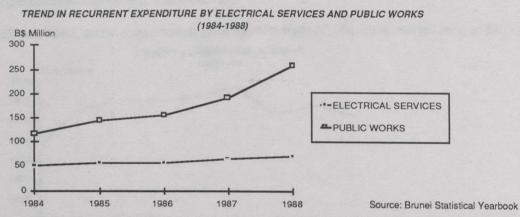
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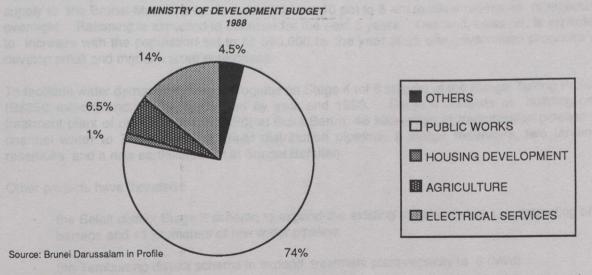


Under the 5th Development Plan (1986-1990), the Public Utilities sector was allocated B\$745 million (20% of total development expenditure). This marks a 6% increase in development allocations from the 4th Plan (1980-1984). In 1985, electricity and water supplies accounted for 10% and 8% respectively, of Public Utilities' expenditure.

Major electrical and water infrastructural projects concluded in the past several years have included the construction of transformer stations, water treatment plants, reservoirs, and a co-generation plant (Lumut).

CURRENT SITUATION

Under the 1988 budget (B\$621 million) for the Ministry of Development, Public Works (waterworks, bridges, roads, government buildings) received (74%) B\$460 million and Electrical Services, (14%) B\$87 million.



Allocations included funding for Stage 4 of the Sungai Tutong Project which entails the construction of the Benutan Regulating Reservoir. This six stage project is expected to meet national water demand through the year 2010.