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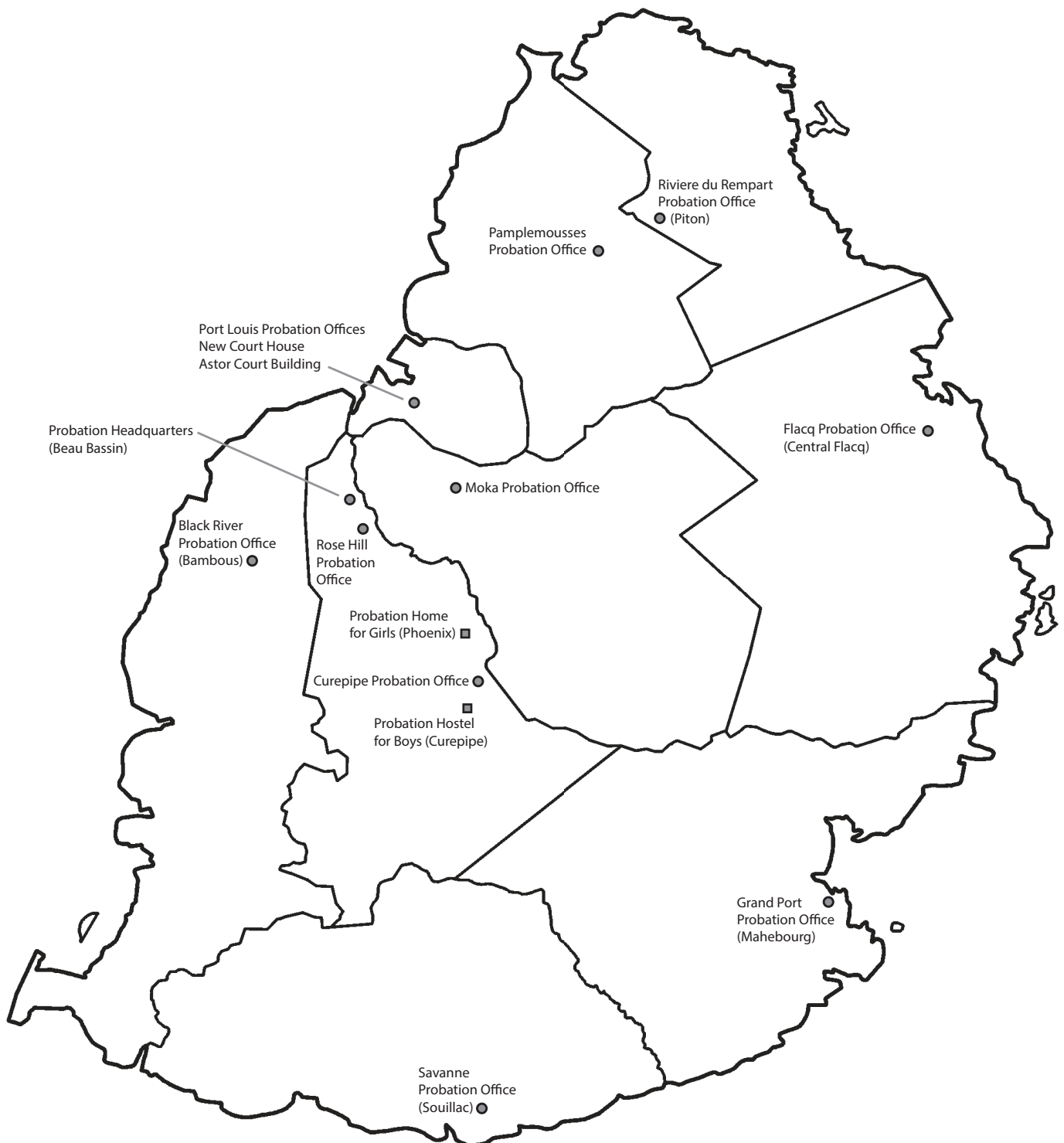
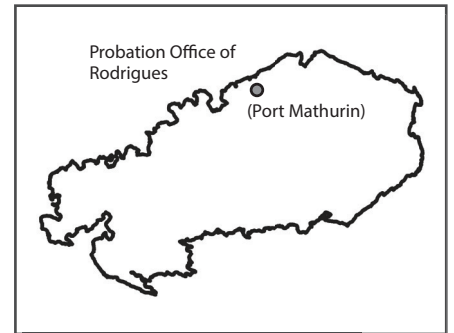


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The Probation and Aftercare Service, as a social agency, provided timely and quality services to the Judiciary, Office of the DPP as well as to other agencies such as the National Adoption Council, Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy, the International Social Service, etc.

During the year 2017, a total of 4,157 social enquiries were carried out for the various institutions such as the Supreme Court, Intermediate Court, District Courts, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the National Adoption Council, the Prime Minister's Office and the Board of Visitors of Rehabilitation and Correctional Youth Centres.

Counselling in matrimonial and other social problems continued to be an important part of the Probation Officer's daily duties. A total of 2,803 cases were attended to during the year.

707 Community Service Orders and 212 Probation Orders were made by the Intermediate and District Courts. During the year, the total number of persons on probation was 721 and 818 persons were subjected to Community Service Order. A step forward has been made in the domain of community service supervision with the establishment of team placement to ensure public visibility among others.

Our two semi-open probation Institutions continued to accommodate and rehabilitate minors in conflict with the law, who would otherwise have been committed by court to the harsher regime of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre.

The Service also maintained its aggressive Preventive Campaign in colleges, social welfare centres and community centres on social problems with a view to reducing criminality and conflict.

Furthermore, the Service has progressively moved forward to meet the various challenges of a modern service provider where international standards are satisfied. In that aspect, the Attendance Centre, which started in Beau Bassin in 2011, was decentralised in 2012 with the setting up of two additional centres in Curepipe and Pamplemousses for a better service delivery. The Attendance Centre in Rodrigues was implemented in 2016.

In the coming years, with the enactment of proposed Juvenile Justice Bill as well as further amendments to the existing Probation of Offenders Act and the Community Service Order Act, the Probation Service would be called upon to play a more important role towards meeting the challenges of juvenile diversion and crime prevention and reduction.

Probation work reportedly started in 1841 in Boston, United States as a voluntary service with John Augustus, who believed that human sufferings should be mitigated on humanitarian grounds. Later, in 1878, it became an official service when the Probation Act was passed. An informal form of probation was in operation during the eighteenth century in England.

In Mauritius, the Probation Service was established in 1947. It was extended to Rodrigues by Proclamation No. 20 of 1961. The Central and District Probation Committees were set up under the Probation of Offenders Regulations No. 64 of 1947. In 1954, the Probation Hostel for boys was set up while the Probation Home for girls was established in 1988.

In August 1990, the Service underwent a structural change in view of its ever-increasing responsibilities. It was headed by a Commissioner, supported by three Assistant Commissioners, each being in charge of the following divisions - Probation, Institutional Care and Parole and Aftercare. In 1993, a post of Deputy Commissioner was created. The Community Service Order Act was passed on 19 July 2002 and proclaimed on 18 November 2002. With the coming into operation of the Community Service Order, 10 additional posts of Probation Officer were created.

The Community Service Order Amendment Act was passed on 12 May 2009 and proclaimed on 01 August 2009. On 16 June 2009, the Probation of Offenders Amendment Act was passed by the National Assembly and was proclaimed on 01 October 2010. In February 2011, the "Suicide Prevention Unit" which was later renamed the "Life Plus Unit", was detached from the Probation Service. In July 2011, the Attendance Centre became operational at the Probation and Aftercare Headquarters at Beau Bassin; it was decentralised to Curepipe and Pamplemousses in July 2012. In 2014, an additional post of Assistant Commissioner was created and filled.

In February 2017, the Probation & Aftercare Service which operated under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions shifted to the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues.

In July 2017, the Life Plus Unit was transferred to the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development Unit and Family Welfare. The Principal Probation Officer, Probation Officer and Psychologist attached to that unit reintegrated the Probation & Aftercare Service.

The Probation and Aftercare Service confirms its belief in the following:

(i) Objectives

- Assisting the Courts in planning sentences for offenders.
- Rehabilitating offenders in the community.
- Aiming at the reduction of crime and protection of the public.
- Assisting families in conflict and safeguarding the welfare of children.
- Educating people on social problems through the preventive work programme.

(ii) Service delivery measures

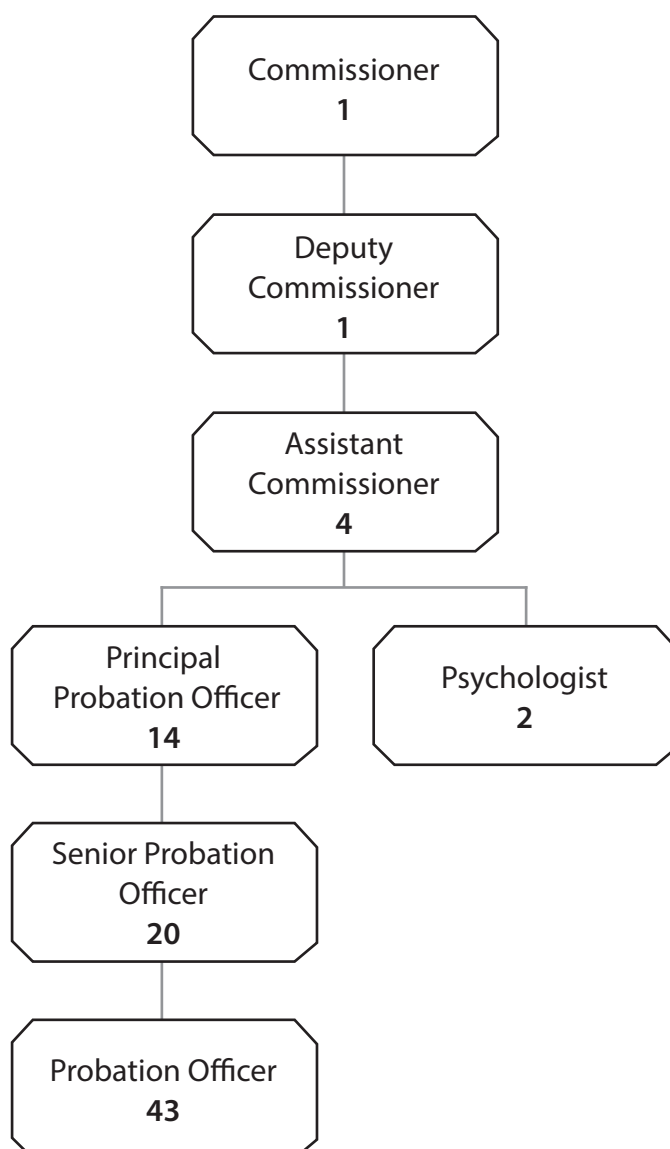
- Carrying out independent enquiries in civil and criminal matters referred by courts and other institutions.
- Supervising and rehabilitating offenders in the community.
- Providing a range of alternatives to custodial sentence so that as many offenders as, in accordance with public safety, can be maintained in the community under supervision.
- Providing residential treatment to minors on probation or subjected to a committal order and whose home conditions are uncondusive to proper rehabilitation.
- Working in collaboration with the welfare section of custodial institutions, in providing social work service for the inmates and facilitating links with the outside world.
- Working with offenders before and after their release from institutions with the aim of assisting in their rehabilitation.
- Participating in programmes with detainees about to be released from penal institutions so as to make them realize what is expected from them in society after they are out.
- Taking positive and preventive measures that involve the full mobilization of all possible resources, including the family, volunteers and other community institutions, for the purpose of promoting the well-being of the minor and the young adult amongst others with a view to reducing the need for intervention under the law.
- Helping families in which divorce or separation has given rise to situations of conflict or need.
- Working whenever possible, with other members of the community to prevent the break-up of families and supporting parents, through their difficulties, so that separation does not seem to be the only option.
- Providing a throughcare service to residents of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre, the Probation Hostel for Boys and the Probation Home for Girls.
- Delivering talks on various social problems in colleges, schools, youth clubs and social welfare centres.

The Head Office of the Probation and Aftercare Service is situated in the Probation Complex at Sir F. Herchenroder Street, Beau Bassin since 1 February 1997. It has 11 regional offices spread over all the districts, including Rodrigues. The direct responsibility of the Probation and Aftercare Service, together with its planning and development to meet the needs of society, rests with the Commissioner, supported by the Deputy Commissioner and four Assistant Commissioners, with the assistance of the Principal cadre. The cooperation of the whole staff is, however, essential to provide efficient and effective services to the community.

STAFF

(i) Establishment (Mauritius)

The organisational chart of staff of the Probation and Aftercare Service comprises:



During 2017, the Service functioned with the following staff:

- 1 Commissioner - Mrs. H. Luckeenarain since 11 July 2017
- 1 Deputy Commissioner - Mr. F. Moideen since 17 July 2017
- 2 Assistant Commissioners - Mr. G. Rambojun
- Mr. F. Moideen up to 16 July 2017.
- 2 Acting Assistant Commissioners - Mr. K. Kora Venciah and Mr. N. Fareed up to April 2017
- 3 Acting Assistant Commissioners - Mrs. G. Cowreea-Petkar and Mrs. A. C. Y. Lee Kien On respectively as from 01 May 2017 and Mr. H. Ramgobin as from 13 November 2017.

- 11 Principal Probation Officers
 - Ms. L. Beeharry
 - Mrs. A. Toorbuth
 - Mr. K. Kora Venciah
 - Mr. N. Fareed
 - Mr. S. Bissessur
 - Mr. R. Boojhawon
 - Mrs. A. Valayden
 - Mr. R. Koothan
 - Mr. M. I. N. Bundhoo
 - Mrs. S. Anasamy
 - Mr. N. Ramasawmy

- 1 Acting Principal Probation Officer
 - Mr. V. S. Chengadu

- 19 Senior Probation Officers
 - Mr. J. Seegolam
 - Mr. P. Jeebun
 - Ms. L. Beefeya
 - Mr. M. I. Dhannoo
 - Ms. A. Seetohul
 - Ms. C. Beeharry
 - Mrs. S. Taposeea
 - Mrs. O. D. Ramoutar
 - Mr. L. Gungaram
 - Mrs. M. N. Chundunsing
 - Mr. V. K. Mattadeen
 - Mr. L. Singar
 - Mr. A. S. Boodhoo
 - Mr. D. Thumiah
 - Mr. N. Pursoty
 - Mrs. M. Jugessur Rambaree
 - Mrs. J. D. Seepersand
 - Mrs. C. M. N. S. Gentil-Baleekdar
 - Mr. N. Heeroo

- 36 Probation Officers
- Mrs. B. Appadoo-Vencatasamy
 - Ms. N. Chackhoor
 - Mrs. S. Baboolall
 - Mrs. S. Persand-Jooria
 - Ms. U. D. M. Seenauth
 - Mrs. K. R. Dusoyea-Heeraman
 - Mrs. H. D. Gopee
 - Mrs. M. J. D. Cesar
 - Mrs. L. D. Juglall-Boodhoo
 - Mr. S. Baboolall
 - Mrs. B. Rambaccussing-Gukhool
 - Ms. M. J. C. Laverdure
 - Mrs. S. D. Ramgolam
 - Mrs. R. B. Nanhuck
 - Mrs. V. Mohun-Partab
 - Mrs. L. D. Emerith-Seenarain
 - Mrs. I. Halkhari-Mungra
 - Mrs. N. Damree
 - Mrs. L. Dhondee-Raggoo
 - Mr. O. Baboolall
 - Mrs. D. Miniandee
 - Mrs. J. Goodiah
 - Ms. F. Nunhuck
 - Ms. M. K. S. Dukhie
 - Ms. A. J. D. Kanhye
 - Ms. Z. Sobratee
 - Mrs. C.A.L. Tow Nam
 - Ms. N. B. Ramjane
 - Mrs. S. Mohun-Beekaree
 - Mr. S. Munglelea
 - Mrs. A. Gajadhar
 - Ms. H. Matoo
 - Ms. D. Gumbheer
 - Ms. W. E. Bhowaneedin
 - Ms. R. Boojhawon
 - Mrs. M. Seebalak
 - Mrs. S. D. Neermul-Jeewon
 - Mrs. B. Dyaram
 - Ms. H. Mandarun

Two psychologists, Mrs J. Domur-Moodely and Ms. H. Beegun were attached to the Probation Service.

The supportive staff of the Service consisted of the following:

1 Confidential Secretary, 1 Office Management Assistant, 2 Management Support Officers, 2 Word Processing Operators, 7 Office Care Attendants and 5 General Workers.

(ii) Establishment (Rodrigues)

1 Acting Head Probation (post equivalent to Principal Probation Officer) – Mr. B. Leste
2 Probation Officers – Ms. C. Rose & Mrs. D. Adelaide

(iii) Recruitment

Ms. H. Beegun, Clinical and Social Psychologist joined the Service on 14.06.17

(iv) Appointment

- Mrs. S. D. Neermul-Jeewon and Mrs B. Dayaram were confirmed in their appointment as Probation Officer with effect from 20.03.2017 and 04.05.2017 respectively.
- Mrs. H. Luckeenarain, was promoted to Commissioner on 11.07.2017. Mr. F. Moideen was promoted to Deputy Commissioner on 17.07.2017.
- Mr. N. Ramasawmy was promoted to Principal Probation Officer and Mr. N. Heeroo to Senior Probation Officer on 20.09.2017.

(v) Retirement

Mrs. K. V. Bundhoo, Principal Probation Officer retired from the Service on 01.07.2017.

(vi) Vacancies

At the end of 2017, the posts of 3 Assistant Commissioners were vacant. There were also 5 vacancies in the grade of Probation Officers. Ms. Madarun left the Service on 06.01.2017.

(vii) Actingship

- Mr. K. Kora Venciah and Mr. N. Fareed were assigned duties of Assistant Commissioner up to 30.04.2017.
- Mrs. G. Cowreea-Petkar and Mrs. A. C. Y. Lee Kien On were assigned duties of Assistant Commissioner as from 01.05.2017.
- Ms. L. Beeharry was assigned duties of Assistant Commissioner from 23.08.2017 to 10.11.2017.
- Mr. H. Ramgobin was assigned duties of Assistant Commissioner as from 13.11.2017.
- Mr. V. Chengadu was assigned duties of Principal Probation Officer as from 21.08.2017.
- Mr. J Seegolam was assigned duties of Principal Probation Officer as from 31.10.2017 .

(viii) Secondment for Duty

- Mrs. C.A.L. Tow Nam assumed duty as Educational Social Worker at the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research on 05.10.2017.
- Mr. S. Mungleea assumed duty as Educator (Secondary) at the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research on 01.12.2017.

A. The Central Probation Committee

The Central Probation Committee is appointed to advise Government on all matters relating to Probation, Reformation and Rehabilitation of Offenders, and Protection of Minors. The Master and Registrar, Magistrates of the Intermediate and District Courts, the Commissioner of Police, the Commissioner of Prisons, and representatives of various Ministries are ex-officio members. The committee also includes persons with aptitude for and experience in social work.

A meeting of the Central Probation Committee, chaired by Mr. P. Kamsing, Master and Registrar, was held on 27.10.2017. Mrs. H. Luckeenarain, Commissioner, acted as Secretary.

Three PowerPoint presentations were made on that day.

The first one made by Mrs. G. Cowreea-Petkar, Acting Assistant Commissioner was on the theme of institutional care within the Probation setting.

In the second one, Mr. N. Bundhoo, Principal Probation Officer, analyzed and discussed the various probation statistical data.

Lastly, Mr. M. Ramassur, Principal Welfare Officer, dealt with the aims and objectives of the Mauritius Prison Service as well as with its technical and statistical aspects.

B. The District Probation Committees

Each Court has a District Probation Committee appointed by the Minister responsible for the Probation and Aftercare Service. The Committee functions under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate with a Probation Officer of the Court Area acting as Secretary. During 2017, District Probation Committees were held in all District Courts.

A. Enquiries

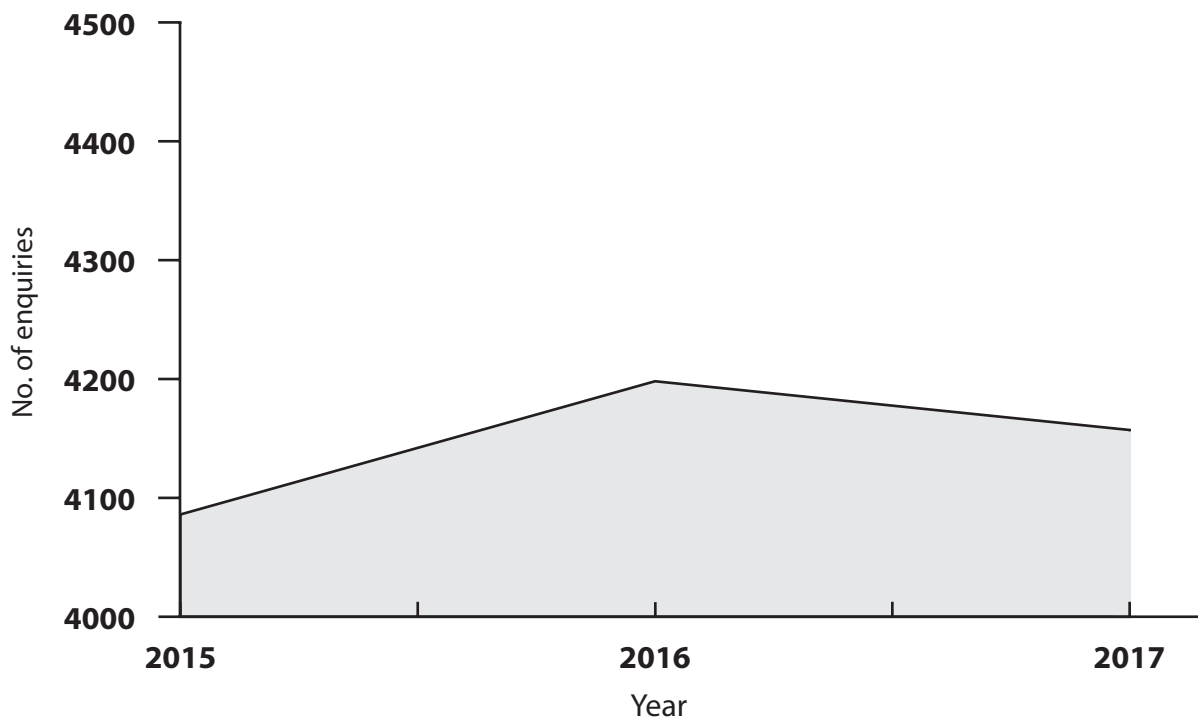
During the year under review, the number of cases investigated and reported upon totalled 4,157 as compared to 4,198 for the year 2016.

The breakdown of enquiries by Court is given in *Annex I* and the number of enquiries per institution for the period 2015 to 2017 is given hereunder:

Table 1 - Number of enquiries by institution, 2015 - 2017

Institution	2015	2016	2017
Supreme Court/Solicitor General's Office	367	272	320
Industrial Court	1	-	-
Intermediate Court	154	176	169
District Court	1,080	1,250	1,049
Director of Public Prosecutions' Office	1,704	1,639	1,661
Parole Board	1	3	1
Rehabilitation Youth Centre Board of Visitors	92	184	122
Correctional Youth Centre Board of Visitors	1	1	-
Throughcare Service (R .Y.C., Probation Home/Hostel)	374	254	341
SACIM	10	10	6
National Adoption Council	1	-	1
International Social Service	6	2	-
Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy	9	22	10
Prime Minister's Office (Home Study Report)	32	19	9
Probation Hostel/Home Managing Committee	4	9	4
Progress Reports (Community Service) - (IC & DC)	212	323	373
Others*	38	34	91
Total	4,086	4,198	4157

*include progress reports on child beyond control, compliance reports for Domestic Violence Unit, reports for Prisons' Services and consideration reports for persons to be released on bail.

Figure 1 - Number of enquiries by institution, 2015 - 2017

During 2017, a total number of 131 social enquiry reports were submitted to District Courts on 'Uncontrollable Juveniles'. Below is a table indicating the outcome of cases:

Table 2 - Outcome of social enquiries on 'Uncontrollable Juveniles' by month, 2017

Outcome of social enquiries	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Set aside/back to parents	8	7	10	12	10	9	9	5	1	7	5	3	86
To RYC	4	3	4	2	4	1	2	1	3	2	-	-	26
To Probation Hostel for Boys	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
To Probation Hostel for Girls	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Referred to C.D.U	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Progress report	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	4	-	-	-	10
To Shelter/Orphanage	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	14	11	15	18	15	13	13	7	8	9	5	3	131

B. Supervision

All Probation Officers were responsible for the supervision of persons placed on probation, those subjected to Community Service Order, cases of "Child beyond control" placed under voluntary supervision as well as follow-up cases of couples having benefitted from a "Protection Order from Domestic Violence". Aftercare cases from the Rehabilitation Youth Centre, throughcare cases at the Rehabilitation Youth Centre, Probation Hostel for Boys, Probation Home for Girls, supervised visitation cases and parolees were supervised by Senior Probation Officers/Probation Officers. Female cases of all types were supervised by lady officers.

(i) Minors

Minors are tried in Chambers by the Magistrates, but when co-accused with adults, they are dealt with in open courts. The proceedings are less formal in juvenile cases and publicity is not authorised. During the year under review, 52 minors (37 boys and 15 girls) were convicted of criminal offences as compared with 60 (56 boys and 4 girls) in 2016. Of these, 18 minors (17 boys and 1 girl) with 20 orders were placed on probation, 2 boys benefitted from Community Service Order, 26 (14 boys and 12 girls) were sent to the Rehabilitation Youth Centre, 3 boys to the Probation Hostel for Boys, 2 girls to the Probation Home for Girls and one boy was sent to an orphanage.

(ii) Probation Orders

During the year under review, a total of 212 probation orders were made.

Table 3 - Number of Probation Orders by Court¹, 2017

Court	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Intermediate	-	1	-	-	1
Port Louis	21	5	7	-	33
Rose Hill	36	15	2	-	53
Curepipe	-	-	-	-	-
Black River	21	3	2	-	26
Savanne	4	7	-	-	11
Moka	12	5	4	-	21
Flacq	7	2	-	-	9
Pamplemousses	15	-	-	1	16
Riviere du Rempart	16	1	3	-	20
Grand Port	4	3	-	-	7
Rodrigues	11	3	1	-	15
Total	147	45	19	1	212

¹No PO for Intermediate and Industrial Courts in 2017

Figure 2 - Number of Probation Orders by type, 2017

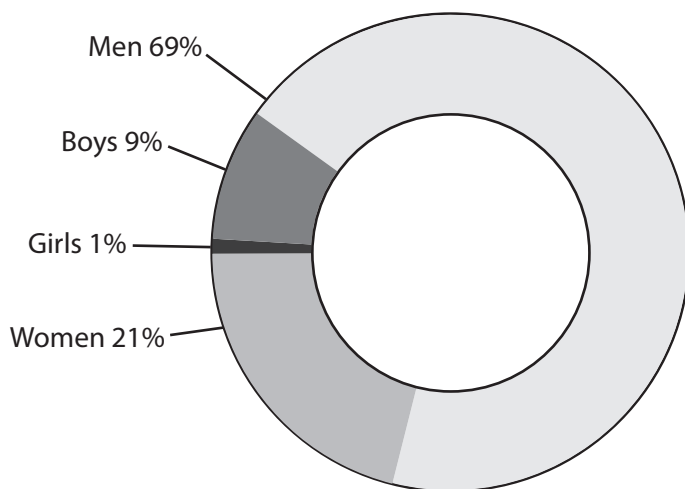
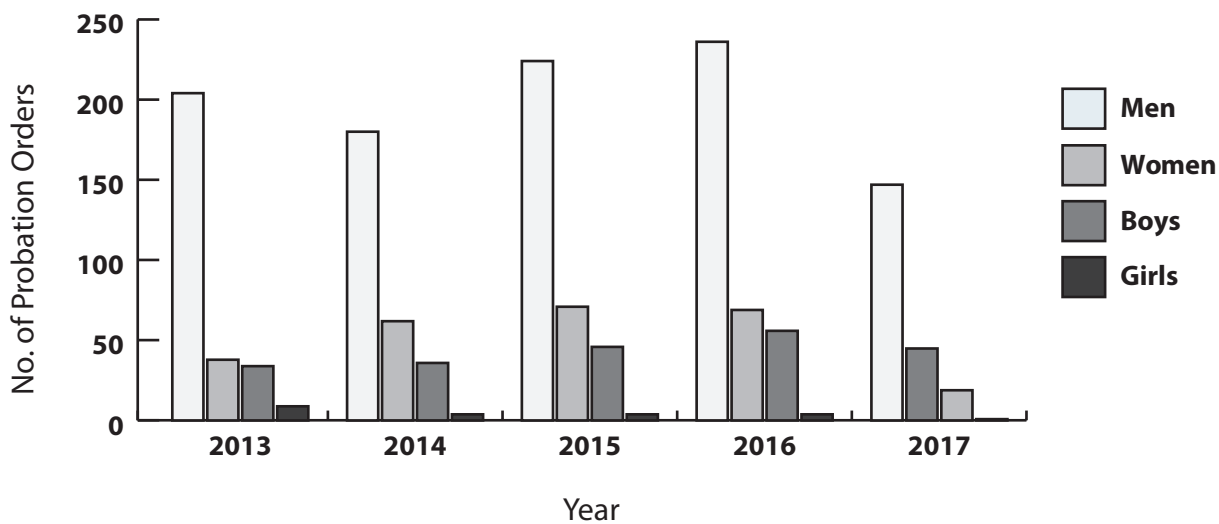


Table 4 - Number of Probation Orders, 2013 - 2017

Year	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
2013	204	38	34	9	285
2014	180	62	36	4	282
2015	224	71	46	4	345
2016	236	69	56	4	365
2017	147	45	19	1	212

Figure 3 - Number of Probation Orders, 2013 - 2017



The total number of probation orders in force as at 31 December 2017 was 451 as compared with 578 at the corresponding date in 2016. The number of probationers under supervision at the end of 2017 was 424 against 515 in 2016.

An analysis of the new orders on the basis of court areas and offences committed is given in **Annex II**.

Annex IIa indicates the types of offences committed by minors for which probation orders were made.

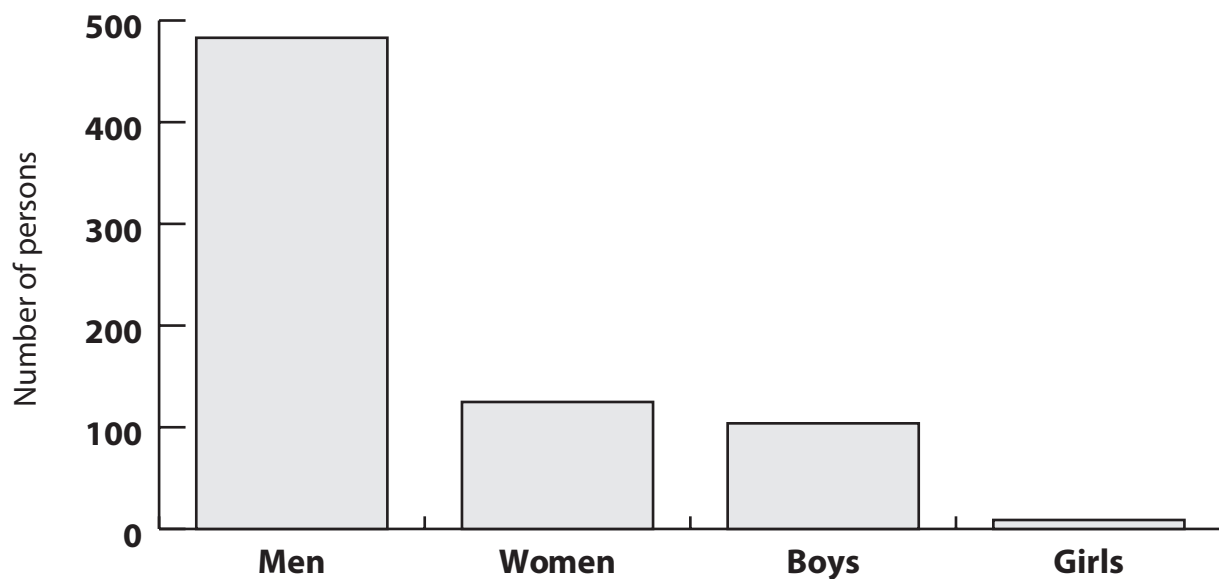
Annex IIb shows the sex and age at which minors were involved in the different types of offences for which probation orders were made.

The total number of probationers supervised during the year was 721 compared to 839 for the previous year while the number of probation orders in force during 2017 was 784 compared to 923 for 2016.

Table 5 - Number of persons on probation by court, 2017

Court	Adults		Minors		Total
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
Intermediate	-	1	-	-	1
Industrial	-	-	-	-	-
Port Louis	74	7	10	-	91
Rose Hill	64	14	7	2	87
Curepipe	14	11	17	-	42
Black River	37	7	2	-	46
Savanne	29	9	10	-	48
Moka	32	10	8	1	51
Flacq	10	4	4	3	21
Pamplemousses	26	1	5	1	33
Riviere du Rempart	65	5	7	2	79
Grand Port	19	10	-	-	29
Rodrigues	113	46	34	-	193
Total	483	125	104	9	721

Figure 4 - Number of persons on probation, 2017

**(iii) Age-Group Distribution**

Hereunder is the age-group distribution of offenders placed on probation during the year 2017:

Table 6 - Distribution of offenders (MINORS) placed on probation by age by group, 2017

Age group (Years)	Boys	Girls	Total
Up to 10	-	-	-
11	-	-	-
12	-	-	-
13	1	-	1
14	3	1	4
15	3	-	3
16	6	-	6
17	4	-	4
Total	17	1	18

Table 7 - Distribution of offenders (ADULTS) placed on probation by age by group, 2017

Age group (Years)	Men	Women	Total
18 - 22	32	7	39
23 - 27	23	1	24
28 - 32	16	2	18
33 - 37	17	8	25
38 - 42	15	2	17
43 - 47	10	5	15
48 - 52	8	9	17
53 - 57	6	3	9
58 & above	8	-	8
Total	135	37	172

(iv) Successful and Unsuccessful Cases

A total number of 309 probationers successfully completed their periods of probation during 2017.

The number of successful and unsuccessful cases is shown below together with comparative figures for the previous four years:

Table 8 - Number of successful and unsuccessful cases, 2013 - 2017

Year	Successful					Unsuccessful				
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
2013	208	31	50	1	290	1	-	5	-	6
2014	140	51	24	3	218	3	-	4	-	7
2015	196	45	27	10	278	10	-	-	-	10
2016	211	78	30	3	322	10	-	3	-	13
2017	209	58	38	4	309	11	-	-	-	11

Out of the 11 unsuccessful cases for 2017, three passed away, seven were brought before Court for having breached the conditions attached to a Probation Order and were sentenced to imprisonment and one was sentenced to imprisonment for having committed an offence other than breach.

C. Throughcare Service

Throughcare refers to the continuous treatment and support accorded by Probation Officers to juveniles in Probation Institutions and at the Rehabilitation Youth Centre from the date of sentence or commitment to that of release of the juvenile on aftercare or at the expiry of the committal order. Probation Officers visit the inmates each month at the institution, as well as their parents/responsible parties at their place of residence. Thereafter, a monthly report on each case is prepared and submitted according to the treatment programme initiated by the supervising officer. Under this programme, the supervising officer monitors and evaluates the progress of the inmate at the institution. He/she also addresses the existing problems within the family through advice, counselling and referrals. He/she encourages and ensures that the responsible parties visit their wards, endeavouring to improve the existing family relationships so as to facilitate the child's integration into his/her family and society at large.

During the year 2017, Probation Officers attended to a total number of 30 female minors (25 from the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and 5 from the Probation Home for Girls) and 29 male minors comprising 18 from the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and 11 from the Probation Hostel for Boys.

As at 31 December 2017, there were 2 boys and 2 girls being supervised on throughcare at the Probation Institutions and 13 boys and 12 girls at the Rehabilitation Youth Centre.

During the year 2017, Probation Officers prepared and submitted 273 reports on Rehabilitation Youth Centre inmates. Moreover, 68 throughcare reports were submitted on residents of Probation Institutions.

D. Aftercare

Inmates of the Correctional Youth Centre and the Rehabilitation Youth Centre who are granted leave of absence and released on aftercare as well as prisoners released on parole remain under the supervision of Senior Probation Officers/Probation Officers until the expiry of their aftercare order or licence. The Senior Probation Officers/Probation Officers advise, support and guide these offenders during their period of supervision, thus helping them to readjust to acceptable societal norms. In 2017, a total of 17 cases: 15 (4 boys and 11 girls) from the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and 2 Parolees (one male and one female) were supervised on aftercare.

As at 31 December 2017, 2 parolees and 10 minors (3 boys and 7 girls) from the Rehabilitation Youth Centre were still under supervision.

E. Preventive Supervision

During 2017, 39 minors (18 boys and 21 girls), who appeared before Courts as "uncontrollable juveniles", were under preventive supervision. As at 31 December 2017, 18 minors (8 boys and 10 girls) were still under supervision.

F. Domestic Violence Act (DVA) Cases

During the year under review, 69 couples, subjected to a “protection order from domestic violence” were followed by Probation Officers. As at 31 December 2017, there were 55 couples still under supervision.

G. Supervised Visitation

The Family Court Division of the Supreme Court referred 4 custody cases to the Probation Service for “supervised visitation”. The parents’ right of access to minors needed close supervision by the Senior Probation Officer in order to facilitate the process. As at 31 December 2017, 3 cases were still under supervision.

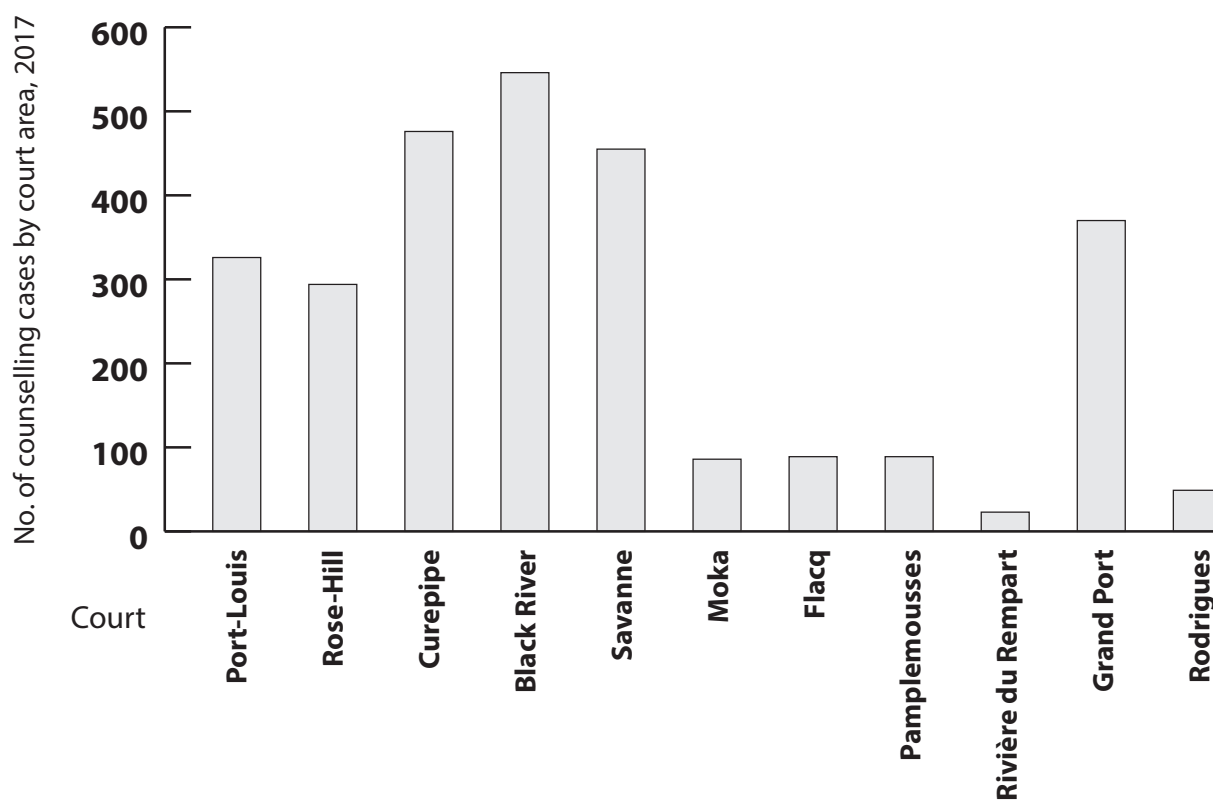
H. Counselling

Probation Officers, as social workers, carry out counselling work in connection with matrimonial and other social problems. Such work forms an important part of the Probation Officers’ daily duties.

During 2017, a total number of 2,803 counselling cases were attended to by the various regional probation offices.

The figure below shows the number of counselling cases dealt with in the different court areas in 2017:

Figure 5 - Number of counselling cases by court area, 2017



The table at Annex III indicates the breakdown of counselling cases by court area during 2017.

The Probation of Offenders Act 1946 was amended in 2009 to include additional requirements that are now attached to a Probation Order. Attendance Centre is one of the requirements attached to a Probation Order issued by Court to an offender placed on probation, as per section 4 of the Probation of Offenders Act. The main strategy is to create facilitative group conditions with a view to educating and rehabilitating probationers as a more efficient way of dealing with their problems and thereby enhancing their social functioning.

The Pro-social Skills Programme comprises 11 modules over duration not exceeding 27 hours. Of the 11 modules, 10 are delivered by Officers of the Probation and Aftercare Service; the module 'Constructive Leisure Activities' is imparted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The 11 Modules of the Pro-social Skills Programme are as follows:

- Programme Objectives & Identity Building;
- Offending, Victim Awareness & Empathy;
- Significance of Culture and Pro-social Values;
- Effective Problem Solving & Goal Setting;
- Strengthening of Family & Parenting;
- Stress & Anger Management;
- Substance Abuse;
- Adolescence, Sexuality & Behaviour Disorder;
- Constructive Leisure Activities (by Ministry of Youth & Sports);
- Effective Social Functioning;
- The Way Forward & Award of Certificate

Probationers having failed to complete the programme during the scheduled semester are provided opportunities to catch up the missed modules in the ensuing semester. Few probationers, having failed to comply with the Attendance Centre requirement without plausible reasons, are prosecuted for breach of the condition attached to a Probation Order. Upon successful completion of the programme, probationers are awarded a Certificate of Attendance.

During the 2 semesters of 2017, for Mauritius there were 139 new probationers comprising 103 adult males, 19 adult females, 14 minor males and 3 minor females. Out of them, 1 passed away, 113 completed the Pro-social Skills Programme. The remainder would be allowed to complete the Programme in the batch of 2018. However, those having breached the requirement by not following or completing the Programme would be prosecuted.

The Attendance Centre was implemented in Rodrigues in 2016 in three sessions. In 2017, there were only two sessions with 22 new probationers comprising 11 adult males and 11 adult females and among those 20 completed the Programme.

Annex V shows details of probationers who were required to follow the Pro-social Skills Programme.

The Community Service Order Act (No. 17 of 2002) enacted by Parliament in July 2002, was proclaimed on 18 November 2002 and Regulations were made on 17 January 2003. The Community Service Order is an alternative to incarceration. It is an open-treatment sentence in lieu of a custodial one passed by a criminal court in respect of adult offenders and minors aged 16 years and above found guilty of an offence punishable by a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years and also fine defaulters.

The Community Service Order (Amendment) Act, proclaimed in August 2009, made provision for:

- (i) the suspension of a sentence of imprisonment passed on a minor aged 16 years and above and making him the subject of a Community Service Order.
- (ii) raising the amount of unpaid fine for which the making of a Community Service Order can be considered, from Rs 10,000 to Rs 25,000. This amount has then been increased to Rs 30,000 as per Section 6 of the Economic and Financial measures (miscellaneous provisions) 2013.
- (iii) Uniformity in the calculation of the period of community service.
- (iv) the extension of the period within which a Community Service Order can come into operation, from 10 to 45 days, to facilitate team placement in the community.
- (v) community service workers to be subjected to counselling and receiving visits at their place of residence from community service officers.
- (vi) mandatory submission of periodical reports on convicted persons by community service officers.
- (vii) Simplifying procedures for breach of Community Service Order.
- (viii) increasing the fine from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000 in respect of persons subjected to Community Service Order who have been fined for breach of any of the conditions to the same order.

The Community Service Order, which involves the participation of the community in the rehabilitation of an offender, offers an opportunity to the latter to repay his debt to society. It contains two elements of punishment:

- (i) The offender performs community work without any economic reward.
- (ii) The work has to be performed during the offender's free time including week-ends.

The law makes provision for a minimum of sixty hours and a maximum of three hundred hours of community work, spanning over a period of not more than twelve months.

The first case for community service was referred by Curepipe Court on 14 March 2003. Initially, CSO workers were placed in organisations where they were performing work on an individual basis and were under the responsibility of the officer in charge of the organisation. The new legislation now renders it possible for CSO workers to perform work in a team (minimum two and maximum six workers). Working in team provides many advantages like making cumbersome tasks more enjoyable, interesting and productive. Work being done is more visible to the Community and also benefits from the creative thoughts, inspirations and skills and competencies of different people. Team placement for the year 2017 was as follows:

Court	Placement Institutions	Number of workers
Port Louis	Bain des Dames	16
	St. James Cathedral	15
Curepipe	Forest Side Fire Station	9
	Curepipe District Court	3
Flacq	Flacq Fire Station	17
	Flacq District Court	6
Pamplemousses	District Council (vicinity of Pamplemousses Garden) & market place	28
	Krisnanand S. Ashram	3
Riviere du Rempart	Melville Public Beach	3
	Poudre d'Or Public Beach	29
Black River	Black River District Court	3
Total		132

During 2017, a total of 842 cases were referred for social enquiry by courts as indicated below:

Table 10 - Number of cases referred for social enquiry by court, 2017

Court	Adults		Minors		Total
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
Intermediate	153	23	-	-	176
Port Louis	91	4	-	-	95
Rose Hill	46	3	2	-	51
Curepipe	22	6	-	-	28
Black River	31	1	-	-	32
Savanne	19	1	1	-	21
Moka	34	-	-	-	34
Flacq	38	-	-	-	38
Pamplemousses	110	2	-	-	112
Riviere du Rempart	100	8	-	-	108
Grand Port	98	4	-	-	102
Rodrigues	42	3	-	-	45
Total	784	55	3	-	842

707 Community Service Orders (including 94 additional orders for men and 2 for women) were made by the following courts:

Table 11 - Number of Community Service Orders made by court, 2017

Court	Adults		Minors		Total
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
Intermediate	138	25	-	-	163
Port Louis	64	5	-	-	69
Rose Hill	23	3	1	-	27
Curepipe	21	7	-	-	28
Black River	28	1	-	-	29
Savanne	19	1	1	-	21
Moka	32	1	-	-	33
Flacq	31	-	-	-	31
Pamplemousses	82	4	-	-	86
Riviere du Rempart	86	8	-	-	94
Grand Port	80	3	-	-	83
Rodrigues	40	3	-	-	43
Total	644	61	2	-	707

Work placement for the 611 community service workers (550 men, 59 women and 2 boys) was as follows:

(i) Government Organizations	:	400
Police Department	:	189
Probation and Aftercare Service	:	25
Social Welfare Centres	:	49
District Courts	:	39
Ministry of Environment/Beach Authority	:	70
Fire Services	:	27
Museum	:	1
(ii) Parastatal Organizations	:	127
SILWF (Community Centres)	:	100
District Councils	:	22
Other Parastatal - Local Government	:	5
(iii) Non-Government Organizations	:	84
Ashram/Home	:	12
Places of worship	:	36
Rodrigues Council of Social Services	:	35
Drug rehabilitation centre	:	1
Total		611

The number of persons who were under supervision during 2017 was 826 comprising 782 men, 13 women and 31 boys. As at 31 December 2017, there were 315 persons (284 men, 29 women and 2 boys) under supervision.

Effectiveness and cost benefits of Community Service Order

The Community Service Scheme has so far been working well. Serving sentence in the open is regarded to be far more economic than within the four walls of the prison as the present estimated cost of maintaining a prisoner is Rs 23,250 monthly. At the same time, the pressure on the Social Security Services is relieved – dependents of a person subjected to a community service order would not be required to resort to Social Aid Benefits. Institutions offering unpaid work to Community Service Workers also make savings. The fact that the convicted persons are not sent to prison and continue to work, they themselves ensure income earnings for their family. In 2017, the details of savings were as follows:

Prison	: Rs. 66,313,131
Income earning	: Rs. 26,781,543
Institutions	: Rs. 3,976,050

Annex IV indicates the offences committed by persons for which Community Service Orders were made.

The Probation Hostel for Boys was inaugurated on 20 May 1954 by His Excellency Sir Robert Scott, Governor of Mauritius. It is housed since 1961 in a government owned building divided into two blocks at Impasse Desvaux, Les Casernes, Curepipe. This semi-open institution provides separate accommodation for a maximum of 20 boys.

The Probation Home for Girls, which is housed in a rented building at Mahant Kabir Street, Phoenix, was established on 8 August 1988. The Probation Home for Girls is a semi-open residential institution catering for girls up to the age of eighteen and can accommodate a maximum of 12 residents. The overall responsibility of the Hostel and Home falls under the Commissioner of Probation and Aftercare.

The main role of the two semi-open institutions is to provide residential rehabilitative treatment for convicted minors and uncontrollable juveniles committed by the District Courts. Some residents may reside there until the age of majority. Both institutions provide a congenial environment for juveniles, whose home surroundings are not sufficiently conducive for their proper character formation and development and who therefore necessitate removal and placement in a better milieu.

Both institutions, which are under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues are supported by annual government grants. Each one is administered by a Managing Committee appointed on a yearly basis by the Ministry. The day-to-day running of the institutions is performed by probation staff acting as Warden, the Secretary and rehabilitation/support officers. Residents are looked after by Houseparents, Assistant Housefathers/Housemothers acting as father and mother figures. The Chairperson, the Secretary, the Warden and supporting staff carry out meetings with residents, who are regularly counselled regarding their progress and needs.

Residents are allowed to go to mainstream educational institutions. A psychologist holds counselling sessions with them regularly in order to tackle their behaviour and emotional problems. Each resident is followed by a Probation Officer, who provides throughcare service to the resident and the family and the residents are granted home leave once monthly in order to ensure smooth reintegration within the family. Probation Officers from regional offices also participate in the rehabilitation of residents through talks/activities within the institution and educational tours throughout the island. Each resident's birthday is celebrated. Residents with specific medical and psychiatric needs are provided with appropriate treatment. After discharge from the institutions, some ex-residents are supervised by the Probation Officer/Supervising Officer with family consent and upon the recommendation of the Managing Committee.

Key Facts	Probation Hostel	Probation Home
Chairperson	Mr. H. Suffee	Mrs. S. Baguant
Government Grant	Rs 1,300,000	Rs 1,900,000
On Roll at 01.01.2017	6	6
Admission during year	3	2
Discharge during year	6	3
On Roll at 31.12.17	2	2
Absconding/Outcome	One boy absconded and was entrusted to his paternal grandmother	3 girls absconded out of which 2 were entrusted to the care of the parents and 1 was sent to the RYC
Houseparents	Nil	Nil
Assistant houseparents	8	6
Secretary	Mrs. S. Anasamy	(1) Mrs. K.V. Bundhoo up to June 2017 (2) Mrs. A. Toorbuth as from July 2017
Warden	Mr. D. Thumiah	Mrs. B. Vencatasamy
Supporting Probation Officers	Mr. O. Baboolall	(1) Mrs. I Halkhari-Mungra (2) Mrs. S. Baboolall (23.11.17-07.12.17) (3) Ms. H. Matoo (27.02.17-03.03.17) (4) Ms. D. Gumbheer (06.03.17-10.03.17)
Commissioner's Representative	(1) Mr. F. Moideen (2) Mrs. A. C. Y. Lee Kien On as from November 2017	(1) Mr. N. Fareed (2) Mrs. G. Cowreea-Petkar as from May 2017

The Probation and Aftercare Service submitted 320 Social Enquiry Reports to the Supreme Court and Solicitor General's Office during the year. The enquiries were carried out by Senior Probation Officers. Details of the types of cases are given below:

Type	Number
Custody / Provisional custody	52
Right of Visit / Droit d'Hebergement	18
Adoption Plénière	4
Appointment of Guardian and Sub-Guardian	28
Adoption Simple	48
Conversion of adoption simple to adoption plénière	4
Rectification in Civil Status Acts	6
Ouverture de la Tutelle	51
Deprivation of parental authority	2
Application for loan	3
Authorisation to bring minor outside the jurisdiction of Mauritius	1
Counselling and reconciliation	15
Living conditions of parties	49
Application for an "Ad hoc" guardian	1
Declaration d'absence	1
Application for authorization to sell undivided rights and share of minor in a portion of land	5
SER on allegation of ill treatment	1
Authorization for partitioning of a commercial building and splitting of loan repayment	1
Application for authorization to mortgage apartment	2
Revocation of adoption simple	2
Change of name	2
Application for order decreeing that plaintiff is not the father of defendant	2
Application for authorization to be granted an overdraft facility with a fixed charge on a property	1
Application for Administratrix Ad hoc	4
To ascertain whether respondent and minors have vacated premises	1
Application for authorisation to sell undivided rights in an immovable property	4
Variation of custody order	6
Declaring late person as biological father of minor	1
Tardy declaration of birth	2
Legitimation par adoption	1
Supervised visitation	2
Total	320

The functions of the Parole Board are to make recommendations to the Minister for:

- (a) the release on parole of a convicted detainee who has served not less than one half of his sentence or at least 16 months thereof, whichever expires the later; and
- (b) the recall of a detainee released on parole where:
 - (i) the detainee has not complied with a condition of parole, or
 - (ii) the revocation of parole appears to the Parole Board to be in the interest of the detainee.

Mr. G. Rambojun, Assistant Commissioner, was the Secretary of the Parole Board. During the period under review, the Board met on 7 occasions and reviewed 62 applications and reports submitted by Senior Probation Officers. A male detainee was released on parole after submission of a favourable social enquiry report on him.

THE DISCHARGED PERSONS' AID COMMITTEE

The Discharged Persons' Aid Committee was instituted with a view to helping prisoners integrate fully in society on their release.

The functions of the Discharged Persons' Aid Committee are:

- (a) To interview every detainee, before his discharge, concerning his plans and prospects;
- (b) to use its best endeavours
 - (i) to produce employment for persons who have been discharged;
 - (ii) to persuade a person who has been discharged to live by honest means and provide him with a loan or a reasonable sum of money to that end if the Committee so decides;
 - (iii) to ensure that a person who has been discharged is completely rehabilitated and gets all the assistance he needs to return to civilian life and settle therein as a civilised person.

The committee met once monthly at the Central Prison, Beau Bassin to interview detainees to be discharged from Prisons and to approve financial and other assistance (tools, blankets). Mr. N. Bundhoo, Principal Probation Officer, was the Secretary of the Committee.

For the period under review, it approved Rs 91,490 as grant-in-aid from government in respect of 984 detainees. The government annual grant-in-aid to maintain financial assistance to the discharged prisoners amounted to Rs 100,000.

The Probation and Aftercare Service provided the Boards assigned to the Correctional Youth Centre and the Rehabilitation Youth Centre with social enquiry reports to enable members to take appropriate decisions in cases under consideration with a view to safeguarding the welfare of the inmates. The Commissioner of Probation and Aftercare or his representative, who is a member on each Board, reads out individual reports submitted by Senior Probation Officers/Probation Officers.

The **Correctional Youth Centre Board of Visitors** for year 2017 met on 11 occasions. No request for social enquiry report was made to the Probation & Aftercare Service given that short sentences were imposed on juveniles committed to the Correctional Youth Centre.

Monthly meetings of the **Rehabilitation Youth Centre Board of Visitors**, except for October, for year 2017 were held and the Probation and Aftercare Service submitted 122 Social Enquiry Reports to the Board as follows:

Consideration	17
Weekend leave	37
Progress	68
Total	122

Talks in Schools, Colleges and Social Welfare Centres for the year 2017

During the year, a total of 165 preventive talks were carried out in schools, colleges, social welfare centres and community centres across the island by officers at regional level. In social welfare centres, the target group was mainly adults, elderly persons and parents, who were sensitized about their role in the family and the community at large towards bringing up law-abiding and honest citizens. Topics of talks were related to the following:

- i. Juvenile Delinquency
- ii. Role and responsibilities of parents
- iii. Role of Probation Officer in the family and the community
- iv. Causes and ill effects of substance abuse and smoking
- v. Adolescence and its problems
- vi. Indiscipline in schools
- vii. Interpersonal relationship in the family
- viii. Stress and Anger management
- ix. Identity Building

Total talks for 2017

January	13
February	43
March	16
April	14
May	27
June	15
July	2
August	8
September	8
October	3
November	13
December	3
TOTAL	165

1. On the 16th and 23rd May 2017, Mrs. A. Toorbuth, Mr. S. Bissessur and Mr. R. Koothan attended training session on "Increasing Productivity through Stress Management" organised by the Civil Service College.
2. On 18th May 2017, Mrs. S. Gobin Tapossea, Mr I. Dhannoo, Miss L. Beefeya and Mr. P Jeebun followed training on "Managing performance in the Public Sector".
3. On 18th and 25th May 2017, Mr. G. Rambojun, Mr. R. Boojhawon and Mr. N. Bundhoo followed training on "Statutory Interpretation".
4. On 18th May 2017, Mrs. G. Cowreea-Petkar and Mrs. A.C.Y. Lee Kien On attended a training session on "Leadership in making things happen" at Prisons Training School.
5. Mr. L. Gungaram, Ms. W. E. Bhowaneendin, Mr. P. Jeebun, Mrs. B. Dyaram, Mr. S. Mungleea followed training in "First Aid" on 31st July 2017, 4th, 9th, 11th, 14th and 18th August 2017. Mrs. L. Juglall Boodhoo, Ms. S. Dukhie, Ms. C. Laverdure, Mrs. R. Heeraman and Mr. P. Jeebun followed training in "First Aid" on 18th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, 26th and 28th September 2017.
6. On 11th August 2017 and on 15th September 2017, Mr. N. Ramasawmy delivered in service training on "Child Beyond Control" to Probation Officers and Senior Probation Officers.
7. On 13th and 26th September 2017, Mr. V. Chengadu, Mr. J. Seegolam, Mr. N. Pursoty and Mr. S. Bissessur attended a workshop on "Customer Service Excellence" organized by the Civil Service College.
8. The following officers attended a half-day training session on "Capacity Building on Autism" on 12th September 2017 given by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development:
Mrs. N. Chundunsing, Mrs. S. Gentil Baleekdar, Mrs. I. Halkhari-Mungra, Mrs. M. Seebalak, Mrs. M.J.D. Cesar, Ms. N. B. Ramjane, Mrs. Z. Sobratee, Mrs. A. Gajadhur, Mrs. U.D.M Seenauth and Ms. H. Beegun.
9. Mr. N. Ramasawmy, Mrs D. Miniandee, Ms. D. Gumbeer, Mrs J. Goodiah, Mrs. S. Baboolall attended a "Symposium on good governance" on 12th September 2017 organised by the Social Welfare Division of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare.
10. On 29th and 30th November 2017, 1st, 7th and 8th December 2017, Mrs. G. Cowreea-Petkar followed a "Level 3 Certificate of Achievement in Service and Performance Excellence" training at the Civil Service College.

The Record and Statistics Unit of the Probation and Aftercare Service was set up to monitor almost every aspect of the work of Senior Probation Officers and Probation Officers at regional levels. The Unit received monthly returns of each regional office which indicated the volume of work done by each officer during a month. The statistics and information submitted were compiled after clearing out discrepancies in the returns and were then used by the Unit to prepare monthly reports and the annual report for the Service.

The Unit also scrutinised expired files and copies of social enquiry reports submitted to Courts during each month. Comments and criticisms were made on the supervisory aspect of cases and on certain discrepancies and omissions in social enquiry reports. Comments from Appraisal Reports made on reports submitted and expired files completed were discussed during meetings.

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES UNIT

During the year reviewed, the number of cases referred to the Clinical/Social Psychologist was 49. The role of the Clinical/Social Psychologist is mainly to ensure proper and effective counselling for cases referred by the Supreme, Intermediate and District Courts and the Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy, using referrals where needed. Several approaches are used depending on the client's needs and sessions may extend over a period of six months to one year. Depressed clients with suicidal tendencies are referred to the psychiatric department of various hospitals for medical treatment. Psychological Reports were also submitted on clients referred by courts or other institutions.

Table 12 - Number and type of cases attended to by the Clinical/Social Psychologist at the Probation and Aftercare Service, 2017

Type of case	Adults		Minors		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Supervised visitation	-	-	2	-	2
Escaping from legal custody	-	-	-	1	1
Sodomy	-	-	2	-	2
Child beyond control	-	-	8	17	25
Custody of children	-	-	8	1	9
Reports for commission on the prerogative of mercy	2	4	-	-	6
Report for PMO	1	1	-	-	2
Probation Hostel for Boys	-	-	2	-	2
Total	3	5	22	19	49

Number of enquiries by Regional Probation Office, 2017 **Annex I**

Institution	Port Louis	Rose-Hill	Curepipe	Black-River	Savanne	Moka	Flacq	Pamplemousses	Riv.du Rempart	Grand Port	Rodrigues	Total
Supreme Court/Solicitor General's Office	36	43	44	19	38	18	27	33	34	22	6	320
Intermediate Court	23	17	30	4	11	3	23	25	15	18		169
District Court	152	118	51	87	57	61	72	145	153	91	62	1,049
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	230	204	144	112	149	91	181	210	183	102	55	1,661
Rehabilitation Youth Centre Board of Visitors	42	4	8	31	17	1	10	5		4		122
Throughcare (RYC, Home, Hostel)	88	35	9	51	20	5	40	52	28	13		341
SACIM	1		2	1	2							6
National Adoption Council							1					1
Parole Board		1										1
Correctional Youth Centre Board of Visitors												0
Prime Minister's Office		1	1	1	1		2		1	2		9
Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy	2	1	1	1	1			3		1		10
Progress Reports on Community Service workers	59	47	38	15	15	12	22	82	66	17		373
Probation Home for Girls Managing Committee			1		2			1				4
Probation Hostel for Boys Managing Committee												0
Others	21	7	3	12	2	1	7	14	7		17	91
Total	654	478	332	334	315	192	385	570	487	270	140	4,157

Offences committed by persons placed on probation by Court, 2017												Annex II	
Offences	Intermediate Ct	Port Louis	Rose Hill	Curepipe	Black-River	Savanne	Moka	Flacq	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Grand Port	Rodrigues	Total
Assault and related offences	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	7	3	24
Simple assault		2						2		10	7	3	24
Sexual Offences	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sexual intercourse with minor <16		1											1
Property offences	0	23	43	0	21	10	19	2	3	7	0	0	128
Fraud and dishonesty		2	6		2				1	2			13
Issuing cheque without provision			2										2
Swindling					1								1
Embezzlement by person in receipt of wages			3										3
Embezzlement			1		1				1	2			5
Possession of counterfeit notes		1											1
Demanding money by threat		1											1
Theft		21	37		19	10	19		2	5			113
Robbery		4	17		9		4			2			36
Larceny by two or more individuals		4	1		8		4			2			19
Larceny with aggravating circumstances			1										1
Larceny violence			14										14
Larceny on public road			1		1								2
Burglary		1				7	4						12
Larceny scaling						7	1						8
Attempt at larceny by person in receipt of wages							2						2
Larceny false key							1						1
Larceny (day) breaking		1					2						3
Other theft		16	20		10	3	11		2	3			65
Attempt at larceny by person in receipt of wages							2						2
Simple larceny		14	11		2		5			1			33
Larceny by person in receipt of wages		1	9		6	3	4		2	2			27
Attempt at larceny		1											1
Larceny by finding					2								2
Other Property offences								2					2
Damaging goods and chattels								1					1
Damaging enclosures								1					1

Offences committed by persons placed on probation by Court, 2017 (cont'd)

Offences	Intermediate Ct	Port Louis	Rose Hill	Curepipe	Black-River	Savanne	Moka	Flacq	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Grand Port	Rodrigues	Total
Drug offences	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	11
Possession of cannabis & heroin					2				8			1	11
Contraventions	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	11	18
Road Traffic contravention		2											2
Driving without licence		2											2
Other contraventions								5				11	16
Disturbance								1					1
Insult								4				1	5
Allowing animals to stray												10	10
Other offences	1	5	10	0	3	1	2	0	5	3	0	0	30
Conspiracy		2											2
Aiding and Abetting		1	1		1		2						5
Outrage against agent of civil authority		1											1
Possession of articles obtained unlawfully	1		6		1	1			1	1			11
Effecting public mischief		1											1
Idle & disorderly person			1										1
Ill-treatment of elderly person			1										1
Child ill-treatment									1				1
Rogue & vagabond									1				1
Breach of order			1		1					2			4
Indecent act in public									2				2
Total	1	33	53	0	26	11	21	9	16	20	7	15	212

Offences committed by minors with Probation Orders, 2017			Annex IIa
Offences	M	F	Total
Assault and related offences	1	0	1
Simple assault	1		1
Sexual offences	1	0	1
Sexual intercourse with minor under 16	1		1
Property offences	13	0	13
Theft	13		13
Robbery	9		9
Larceny with violence	1		1
Larceny by two or more individuals	8		8
Burglary	3		3
Larceny scaling	1		1
Larceny (day) breaking	2		2
Other theft	1		1
Larceny simple	1		1
Drug Offences	1	0	1
Possession of Cannabis	1		1
Other Offences	1	1	2
Indecent act in public		1	1
Outrage against an agent of civil authority	1		1
Total	17	1	18

Offences committed by minors with Probation Orders by age and sex, 2017											Annex IIb
Offences	13		14		15		16		17		Age
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Total
Assault and related offences	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Simple assault					1						1
Sexual offences	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Indecent act in public				1							1
Sexual intercourse with minor under 16					1						1
Property offences	1	0	2	0	1	0	5	0	4	0	13
Theft											13
<i>Robbery</i>	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	9
Larceny with violence							1				1
Larceny by two or more individuals			2		1		2		3		8
<i>Burglary</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Larceny scaling							1				1
Larceny (day) breaking							1		1		2
<i>Other theft</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larceny simple	1										1
Drug offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Possession of cannabis							1				1
Other offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Outrage against an agent of civil authority							1				1
Total	1	0	2	1	3	0	7	0	4	0	18

Offences committed by minors with Probation Orders by Court, 2017											Annex II c	
Offences	Port Louis	Rose Hill	Curepipe	Black River	Savanne	Moka	Flacq	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Grand Port	Rodrigues	Total
Assault and related offences	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Simple assault	1											1
Sexual offences	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sexual intercourse with minor under 16	1											1
Property offences	4	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	13
Theft												
Robbery	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	9
Larceny with violence		1										1
Larceny by two or more individuals	3	1		2					2			8
Burglary	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Larceny scaling						1						1
Larceny (day) breaking	1					1						2
Other theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Larceny simple									1			1
Drug offences	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of cannabis											1	1
Other Offences	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Indecent act in public								1				1
Outrage against agent of civil authority	1											1
Total	8	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	18

Annex III												
Breakdown of Counselling cases by Court Area, 2017												
Type of counselling cases	Port Louis	Rose-Hill	Curepipe	Black River	Savanne	Moka	Flacq	Pamplemousses	Riv du Rempart	Grand Port	Rodrigues	Total
Matrimonial Dispute	55	63	116	109	148	13	21	24	9	103	12	673
Family Dispute	76	127	124	186	108	20	26	20	11	108	1	807
Abandonment	9		3	6			4	9	1	2	2	36
Battered Women	7	7	16	18	14	5		2		5	4	78
Alimony	14	3	10	24	14	2	1	2	1	23	5	99
Custody of Children	19	4	19	30	32	1	2	10		17	3	137
Breach of promise to marry	1						2					3
Pre-marital pregnancy										1		1
Battered children		1		4	1	2				1		9
Unruly children	67	41	49	81	39	9	17	3		53		359
Drug addicts	6	6	14	8	4	3	6	2		5		54
Alcohol addicts	6	4	11	5	4	1	4		1	6		42
Addicted to other substances		1	2	1				2				6
Landlord/Tenant dispute	5	5	12	9	6	4	3	2		6		52
Neighbour dispute	6	7	5	18	15	5	3	11		11	1	82
Suicidal tendencies	1					3						4
Others	54	25	95	47	70	18		2		29	21	361
Total	326	294	476	546	455	86	89	89	23	370	49	2803

Offences by type of persons sentenced to Community Service Orders, 2017					Annex IV
Offences	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Homicide and related offences	11	0	0	0	11
<i>Non intentional homicide</i>	11				11
Involuntary homicide	11				11
Assault and related offences	35	4	0	0	39
Simple Assaults (wounds & blows, blows, assaults, etc)	15	2			17
Assault against an agent of Civil Authority	2	1			3
Assault causing effusion of blood (Public functionary)	3	1			4
Assault causing sickness or incapacity from personal labour > 20 days	2				2
Assault with premeditation	12				12
Assaulting a person entrusted with a public duty	1				1
Sexual offences	31	0	0	0	31
Sodomy	2				2
Bestiality	8				8
Sexual intercourse with minor under 16	10				10
Sexual intercourse with specified person	1				1
Attempt upon chastity	5				5
Dealing in obscene matters	1				1
Causing child to be sexually abused	4				4
Property offences	289	32	2	0	323
<i>Fraud and dishonesty</i>	27	9			36
Forgery	5	1			6
Forgery of passport/making use of forged passport		1			1
Making use of forged documents	2				2
Counterfeiting bank notes	5				5
Possession of counterfeit bank notes	2				2
Issuing cheque without provision	6	3			9
Swindling	7	3			10
Extortion		1			1
<i>Offences under Prevention of Corruption Act (POCA)</i>	14				14
Bribery by public official	5				5
Bribery of public official	4				4
Other offences under POCA (conflict of interest)	5				5
<i>Embezzlement</i>	8	1			9
Embezzlement by person in receipt of wages	2	1			3
Embezzlement (simple)	6				6

Offences by type of persons sentenced to Community Service Orders, 2017 (cont'd)					
Offences	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Theft	221	19	2		242
<i>Robbery</i>	103	7	1		111
Larceny by two or more individuals	42	6	1		49
Larceny with aggravating circumstances (violence)	25				25
Larceny using mask	1	1			2
Larceny on public road	6				6
Larceny violence	1				1
Larceny	21				21
Attempt at larceny	4				4
Attempt at larceny with aggravating circumstances	3				3
<i>Burglary</i>	38	1			39
Larceny night breaking	11				11
Larceny (day) breaking	13				13
Larceny false key	1	1			2
Larceny scaling	13				13
<i>Other theft (excluding automobile)</i>	80	11	1		92
Larceny produce of soil	2				2
Larceny by servant or any person in receipt of wages	34	6	1		41
Praedial larceny	12				12
Other simple larcenies	32	5			37
<i>Other property offences</i>	19	3			22
Receiving /possession of stolen property	12	3			15
Destroying enclosures	2				2
Swearing a false affidavit	4				4
Obtaining an ID on a name other than that which appears on his birth certificate	1				1
Drug offences	20	1	0	0	21
Administering/smoking/consuming	5				5
Cultivating cannabis plants	4	1			5
Possession of cannabis	2				2
Selling, distributing, delivering, dealing & procuring, specify dealing	9				9
Road traffic contraventions	57	0	0	0	57
Driving under disqualification	31				31
In charge of a motor vehicle under influence of intoxicating drink/drugs	1				1
Driving without licence	21				21
Inoperative insurance policy	2				2
Failing to provide breath specimen for breath test	1				1
Permitting an unlicensed driver to drive	1				1

Offences by type of persons sentenced to Community Service Orders, 2017 (cont'd)					
Offences	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Other offences (not classified elsewhere)	201	24	0	0	225
Child trafficking		1			1
Abandonment of child		1			1
Child illtreatment		1			1
Abducting child	1				1
Aiding and abetting	18				18
Disturbance	2				2
Rogue and vagabond (vagrancy)	4				4
Involuntary wounds & blows	1				1
Effecting public mischief	3				3
Conspiracy	6				6
Computer misuse & cybercrime act (unauthorised access to computer)	1				1
Bearing offensive weapons		2			2
Threatening verbally	5				5
Failing to pay alimony	6				6
False and malicious denunciation in writing	2	3			5
Breach of conditions of release on bail	4				4
Breach of protection order	7				7
Breach of occupation order	1				1
Brothel keeping		6			6
Obstructing Public officer	1				1
Non-payment of fine	129	10			139
Outrage against depository of Public Authority	1				1
Giving instruction to commit a crime	3				3
Insider dealing prohibition	1				1
Unlawful access to port premises	1				1
Recruiting workers without licence	2				2
Taking indecent picture of a child	1				1
Bearing offensive weapon	1				1
Total	644	61	2	0	707

Number of probationers having followed Pro-social Skills programme and awarded certificates in 2017

Annex V

Zone	Period	Type				Total			Catching up		Breach	Total number of Certificates awarded
		Adult		Minor		Followed	Passed away	Completed	From old batch completed	To be completed in next batch		
		Male	Female	Male	Female							
Curepipe	January - June	11	2	1	-	14	1	7	-	6	-	7
	July - December	9	3	2	1	15	-	11	6	3	1	17
Beau Bassin	January - June	34	5	5	-	44	-	36	-	-	8	36
	July - December	18	6	3	-	27	-	23	-	2	2	23
Pamplemousses	January - June	15	1	3	2	21	-	19	4	6	-	23
	July - December	16	2	-	-	18	-	17	1	5	1	18
Rodrigues	February - April	7	9	-	-	16	-	15	5	18	-	20
	August - October	4	2	-	-	6	-	5	9	10	-	14
Total		114	30	14	3	161	1	133	25	50	12	158

1. **Assault** is defined as physical attack against the body of another person.
2. **Burglary** is defined as unlawful entry into someone else's premises with the intention to commit a theft.
3. **Community Service Order** is a sentence requiring an offender to perform unpaid community work.
4. **Contraventions (least serious offences)** are defined as offences that are punishable by:
 - (a) Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 days;
 - (b) fine not exceeding 5,000 rupees.
5. **Criminal case** is a case dealing with an offender indicted for a public offence.
6. **Detainee** is referred to as any person confined to prison and is classified as follows:
 - (a) Convict: person sentenced to imprisonment.
 - (b) Person on remand and trial: person charged for an offence with a court of law and awaiting judgment.
7. **Drug offences** are as spelt out under the Dangerous Drug Act 2000. They relate mainly to drugs like ganja, heroin, hashish, opium, cocaine and other psychotropic substances.
8. **Embezzlement** is defined as the wrongful appropriation of another person's property that is already in the possession of the person doing the appropriating.
9. **Fine defaulters** are convicts sentenced to imprisonment for non-payment of fines; they either stay in prison for a specified period or are released as soon as they pay the fines.
10. **Fraud** is defined as the acquisition of another person's property by deception.
11. **Intentional homicide** is defined as death deliberately inflicted on a person by another person, including infanticide and abortion.
12. **Juvenile** is defined as person aged below 18 years.
13. **Misdemeanours** (less serious offences) are defined as offences that are punishable by:
 - (a) imprisonment for a term exceeding 10 days;
 - (b) fine exceeding 5,000 rupees.
14. **Property offence** includes theft, fraud, embezzlement, damage to property, and illegal possession of property and stolen goods.
15. **Probation order** is a sentence whereby an offender is placed under the supervision of a probation officer for a period not less than one nor more than three years.
16. **Robbery** is defined as the theft of property from a person, overcoming resistance by force or threat of force.
17. **Sexual offence** is defined as sexual intercourse or assault without valid consent. It includes sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act and dealing in obscene matters.
18. **Theft** is defined as the removal of property without the property owner's consent.
19. **Victim** is referred to as a person who has been affected by an unlawful offence committed by another person.



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