Statements and Statements of Financial Position for the year under review.

6. The audit was conducted in accordance with accepted auditing standards. The Auditor General's responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibility section of this report. It is our view that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the above audit opinion.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE**

7. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Financial Statements and the information contained therein. Management is also responsible for ensuring

that appropriate systems of accounts are established; there are appropriate systems of internal controls and that the accounts conform to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

8. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing SAPS's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

9. Those charged with governance (the Board) are responsible for overseeing SAPS's financial reporting process.

### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

10. Our responsibility under Section 103 of the Montserrat Constitution Order and Section 42 of the PFMAA is to audit, certify and express an independent opinion on those statements based on our audit and to report our opinion to you.

11. Our audit was conducted in accordance with INTOSAI auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

12. An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken based on these financial statements.

13. As part of an audit in accordance with ISSAI, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the SAPS's internal control;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that

may cast significant doubt on SAP's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that are identified during the audit.

### **Other Information**

14. SAPS's management are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises information included in the Annual Report, other than the parts of the financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with the audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we report by exception**

15. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters which we report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.



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