

Department of Justice
PROGRESS REPORT ON MAJOR PROGRAMS/PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES
(as of 31 December 2014)

CLUSTER: Law Enforcement and Legal Services

AGENCY: Public Attorney's Office

Strategy: Enhance the detection and investigation of crimes/offenses, and prosecution and rehabilitation of offenders													
Sub-Strategy: Improve prison management and offender rehabilitation													
4. Sustain the Jail Decongestion Program	Reactivate the program and re-establish collaboration among agencies concerned. Support the enactment of the community service law for minor offense in lieu of imprisonment	Line budgeting items for the program	Re-align funds for the program										
5. Lobby for the passage of the Release on Recognizance Bill	Law was already passed.												
Sub-Strategy: Strengthen cooperation, collaboration and partnership among agencies and stakeholders													
6. Strengthen partnerships with other agencies, local government units, civil society, international community and development institutions	On Going.												
Strategy: Ensure adequate, accessible, fair, stable and predictable legal framework and services													
Sub-Strategy: Increase service capability through adequate resources													
7. Full implementation of RA 9406, strengthening PAO	Continuous coordination with the DBM for the full implementation of the law.												
8. Coordinate with the DBM for the creation of additional plantilla positions	Done	For Implementation											
9. Expedite the filling of vacancies	<table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Authorized</th> <th>Filled</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lawyers</td> <td>1,536</td> <td>1,522</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>1,025</td> <td>1,016</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Authorized	Filled	Lawyers	1,536	1,522	Staff	1,025	1,016	High number of applicants who failed the Neuro-psychological and written examination.	Recruitment based on merit and fitness.	Continuing.
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10. Service outsourcing to augment limited staffing complement	Hired experts on highly technical matters and utility workers- In place.												