14.1 Government Quarters

At June 2007, the Ministry was responsible for the allocation, administration and maintenance of 140 Government quarters scattered all over the country.

- Out of 68 unfurnished quarters, 42 were still being occupied by ex-employees or their heirs who were not entitled to quarters.

Unsatisfactory features noted from an examination of the records of some unfurnished quarters were:

- An ex-employee of the Ministry was still occupying a quarters at Rose-Belle since his retirement in September 1992. No rent was being paid by him since January 2001. The occupier was using the quarters not only for residential purposes but also for carrying out refrigeration activities since December 2005.

- Two former employees of the Ministry who were permanently transferred to the Road Development Authority in May 2005 were still occupying two quarters at August 2007.

- In one case, the quarters at Rose Belle was completely destroyed by fire but the occupier had erected a new building at the same site.