

PMRC OVERVIEW OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Promoting public financial accountability

The 2012 National Budget was **ZMW 27.6 Billion**. The Executive Summary in The Auditor General's (AG) Report (2012) revealed that ZMW 906 Million had audit queries, segmented into 14 categories depicted below. The total amount of funds under expenditure queries in the 2012 AG Report was **ZMW3.234 Billion**, approximately **11.7% of the total budget**.

Definitions:

- **The Office of the Auditor General (OAG)** is a public institution charged with the responsibility of providing external auditing services to the government in order to enhance accountability and transparency in the utilisation of public resources.
- **The Auditor General's Report** is a result of checks, inspections and examination of accounts, stores, projects and other records maintained by the public officers entrusted with public funds and procedures.
- **The Public Accounts Committee (PAC)** consists of nine members appointed by The National Assembly. PAC examines The Auditor General's Report as part of their mandate of examining the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums approved by The National Assembly.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Public Finance Act 2004

Part IV Surcharge

30. (1) Subject to the other provisions of this Part, where a controlling officer fails to perform any financial duties assigned under this Act and such failure results in a loss of public moneys, a failure to collect revenue due to the Government or in wasteful or unnecessary expenditure of public moneys by a ministry or department, the Secretary to the Treasury shall.

(a) impose on such controlling

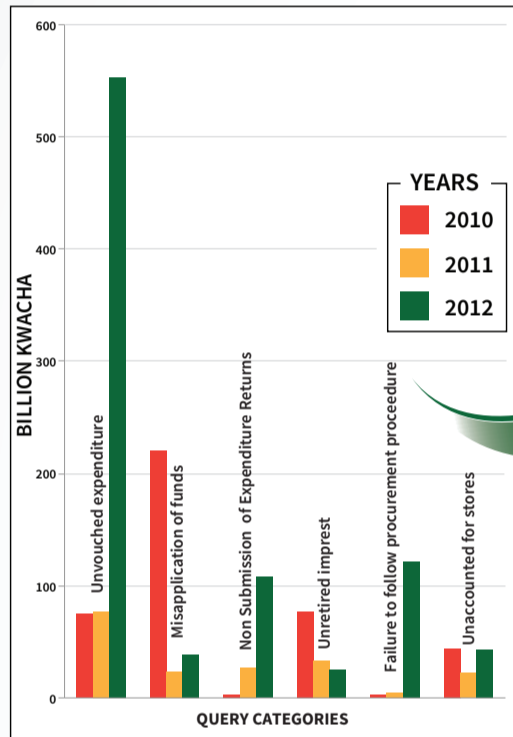
officer a surcharge equivalent to the loss, wasteful or nugatory expenditure incurred by Government; and

(b) recommend to the Secretary to the Cabinet disciplinary action to be taken against the defaulting controlling officer

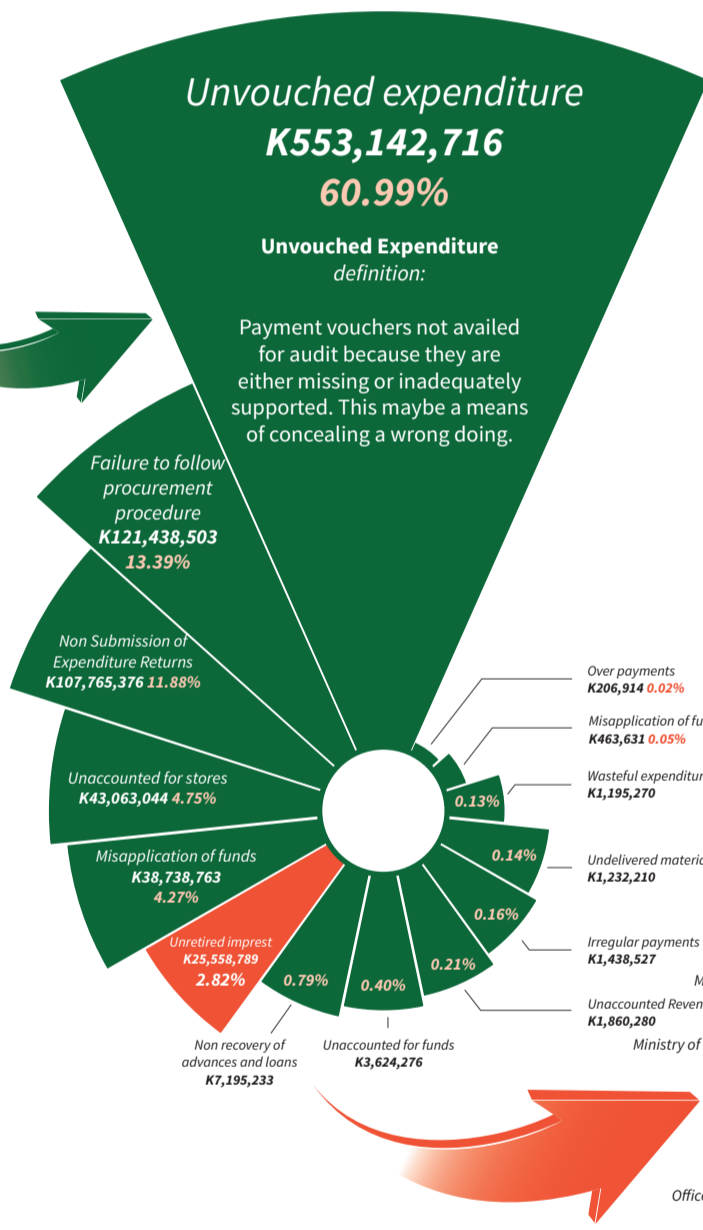
Part V11 General Provisions

47. An officer or other person shall not use any public moneys or public stores or other assets for any purpose not authorised by this Act or by any other written law.

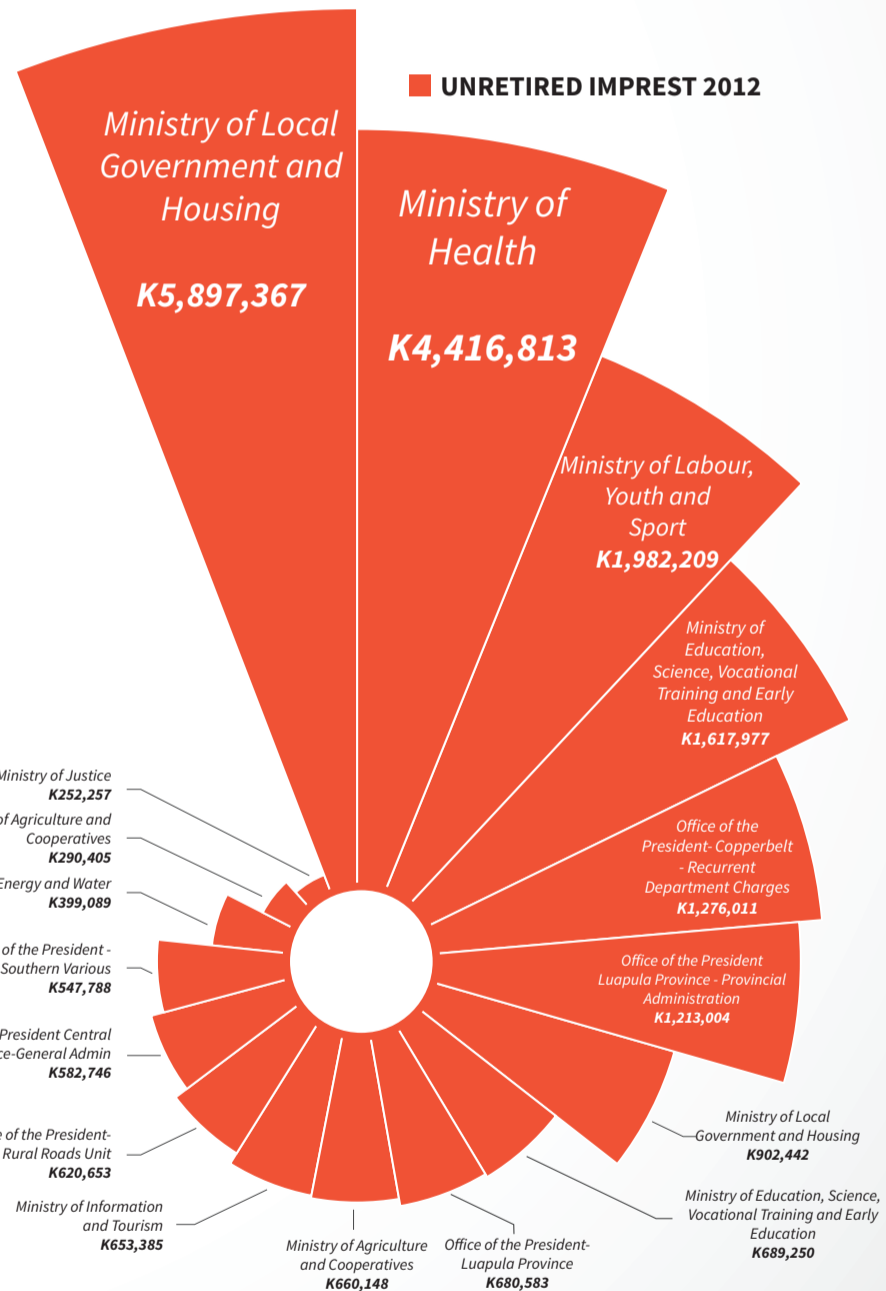
AUDITOR GENERAL 6 HIGHEST AUDIT QUERY CATEGORIES FOR 2010 - 2012



THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT (2012) CATEGORIES



UNRETIRED IMPREST 2012



All figures in rebased currency



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WHAT DO ZERO QUERIES IN THE AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT MEAN FOR ZAMBIA AND ZAMBIANS?

- National Development
- Enhanced Service Delivery
- Good Governance
- Enhanced accountability in Public Sector
- Poverty Reduction

PMRC RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Secretary to the Treasury should exercise powers vested in The Public Finance Act 2004 to discipline controlling officers and enforce legislation to recover abused funds.
- The Office of the Auditor General should be supported with human and technological resources in order to conduct a timely, comprehensive audit and increase awareness of the report findings.
- Strict institutional measures must be imposed in every government institution so as to reduce the incidence of misappropriation of funds.