

DOMINICA

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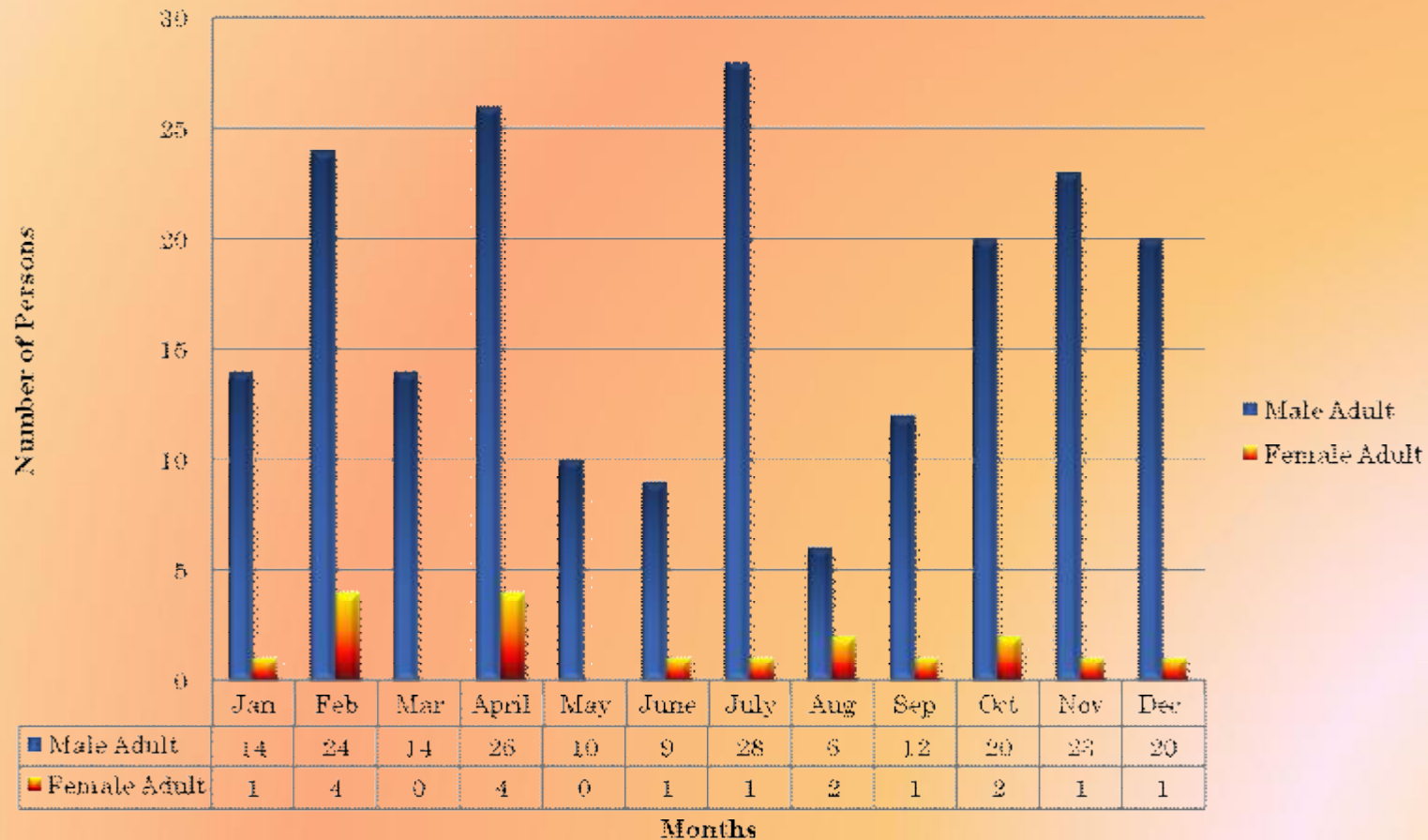
DEMOGRAPHICS

- ☞ **Population**
 - 71, 540
- ☞ **Life Expectancy**
- ☞ **Males: 74.7**
- ☞ **Females: 80.6**
- ☞ **Main Industry**
 - Agriculture
 - Tourism
- ☞ **Unemployment Rate**
 - 23%
 - 30% of population living below the poverty line
- ☞ **Dominica is a transshipment point for narcotics bound for the US and Europe; minor cannabis producer; anti-money-laundering enforcement is weak, making the country particularly vulnerable to money laundering**



POLICE STATISTICS FOR 2007

Nationals Arrested for Drug Possession



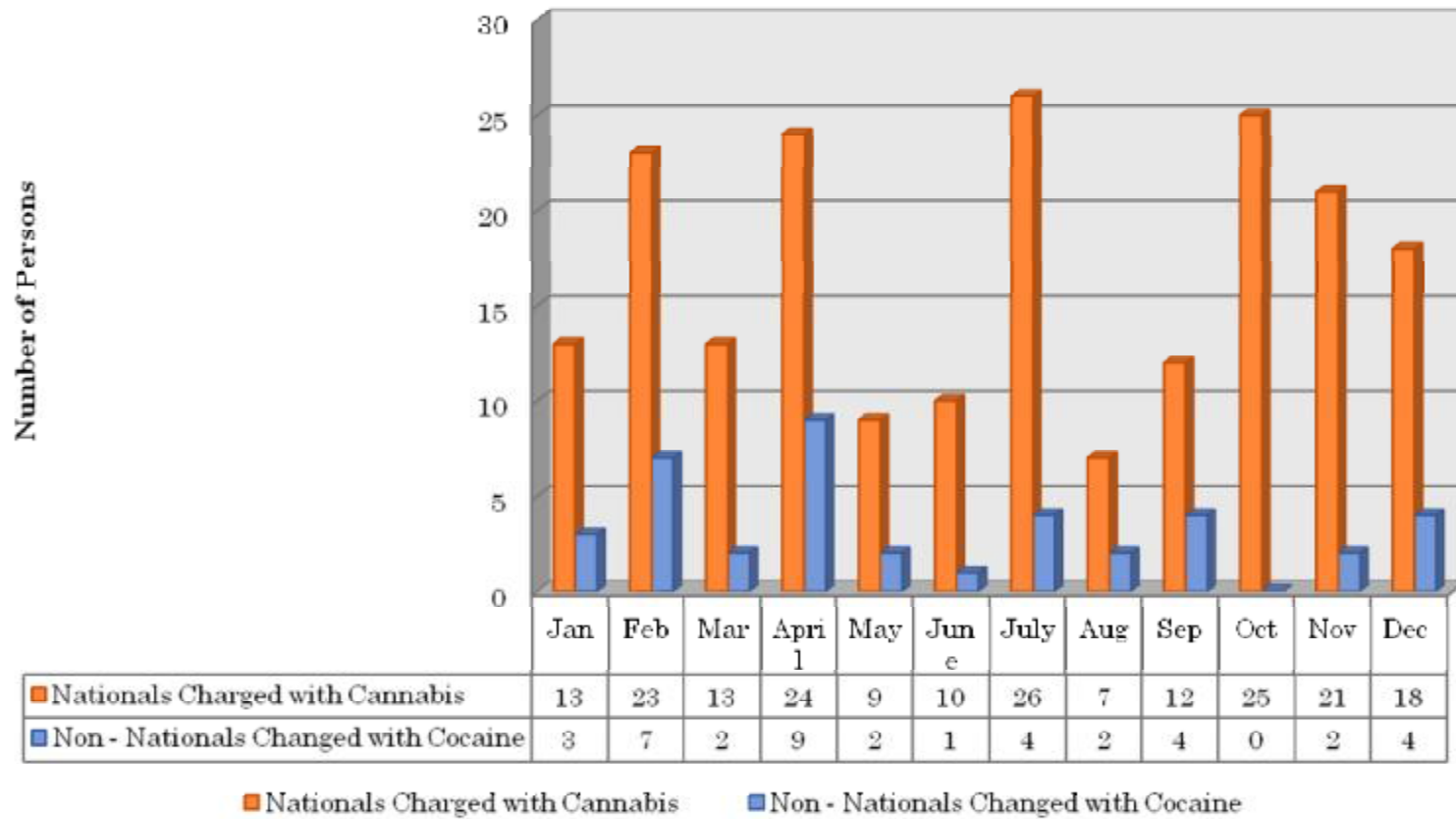
MALE JUVENILES

Male Juveniles arrested on Drug Charges



CHARGES ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY

**Nationals Charged with Cannabis and Cocaine
(Related Offences)**

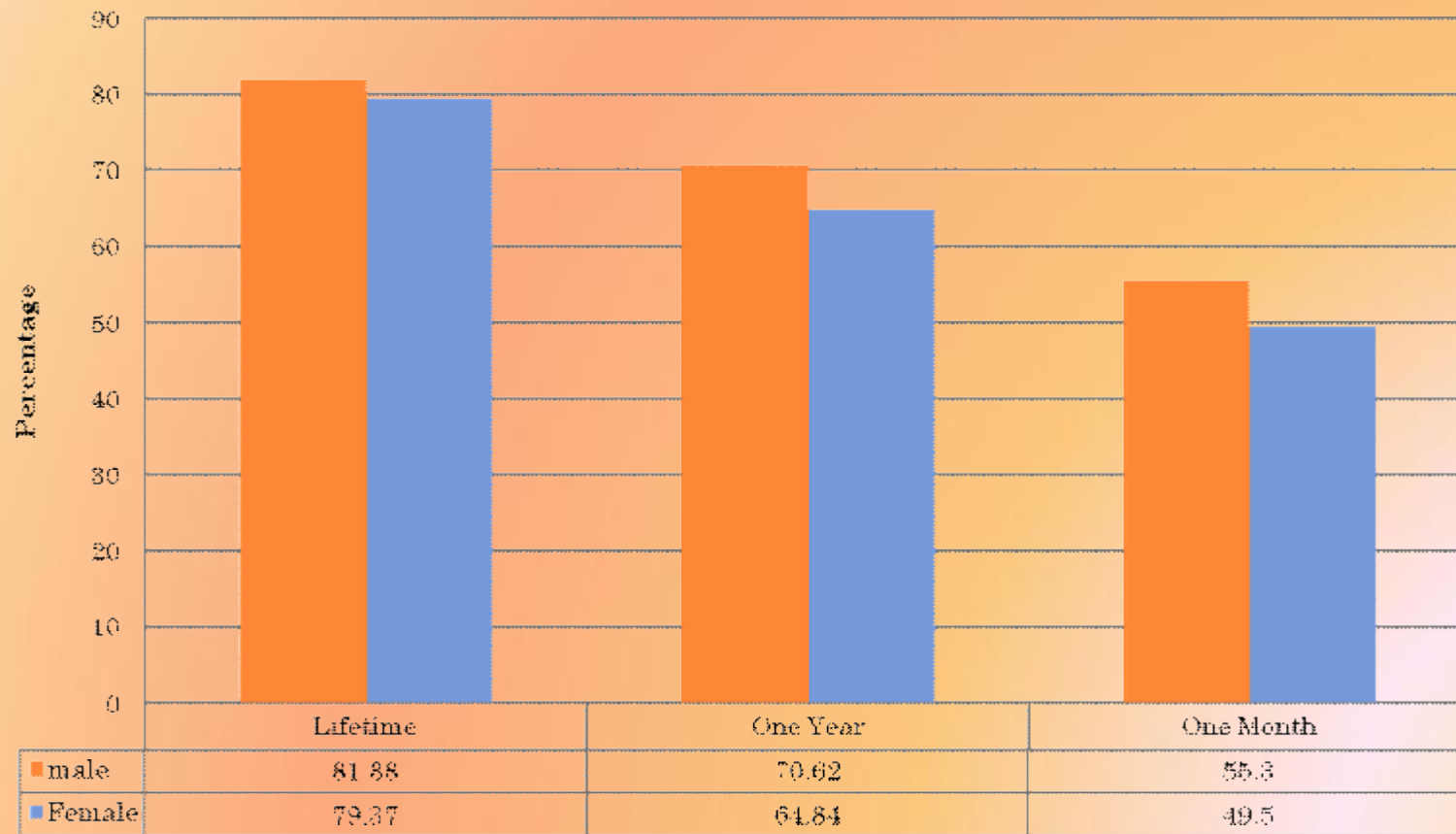




**SECONDARY SCHOOL
SURVEY**

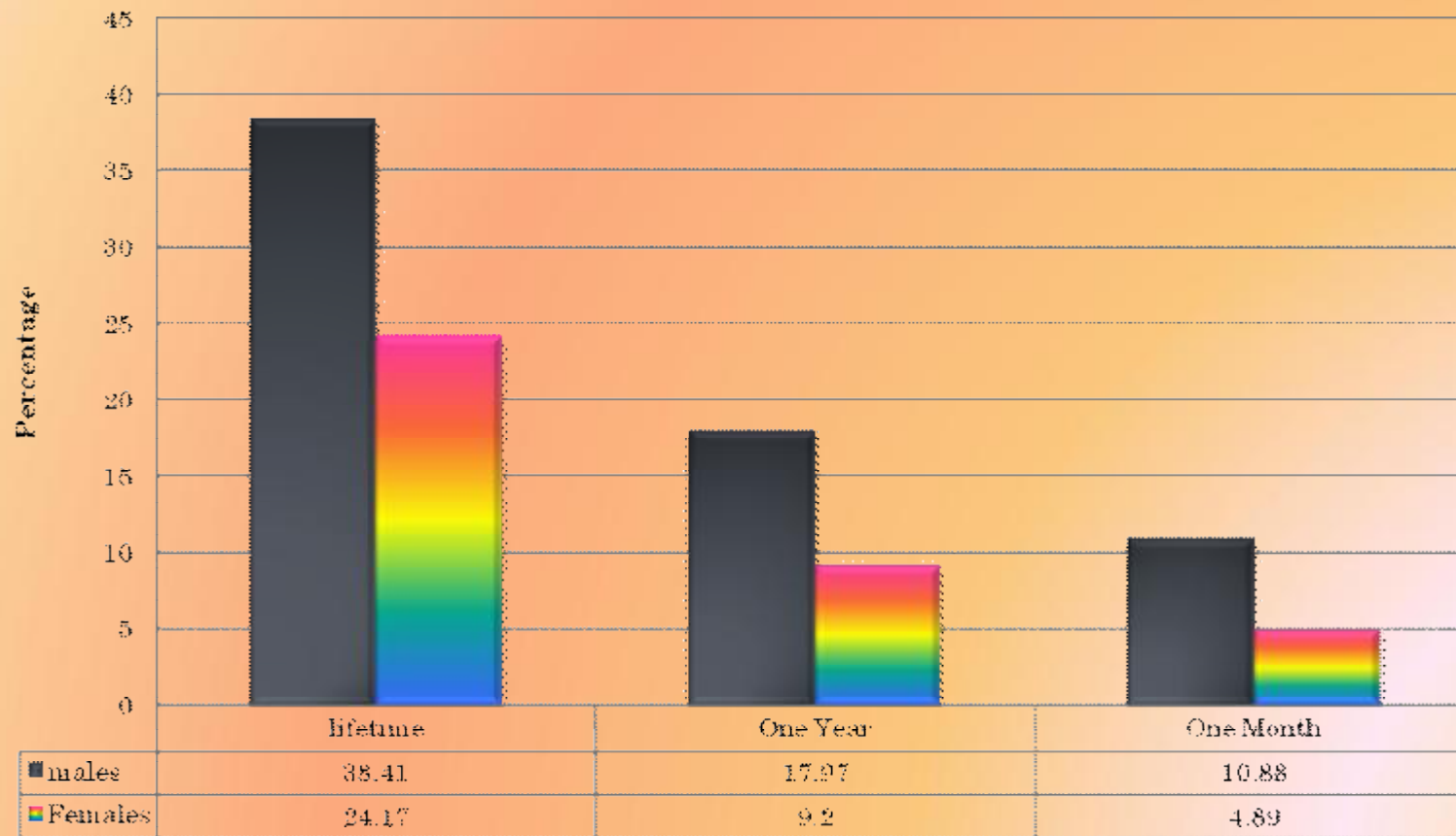
ALCOHOL USE

Alcohol Use among Secondary School Students according to gender



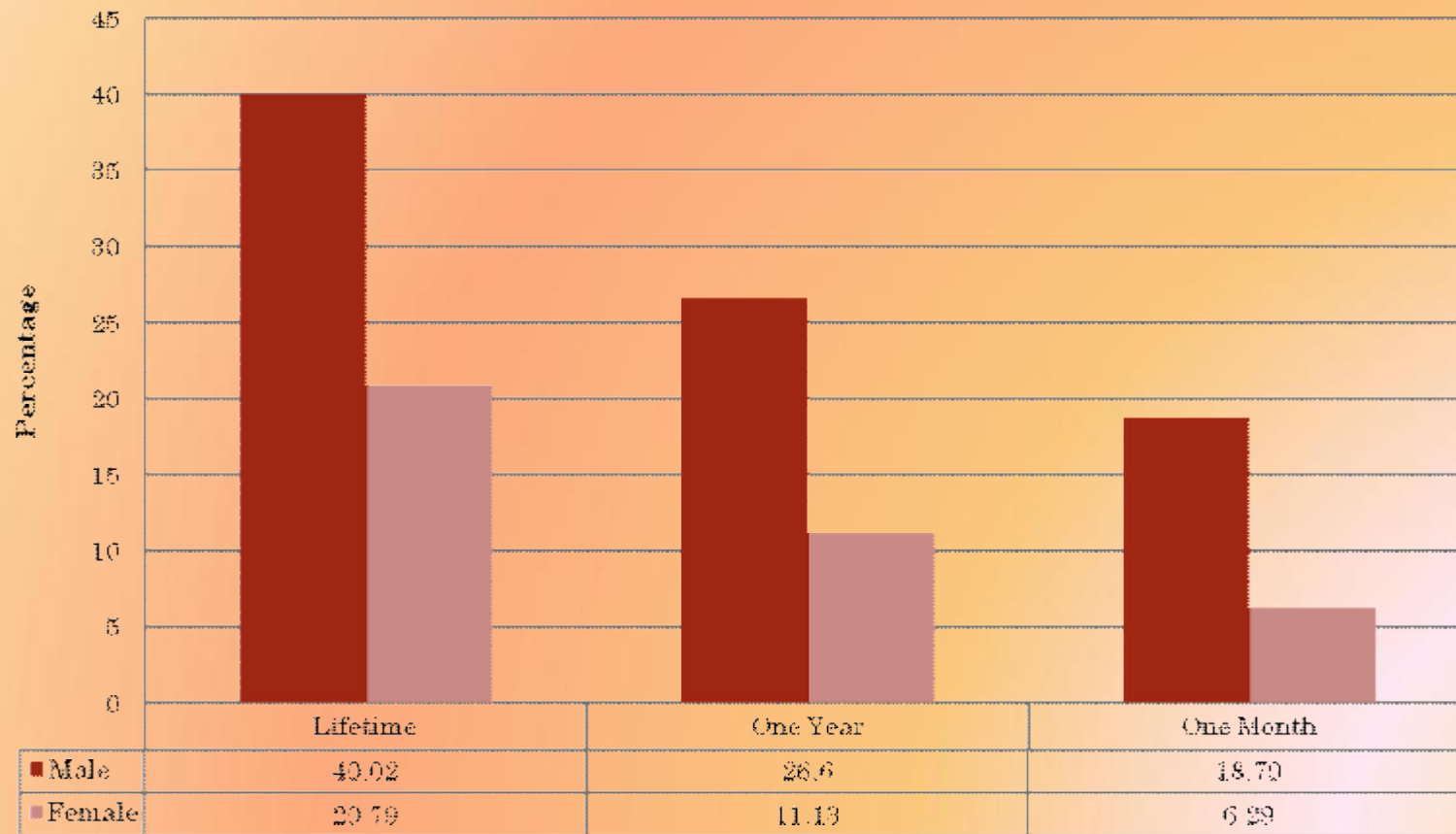
CIGARETTE USE

Cigarette Use Among Secondary School Students according to Gender



MARIJUANA USE

Marijuana Use Among Secondary School Students according to gender



MOST COMMON ILLEGAL DRUGS

☪ **Cannabis**

☪ (marijuana, ganja, herb, cali, sess, weed)

☪ **Cocaine**

☪ **Crack**



COMMON DRUG OFFENCES

- ⌘ **Importation of cannabis**
- ⌘ **Exportation of cannabis and cocaine – Dominica is used as a transshipment point**
- ⌘ **Supply or offer to supply a controlled drug or being concerned supplying or offering a controlled drug**
- ⌘ **Have possession of a controlled drug**
- ⌘ **Have possession of a controlled drug with the intent to supply to another**





EXPERT OBSERVATION



HISTORY OF DRUG USE

- ☪ **Marijuana plantations were concentrated in three main areas of the islands**
 - Small plantations can be found in all villages
- ☪ **Marijuana consumption was done mainly by the Rastafarians**
- ☪ **Children were never involved in consumption**
 - Marijuana consumption is across the board; in every sector of society
- ☪ **Alcohol was mainly consumed by males**
 - Females are consuming alcohol at the same rate as males



SCHOOL SYSTEM

☪ In the School System

- Marijuana is the dominant illegal drug
- Few cases of crack /cocaine use and trafficking
- Younger students (forms 1 - 3) are the main persons involved in the use of marijuana
- There is also drug use in the primary schools (8- 10 years)



SOCIAL FACTORS INFLUENCING DRUG USE

⌘ Social Factors

- In many homes parents (especially fathers) are involved in the cultivation of marijuana and trading of cocaine/ crack.
- More young women are involved in the drug trade
 - ⌘ Women are used as drug carriers and transporters of money to other islands and bigger countries
- Changes in value and moral system
 - ⌘ Young persons are more materialistic

**Source: Commonwealth of Dominica Police Force;
Drug Squad**





AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DRUG INFORMATION SYSTEM

NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION UNIT

- ☛ **The National Drug Abuse Prevention Unit coordinates all activities that provide education to reduce the use of drugs among the population. Its main aim activities are peer counselling, training of students, teachers, public awareness campaigns, alternatives to drugs programmes, research and provision of drug information.**



HEALTH PROMOTION

- ☪ **To promote the well being of all citizens of the Commonwealth of Dominica through the provision of primary preventive, promotive and rehabilitative health care compatible with acceptable standards of human dignity at a cost that is affordable and sustainable.**
- ☪ **This department is responsible for all activities that are related to tobacco use and prevention.**



COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA POLICE FORCE

- ☪ **The Dominica Police Force is responsible for providing a competent and reliable service partnership among departments and sections of the police force and the public so as to create an environment of safety for all citizens as well as visitors to the commonwealth of Dominica.**



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DEPARTMENT

- ☛ One of the main areas undertaken by this department is the control and regulation of firearms and ammunitions. They are responsible for;
 - Collection of data on firearms and ammunitions
 - Regulations for the issue of license for local use and exportation and transshipment of firearms
 - Arrest, charging, and conviction of persons for the illicit possession and trafficking of firearms and ammunition



DRUG SQUAD

☪ This section of the police department is responsible for supply reduction of illicit drugs in Dominica. Some of the responsibilities are as follows;

- Seizure of illicit drugs
- Eradication of illicit crops
- Arrest of persons involved in consumption, production and trafficking of illicit drugs
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FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

- ☛ **This agency is responsible for the investigation of money laundering cases in Dominica. Some of the responsibilities are as follows;**
 - Request to lift bank secrecy
 - Freezing of assets in money laundering cases
 - Investigation of local and international money laundering
 - Dealing with extradition request for money laundering cases



HEALTH INFORMATION UNIT

- ☉ **This Unit is responsible for the management of health information and epidemiological surveillance of health agencies.**
 - **This agencies provides information as to drug related mortality and morbidity**



FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

☪ Financial Intelligent Unit

- ☪ The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) was established by dint of Section 12 of the Money Laundering (Prevention) Act No. 20 of 2000. The powers and functions of the FIU are captured at Section 14 of Act No. 20 of 2000. The FIU is also given investigative powers for the purposes relating to the prevention and suppression of terrorism under the aegis of Section 20 of the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Act No. 3 of 2003.



FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

- ☉ **The FIU became operational as of July 23, 2001 as a Unit within the Ministry of Finance and was transferred to the Ministry of Legal Affairs on July 1, 2004. The Unit attained membership of the Egmont Group in July 2003 and has maintained international standards of operations. The Egmont Group is the international standard setting body for FIUs.**



PRISON

- ☛ **The Prisons Services Division is established under the Prisons Act Chapter 12:70 of the Revised Laws of Dominica.**



ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC UNIT (PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL)

- ☉ **There is no established treatment centres and the only form of treatment is done at the Acute Psychiatric Unit at the main hospital.**
 - **The only characteristic of treatment that exists at the psychiatric unit is detoxification**



FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

- ⌘ **This ministry is responsible for policy formulation, external affairs, regional and international organisations, consular affairs, deportation, diplomatic representation, extradition, protocol and repatriation of citizens.**



SOCIAL WELFARE

- ☛ **The Welfare Division exists primarily to safeguard people against human degradation emanating from poverty, old age, mental and physical disability, acts of God, and other forms of misfortune. It protects the interest of the most vulnerable groups, such as abused and neglected children and offers remedial services.**
- ☛ **This agency is responsible for the working with individuals, and families who are experiencing social difficulties which includes persons on probation.**



AGENCIES WHO PROVIDE INFORMATION

- ☪ Drug squad
- ☪ Criminal Investigation Department
- ☪ National Drug Abuse Prevention Unit
- ☪ Health Promotion
- ☪ Health Information Unit
- ☪ Dominica State Prison



Thank you

