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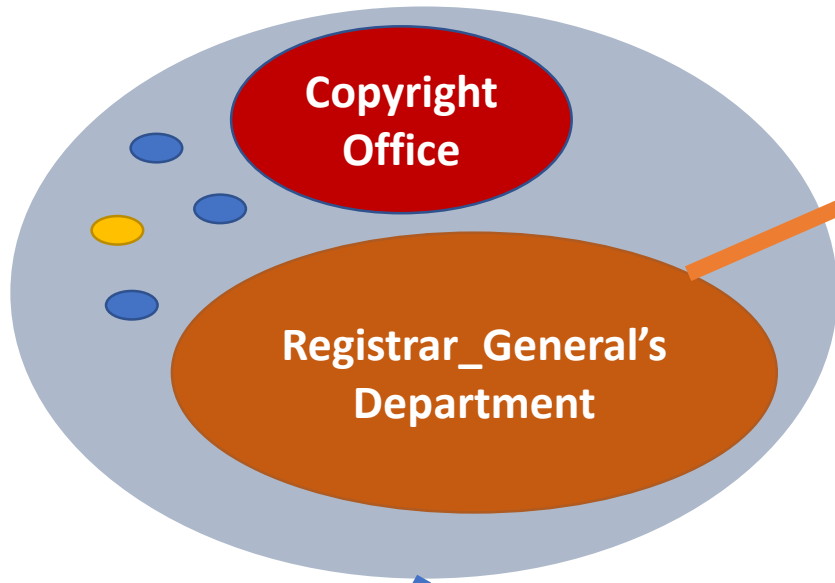
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Outline

❖ Infrastructure

❖ IP Administration System and Level of Automation

❖ Electronic Support for Business
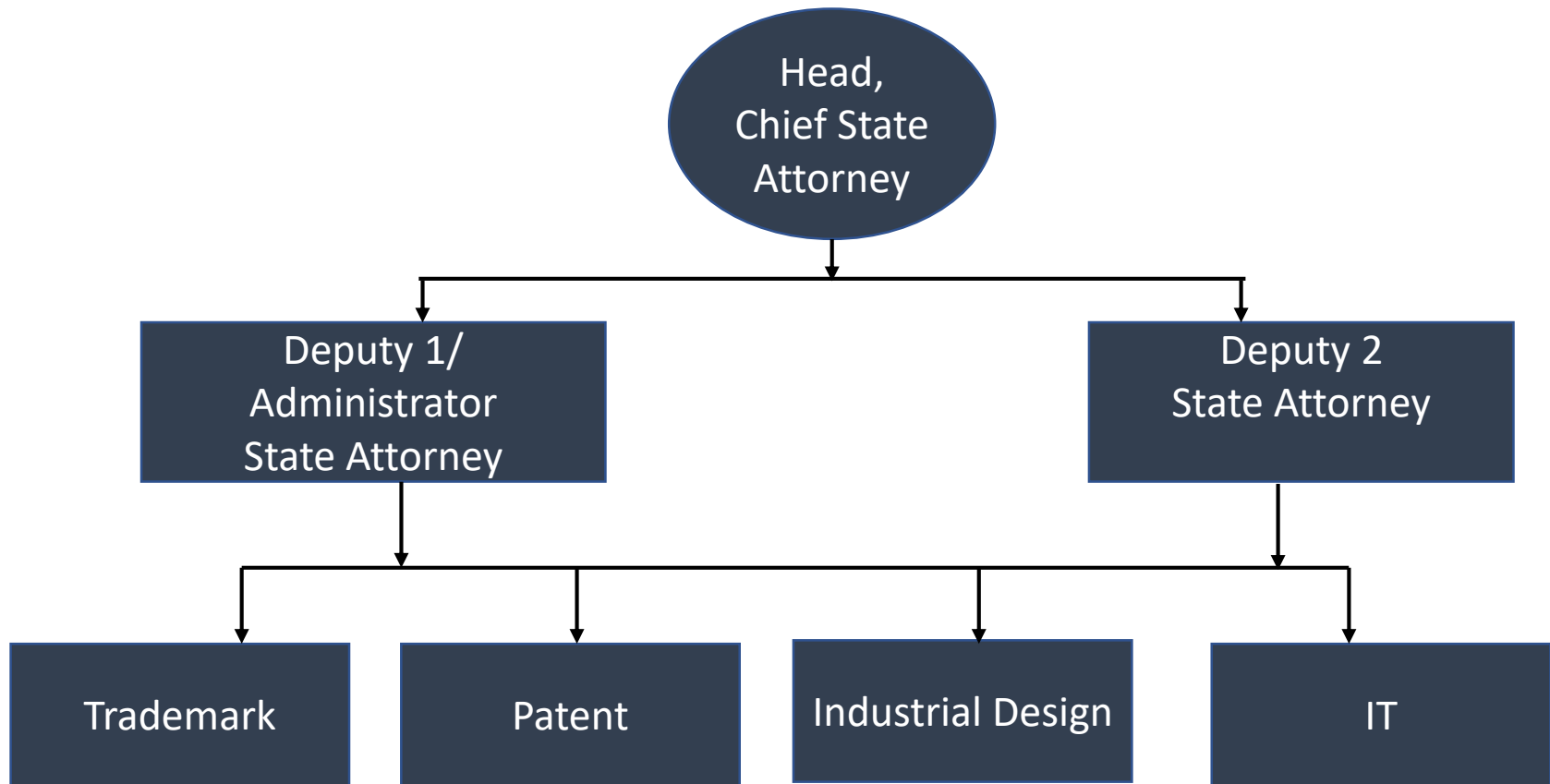
❖ Document Management

❖ Online Service Delivery

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Infrastructure

Copyright Office

Registrar_General's Department

Ministry Of Justice & Attorney-General's Department

Companies Registry

Industrial Property Office

Marriages & Estate Administration

WORK FORCE

IT, 2
Legal, 4
Consultant, 1
Patent, 3
Records, 5
Industrial Design, 4
Trademark 14

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Organizational Structure

IT Infrastructure

❖ Wide Area Network connecting all four Registrar-General's Department Offices

❖ Business, Companies and Marriages system (Eregistrar) online hosted at the Gegov Data center

▪ company registration in 5days

▪ Business names in 2days

▪ Payment platform provided by the Ghana Epay platform (gepp)

❖ GHIPO's new Office has a dedicated fibre connection

❖ PowerEdge … Rack Sever – hosting IPAS

❖ Another Server for IPAS test environment

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IP Administration System & Level of Automation

❖ IPAS
- Version 3.2
- EDMS
- WIPO Publish
- WIPO Scan
- Madrid Module

❖ ARIPO ms Module

Electronic registry

❖ Both physical register and IPAS

❖ Receiving to Approval of all applications with IPAS
- Reduced processing time
- Journals published frequently – e.g 7 versions in 2019
- Not less than 200 applications per Journal.

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Document Management

❖ All IP 2019 applications are processed by EDMS

  ❑ i.e. Using Nuxeo and indexing of all documents using WIPOSCAN

❖ Companies and Business name registration is semi-automated

❖ Documents are to be signed, scanned and uploaded

❖ Electronic Transactions Act 2008 (Act 772)

Challenges:

❑ Users unwillingness to adopt EDMS

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Online Services

❖ Currently GHIPO does not offer any online services

❖ Companies registration online

Statistics

Trademark

Year	2017	2018	
No. Of Applications	2151	2110	

Patent

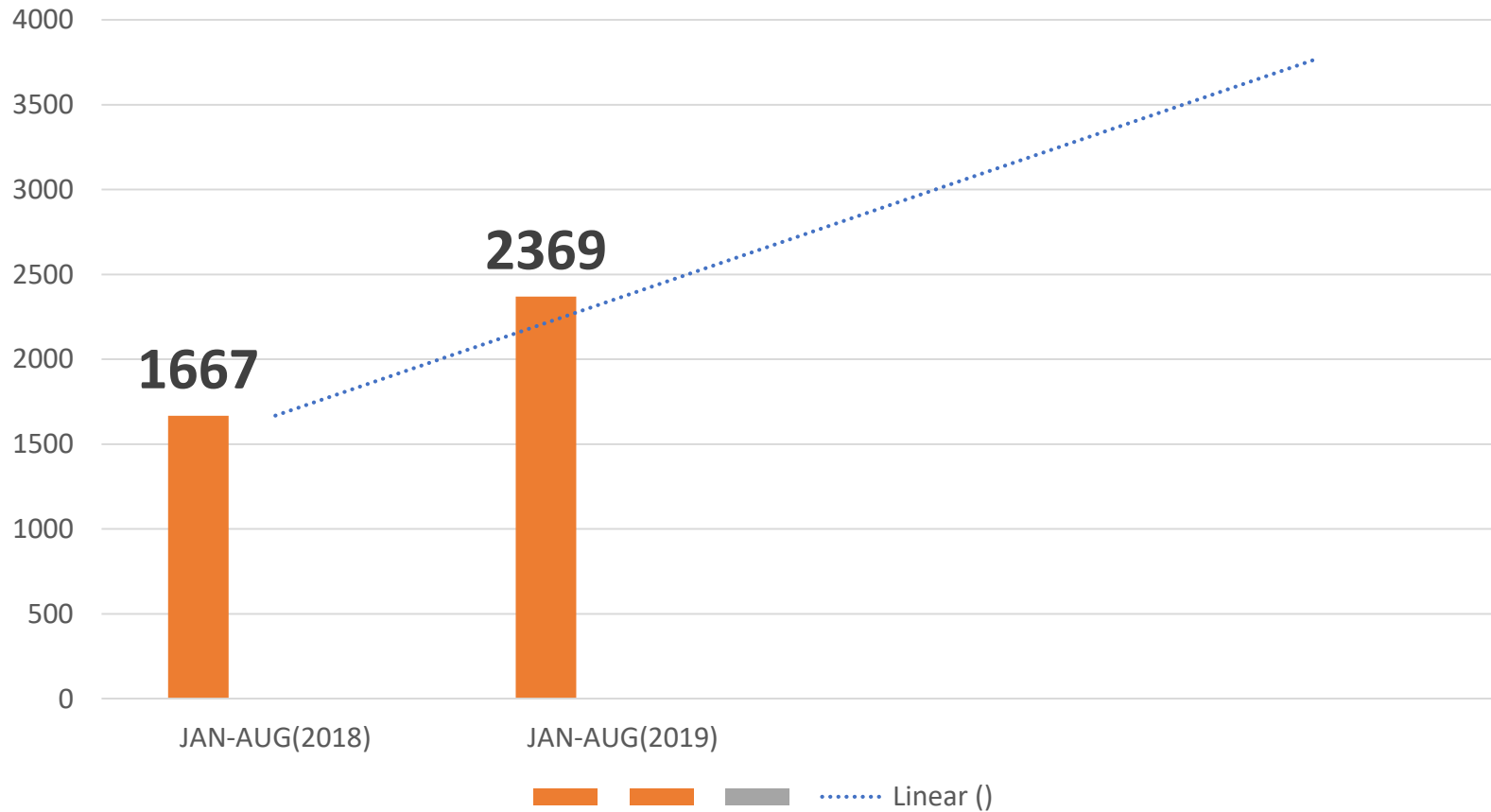| Year	2017	2018	
No. Of Applications	25	26	

Industrial Design   Textiles

Year	2018		2018
No. Of Applications	13		791

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	2018 (Jan-July)	2019 (Jan-July)	Diff
Absolute Acceptance	1667	2369	702

Future Plan

❖ Digitize documents from 2018 backwards

❖ Provide online services e.g.

- ▪ enable WIPO Publish online
- ▪ Provide online filing of applications - **WIPOFile**
- ▪ Provide and integrate an online payment platform with IPAS

❖ Allow officers to work on applications remotely

thank you

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