

Head - 025 Delimitation Commission - 2025

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Opinion

Head 025 - The audit of the financial statements of the Delimitation Commission for the year ended 31 December 2025 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025 and the statement of financial performance and cash flow statement for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including information of the material accounting policies was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018. The summary report containing my comments and observations on the financial statements of the Delimitation Commission was issued to the Chief Accounting Officer on 20 May 2026 in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018. The Annual Detailed Management Audit Report relevant to the Delimitation Commission was issued to the Chief Accounting Officer on 30 June 2026 in terms of Section 11(2) of the Audit Act. This report will be tabled in Parliament in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to be read in conjunction with Section 10 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a fair view in all materiality of the financial position of the Delimitation Commission as at 31 December 2025, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of preparation of the financial statements set out in Note 1 of the financial statements.

1.2 Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibility for the financial statements is further described in the Auditor's Responsibility for the audit of financial statements section. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Emphasis of Matter – Basis of the Preparation of Financial Statements

The attention is drawn attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of preparation of these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared for the need of the Delimitation Commission, the Treasury and Parliament in accordance with Public Financial Regulations 150 and 151 and State Accounts Guideline No. 02/2025 dated 17 December 2025. Therefore, these financial statements may not be suitable for other purposes. My report is intended only for the use of the Delimitation Commission, the Treasury and the Parliament of Sri Lanka. My opinion on this matter is not modified.

1.4 Responsibility of the Chief Accounting Officer for the Financial Statements

The Chief Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a fair view regarding all material aspects in accordance with Public Financial Regulations 150 and 151 and the State Accounts Guideline No. 02/2025 dated 17 December 2025, and for the determination of the internal control that is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

As per Section 16 (1) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018, the Delimitation Commission is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities to enable the preparation of annual and periodic financial statements.

In terms of Sub-section 38 (1) (c) of the National Audit Act, the Chief Accounting Officer shall ensure that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Delimitation Commission and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

1.5 Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate and its materiality depends on the influence on economic decisions taken by users on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Appropriate audit procedures were designed and performed to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in financial statements whether due to fraud or errors in providing a basis for the expressed audit opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- An understanding of internal control relevant to the audit was obtained in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness.

- Evaluate the structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements including disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Chief Accounting Officer regarding, among other matters significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

2. Report on Other Legal Requirements

I express the following matters in terms of Section 6 (1) (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

- (a) The financial statements are consistent with the preceding year,
- (b) The recommendations made by me on the financial statements of the preceding year had been implemented.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Expenditure Management

Audit Observation	Comments of the Chief Accounting Officer	Recommendation
Although expenditure estimates should be prepared in accordance with the relevant regulations according to Public Financial Regulations 50, estimates had not been prepared in accordance with the relevant regulations due to non-utilization of provisions of Rs. 531,170 from 20 percent to 100 percent from the estimated provisions of 04 recurrent expenditure objects and provisions of Rs. 40,000, which was 100 percent from the estimated provision of a capital expenditure object.	Expenditures were incurred according to requirement.	When preparing estimates, actions should be taken to prepare them as realistic as possible, based on accurate projections.

3.2 Non-compliance to Laws, Rules and Regulations

Observation			
Reference to Laws, Rules and Regulations	Non-compliance	Comments of the Chief Accounting Officer	Recommendation
(a) Section 10 of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016	The annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024 had not been submitted to the Right to Information Commission even by 31 December 2025.	Actions are being taken to submit the relevant annual report to the Right to Information Commission from this year.	Actions should be taken to submit the annual report before due date.
(b) Paragraph 3.1 of Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 dated 29 December 2016	Fuel emission tests had not been done on two vehicles belonging to the Commission.	Actions are being taken to conduct a fuel emission test immediately.	Actions should be taken to conduct vehicle fuel emission tests in accordance with the instructions specified in the circular.
(c) Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24 January 2018	A Human Resource Development Plan had not been prepared for the year under review by the Commission.	Observation was accepted.	A Human Resource Development Plan should be prepared.
(d) Financial Regulation 261(2) of the Code of Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.	Although it is mentioned that when payments are made by a cheque, the cheque number should be recorded on the vouchers as well as alongside the relevant entry in the cash book, 80 instances were	That the instructions were given to the relevant officers to take actions to prevent such mistakes in future.	Relevant entries should be maintained in the vouchers and the cash book.

observed without mentioning about that according to conducted sample audit inspections.

4. Good Governance

4.1 Vision and Mission

Audit Observation	Comments of the Chief Accounting Officer	Recommendation
Although 12 meetings of the three-member commission were held during the year 2025, as the legislature had not provided notification regarding the delimitation process, actions relevant to fulfilling objectives of the Commission were not discussed during those meetings.	When the establishment of the Commission, the opportunity to continuously doing the functions assigned to it under Article 95 of the Constitution does not arise. Accordingly, the Honorable legislature had not indicate a need for the delimitation of parliamentary electoral divisions for the year 2025 either. Draft bills to expand the powers and functions of the Commission have been prepared and submitted to the relevant divisions and authorities. Although this matter was discussed during meetings of the Commission, it was not recorded because there were no specific matters to mention regarding the actions taken.	Necessary plans should be prepared to achieve objectives of the Council and discussions should be held with responsible parties for maintaining duties of the Council.

4.2 Audit and Management Committee

Audit Observation	Comments of the Chief Accounting Officer	Recommendation
Although every entity is required to have an Audit and Management Committee in accordance with Section 41 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Audit and Management Committee of the Commission had not been held since the year 2015.	Observation was accepted.	Actions should be taken to appoint and convene Audit and Management Committees immediately.