

Abstract

Civilian service

This audit concerning civilian service revealed deficiencies in the cost-monitoring system associated with the implementation of civilian service.

Competitive bidding has not been used to ensure a reasonable price level for implementing civilian service, which is outsourced. Furthermore the Ministry of Labour not been able to monitor the use of funds at the civilian service centre, which is responsible for implementation.

In the opinion of the State Audit Office, cost monitoring should be improved by promoting competitive bidding or including the monitoring and auditing of the use of funds in the outsourcing contract.

The audit also indicated that if work placements are not found the service performed by men at the civilian service centre does not comply with the requirement in the Civilian Service Act that work should benefit the community. Nor does the financing system encourage the civilian service centre to act in accordance with the objective.

In the opinion of the State Audit Office, looking after men who have not found work placements should be separated from the tasks of the civilian service centre. Special attention should be paid to the usefulness of the jobs which are assigned to those doing civilian service.