

**VOTE 61**  
**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

**434.           AUDIT QUERIES**

As a result of a test check for the accounts and related records for the year 2003/2004, 2 management letters were issued, none of which have been replied and settled at the time of writing this report.

**435.           OUT-TURN**

**435.1          Supply Vote**

The Supply Vote closed with a net expenditure of Shs. 20,336,633,962 against net approved estimates of Shs. 20,338,815,959 resulting in an apparent saving of Shs. 2,181,997.

Similarly, exchequer issues received during the year totalled to 20,338,815,959 resulting in a cash balance of Shs. 2,181,997 with the Paymaster General's Supply Vote account.

**436.           VARIANCE ON OFFICE SUPPLIES AND SERVICE (ITEM  
260600) SHS. 25,432,900**

Scrutiny of itemized statement figures on the Appropriation accounts revealed a variance figure of Shs. 25,432,900 between the actual expenditure as on the Appropriation Account against the actual expenditure submitted to support the Appropriation Accounts. Clarification of the variance is awaited.

**437.           FIXED ASSETS – SHS. 835,435,272**

Schedule of fixed assets attached to the footnotes to the Appropriation Accounts reflected Shs. 835,435,272. However, this figure does not include new additions of fixed assets procured during the year 2003/2004 valued at Shs. 10,557,236,554.

Moreover, fixed assets register to support the schedule was not maintained and therefore audit verification of the existing assets was not possible.

**438.           UNVOUCHED           AND           IMPROPERLY           VOUCHED  
EXPENDITURE SHS. 707,044,006**

Audit test check of payment vouchers for the year under review disclosed unvouched and improperly vouched expenditure made, of Shs. 451,963,956 contrary to the Public Finance Act. of 2001.

In addition neither payment vouchers nor statement of expenditure amounting to Shs. 255,080,050 was produced to audit for verification.

**439. QUESTIONABLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLE SHS. 14,553,336**

Audit test check of payments for the year under review showed that Shs. 14,553,336 was spent on maintenance and repair of motor vehicles at private garage prior to seeking approval from the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Division, contrary to Regulation 77/1-5 of the Public Procurement Act. 2001.

**440. QUESTIONABLE AND IRREGULAR PAYMENTS SHS. 106,115,653**

**440.1 Purchases of Phone Cards Shs. 13,305,500**

During the year under review it was noted that the National Electoral Commission paid Shs. 13,305,500 for phone cards for the staff use. Audit was not given adequate evidence suggesting proper use and accountability of these phone cards.

**440.2 Procurement of Fuel Shs. 20,350,000**

Examination of payments for the year under review revealed payments totalling Shs. 20,350,000 to M/S Chief Supplies Officer Government Stores for supplying 30,000 litres of Diesel for NEC motor vehicles.

However, follow up of proper accountability and usage of the fuel was not possible as there is no fuel register and log books to record the fuel consumed.

**440.3 Procurement of Computers etc. Shs. 68,667,873**

The National Electoral Commission procured computers and soft ware Mo. VII/12 with SPS license code including equipment system and installation of wide area network (WAW) from Computer Mart of P.O. Box 1004 Dar es Salaam, D/Note No. 2992 dated 15/6/2004 Shs. 68,667,873. However, it was noted that:

- (i) No competitive quotations were obtained to enable the government to obtain the most economic price and ensure quality of goods and services purchased.
- (ii) No contract agreement on installation of the Network or Certificate of completion were made to audit when requested for.

- (iii) Authority from the Director of Computer Services in the Treasury was not obtained or made available to audit when requested.

**440.4 Double Payments – Shs. 3,792,280**

A sum of Shs. 3,792,280 was paid to an officer (Mr. C.F. Komba) to purchase air tickets Malawi – Mozambique Lesotho.

However, it was revealed that Air ticket for the same route DSM – Lilongwe – Maputo – Lesotho – DSM was paid by the office through Government air warrant No. B 375979 of 3/6/2004, Shs. 2,264,190. This payment would appear to be a double payment.

**441. STORES NOT TAKEN ON LEDGER CHARGE – SHS. 67,708,272**

Audit examination of payment vouchers for the year under review noted goods worth Shs. 67,708,272 which have not been taken on ledger charge. The delivery and utilization of the items paid for was not confirmed by audit.

**442. QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS FOR DOOR GRILLS SHS. 10,372,260**

A sum of Shs. 10,372,260 was paid to M/S Helika Building Contractor of P.O. Box 4779 Dar es Salaam for supplying and fixing 3 door grills as per quoted tender No. 1 of 2003/2004.

However, the following documents were not made available to audit.

- (i) Tender forms and contract agreements were not produced to audit for verification when called for.
- (ii) Certificate of the work executed was not made available to audit therefore we were unable to ascertain the correctness of the work performed.

**443. QUESTIONABLE PURCHASING OF SCANNING SOLUTIONS SHS. 4,496,520,000**

A sum of Shs. 4,496,520,000 was paid to UNDP through the Deputy Director of Foreign Accounts BOT Dar es Salaam for purchasing scanning solutions for voter register book preparation.

However, the following details were not furnished to audit:

- (i) Quantities purchased and paid for were not disclosed.

- (ii) Proforma invoices and terms of delivery were not confirmed.
- (iii) The procurement was not made through Local or International Competitive tendering procedure.

**444.        AUDIT CERTIFICATE**

In my opinion, the Supply Vote, Revenue and Miscellaneous Deposit accounts present fairly the financial position of Vote 61 as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2004.