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Payment of Outstanding 2022 Increment Arrears for Public Officers Underway

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The Office of the Deputy Governor has announced that payments of outstanding 2022 increment arrears to eligible public officers and pensioners have commenced, with more than $2.57 million paid to date.

The payments follow the announcement by Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, during the 2027 Budget Address delivered on 27 October 2026, that payment of outstanding 2022 increment arrears would be initiated by 15 November 2026.

Premier Wheatley said, “Madam Speaker, my Government is also paying public officers’ outstanding 2022 increments by 15 November 2026. This long-overdue recognition of our officers’ hard work and dedication honours our commitment to them.”

To date, a total of **1,564 active public officers and pensioners** have received payments toward their outstanding increment arrears.

Payments issued to date are as follows:

- **Active Public Officers:** $2,556,332.00
- **Pensioners:** $13,949.41
- **Total Paid:** $2,570,281.41

Deputy Governor Mr. David D. Archer expressed his satisfaction with the progress made in distributing the outstanding payments and acknowledged the collective efforts of those involved.

Mr. Archer said, “I am pleased that these outstanding increments are now being paid to our public officers and pensioners. I commend the Department of Human Resources, Human Resources Managers and all those involved for their dedication and collaborative efforts in ensuring these payments are processed in a timely manner.”

Deputy Director of Human Resources (Ag.), Ms. Cara Christopher, said the Department of Human Resources, together with Human Resources Managers throughout the Public Service, has been working to ensure that all eligible current and retired officers receive the payments due to them.

Ms. Christopher said the Department of Human Resources is also conducting a verification exercise to ensure that all persons eligible to receive 2022 increment arrears have been properly identified and paid.

The verification process will allow the Department to review outstanding cases and address any discrepancies as payments continue, ensuring that all eligible persons receive their outstanding increment arrears by **31 December 2026**.

Public officers and pensioners with questions or concerns regarding their outstanding increment arrears payments are encouraged to contact the Department of Human Resources at **(284) 468-2178** or via email at **hrdbvi@gov.vg** for further information and assistance.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to addressing outstanding increments and arrears owed to public officers, recognising the service and contributions of our public officers.

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