



## MINISTRY OF ECONOMY

### GOVERNMENT'S FIRST QUARTER FISCAL PERFORMANCE FY2019-2020

At the end of first quarter of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020, Government achieved a net surplus of \$75.8 million, equivalent to 0.6 percent of GDP. The total revenue was \$673.3 million compared to total expenditure level of \$892.6 million.

Table 1 below provides the summary of Government's fiscal position for the first quarter of FY2019-2020 compared to forecast for the same period. The Government's Quarter 1 Cashflow Statement is attached as Annex 1.

**Table 1: Summary of Quarter 1 FY2019-2020 Fiscal Position**

(\$m)	FY2019-2020 Budget	Quarter 1 FY2019-2020 Actuals	% of Total Budget
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,491.7</b>	<b>673.3</b>	<b>27.7</b>
Tax Revenue	3,080.2	295.1	21.9
Non -Tax Revenue	411.5	968.4	71.7
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,840.9</b>	<b>892.6</b>	<b>23.2</b>
Operating Expenditure	2,534.8	599.9	23.7
Capital Expenditure	1,252.6	286.1	22.8
SEG 13 VAT	53.5	6.6	12.3
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>-349.2</b>	<b>75.8</b>	
<b>as % of GDP</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	
Nominal GDP	12,703.8	12,376.3	

Source: Ministry of Economy

The total revenue of \$673.3 million collected in the period represented around 27.7 percent of total forecast revenue, of which tax revenue of \$295.1 million was around 21.9 percent and non-tax revenue of \$968.4 million was 71.7 percent of their respective budgets. Higher non-tax revenue performance was attributed more than expected receipts from divestment of Energy Fiji Limited shares of around \$206.0 million compared to an \$80.0 million Budget.

Government's total spending during the period was \$892.6 million or 23.2 percent of total Budget expenditure, where operating outlay was 23.7 percent and capital expenditure 22.8 percent of their individual budgets. Government's operating to capital expenditure mix was 67/33, signifying better utilisation of capital resources relative to operating spending.

Overall, the fiscal performance by end of Quarter 1 FY2019-2020 was satisfactory as Government was able to achieve a net surplus of 0.6 percent of GDP.

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## Annex 1: Government's Quarter 1 FY2019-2020 Cashflow Statement<sup>1</sup>

(\$m)	Quarter 1 2019-2020 Forecast	Quarter 1 2019-2020 Actuals
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Direct Taxes	201.1	162.9
Indirect Taxes (excluding Government VAT)	555.7	503.8
Fees, Fines & Charges	37.4	35.0
Grants in aid	3.5	8.1
Dividends from Investments	30.0	27.9
Reimbursement & Recoveries	3.6	2.2
Other Revenue & Surpluses	8.6	12.1
<b>Total operating receipts</b>	<b>839.9</b>	<b>751.9</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Personnel	297.1	263.8
Transfer payments	300.7	181.2
Supplies and consumables	142.9	55.0
Purchase of outputs	37.4	14.7
Interest paid	89.8	84.3
Other operating payments	2.30	0.89
<b>Total operating payments</b>	<b>870.2</b>	<b>599.9</b>
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>-30.4</b>	<b>152.0</b>
<i>As % of GDP</i>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Sale of Government Assets	80.0	206.2
Interest from Bank Balance	0.30	0.59
Interest on Term Loans	1.3	0.3
Return of Surplus Capital from Investment	1.6	2.8
<b>Total investing receipts</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>209.9</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Loans	65.6	51.6
Transfer Payments	266.0	206.5
Purchase of physical non-current assets	59.0	28.1
<b>Total investing payments</b>	<b>390.6</b>	<b>286.1</b>
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>-307.3</b>	<b>-76.2</b>
<i>As a % of GDP</i>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
<b>Net (Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b>-337.7</b>	<b>75.8</b>
<b>% of GDP</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>GDP at Market Prices</b>	<b>12,376.3</b>	<b>12,376.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes SEG 13 or Government VAT.