



A Financial Statement Analysis Using Indicators of the Financial Health and Success

and a

Status Report of <u>Audit Findings</u>, <u>Timeliness and Exception Resolution (A.F.T.E.R.)</u>

of

The Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands as of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2015





### What Is The Performeter®?

- An analysis that takes a government's financial statements and converts them into useful and understandable measures of financial performance
- Financial ratios and a copyrighted analysis methodology are used to arrive at an overall rating of 1-10
- The overall reading is a barometer of the VI's financial health and performance



### How to Use The Performeter®

- Use the individual ratios to identify financial warning signals
- Use the overall rating as a collective benchmark of financial health and success of the VI as a whole
- Use the comparisons to prior years to monitor trends in financial indicators

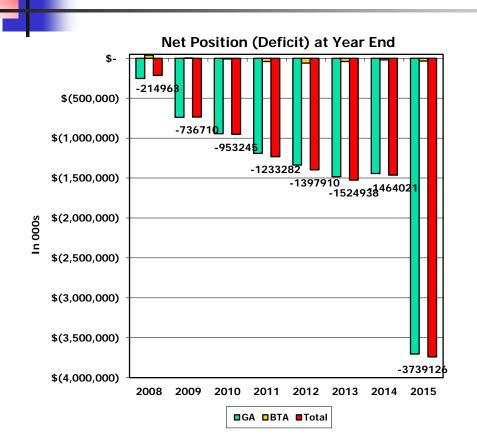


#### Limitations of the Performeter®

- The Performeter® should not be used as the only source of financial information to evaluate the VI's performance and condition
- The analysis is an overall rating of the VI as a whole and not of specific activities, funds or units
- The Performeter® is based on Crawford & Associates' professional judgment and is limited as to its intended use

### Change in Net Position

Did our overall financial condition improve, decline or remain steady over the past year?



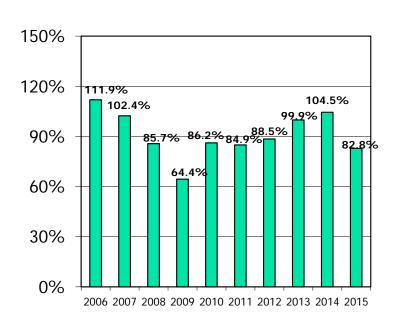
Net position includes all assets of the VI, except for fiduciary funds held for the benefit of others. It is measured as the difference between total assets, including capital assets, and deferred outflows, netted against liabilities, including long-term debt, and deferred inflows.

For the year ended September 30, 2015, total net position decreased by \$247.7 million or 7.1% from the prior year, which leaves a total net position (deficit) of approximately \$(3.7) billion at year end. This significant increase in the total net position (deficit) was due primarily to the impact of the implementation of GASB Statement 68 related to the recording of net pension liabilities of approximately \$2.3 billion for the first time.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
48.2%	105.7%	300.0%	-697.2%	-242.8%	-29.3%	-21.6%	-13.3%	-9.1%	4.0%	-7.1%

# Intergenerational Equity Who is paying for today's costs of services?

Revenues as a % of Annual Expenses



A measure of whether the government lived within its means in the measurement year, or was required to use prior year resources to fund a portion of current year costs, or shifted the funding of some of the current year costs to future periods.

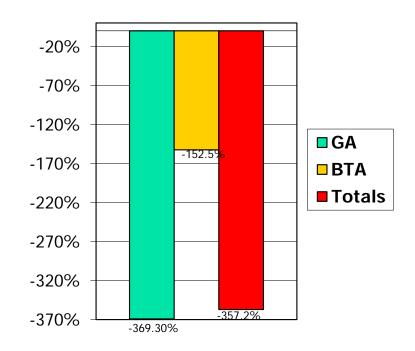
For the year ended September 30, 2015, the VI funded 82.8% of their expenses with current year revenues, which is considered a below satisfactory ratio, and a significant decline when compared to the ratio of the previous period.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
113.7%	111.9%	102.4%	85.7%	64.4%	86.2%	84.9%	88.5%	90.8%	104.5%	82.8%

### Level of Unrestricted Net Position

#### How do our total rainy day funds look?

#### Unrestricted Net Position (Deficit) as a % of Annual Revenues - 2015



The level of total unrestricted net position is an indication of the amount of unexpended and available resources the VI has at a point in time to fund emergencies, shortfalls or other unexpected needs.

For the year ended September 30, 2015, the VI's total unrestricted net position (deficit) approximated \$(4.3) billion or 357% of annual total revenues, and represents a decline in the ratio of the previous period, due primarily to the impact of the recognition of \$2.3 billion of net pension liabilities for the first time.

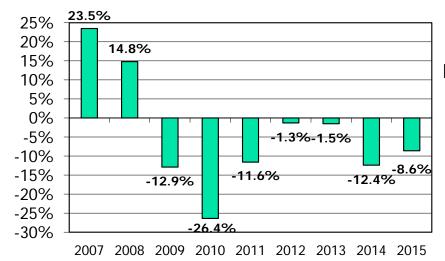
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
-27.0%	-27.4%	-45.6%	-113.8%	-107.5%	-139.3%	-142.3%	-149.8%	-146.9%	-357.2%



## Level of Budgetary Fund Balance

#### How does our budgetary carryover look?

Budgetary Unassigned Fund Balance (Deficit) as a Percentage of Annual Revenues



The level of budgetary unassigned fund balance is an indication of the amount of unexpended, unencumbered and available resources the VI has at a point in time to carryover into the next fiscal year to fund budgetary emergencies, shortfalls or other unexpected needs. In this analysis, only the General Fund is considered.

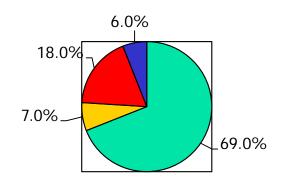
For the year ended September 30, 2015, the VI's unassigned fund balance (deficit) of the General Fund was equivalent to 8.6% of annual General Fund revenues. This is considered to be an unsatisfactory ratio and financial position for the General Fund to be in, but does represent an improvement from the ratio of the prior year.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
22.3%	15.4%	23.5%	14.8%	-12.9%	-26.4%	-11.6%	-1.3%	-1.5%	-12.4%	-8.6%

### Revenue Dispersion

How heavily are we relying on revenue sources we can't directly control?

### 2015 Revenue Percentages by Source





The percentage dispersion of revenue by source indicates how dependent the VI is on certain types of revenue. The more dependent the VI is on revenue sources beyond its direct control, such as grants and certain taxes, the less favorable the dispersion.

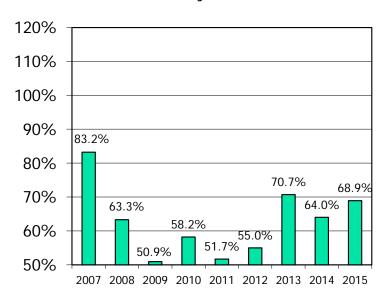
For the year ended September 30, 2015, the VI had direct control over 45.9% of its revenues (some taxes and charges for services). This ratio indicates that the VI has some exposure, as do most insular governments, to financial difficulties due to reliance on noncontrolled revenue (54.1%). This ratio has remained relatively consistent when compared with the ratios of prior periods.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
41.8%	37.4%	41.6%	32.9%	35.3%	22.3%	42.8%	48.7%	51.8%	43.5%	45.9%

### **BTA Self-Sufficiency**



#### Percentage of BTA Expenses Covered By BTA Revenues



The self-sufficiency ratio indicates the level at which business-type activities covered their current costs with current year revenues, without having to rely on subsidies, grants or use of prior year reserves.

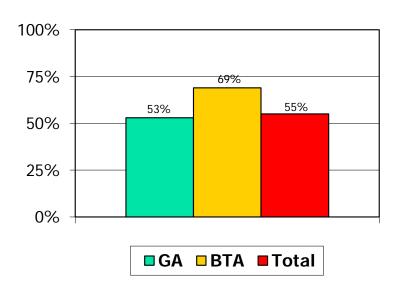
For the year ended September 30, 2015, the VI's total business-type activities were 68.9% self-sufficient. This indicates that, for the current year, while the ratio has improved when compared to the ratio of the prior year, the costs of business-type activities in total are still not funded by recurring current year revenues, and require either a subsidy, the use of reserves, or a combination of both in order to meet their obligations.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
99.9%	106.0%	83.2%	63.3%	50.9%	58.2%	51.7%	55.0%	70.7%	64.0%	68.9%

### Capital Asset Condition

How much useful life do we have left in our capital assets?





The capital asset condition ratio compares capital assets cost to accumulated depreciation to determine the overall percentage of useful life remaining. A low percentage could indicate an upcoming need to replace a significant amount of capital assets.

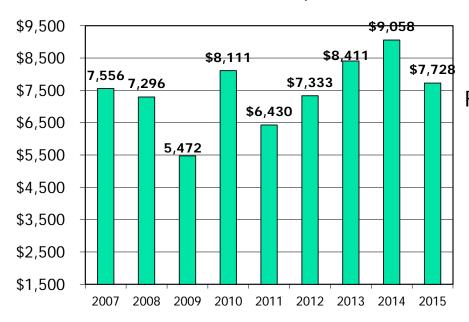
At September 30, 2015, the VI's depreciable capital assets amounted to \$1.19 billion while accumulated depreciation totaled \$535.1 million. This indicates that, on the average, the VI's capital assets have 55% of their useful lives remaining. This remains a favorable financial indicator, and is relatively consistent when compared to the ratios of previous periods.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
68%	68%	68%	65%	61%	60%	55%	55%	53%	54%	55%

### Financing Margin - Taxes

Will our citizens be willing to pay increased taxes for operations or capital improvements, if needed?





The financial ratio of taxes per capita is an indication of the VI's tax burden on its citizens and other taxpayers. The ratio includes all taxes, including income taxes, and other taxes.

For the year ended September 30, 2015, total taxes amounted to \$822 million or \$7,728 per capita. This is considered a fairly significant tax burden per capita (when compared to other insular governments), but does represent a significant decrease in the ratio from the prior period due to a downturn in tax revenue during FY 2015.

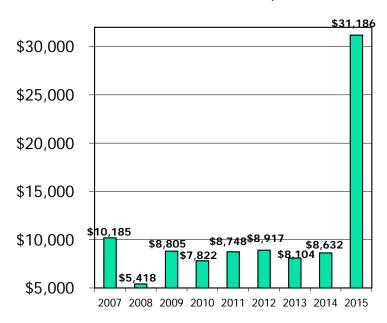
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$7,266	\$8,030	\$7,556	\$7,296	\$5,472	\$8,111	\$6,430	\$7,333	\$8,411	\$9,058	\$7,728



# Financing Margin - Debt

#### Will we be able to issue more debt, if needed?





The financial ratio of debt per capita is an indication of the VI's debt burden on its citizens and other taxpayers.

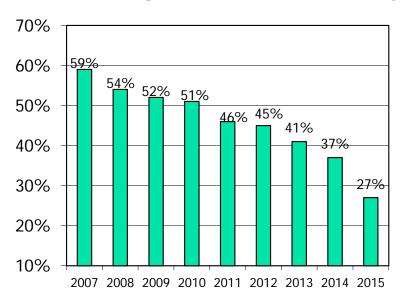
For the year ended September 30, 2015, the VI had \$995 million of long-term debt or \$9,353 per capita which is a fairly significant debt burden on its citizens (when compared to other insular governments), and represents an increase in the debt burden per capita when compared to the previous period. These debt amounts do not contain the debts paid with US government matching funds, or those paid by a dedicated stream of excise taxes received from the US government related to the production of rum. The significant increase in the debt per capita in 2015 is related to the inclusion of net pension liabilities for the first time in the amount of approximately \$2.3 billion.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$10,525	\$11,102	\$10,185	\$5,418	\$8,805	\$7,822	\$8,748	\$8,917	\$8,104	\$8,632	\$9,353

### Pension Plan Funding Ratio

Will we be able to pay our employees when they retire?

#### Pension Plan Trust Fund Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability



The pension funding ratio compares the net position of the pension plan trust fund to the total pension liability for pension benefits. A percentage less than 100% indicates the plan is underfunded at the valuation date.

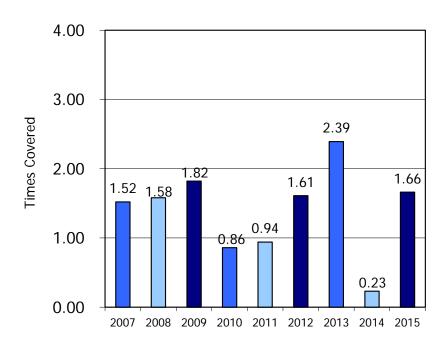
At September 30, 2015, based upon the most recent actuarial valuation, the VI pension plan net position was approximately 27% of the total pension liability, indicating that the plan was not improving its funded status when compared to prior periods. This is an indicator of potential long-term cash demands that may be necessary to fund the future needs of the plan. The funded portion of the plan has been declining since 2007 for a number of reasons, and now is at its lowest funded status of the years included in this analysis.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
59%	59%	59%	54%	52%	51%	46%	45%	41%	37%	27%

#### Debt Service Coverage

Were our revenue bond investors pleased with our ability to pay them on time?

#### Number of Times Net Pledged Revenues Cover Annual Debt Service



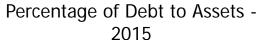
The debt service coverage ratio compares the VI's debt service requirements on revenue bonds to the net operating cash generated by the revenue streams pledged for payment. A debt service ratio of greater than 1.25 indicates a sufficient ability to make the debt service payments from net revenue from operations.

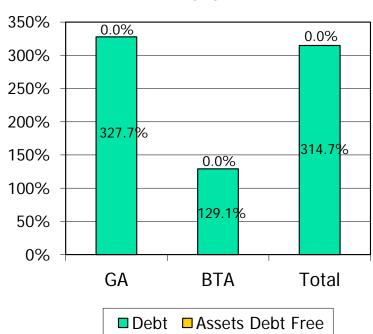
For the year ended June 30, 2015, the VI experienced an favorable debt service coverage ratio of 1.66, a significant increased from the ratio in the prior year. This indicates the VI generated approximately 1.7 times the amount of cash necessary to pay the debt service requirements on its revenue bonds and notes related to the West Indian Company enterprise fund.

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1.52	1.58	1.82	.86	.94	1.61	2.39	.23	1.66

### Debt to Assets

#### Who really owns the VI?





The debt to assets ratio measures the extent to which the VI had funded its assets with debt. The lower the debt percentage, the more equity the VI has in its assets.

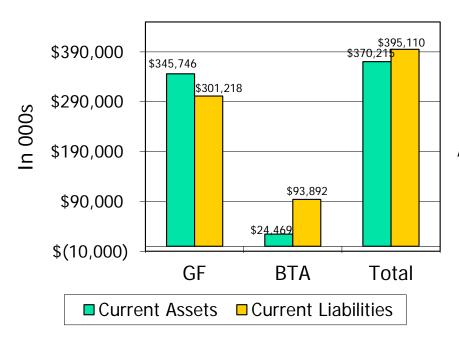
At September 30, 2015, the VI had total debts or other obligations that exceeded its assets by 214.7%. This is an unfavorable financial indicator and indicates that none of the VI's assets are technically "debt-free", and for each dollar of assets the VI owns, it owes approximately \$3.15 in liabilities to others. The significant increase in the ratio was due primarily to the recognition of \$2.3 billion of net pension liabilities for the first time in FY 2015.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
107.4%	100.8%	98.1%	111.8%	140.0%	147.6%	168.6%	175.4%	171%	176.3%	314.7%

### **Current Ratio**

Will our vendors and employees be pleased with our ability to pay them on time?

#### Current Assets Compared to Current Liabilities - 2015



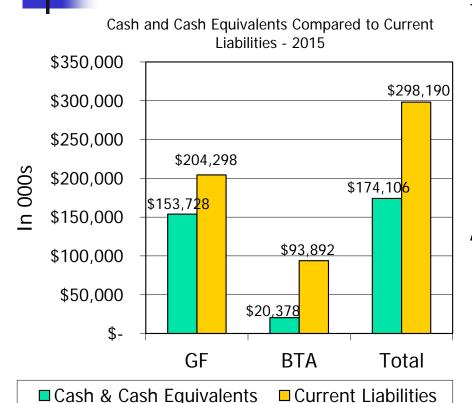
The current ratio is one measure of the VI's ability to pay its short-term obligations. The current ratio compares total current assets and liabilities. A current ratio of 2.00 to 1 indicates good current liquidity and an ability to meet the short-term obligations. This ratio measures only the General Fund and business-type activities of the Enterprise Funds, the VI's primary operating funds.

At September 30, 2015, the VI had ratios of current assets to current liabilities of \$0.94 to \$1.00 This indicates that for every \$1 of current liabilities, the VI had 94 cents in current assets to fund them. The ratio declined with compared to the current ratio calculated in the prior year, and is usually indicative of potential cash flow difficulties.

Ī	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	1.44	1.60	1.61	1.36	.84	.79	.74	.90	.83	1.30	.94

### **Quick Ratio**

#### How is our short-term cash position?



The quick ratio is another, more conservative, measure of the VI's ability to pay its short-term obligations. The quick ratio compares total cash and short-term investments to current liabilities. A quick ratio of 1.00 to 1 indicates adequate current liquidity and an ability to meet the short-term obligations with cash. This ratio measures only the General Fund and business-type activities of the Enterprise Funds, the VI's primary operating funds.

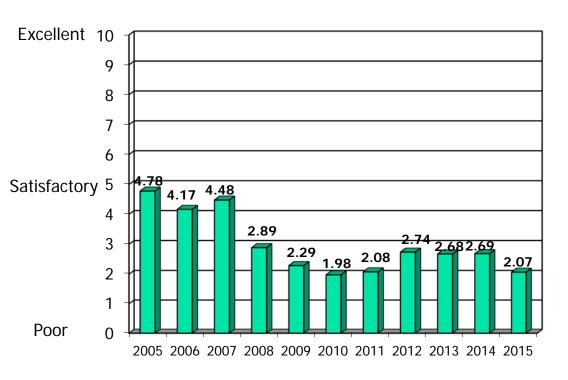
At September 30, 2015, the VI had a ratio of cash and cash equivalents to current liabilities of \$0.58 to \$1.00 This indicates that for every dollar of current liabilities, the VI had 58 cents in cash and cash equivalents to fund them. This is considered a less than satisfactory ratio, but does represent a slight improvement in the ratio of the prior year.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1.74	2.41	1.74	1.53	.68	.60	.57	.92	.84	.54	.58



# Performeter® Reading

#### **Overall Reading**



The 2015 reading of 2.07 indicates the evaluator's opinion that the VI's overall financial health and performance declined during the year. The government's continued decline in its overall net position coupled with an increase in the size of the unrestricted net position deficit, an increase in the size of the General Fund unassigned fund balance deficit, worsening debt per capita numbers and a lowered current ratio are the primary causes for the overall decline in the rating. However, much of the government's decline was due to the impact of the implementation of GASB Statement 68 related to pension accounting, and the recognition of approximately \$2.3 billion of net pension liabilities for the first time.

# What is the A.F.T.E.R. Analysis?

The A.F.T.E.R. Analysis is very simply an analysis of the status of audit findings, the timeliness of the submission of the audit and the resolution of certain audit exceptions; this analysis can be used to track a government's progress towards eliminating its most significant findings and exceptions, along with tracking the timeliness of submission to the Federal Clearinghouse.

### A.F.T.E.R.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of F.S. Opinion Qualifications/Exceptions	8	9	9	7	6	9	16
Number of Major Federal Program Qualifications/Exceptions	8	6	5	2	3	6	9
Number of F.S. Findings  A. Internal Control and Compliance	1	1	1		0	0	0
B. Internal Control Only	10 10	8	7	8	8	12	12
C. Compliance Only	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0	2	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	11	9	8	8	<u>8</u>	14	_ 15
Percentage of Findings Repeated	100% (estimate)	100% (estimate)	100% (estimate)	100% (estimate)	100% (estimate)	100% (estimate)	100% (estimate)
Number of A-133 Findings							
A. Internal Control and Compliance	12	26	7	13	14	46	57
B. Internal Control Only	34	0	19	-	0	0	0
C. Compliance Only	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Ξ.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	46	26	26	13	14	46	57
Percentage of A-133 Findings Repeated	56.5%	65.4%	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	100%	84%
Number of months after Y/E the F.S. were Released	22	26	24	16	9	12	9
Number of Qualifications/Exceptions Related to C.U.	3	4	5	5	4	3	6
\$ of Questioned Costs-Current Year	\$57,293,304	\$744,885	\$2,490,612	\$3,328,464	\$0	\$1,172,42 7	\$348,349
\$ of Questioned Costs- Cumulative	\$60,104,177	\$59,957,932	\$3,235,497	\$5,730,775	\$0	Unable to determine	Unable to determine
\$ of Questioned Costs Resolved – Current Year	\$8,944,995	\$891,130	557,721,390	\$833,186	\$5,730,775	Unable to determine	Unable to determine

### Thank You

We would like to commend and thank the management of the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the U.S. Department of Interior, and the Graduate School for allowing us to present this financial analysis. We hope it serves as a useful and understandable compliment to VI's annual financial report.

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