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Chambers of the Director of Public Prosecutions

1.0 Background Information

Institution's Objectives, Functions & Structure

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) is a constitutional Office which plays a vital role in the administration of justice in criminal causes and matters. The DPP is the sole authority vested with the power and responsibility to exercise control over the prosecution of all criminal matters except the institution of a Court-Martial.

Functions of the DPP's Office: The functions of the Office of the DPP **and** the DPP are stated in Article 187 of the *Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana*. They are:

1. "To institute and undertake criminal proceedings against any person before any court, other than a court-martial, in respect of any offence against the law of Guyana;
2. To take over and continue any such criminal proceedings that may have been instituted by any other person or authority; and
3. To discontinue at any stage before judgment is delivered any such criminal proceedings instituted or undertaken by him or any other person or authority."

According to the said Article 187, the powers conferred on the DPP are vested in the DPP to the exclusion of any other person or authority and the DPP shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority. While the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) is a part of the executive of the State, it is an independent Office and this is provided for under Article 116 of the *Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana*.

Article 116 states that there shall be a DPP whose Office shall be a public office and that the functions of the said Office are stated in Article 187 of the Constitution. The DPP is appointed by the Judicial Service Commission according to Articles 203 and 199 of the *Constitution*, as amended by the *Constitution (Amendment) Act* (No. 6) of 2001. The DPP is supported by a Deputy DPP, five Assistant DPPs, six Senior State Counsel and ten State Counsel as well as a support staff. The support staff consist of an Administrative Officer, a Communications and Outreach Officer, a Data and Knowledge Management Officer, three Legal Assistants, an Accountant, an Accounts Clerk, a Confidential Secretary, one Systems Development Coordinator, one Systems Support Officer, a Librarian, two Library Assistants, one Typist Clerk, three Legal Clerks, a Receptionist, two Office Assistants, one Handyman and a Cleaner. The Deputy DPP is also appointed by the Judicial Service Commission according to Article 199 of the *Constitution*, as amended. All other legal staff of the Office of the DPP are Public Officers.

In carrying out these functions the major activities of the DPP are to give legal advice and to appear in Court "to discharge in accordance with the Constitution of Guyana, the obligation to ensure that all criminal matters are dealt with in a fair, impartial and efficient manner". This is in keeping with the Office Mission Statement.

Pursuant to Act No. 4 of 2010 which amended the *Court of Appeal Act*, Cap. 3:01, the DPP has now been vested with the authority to appeal against verdicts of acquittal including:

1. a trial judge upholding a no case submission,
2. a defect in the depositions,
3. a defect in the committal of the accused person,
4. a decision by the trial judge to exclude material evidence,
5. the trial judge's substantial misdirection of the jury in the course of his summation on the law, facts or on a mixed question of law or fact,
6. a material irregularity in the trial,
7. the sentence.

In carrying out these functions the DPP provides legal advice to and representation for all law enforcement and other agencies in relation to the prosecution of criminal cases depending on the availability of legal staff.

In the execution of the above mentioned functions, the major activities of the DPP are:

- A. To proffer indictments in the criminal sessions in the Demerara, Berbice and Essequibo counties; during these criminal sessions, one or more State Counsel would be assigned to prosecute the cases listed to be heard by the sitting trial judges. There are 4 assizes for the year in the county of Demerara and 3 assizes each in the counties of Berbice and Essequibo. The Courts in all three counties sit nearly simultaneously during these assizes; hence, the DPP has to provide Attorneys-at-law to appear exclusively in these assizes since generally the Courts sit everyday and all day. Only one Judge sits each in the High Court in Berbice and Essequibo but Demerara usually has a minimum of three Judges sitting in each criminal assizes.
- B. To appear in the Appellate Court, that is the Full Court for appeals in summary charges and the Court of Appeal for appeals from all indictable charges, and the Caribbean Court of Justice for appeals from the Court of Appeal.
- C. To appear in the Magistrate's court for a technically high profile matter and in extreme instances where the police prosecutors would request assistance. Most fraud charges are indictable but the trial for these charges are done in the Magistrates' courts; however, any fraud charges concerning the right to property has to be done in the High Court.
- D. To appear in the High Court in Applications for Bail, *Habeas Corpus*, or Application to Leave the Jurisdiction, and for Extension of Time to keep persons in custody pending police investigations.
- E. To appear before the Chief Justice for ex parte Orders under the *Anti Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009*, the *Telecommunications Act 1990*, *Interception of Communications Act 2008*, *Fugitives Offenders Act 1988*, *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 2009*.

- F. To provide the Guyana Police Force (GPF) and other Law Enforcement Agencies such as the Customs Anti Narcotic Unit (CANU) and Guyana Energy Authority (GEA) with legal advice in the prosecution of criminal cases.
- G. To provide legal advice to other Government Ministries, such as, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *et cetera*.
- H. To ensure that no citizen is charged unjustly.
- I. To ensure that persons who break the law are charged and prosecuted according to the relevant provisions of the laws of Guyana.
- J. The DPP enters Plea Bargaining Agreements with Attorneys at their request and after due consideration of the matter.

There are two types of criminal charges—summary charges and indictable charges. Both types of charges are instituted in the Magistrates’ courts. All summary charges are heard by a Magistrate while some indictable charges are heard by a Magistrate. Purely indictable charges must be done before a judge and jury; however, for these, either a preliminary inquiry (P.I.) or a Paper Committal (P.C.) must first be done by a Magistrate in the Magistrates’ courts.

After an indictable charge is instituted, if it is being disposed of by the Magistrate, a trial is held. If however, the charge has to be heard by a judge and jury, then a P.I. or a P.C. has to be done by a Magistrate to determine if an accused person must stand trial for the offence for which he or she is charged. A P.I. or P.C. must be conducted for purely indictable offences, such as, Murder, Manslaughter, Rape. After the P.I. or P.C. is completed, the DPP receives the P.I. depositions or P.C. documents.

Upon receipt of the depositions/documents, the DPP either proffers the indictments or discontinues the charge or orders the re-opening of the P.I./ P.C depending on the evidence contained in the depositions/documents. Where indictments are proffered they will then be presented to the judges in the High Court for hearing at the criminal sessions.

Complaints:

Prisoners who are awaiting their trial in the High Courts in Demerara, Berbice or in Essequibo and other parties to a criminal matter would usually complain to the DPP if they are not satisfied with the police investigations.

The DPP also receives from Attorneys-at-law letters in relation to issues concerning their clients’ case, and the DPP takes appropriate action.

Complaints received on misconduct by members of the Guyana Police Force are sent to the Commissioner of Police for action to be taken by the Office of Professional Responsibility. Complaints can also be made to the Police Complaints Authority for their action.

The Office has a complaint Form which the complainants will fill up stating their complaints. These forms contain the necessary information required for taking further actions into matters. Each complaint or observation is addressed and this has also served to assist the DPP in the performance of her function under the Constitution.

Bringing Police Prosecutors under the DPP's Office:

Generally, it is preferred that prosecution of criminal charges be done by lawyers. The majority of criminal charges are disposed of in the Magistrates' courts and the police are the prosecutors, thereby resulting in the prosecution of most of the criminal charges being done by police prosecutors. Generally, the prosecutors in the Magistrates' courts are police.

In order to improve the quality of prosecutions by police prosecutors the Commissioner of Police has seconded four police prosecutors on a full time basis to the DPP's Chambers.

The secondment of these police prosecutors to the Office allows them to have immediate and direct access to the DPP and the State Lawyers when they need advice on the prosecution of cases, as well as, to have access to the Office's library for research purposes. The police prosecutors assigned to the Office do all indictable charges as well as serious summary charges such as Trafficking in Narcotics and Trafficking in Persons.

During the year 2014 approvals were given by the Ministry of Public Service to create and fill the following positions:

Memorandum Date	No.	Position	Category
05/03/2014	2	Legal Assistant	1: Administrative

The Office of the DPP achieves the objectives of its programme by exercising control over all criminal matters in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The Office prides itself in the expeditious manner in which the work is conducted particularly the time within which files are dealt with and returned to the police headquarters to be dispatched to the various police stations through the rout established by the Guyana Police Force. This is especially given the shortage of staff at the Office.

To ensure that no person is unjustifiably charged and prosecuted the Office advises the police and other law enforcement agencies either before or after charges are instituted. It is better to advise before charges are instituted. The failure of the police to send the files before the charges are instituted sometimes results in charges being instituted which are weak and eventually they are dismissed. It also delays the process in court, in that, the files may have to be returned to the

police station for further investigations to clarify or explain pertinent aspects of the original statements or for statements to be taken to complete investigations, during the course of the trial. The majority of files are sent for legal advice after charges are instituted by the police. This system is unsatisfactory. In some instances where the files come after the charges are instituted it is too late for the police to benefit from legal advice as the time for certain investigations would have already passed. It is important for investigations to be done timely, that is, immediately after the commission of the offence. When this time passes it is difficult to do the investigations desired for a successful prosecution. The quality of the investigations to a great extent determines how successful the prosecutions are in court.

In addition to the aforementioned this system has other constraints. There is the problem of the police sometimes not forwarding some files to the Office for legal advice. All files for indictable charges ought to be sent to have the benefit of the advice of the DPP. Following discussions with senior members of the Guyana Police Force, there has been significant increase in the number of files for indictable matters that are being forwarded to these Chambers for legal advice. It is hoped that this trend improves since it will auger well for the proper preparation of crime files and ultimately better cases being presented in Court. There is another constraint where the DPP requests a police file from the Guyana Police Force and it is not always sent on time or at all, sometimes resulting in Magistrates dismissal of the charges.

There is yet another constraint in that advice is given for further investigations to be done and the file returned for further legal advice but the police fail to do this.

The police ought to send files to the DPP immediately after indictable and serious summary charges are dismissed or an accused is discharged so that the DPP could advise how to proceed and take appropriate action accordingly. The appropriate action may be to file a Notice of Appeal if there was a trial or to give the Magistrate directions to take further action in cases of a P.I/ P.C. Where a Notice of Appeal has to be filed this must be done within fourteen days of the dismissal of the charge. And in the case where an accused is discharged the police must also immediately inform the DPP so if the discharge was against the weight of the evidence or contrary to law the DPP can write to the Magistrate requesting a copy of the depositions. The DPP will then determine if the Magistrate acted in accordance with the law and evidence. If not, the DPP writes to the Magistrate to reopen and commit the accused to stand trial or take further evidence depending on the statements in the police file.

Although it is envisaged that charges will be laid promptly upon receipt of the advice this is not always the case. Sometimes advice given is not complied with by the police or the police delay in complying with the advice both in relation to the conduct of investigations as well as in relation to the institution of charges.

Pursuant to the Justice Modernization Programme the DPP and DDPP host a monthly meeting with Heads of the other agencies in the Criminal Justice System called the Early Case Assessment Programme (ECAP) Heads Meeting. The persons are the Commissioner of Police, Chief Magistrate, Director of Prisons, Registrar of the Supreme Court, Legal Advisor for the Guyana Police Force and the Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority. At this meeting all issues in the Criminal Justice System affecting the members are raised and addressed.

The DPP addresses issues with the Commissioner of Police through correspondence and the ECAP Heads Meeting and hopes that the constraints existing will be addressed so there can be improved investigations and prosecutions resulting in a high rate of convictions thereby improving the existing Criminal Justice System.

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Director of Public Prosecutions.
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2.0 Mission Statement

To discharge in accordance with the Constitution of Guyana, the obligation to ensure that all criminal matters are dealt with in a fair, impartial and efficient manner.

3.0 Role of the Chambers

The Chambers of the Director of Public Prosecutions continues to play a vital role in the administration of justice in criminal matters. It is the authority vested with the power and responsibility of exercising control over the prosecutions of all criminal matters except the institution of courts-martial. The Chambers therefore provides professional advice to and representation for all law enforcement and other agencies in relation to the prosecution of criminal cases depending on the availability of legal staff.

The Chambers seeks to ensure that no citizen is unjustifiably charged and prosecuted and that those whose acts or omissions justify the institution of criminal proceedings are charged and prosecuted under the relevant provisions of the law. It also tries to ensure that all persons charged are given a fair hearing within a reasonable time in accordance with their constitutional rights.

4.0 Description of Sections of the Chambers and Update of Staffing

The Chambers comprises of two sections, the Legal and the Support Sections.

4.1 The Legal Staff Section

The professional staff at the Chambers of the Director of Public Prosecutions comprises of the Director, the Deputy Director, five Assistant Directors, six Senior State Counsel and ten State Counsel. On December 31, 2014 there were the Director, the Deputy Director, three Assistant Directors, two Senior State Counsel and eight State Counsel.

Mrs. Shalimar Ali-Hack who was appointed by the Judicial Service Commission continued in this position.

Ms. Jo-Ann Barlow who was appointed by the Judicial Service Commission as Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions continued in this position.

Ms. Sonia Joseph who was appointed by the Public Service Commission as Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions continued in this position.

Ms. Dionne Mc Cammon and Mrs. Judith Gildharie-Mursalin were appointed as Assistant Directors of Public Prosecutions by the Public Service Commission.

Mrs. Teshana Lake and Ms. Diana Kaulesar were appointed as Senior State Counsel.

Ms. Dhanika Singh, Ms. Natasha Backer and Ms. Mercedes Thompson who joined the Chambers as State Counsel continued in this position.

Ms. Stacy Goodings was transferred from the Ministry of Legal Affairs as State Counsel.

Mr. Michael Shahoud was seconded from the Guyana Defence Force as State Counsel.

Three new Lawyers who were admitted to the Bar in October 2014, joined the Chambers as State Counsel. They are Ms. Narissa Leander, Ms. Orinthia Schmidt and Ms. Shawnette Austin who joined the Chambers with effect from 6th October, 2014, 18th November, 2014 and 8th December, 2014, respectively.

During the year 2014, the following Legal Staff was transferred from these Chambers and appointed to the Magistracy:

1. Ms. Renita Singh who was appointed as Senior State Counsel by the Public Service Commission was transferred to the Magistracy.

2. Mr. Lloyd Conway resigned as State Counsel with effect from 2nd July, 2014.

4.2 The Support Staff Section

The Support Staff at the Chambers of the Director of Public Prosecutions comprise of an Administrative Officer, a Communications and Outreach Officer, a Data and Knowledge Management Officer, five Legal Assistants, an Accountant, an Accounts Clerk, a Confidential Secretary, one Systems Development Coordinator, one Systems Support Officer, a Librarian, two Library Assistants, one Typist Clerk, three Legal Clerks, a Receptionist, two Office Assistants, one Handyman and a Cleaner. On December 31, 2014 these positions were all filled except for the Data and Knowledge Management Officer, two Legal Assistants, one Library Assistant, the Typist Clerk and the Handyman.

Ms. Merlyne Lall retained her position as the Administrative Officer.

Ms. Deborah Wilson, the Confidential Secretary, continued in this position.

Mrs. Joy Williams, Mr. Abbas Hamid and Ms. Candace Elias, Legal Assistants, continued in this position.

Ms. Lazeena Rahaman, Communications and Outreach Officer, continued in this position.

Ms. Dianne Ramsaran, Accountant, continued in this position.

Ms. Mondella Marks, Legal Clerk, continued in this position.

Ms. Carolyn Munro, the Receptionist, continued in this position.

Ms. Candace Welcome, the Librarian, continued in this position.

Ms. Nakeeta Ali, Library Assistant, continued in this position.

Mr. Afshoon Gaffoor, Systems Support Officer, continued in this position.

Ms. Deborah Williams, the Office Assistant, continued in this position.

Ms. Donnette Bentham, Cleaner, continued in this position.

During the year 2014, the following Support Staff joined these Chambers:

1. Ms. Lorraine Vandeyar joined these Chambers as Accounts Clerk with effect from 3rd March, 2014.
2. Ms. Dhanrajie Budhram joined these Chambers as Legal Clerk with effect from 8th September, 2014.
3. Mr. Levi Deo joined these Chambers as Legal Clerk with effect from 18th August, 2014.

4. Ms. Cloyette Sumner joined these Chambers as Systems Development Coordinator with effect from 2nd January, 2014.

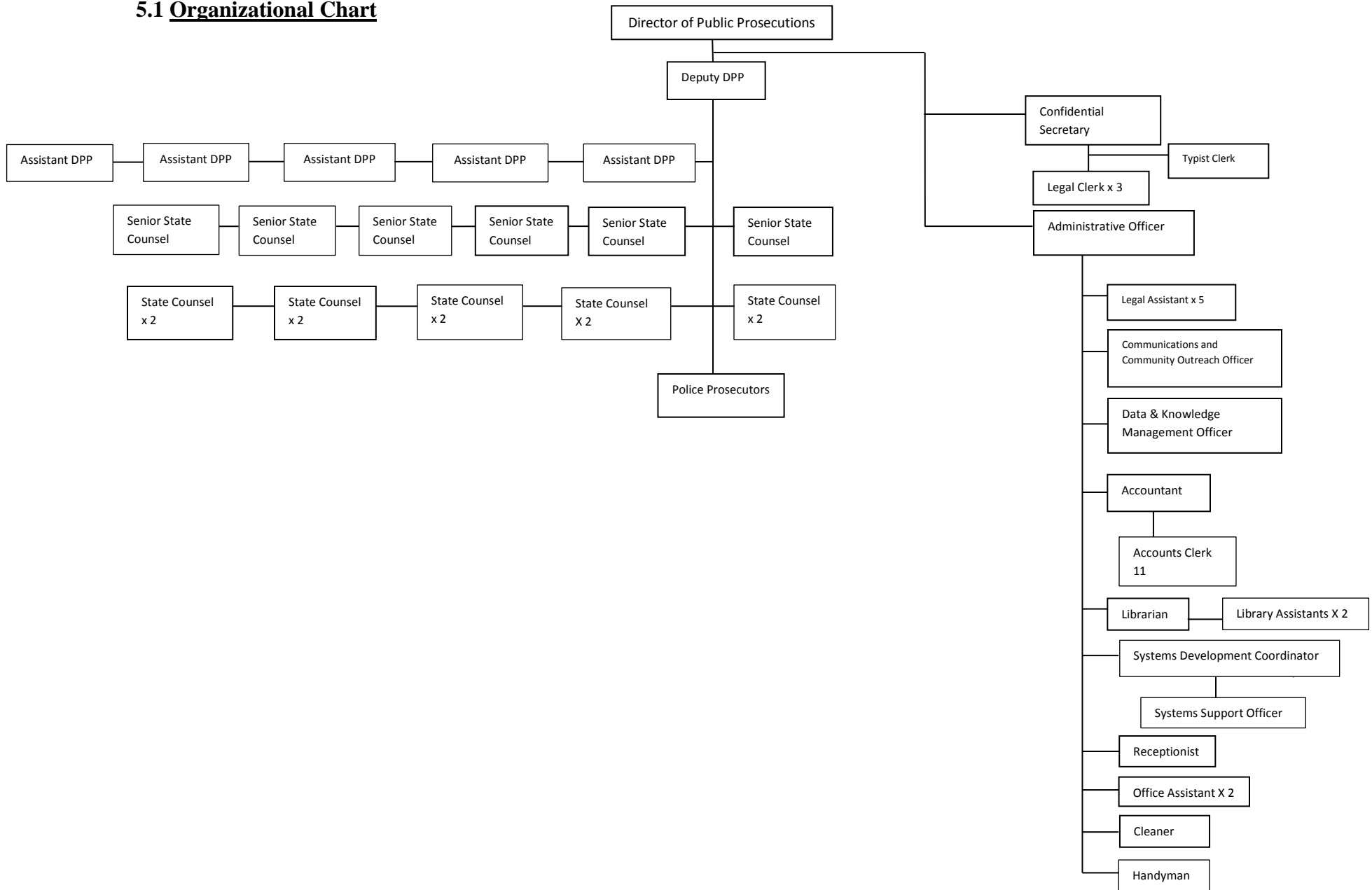
5. Mr. Dexter Lyte joined these Chambers as Office Assistant with effect from 1st September, 2014.

During the year 2014, the following Support Staff resigned from these Chambers:

1. Mr. Michael Munroe resigned as Library Assistant with effect from 15th July, 2014.

5.0 Organization and Management

5.1 Organizational Chart



6.0 Summary and Review of the Year's Programme.

6.1 Indictments disposed of at the High Court of Demerara for 2014.

Demerara 2014 Criminal Assizes

Demerara October 2013 Criminal Assizes continued

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

1 – Murder

Jury returned a verdict of not guilty for the No. 1 accused and a hung jury for the No. 2, 3 and 4 accused.

Demerara January 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

8 – Murder

Jury returned four guilty verdicts to the lesser offence of Manslaughter and the accused were sentenced. One matter involved two accused persons in which the Jury returned a formal verdict of not guilty for each accused. There was one hung jury. Two formal verdicts of not guilty.

Judge No. 2

5 – Murder

Two guilty verdicts to the lesser offence of Manslaughter and the accused was sentenced. One unanimous verdict of not guilty. There were two retrials.

1 – Rape

One formal verdict of not guilty.

Judge No. 3

4 – Murder

Two formal verdicts of not guilty. One verdict of not guilty. One guilty verdict to the lesser offence of Manslaughter and the accused was sentenced.

Matters Nolle Prosequi by the DPP.

There were three matters that were nolle prosequi by the DPP by way of letter. Two of these matters were for the offence of Murder and the other for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of girl under fifteen years.

Demerara April 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

4 – Murder

One verdict of guilty. There were two retrials. One unanimous verdict of guilty.

1 – Attempt to commit Murder and
Felonious Wounding

One formal verdict of not guilty for both counts.

Judge No. 2

2 – Murder

One guilty verdict to the lesser offence of Manslaughter and the accused was sentenced. One unanimous verdict of not guilty.

1 – Manslaughter

One unanimous verdict of not guilty.

Judge No. 3

2 – Murder

Two formal verdicts of not guilty.

Demerara June 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

1 – Rape

The indictment was quashed and the Preliminary Inquiry to be done De Novo.

1 – Murder

Jury returned one verdict of not guilty.

Judge No. 2

2 – Murder

Jury returned one verdict of not guilty. One unanimous verdict of guilty.

Judge No. 3

3 – Murder

One unanimous verdict of guilty for the lesser offence of Manslaughter and the accused was sentenced. Two guilty verdicts for the lesser offence of Manslaughter and the accused were sentenced.

Judge No. 4

1 – Rape and Assault
Causing actual
Bodily harm

Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty.

3 – Rape

Jury returned three formal verdicts of not guilty.

1 – Buggery

Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty.

1 – Incest and Carnal
Knowledge

Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty.

1 – Incest

Jury returned one unanimous verdict of not guilty.

Judge No. 5

4 – Murder

There was one retrial. One formal verdict of not guilty. Two unanimous verdicts of not guilty.

Judge No. 6

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| 2 – Rape of child under 16 years of age | Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty. There was one verdict of guilty and the accused was sentenced. |
| 1 – Rape and Indecent Assault | Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty. |
| 2 – Rape | Jury returned two formal verdicts of not guilty. |
| 1 – Attempt to commit a Felony And Indecent Assault | Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty. |
| 1 – Carnal Knowledge of Girl Under the age of 15 and 16 years | Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty. |

Judge No. 7

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| 2 – Rape | Jury returned one unanimous verdict of not guilty. There was one retrial. |
| 1 – Carnal Knowledge of Girl Under 15 years and Buggery | Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty. |
| 1 – Rape, Buggery and Robbery Under Arms | There was one retrial. |

Judge No. 8

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| 2 – Murder | Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty. One unanimous verdict of not guilty. |
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Matters Nolle Prosequi by the DPP.

There were eighteen matters that were nolle prosequi by the DPP by way of letter. One of these matters was for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl under fifteen and sixteen years and Buggery. Two matters were for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl under fifteen and sixteen years. Five matters were for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl under fifteen years. One matter was for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl under sixteen years. One matter was for the offence of Attempt to commit Murder and Causing Grievous bodily harm with intent. Six matters were for Rape. One matter was for Rape, Indecent Assault and Buggery. One matter was for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl between fifteen and sixteen years.

Demerara October 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

6 – Murder

There were three retrials. Jury returned one guilty verdict and the accused was sentenced. Jury returned one verdict of not guilty. One formal verdict of not guilty.

1 – Manslaughter

Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty.

Judge No. 2

3 – Murder

Jury returned one unanimous verdict of not guilty. One formal verdict of not guilty. One matter involved three accused and the Jury returned unanimous verdict of not guilty for all three accused.

Judge No. 3

6 – Murder

Jury returned five unanimous verdicts of guilty and the accused were sentenced. One not guilty verdict.

Matters Nolle Prosequi by the DPP.

There were nine matters that were nolle prosequi by the DPP by the DPP by way of letter. Four of these matters were for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl under fifteen years. One was for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl between fifteen and sixteen years, Carnal Knowledge of Girl under fifteen and sixteen years and Buggery. One was for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl between fifteen and sixteen years. One was for the offence of Murder. One was for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl under twelve years. One was for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of Girl under fifteen years and Rape.

6.2 Indictments disposed of at the High Court of Berbice for 2014.

Berbice 2014 Criminal Assizes

Berbice October 2013 Criminal Assizes continued

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

3 – Murder

One guilty verdict to lesser offence of Manslaughter and the accused was sentenced. There were two retrials.

Berbice February 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

2 – Murder

One guilty verdict to lesser offence of Manslaughter and the accused was sentenced. One matter involved two accused and the Jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty for both accused and they were sentenced.

Judge No. 2

1 – Rape and Robbery
Under Arms

Jury returned a guilty verdict for Rape and a not guilty verdict for Robbery under Arms and the accused was sentenced.

Berbice June 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

1 – Murder

There was one retrial.

Judge No. 2

3 – Murder

There were two retrials. Jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty and the accused was sentenced.

1 – Carnal Knowledge
Of Girl under 15 years

Jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty and the accused was sentenced.

1 – Sexual Activity with a
Child Family Member

Jury returned a formal verdict of not guilty.

Matter Nolle Prosequi by the DPP.

There was one matter that was nolle prosequi by the DPP by way of letter for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of girl between fifteen and sixteen years.

Berbice October 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

2 – Murder

One guilty verdict to lesser offence of Manslaughter and the accused was sentenced. There was one retrial.

1 – Carnal Knowledge

The accused did not turn up for Court and an arrest warrant was issued for him.

Matter Nolle Prosequi by the DPP.

There was one matter that was nolle prosequi by the DPP by way of letter for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of girl under twelve years and Rape.

6.3 Indictments disposed of at the High Court of Essequibo for 2014.

Essequibo 2014 Criminal Assizes

Essequibo October 2013 Criminal Assizes continued

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

3 – Murder

Jury returned two verdicts of not guilty. Jury returned a formal verdict of not guilty.

Matter Nolle Prosequi by the DPP.

There was one matter that was nolle prosequi by the DPP by way of letter for the offence of Carnal Knowledge of a Girl under fifteen years.

Essequibo February 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

1 – Carnal Knowledge of
A Girl under fifteen
And sixteen years

Jury returned one unanimous verdict of not guilty.

Judge No. 2

1 – Murder

Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty.

1 – Rape of a child
Under sixteen years
Of age

Jury returned one unanimous verdict of not guilty.

Matter Nolle Prosequi by the DPP.

There was one matter that was nolle prosequi by the DPP by way of letter for the offence of Incest and Rape.

Essequibo May 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

1 – Manslaughter	Jury returned one unanimous verdict of not guilty.
1 – Incest and Rape	Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty on both counts.
1 – Attempt to commit Murder And Wounding with Intent	Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty on both counts.
1 – Buggery	Jury returned one unanimous verdict of guilty and the accused was sentenced.

Matters Nolle Prosequi by the DPP.

There were three matters that were nolle prosequi by the DPP by way of letter for the offence of Murder, Manslaughter, Indecent Assault and Common Assault.

Essequibo October 2014 Criminal Assizes

No. of Judges and Types of crime Outcome

Judge No. 1

2 – Murder	Jury returned one unanimous verdict of not guilty. One matter involved two accused and the Jury returned a unanimous guilty verdict for both accused and they were sentenced.
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1 – Rape of a child
Under sixteen years of age

Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty.

Judge No. 2

1 – Attempt to commit Murder
And Wounding with Intent

Jury returned one formal verdict of not guilty to both counts.

Tabulated below are quantities for listed cases, Judges, matters disposed as per Assizes, Nolle Prosequi and total number of matters disposed in Demerara, Berbice and Essequibo. Figures captured relates to the period January to December 2014.

Demerara 2014 Criminal Assizes

Assizes	2013 October Criminal Assizes continued	January 14/1/2014 – 31/3/2014	April 1/4/2014 – 2/6/2014	June 3/6/2014 – 6/10/2014	October 7/10/2014 – 31/12/2014
Number of cases listed	228	233	230	242	226
Number of Judges	1	3	3	8	3
Number of matters disposed at the Assizes	1	18	10	31	16
Number of Nolle Prosequi done by DPP	0	3	0	18	9
Total number of matters disposed	1	21	10	49	25

Priority is given to prosecuting indictments for Murder because the accused are on remand in prison. Priority is also given to persons who are indicted for other offences and are on remand either because bail was refused or bail was granted but they were unable to post the bail.

Berbice 2014 Criminal Assizes

Assizes	2013 October Criminal Assizes continued	February	June	October
		4/2/2014 – 16/6/2014	17/6/2014 – 20/10/2014	21/10/2014 – 31/12/2014
Number of cases listed	40	37	43	52
Number of Judges	1	2	2	1
Number of matters disposed at the Assizes	3	3	6	3
Number of Nolle Prosequi done by DPP	0	0	1	1
Total number of matters disposed	3	3	7	4

Priority is given to prosecuting indictments for Murder because the accused are on remand in prison. Priority is also given to persons who are indicted for other offences and are on remand either because bail was refused or bail was granted but they were unable to post the bail.

Essequibo 2014 Criminal Assizes

Assizes	2013 October Criminal Assizes continued	February 18/2/2014 – 19/05/2014	May 20/05/2014 – 27/10/2014	October 28/10/2014 – 31/12/2014
Number of cases listed	21	20	15	20
Number of Judges	1	2	1	2
Number of matters disposed at the Assizes	3	3	4	4
Number of Nolle Prosequi done by DPP	1	1	3	0
Total number of matters disposed	4	4	7	4

Priority is given to prosecuting indictments for Murder because the accused are on remand in prison. Priority is also given to persons who are indicted for other offences and are on remand either because bail was refused or bail was granted but they were unable to post the bail.

7.0 Indictments listed to be heard for Demerara, Berbice and Essequibo for the year 2014.

A total of one hundred and forty two (142) indictments were completed during 2014. One hundred and six (106) were completed for Demerara, seventeen (17) were completed for Berbice and nineteen (19) were completed for Essequibo.

At the end of December 2014 there were one hundred and fifty six (156) indictments listed to be heard. There were one hundred and twenty (120) indictments for Demerara, thirty five (35) indictments for Berbice and one (1) for Essequibo.

8.0 Depositions received for Demerara, Berbice and Essequibo in 2014.

8.1 Depositions that were received for the County of Demerara in 2014.

In the year 2014 there were ninety five (95) depositions received for the County of Demerara. The committals for twenty five (25) of these depositions were discontinued by the DPP by letter because there was not sufficient evidence in the depositions for the DPP to prefer charges in an indictment.

Indictments were preferred for seventy (70) of these depositions.

Thirty one of the indictments were presented and tried in the High Court. Seventeen indictments were for the offence of Murder, one for the offence of Rape, eight for the offence of Rape of a child under 16 years, two for the offence of Sexual activity with a child family member, one for the offence of sexual activity with a child, one for the offence of Sexual activity with a child under sixteen years and the other indictment was for the offence of Attempt to commit Murder.

Of the seventeen matters for the offence of Murder, the Jury returned four guilty verdicts to Murder, one unanimous not guilty verdict, two unanimous guilty verdicts and four not guilty verdicts. There were four guilty pleas to the lesser offence of Manslaughter. There were two retrials ordered.

For the matter of Rape, the Jury returned one guilty verdict for Rape and Assault causing actual bodily harm.

Of the eight matters for the offence of Rape of a child under 16 years, the Jury returned two guilty verdicts, three formal not guilty verdicts, one unanimous not guilty verdict, and one guilty verdict for the offence of Rape and sexual activity with a child under sixteen years. There was one retrial ordered.

For the matters of Sexual activity with a child family member the Jury returned one guilty verdict and in the other matter the Jury returned one unanimous guilty verdict.

For the matter of Sexual activity with a child there was a not guilty verdict.

For the matter of sexual activity with a child under sixteen years the Jury returned a unanimous guilty verdict.

For the matter of Attempt to commit Murder, the Jury returned a not guilty verdict.

The remaining thirty nine (39) indictments remained on the list awaiting trial along with the other indictments awaiting trial prior to 2014. These indictments will now be listed to be heard in 2015.

8.2 Depositions that were received for the County of Berbice

in 2014.

In the year 2014 there were thirty six (36) depositions which were received for the County of Berbice. The committals for six (6) of these depositions were discontinued by the DPP by letter because there was not sufficient evidence in the depositions for the DPP to prefer charges in an indictment.

Indictments were preferred for thirty (30) of these depositions.

Eleven of the indictments were presented and tried in the High Court. Seven of these indictments were for the offence of Murder, two for the offence of Sexual activity with a child family member, one for the offence of Rape and the other indictment was for the offence of Rape of a child under sixteen years.

Of the seven Murder matters, the accused pleaded guilty to the lesser offence of Manslaughter for two of them. The jury returned one not guilty verdict and three formal not guilty verdicts. The other matter was quashed.

For the Sexual activity with a child family member matters, the jury returned two guilty verdicts.

For the matter of Rape, the Jury returned a formal not guilty verdict to the alternate count of Attempt to commit Rape.

For the matter of Rape of a child under sixteen years, the Jury returned a formal verdict of not guilty.

The remaining nineteen (19) indictments remained on the list awaiting trial along with the other indictments awaiting trial prior to 2014. These indictments will now be listed to be heard in 2015.

8.3 Depositions that were received for the County of Essequibo in 2014.

In the year 2014 there were twenty five (25) depositions which were received for the County of Essequibo. The committals for three (3) of these depositions was discontinued by the DPP by letter because there was not sufficient evidence in the deposition for the DPP to prefer charges in an indictment.

Indictments were preferred for the other twenty two (22) depositions.

Five of the indictments were presented and tried in the High Court. One of these indictments was for the offence of Murder, two for the offence of Attempt Murder and the other two indictments were for the offence of Rape of a child under 16 years.

In the Murder matter the Jury returned a unanimous guilty verdict.

For the matters of Attempt Murder the Jury returned one verdict of not guilty and in the other matter the Jury returned one unanimous verdict of not guilty for Attempt Murder and Wounding with intent.

For the Rape of a child under 16 years matters, the Jury returned one verdict of not guilty and in the other matter the Jury returned one unanimous verdict of not guilty.

The remaining seventeen (17) indictments remained on the list awaiting trial along with the other indictments awaiting trial prior to 2014. These indictments will now be listed to be heard in 2015.

9.0 Matters heard by the Court of Appeal in 2014.

FIFTY MATTERS were before the Court of Appeal in 2014:

- **FORTY THREE Appeals:**

- FOUR DPP's References involving TWO *Murders*, ONE *Rape*, ONE *Conspiracy To Defraud*: Court declared that Notices will be sent
- ONE appeal by DPP (*Murder*): Notice for hearing will be sent (record to be constructed or re-constructed)
- THREE no-records available: appeals dismissed
- TEN appeals dismissed: no reason provided (ONE *Obtaining by False Pretence*)
- ELEVEN appeals dismissed: non-appearance (ONE *Possession of Narcotic*, One *Break Enter & Larceny*)
- THREE appeals dismissed: want of prosecution
- SEVEN appeals discontinued and withdrawn (ONE *Manslaughter*)
- ONE appeal allowed for *Break & Enter & Larceny*: retrial ordered.
- ONE appeal allowed for *Causing Death by Dangerous Driving*: conviction & sentence set aside
- ONE appeal allowed for *Felonious Wounding & Robbery Under Arms*: dismissed: conviction & sentence affirmed
- ONE appeal struck out: already dealt with Court (*Malicious Wounding*)

- **THREE Extensions of Time Applications:**

- ONE granted (*Simple Larceny*)
- ONE refused (*Break Enter & Larceny*)

- ONE withdrawn (*Robbery with Violence*)

- **FOUR Bail Applications:**
 - TWO bail applications refused (*Wounding With Intent, Causing Death by Dangerous Driving*)
 - ONE (*Break & Enter*) bail application granted
 - ONE (*Indecent Assault*) bail application withdrawn

10.0 Matters heard by the Caribbean Court of Justice in 2014

FOUR MATTERS were before the CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE in 2014:

- ONE ***Leave To Appeal Out Of Time*** a magistrate's conviction matter (*Break Enter & Larceny*): *Leave Application* granted.
- ONE ***Appeal***, against a magistrate's conviction for *Break Enter & Larceny*: Appeal dismissed.
- ONE ***Application for Bail Pending Appeal*** in a *Break and Enter*: Application dismissed.
- ONE ***Leave To Serve Application Out Of Time*** in a *Felonious Wounding & Robbery Under Arms* matter: *Leave Application* granted, but *Leave To Appeal To CCJ Out Of Time* dismissed.

11.0 Matters heard by the Full Court in 2014.

EIGHT matters were before the Full Court in 2014 (FIVE in Georgetown, THREE in Berbice):

- FOUR *Appeals*:
 - ONE appeal withdrawn: (*Unlawful Wounding*)
 - ONE appeal transferred to correct Court (*Simple Larceny*)
 - TWO appeals dismissed:
 - ONE appellant not present (*Unlawful Wounding*)
 - ONE sentence varied (*Threatening Language*)

- FOUR *Extensions of Time Applications*:
 - ONE struck out: no appearance (*Robbery with Violence*)
 - ONE dismissed (*Possession Of Unlicensed Firearm & Ammo*)
 - TWO granted:
 - ONE (*Causing Death by Dangerous Driving*)
 - ONE (*Indecent Assault*)

12.0 Police Files that came in the year 2014 for Legal Advice.

For the year 2014 there were two thousand three hundred and eighteen (2,318) files which were received at these Chambers of the Director of Public Prosecutions for legal advice. Of these files, two thousand, two hundred and eighty (2,280) of them came from the Guyana Police Force, twenty six (26) files came from the Guyana Energy Agency and twelve (12) files came from the Customs Anti Narcotics Unit.

Of the two thousand, two hundred and eighty (2,280) that came from the Guyana Police Force, there were one hundred and ninety seven (197) files for the offences of Murder and Manslaughter and two hundred and five (205) files for the offences of Carnal Knowledge and Rape. These were the major offences that were tried in the High Court in the Assizes in Demerara, Berbice and Essequibo for the year 2014.

The two thousand, two hundred and eighty (2,280) files which came into the Chambers in the year 2014 for legal advice were spread over the year as follows:

January	229
February	244
March	198
April	256
May	203
June	196
July	211
August	172
September	167
October	150
November	126
December	128

2,280

Number of files received in the month of January 2014: 229

Number of police files for legal advice: 217

Number of committal files: 12

The Offences for the files for January 2014 are as follows:

Murder	25
Manslaughter	1
Rape	8
Rape of a child under 16 years	13
Alleged Murder	6
Attempt Murder	8
Fatal Accident	14
Serious Accident	4
Minor Accident	2
Damage Accident	2
Alleged Forgery	3
Alleged Discharging loaded firearm	1
Discharging a loaded firearm	3
Firearm found	2
Unlawful possession of Firearm & Ammo.	1
Possession of narcotics for trafficking	4
Report Touching the death of	1
Sexual Activity with a child family member	4
Alleged Sexual Activity with a child under16	2
Perjury committed	1
Alleged Simple larceny	9
Incident involving persons	8
Incident involving vehicle	1
Complaint	14
Attempt to Prevent Justice	1
Advance issued to the Indigenous People	1
Dismissed Case	2
Alleged Rape	8
Alleged Break & Enter & larceny	2
Trafficking in person	2
Break-Enter –Larceny	3

Attempt to commit a felony	1
Alleged Boat Mishap	1
Robbery Under Arms	9
Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	4
Alleged Robbery Under Arms	3
Detention of Motor Cycle	1
Alleged Threat made	2
Obtaining by False Pretence	3
Alleged Obtaining	1
Child Stealing	1
Alleged Incident	1
Assault	1
Assault causing Bodily Harm	1
Dispute of vehicles	2
Alleged robbery with violence	1
Alleged Fraud	2
Narcotics found	2
Inflicting grievously bodily harm	1
Possession of firearm without licence	3
Burglary	2
To commit a felony	3
Larceny by clerk /servant	2
Receiving stolen property	2
Alleged larceny by clerk/servant	1
Uttering a forged document	2
Unlawful wounding	1
Shooting incident	1
Encounters with a constable	1
Allegation of corruption	1
Exhibiting obscene matter	1
Alleged Trafficking in narcotic	2
Alleged Embezzlement	1
Larceny from person	1
Alleged Shooting	2
Setting fire to a dwelling house	1
Discrepancy	2
Seizure of alcohol beverages	1
Dishonoured cheque	1
Alleged Plane Crash	1
Request for investigation	1
Allowing Prisoner to escape	1
Articles found	1

Number of files received in the month of February 2014: 244

Number of police files for legal advice: 216

Number of committal files: 28

The Offences for the files for February 2014 are as follows:

Murder	25
Rape	10
Rape of a child under 16 years	23
Fatal Accident	9
Minor Accident	1
Alleged Minor Accident	2
Damage Accident	2
Alleged Murder	2
Attempted Murder	5
Alleged Rape of a child under 16 years	2
Alleged Rape	7
Robbery under arms	10
Robbery with Violence	1
Trafficking in narcotics	4
Possession of Narcotics	5
Causing Death by Dangerous driving	3
Death of persons by alleged drowning	1
Possession of firearm and ammunition	1
Request for investigation	3
Sexual Activity with a child	4
Alleged Sexual Activity	1
Sexual Assault	1
Alleged Sexual Assault	1
Allegation made	3
Complaint made	19
Alleged Simple Larceny	4
Simple Larceny	6
Obtaining money by false pretence	2
Unlawful wounding	5
Discharging a loaded firearm with intent	3

Engaging in sexual act	1
Shooting incident	3
Dismissed case (Police)	6
Trafficking in person	3
Alleged Sexual Activity with a Child family member	1
Injury to fence	1
Report touching the death of Persons	1
Inflicting Grievously Bodily Harm	3
Incident	4
Alleged Incident	3
Request to investigate	1
Assault - Police Officers on sex worker	1
Firearm and Ammunition found	1
Cocaine found	1
Discharged of accused	1
River Mishap	1
Death of persons	3
Alleged Assault	2
Larceny in a dwelling house	1
Alleged irregularities	1
Disputed Property	1
Narcotics Found	3
Threatening Behaviour	2
Escape from lawful custody	2
Embezzlement	4
Alleged embezzlement	1
Alleged Forgery of signature	1
Alleged conspiracy to obstruct the course of justice	1
Break & Enter & Larceny	2
Alleged Setting fire to a building	1
Felonious Wounding	2
Advance issued to the indigenous people	1
Report- Larceny of Gold Bar	1
Alleged Trafficking in person	1
Report: Alleged / Murder suicide	1
Alleged publishing of video	1
Gasoline found	1
Seizure of Toyota Premio	1
Attempt to commit a felony	1
Unlicensed Premises	1
Alleged – Fraudulent conversion	2
Obtaining by false pretence	1

Dishonoured cheque	1
Conduct of Ranks in D' Division	1
Larceny of a Goat	1
Alleged possession of one 32 Pistol & 10 rounds of Amo.	1
Exhibiting obscene matter	1
Alleged exposure of the Genitals	1
Threatening Language	1
Report, Statement & other relevant document	1

Number of files received in the month of March 2014: 198
Number of police files for legal advice: 191
Number of committal files: 7

The Offences for the files for March 2014 are as follows:

Murder	15
Manslaughter	2
Rape	4
Rape of a child under 16 years	9
Rape of a child family member	3
Attempt Murder	3
Alleged Murder	2
Alleged Rape	3
Simple Larceny	8
Alleged Simple Larceny	4
Damage Accident	2
Fatal Accident	8
Minor Accident	1
Serious Accident	3
Dismissal of Police Case	1
Conspiracy to commit a felony	2
Narcotics Found	5
Possession of Narcotic	4
Possession of firearm & Ammunition	2
Alleged Telephone threats	1
Alleged Assault	1
Trafficking in persons	1
Sexual Activity with a child family member	5
Alleged unnatural death of	1
Burglary	2
Break & Enter & Larceny	9
Sexual activity with a child under 16 years	3
Obtaining money by false pretence	2
Alleged making false statement	1
Complaint	6

Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	4
Robbery under arms	9
Felonious Wounding	3
Incident	5
Alleged incident	3
Alleged Corruption	1
Alleged unnatural death	1
Alleged Narcotic found	1
Alleged trafficking in person	2
Alleged false declaration	1
Alleged Sexual Assault	1
Alleged fire	1
Alleged child abuse	1
Alleged Shooting Incident	2
Alleged Possession of firearm & ammunition	1
Alleged armed robbery	1
Child Stealing	1
Assault Causing Bodily Harm	1
Larceny of sheep	1
Obtaining money by false pretence	2
Robbery with Violence	2
Doing bodily harm	1
Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm	4
Report of alleged rape	2
Report of alleged rape of child under16 years	1
Report of alleged injury to growing plants	1
Report of Damaging of cash crops	1
Disappearance of one 12vdt battery	1
River Mishap	2
Alleged Threats	1
Investigation into Discrepancies	1
Trespass with intent to commit a sexual offence	1
Allegation made	3
Unlawful wounding	1
Giving Police false information	1
Unlicensed driver	1
Obstruction of Public way	1
Letter of complaint	1
Alleged Carnal Knowledge	1
Statement & Report: Rape of a child under 16 years	1
Discharging Loaded firearm	2
Alleged Larceny by Bailee	1

Alleged Exhibiting Obscene matter	1
Report: Surrounding discovery of Cannabis	1
Report: Firearm found	1
Forgery	1
Corrupt transaction	1
Alleged Robbery under arms	1
Detention of a motor car	1
Larceny from the person	1
Robbery with aggravation	1
Dispute of horse	1
Throwing corrosive Fluid	1
Unlawful removal	1

Number of files received in the month of April 2014: 256
Number of police files for legal advice: 245
Number of committal files: 11

The Offences for the files for April 2014 are as follows:

Murder	20
Manslaughter	1
Rape	11
Rape of a child under 16 years	16
Rape of a child family member	1
Carnal Knowledge	1
Attempt murder	7
Alleged Rape of a child under 16 years	3
Alleged Rape	10
Report & Statement: Alleged Rape	1
Allegation of Rape	1
Case of Destroying Vegetable products	1
Carnally knowing girl under 15 years	1
Alleged publishing of obscene video	1
Report surrounding the discovery of Narcotics	1
Trafficking in person	1
Alleged trafficking in person	1
Incident	11
Alleged Incident	1
Alleged sexual Assault	4
Minor Accident	4
Serious Accident	3
Damage Accident	4
Fatal Accident	8
Assault with intent	1
Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	11
Simple Larceny	8
Alleged Simple Larceny	5
Larceny by clerk or servant	4
Alleged Larceny	1

Complaint	11
Disputed Property	3
Robbery with violence	1
Alleged robbery with violence	1
Robbery under arms	10
Report & Statement	2
Alleged false declaration	1
Unbranded Animals	1
Assault	1
Alleged Assault	4
Alleged Sexual Assault	1
Having wine or malt liquor on premises on duty	1
Narcotics found	1
Interim report of narcotics found	1
Motor Cycle found	1
Noise Nuisance	2
Making false declaration	1
Receiving stolen article	1
Corrupt transaction	2
Report: Alleged Incident	1
Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm	2
Break & Enter & Larceny	12
Alleged Shooting incident	1
None-production of arms & ammunition	1
Death of	2
Request for restitution	1
Abduction	2
Alleged Harassment	1
Unlawful wounding	2
Felonious Wounding	2
Robbery with Aggravation	1
Discharging a loaded firearm	2
Alleged Buggery	1
Alleged Sexual Activity (Report)	1
Sexual Activity with a child family member	3
Alleged demanding with Menace	1
Alleged trafficking in narcotic	2
Possession of Narcotics	1
Alleged Attempt to commit suicide	1
Alleged robbery under arms	2
Unlawful removal of one truck wrench	1
Report of trafficking in person	2

Crossing	1
Allegation	2
Fraudulent Conversion	1
Alleged Fraudulent Conversion	1
Sexual activity with a child under 16 years	1
Report: Noise Nuisance	1
Larceny of sheep	1
Alleged 644grms cocaine found	1
Alleged escape from lawful custody	1
Report: Alleged forgery	1
Forgery	1
Report & Statement: Alleged Arson	1
Report: Alleged Suicide	1
Trespass with intent	1
Report & Statement: Narcotic Found	1
Report & Statement: Illegal Firearm & Ammo found	1
Exhibiting Obscene	1
Report: Alleged possession of a .32 pistol	1
Entering dwelling house with intent	1
Alleged Narcotic Found	1
Alleged Buggery	1

Number of files received in the month of May 2014: 203
Number of police files for legal advice: 194
Number of committal files: 9

The Offences for the files for May 2014 are as follows:

Murder	19
Rape	6
Rape of a child under 16 years	15
Rape of a child family member	1
Carnal Knowledge	2
Alleged Rape	7
Alleged rape of a child under 16 years	3
Sexual activity with a child family member	4
Larceny by clerk/servant	3
Larceny from the person	1
Report: Alleged Rape	3
Statement & Report: Alleged Robbery under arms	1
Alleged Robbery under arms	3
Robbery under arms	8
Minor Accident	4
Fatal Accident	11
Serious Accident	2
Damage Accident	4
Alleged obtaining by false pretence	2
Alleged trafficking in narcotic	5
Trafficking in Narcotic	4
Alleged trafficking in person	1
Alleged Murder	1
Attempt Murder	4
Bomb call	2
Possession of firearm and Ammo.	1
Possession of firearm	1
Causing death by dangerous driving	5
Bogus Invoices	1
Alleged Narcotic found	1

Alleged complaint	2
Complaint	9
Simple Larceny	2
Alleged simple larceny	4
Debride rice land	1
Escape from lawful custody	1
Dismissal of police case	5
Alleged sexual assault	5
Sexual Assault	1
Alleged break & enter	2
Break & Enter & Larceny	1
Alleged Incident	3
Incident	2
Fraudulent Payments	1
InquestNo.8/2011 Orwayn Viera	1
Damage to Property	1
Dispute Goat	1
Alleged Larceny: Reports & Statements	1
Sexual Assault	1
Fraud at City Hall	1
Alleged Wounding	1
Cultivating of Prohibited Plant & Possession of Ammo.	1
Felonious Wounding	1
Unlawful Possession of Ammo.	1
Fail to give right of way	1
Allegation of assault	1
Alleged Exhibiting obscene matter	1
Missing Crime file	1
Statement & Documents Police VS	1
Assault causing actual bodily harm	1
CJ#15720/2014 Police vs	1
Alleged rape: Statements & documents	1
Elxtrocution of	1
Alleged Narcotics found	1
Robbery with violence	1
Alleged robbery with violence	1
Alleged Noise Nuisance	1
Allegation made	2
Demand money with menace	1
Alleged Shooting	1
Fatal Shooting	2
Burglary committed	1

Seizure of one 12 gauge shotgun	1
Report & Statements: Shooting incident	1
Alleged Exposure	1
Death of Special CPL 11309	1
Seizure of motor car	1
Discharging loaded firearm	1
Report: Trafficking in Narcotics	1
Transaction between World Safety spend	1
Interim Report	1

Number of files received in the month of June 2014: 196
Number of police files for legal advice: 186
Number of committal files: 10

The Offences for the files for June 2014 are as follows:

Murder	19
Rape	4
Rape of a child under 16 years	3
Attempt murder	5
Alleged Trafficking in narcotic to wit 794 grams/1	2
Trafficking in narcotic	5
Report: Trafficking in Narcotic	1
Alleged narcotic found	1
Robbery under arms	4
Sexual Activity with a child	2
Sexual activity with a child family member	1
Report: Sexual activity with a child family member	1
Alleged Rape	6
Incident	7
Shooting Incident	3
Alleged Incident	1
Report & Statements: Fatal Shooting	1
Report: Narcotics found	3
Complaint	3
Dismissed case of Possession of narcotics	1
Damage Accident	7
Fatal Accident	10
Minor Accident	3
Alleged injury to growing things	1
Alleged fire arm and ammunition found	1
Alleged Bigamy	1
Possession of Narcotic	8
Demanding with menace	1
False Declaration	2
Simple Larceny	4

Larceny by clerk /servant	1
Alleged Simple Larceny	6
Causing death by dangerous driving	2
Alleged rape of a child under 16 years	8
Statements and other relevant documents	2
Letters of Exemption	1
Falsification of Oath	1
Allegation	2
Investigation	2
Trawler out of Guyana	1
Setting fire to a dwelling house	1
Robbery with Violence	1
Unlawful wounding	1
Felonious wounding	3
Alleged wounding	1
Report & Statements: Alleged Incident	1
Death of	1
Alleged exposure of	1
Alleged discharging a loaded firearm	1
Discharging a loaded firearm with intent	1
Report & Statements Alleged Embezzlement	1
Report of student who escaped from NOC	1
Forgery	2
Conspiracy to commit a felony	1
Conduct of Magistrate Mr. R.Singh	1
Sexual activity with a child family member	5
Prisoner allegedly escapes	1
Alleged possession of firearm	2
Complaint	4
Alleged Assault	2
Assault	1
Alleged sexual assault	1
Alleged Sexual misconduct	1
Alleged larceny of cattle	1
Break & Enter & Larceny	3
Report touching the death of	1
Fraudulent conversion	1
Inflicting Greivously Bodily harm	2
Burglary	1
Case Jacket # 15720	1
Estate of Lillawattie Lilkhand	1
Alleged obtaining by False pretence	1

Obtaining by false pretence	2
Alleged possession of firearm	1
Cocaine found	1
Further investigation	1
Dangerous driving	1
Alleged sexual misconduct	1
Report on a special audit GPHC	1
Letter of exemption of payment of rates	1
In Police Custody	1
File in favour of	1
Possession of Forged currency	1

Number of files received in the month of July 2014:	211
Number of police files for legal advice:	193
Number of committal files:	16
Number of files for fiat	2

The offences for the files for July 2014 are as follows:

Murder	13
Rape	8
Rape of a child under 16 years	9
Rape of a child family member	2
Alleged Murder	4
Attempt to commit Murder	6
Death of	3
Drowning	1
Alleged drowning	1
Alleged Rape	15
Alleged attempt Rape	1
Alleged Rape of a child under 16 years	5
Sexual Activity	3
Sexual Activity with a child under 16 years	1
Alleged Sexual Activity with a child under 16	1
Sexual activity with a child family member	2
Alleged Sexual Activity with a child family member	3
Sexual Activity with a child by abusing a position of trust	1
Sexual Assault	1
Alleged Sexual Assault	2
Alleged Assault	1
Alleged child abuse	1
Assault with intent to rob	2
Demanding Money with Menace	1
Robbery under Arms	9
Break & Enter & Larceny	1
Simple Larceny	7

Alleged Simple Larceny	5
Larceny by clerk/servant	1
Larceny of cattle	1
Alleged Larceny in dwelling house	1
Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	4
Fatal Accident	7
Serious Accident	4
Damage Accident	6
Fatal Shooting	2
Shooting incident	1
Alleged Shooting incident	5
Discharging Loaded Firearm	2
Alleged Discharging loaded firearm	1
Application for Firearm License	1
Seizure of Firearm	2
Seizure of ammunition	1
Possession of firearm without license	3
Unlawful possession of firearm	1
Unlawful possession of ammunition	1
Alleged ammunition found	1
Alleged Corrupt Activities	2
Embezzlement by clerk/servant	3
Alleged Fraud	1
Alleged Fraudulent Misappropriation	1
Endeavouring to obtain	1
Possession of narcotics	1
Possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking	6
Trafficking in narcotics	2
Alleged Trafficking in narcotics	1
Narcotic found	5
Cultivation of a prohibited plant	1
Incident involving people	7
Incident involving Motor Vehicle	2
Complaint	6
Setting fire to building	2
Abduction	1
Dismissed Case	1
Cruelty to animal	1
Unlawful possession	1
Alleged disputed motor vehicle	1
Disputed property	1
Alleged disputed property	1

Disturbance of tenant peaceful enjoyment	1
Conduct of police	2
Noise nuisance report	1
Disappearance	1
Riot	1
Letters of exemption of rates & taxes	1
Attempt to commit a felony	1
Child stealing	1

Number of police files received in the month of August 2014: 172
Number of files for legal advice: 157
Number of committal files: 14
Number of files for appeal 1

The offences for the files for August 2014 are as follows:

Murder	18
Rape	5
Rape of a child under 16 years	4
Rape of a child family member	1
Alleged Assault	6
Alleged Break & Enter & Larceny	1
Alleged Burglary	1
Alleged Damage to cash crops	1
Alleged Disputed Motor Vehicle	1
Alleged Firearm Found	1
Alleged Incident involving persons	1
Alleged Larceny of cattle	1
Alleged Murder	5
Alleged Possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking	1
Alleged Robbery under Arms	1
Alleged Rape	6
Alleged Sexual Assault	2
Alleged sexual misconduct	1
Alleged Shooting incident	3
Alleged Simple Larceny	2
Alleged Suicide	1
Alleged Trafficking in person	1
Application for extension of time	1
Attempt to commit Murder	2
Attempt to obstruct the course of justice	1
Break & Enter & Larceny	4
Burglary	1
Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	2

Complaint	10
Conduct of police	1
Damage Accident	4
Damage to property	1
Death of	5
Death Threats	1
Discharging loaded firearm with intent	3
Dismissal of case	4
Disputed Property	1
Embezzlement	1
Fatal Accident	14
Fatal Shooting	1
Fraud	2
Fraudulent conversion	1
Harassment	1
Ill treatment of child	1
Incident involving Motor Vehicle	1
Incident involving persons	4
Inflicting grievous bodily harm	1
Intercepted Trawler	1
Investigation	3
Larceny of sheep	1
Malicious Damage to property	2
Minor Accident	1
Non- Immigrant Visa	1
Possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking	6
Procession Held	1
Provoking Breach of Peace	1
Request for investigation	1
Robbery under Arms	6
Robbery with violence	1
Seizure of Firearm	1
Serious Accident	1
Setting Fire to building	1
Sexual Activity with a child family member	2
Sexual Activity with a child under 16 years	1
Simple Larceny	4
Threatening Language	1
Trafficking in narcotics	2
Trespass with intent	1
Unlawful wounding	1

Number of police files received in the month of September 2014:	167
Number of files for legal advice:	155
Number of committal files:	10
Number of files for appeal	2

The offences for the files for September 2014 are as follows:

Murder	15
Rape	4
Rape of a child under 16 years	4
Alleged Abduction	1
Alleged Discharging loaded firearm with intent	1
Alleged Drowning	1
Alleged Embezzlement by Public Officer	1
Alleged Fraudulent Misappropriation	1
Alleged incident involving persons	5
Alleged Larceny	1
Alleged Larceny of cattle	1
Alleged Murder	3
Alleged Rape	4
Alleged Rape of a child under 16 years	1
Alleged Simple Larceny	2
Alleged Sexual Activity with a child family member	1
Alleged Sexual Assault	2
Alleged Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
Alleged Wounding	1
Ammunition Found	1
Assault	1
Assault causing Actual Bodily Harm	1
Attempt Bribery	1
Attempt to commit Murder	5
Authenticity of Firearm License	1
Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	5
Complaint	21
Cultivating Prohibited Plants	2

Damage Accident	9
Detention of Motor Vehicle	1
Discharging loaded firearm with intent	2
Dismissed Case	2
Fatal Accident	11
Fatal Shooting	1
Felonious Wounding	3
Firearm & Ammunition found	1
Forgery	1
Incident involving persons	1
Inflicting grievous bodily harm	1
Investigation	1
Larceny	1
Larceny of cattle	1
Minor Accident	1
Narcotic found	2
Narcotic Seizure	1
Obtaining Money by False Pretence	1
Possession of Firearm & Ammunition without license	3
Possession of narcotics	1
Possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking	6
Robbery	1
Robbery under Arms	6
Robbery with Violence	1
Seizure of firearm	1
Serious Accident	4
Setting Fire to Property	1
Sexual Activity	1
Sexual Activity with a child family member	3
Sexual Activity with a child under 16 years	1
Sexual Assault	2
Simple Larceny	5
Supplying Alcohol to Minor	1
Unlawful Wounding	1

Number of police files received in the month of October 2014: 150
Number of files for legal advice: 134
Number of committal files: 16

The offences for the files for October 2014 are as follows:

Murder	9
Manslaughter	2
Rape	4
Rape of a child under 16 years	7
Rape of a child family member	5
Alleged abusive language	2
Alleged Assault	1
Alleged Break & Enter & Larceny	2
Alleged Buggery	1
Alleged causing public terror	2
Alleged escape from lawful custody	1
Alleged Forgery	1
Alleged Fraud	1
Alleged Incident involving persons	1
Alleged Larceny by clerk/servant	2
Alleged Larceny of cattle	1
Alleged Murder	1
Alleged Narcotic found	1
Alleged Nude Photographs exposed	1
Alleged Rape	6
Alleged Robbery with violence	1
Alleged Sexual Activity	2
Alleged Sexual Assault	3
Alleged Simple Larceny	2
Alleged Trafficking in person	1
Alleged Trafficking of a narcotic	1
Alleged Wounding	1
Assault causing actual bodily harm	1

Attempt to commit a felony	1
Attempt to commit Murder	7
Attempt to commit a sexual offence	1
Break & Enter & Larceny	2
Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	14
Complaint	4
Conduct of Police	1
Conspiracy to commit a felony	2
Conspiracy to pervert the course of justice	1
Damage Accident	2
Dispute Property	1
Embezzlement	1
Embezzlement by clerk/servant	2
Fatal Accident	11
Felonious Wounding	2
Fire of unknown origin	1
Forgery	1
Fraud	1
Incident involving Motor Vehicle	2
Incident involving persons	3
Inflicting Grievous bodily harm	1
Larceny from the person	1
Minor Accident	1
Possession of firearm & ammunition	2
Possession of narcotic	2
Possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking	1
Robbery under Arms	2
Serious Accident	2
Setting fire to building	1
Setting fire to dwelling house	1
Sexual Assault	1
Shooting Incident	1
Shotgun & Cartridges found	1
Simple Larceny	3
Trafficking in narcotics	2
Unclaimed animals impounded	2
Unlawful possession of ammunition	1
Uttering Forged currency	1
Verification of documents	1

Number of police files received in the month of November 2014:	126
Number of files for legal advice:	103
Number of files for appeal:	2
Number of committal files:	20
Number of files for Fiat	1

The offences for the files for November 2014 are as follows:

Murder	6
Rape	4
Rape of a child under 16 years	7
Rape of a child family member	1
Alleged Murder	1
Death of	2
Attempt to commit Murder	3
Alleged Rape	9
Alleged Rape of a child under 16 years	1
Alleged Sexual Activity	1
Sexual activity with a child under 16 years	1
Sex with an adult family member	1
Trafficking in narcotics	1
Possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking	2
Alleged Possession of narcotics	1
Possession of narcotics	1
Seizure of cocaine	1
Alleged Fatal Shooting	1
Firearm & Ammunition Found	1
Unlawful possession of firearm	2
Discharging loaded firearm	1
Alleged Misplaced Firearm	1
Robbery under arms	1
Alleged Robbery	1
Robbery with Aggravation	1
Alleged Robbery with Aggravation	1
Break & Enter & Larceny	1
Alleged Break & Enter & Larceny	1
Simple Larceny	5
Alleged Simple Larceny	4
Alleged Threatening Behaviour	1
Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	5

Fatal Accident	11
Serious Accident	1
Minor Accident	1
Incident involving Motor Vehicles	1
Alleged Fraud	2
Fraudulent Conversion	2
Alleged Fraudulent Conversion	1
Alleged obtaining money by false pretence	1
Forgery of official documents	3
Alleged Forgery	2
Possession of Forged Currency notes	1
Obtaining money by false pretence	1
Alleged corrupt transaction	1
Incident involving persons	7
Child Stealing	1
Complaint	5
Dismissed Case	6
Alleged Damage to Property	1
Alleged Damage to cash crops	1
Alleged illegal occupation of land	1
Cultivating of Prohibited plants	1
Alleged causing public terror	1
Investigation into suspicious transaction	1
Alleged Threats	1
Bomb call	1
Alleged Payment of money to remove witness	1

Number of police files received in the month of December 2014:	128
Number of files for legal advice:	102
Number of committal files:	23
Number of files for Fiat	3

The offences for the files for December 2013 are as follows:

Murder	7
Rape	6
Rape of a child under 16 years	2
Rape of a child family member	1
Carnal Knowledge	1
Alleged Murder	5
Attempted Murder	2
Death of	4
Alleged drowning	1
Alleged Rape	7
Sexual activity with a child family member	1
Sexual Activity with a child under 16	1
Alleged sexual activity with a child	1
Sexual Assault	2
Alleged Sexual Assault	1
Alleged Buggery	1
Threatening Behaviour	1
Abusive Language	1
Alleged Threats	1
Felonious Wounding	1
Unlawful Wounding	1
Alleged Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm	1
Robbery under Arms	3
Alleged Robbery under Arms	1
Robbery with aggravation	1
Robbery with violence	1
Fire of unknown origin	1
Alleged negligent use of fire	1
Alleged Forgery	2
Obtaining money by false pretence	1
Alleged obtaining upon a forged instrument	1
Uttering a forged document	1

Embezzlement by clerk/servant	1
Alleged corrupt transaction	1
Attempt to pervert the course of justice	1
Conspiracy to pervert the course of justice	1
Alleged disputed property	1
Fatal Accident	9
Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	6
Damage Accident	1
Serious Accident	2
Minor Accident	2
Dangerous Driving	1
Break & Enter & Larceny	2
Simple Larceny	2
Alleged Simple Larceny	4
Larceny by clerk/servant	1
Burglary	1
Improvised shotgun	1
Seizure of ammunition	2
Alleged shooting incident	4
Alleged Fatal Shooting	1
Alleged discharging loaded firearm	1
Possession of firearm	1
Trafficking in narcotics	3
Alleged Trafficking in narcotics	1
Possession of narcotics	2
Cultivating prohibited plants	1
Incident involving persons	3
Dismissed case	2
Alleged River Mishap	1
Investigation	2
Making loud and continuous noise	1
Arrest of Venezuelan national	1
Complaint	3

12.0 Appearance in Bail Applications and Inquests for 2014.

Bail Applications

The total amount of Bail applications which came into the DPP Chambers for the period of 1st January to 31st December 2014 amounted to **six hundred and forty one (641)**. Of this, there were five hundred and forty seven (547) which were granted and ninety four (94) which were refused, withdrawn, dismissed or struck out.

The categories are set out below:

Months	Granted	Refused	Dismissed	Withdrawn	Struck out	Total
January	51	4	0	1	0	56
February	53	4	0	0	0	57
March	48	5	0	1	0	53
April	44	2	0	4	0	50
May	46	3	3	4	1	57
June	42	4	1	2	0	49
July	47	5	2	5	1	60
August	50	1	0	1	0	52
September	33	6	1	1	0	41
October	40	4	0	2	0	46
November	32	7	0	3	1	43
December	61	11	4	1	0	77

Types of Applications	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Unlawful Possession of Narcotics/for the purpose of trafficking	16	26	18	13	21	26	30	26	13	16	9	23
Robbery/robbery under arms	3	5	13	6	6	1	2	2	3	3	4	11
Unlawful possession of firearm/ammunition	6	5	5	5	1	1	2	3	5	6	5	3
Sexual offences	2	2	0	0	3	0	1	2	1	3	1	0
Miscellaneous	24	15	12	20	15	14	12	17	11	12	13	24

Inquest

This report reflects the total number of inquests which were concluded and sent to the DPP Chambers for the period of 1st January -31st December 2014.

There were nine (9) inquests which were concluded and categorized as to the result of the inquest into the various deaths. The categories are: no criminal responsibility, unknown, insufficient evidence and criminal responsibility and no proceedings held due to no evidence.

Category	Result at Inquest
No criminal responsibility	2
Unknown	1
Insufficient Evidence	3
Criminal responsibility	1
No proceedings held due to no evidence	2
Total	9

Habeas Corpus

Ten writs of habeas corpus applications were made between 1st January and 31st December 2014. Seven were granted one withdrawn and two discharged.

Category	Amount
Granted	7
withdrawn	1
Discharged	2
Total	10

Permission to leave the Jurisdiction

Four applications for permission to leave the jurisdiction were made between 1st January and 31st December 2014. Three were granted and one was dismissed.

Category	Amount
Granted	3
Refused	0
Dismissed	1
Total	4

13.0 Miscellaneous

Number of Appeals filed for the year 2014

The Director of Public Prosecutions filed sixteen (16) appeals for the year 2014. Four appeals were from the Court of Appeal and twelve appeals were from the Full Court.

Number of Appeals filed by the State for the year 2014

There were two appeals filed by the State during the year 2014. One decision was made by Madam Justice Diana Insanally during the Demerara June 2014 Criminal Session. The other decision was made by Justice William Ramlal during the Demerara April 2014 Criminal Session.

Number of Committals Nolle Prosequi and Discontinued for the year 2014.

Thirty five committals were Nolle Prosequi and thirty eight committals were discontinued by the Director of Public Prosecutions for the year 2014.

Number of Applications for Extension of time for the year 2014.

For the year 2014 there were six applications for the extension of time. They were prepared by Counsel from the Chambers of the Director of Public Prosecutions and Counsel from these Chambers appeared before the Chief Justice in the hearing of the application.

14.0 Finance

The Budget proposals for the year 2014 were prepared in accordance with the estimated financial needs of the Chambers. They mainly provided for wages and salaries, travelling, telephone, rent, office equipment and other services purchased.

The following items were purchased from under Capital Account:

1. One (1) water pump
2. Four (4) stabilizer
3. Two (2) APC volt regulators
4. Two (2) filing cabinets
5. Four (4) shredders
6. Four (4) printers
7. One (1) camera
8. One (1) projector
9. One (1) laptop computer
10. One (1) monitor
11. Four (4) Air conditioning units
12. Three (3) scanners
13. Five (5) chairs
14. Seven (7) surveillance cameras
15. Casting of ground floor