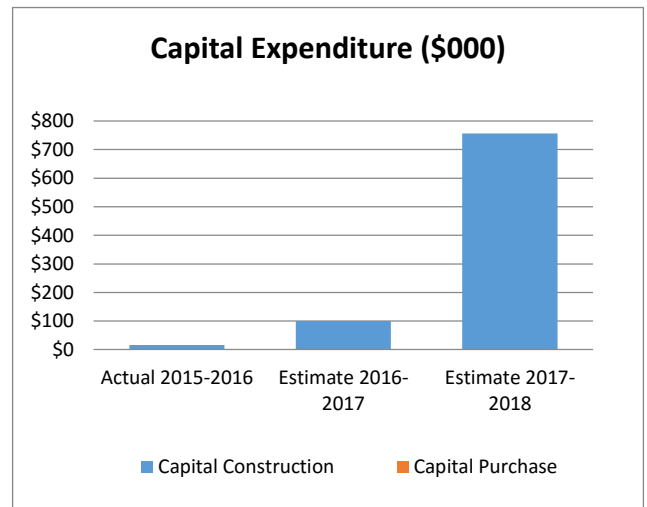
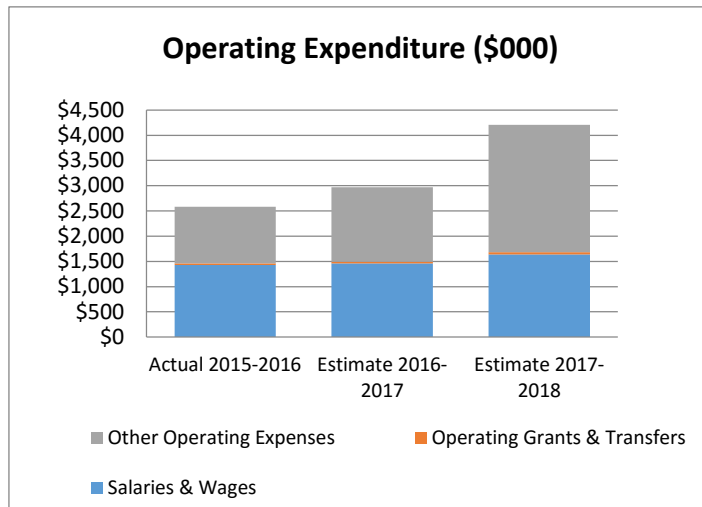




The Fijian Government
Ministry of Defence and National Security
2017-2018 Budget Highlights

The Ministry of Defence and National Security is responsible for Fiji’s national security, including the defence of the country’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Ministry carries out this responsibility through implementation of Fiji’s National Security Strategy and policy oversight of two of Fiji’s Discipline Forces, the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) and Fiji Police Force (FPF).

The total budget for the Ministry of Defence and National Security in 2017-2018 is **\$5.2 million**, comprising **\$4.2 million** for operating expenditure, **\$0.7 million** for capital expenditure and VAT of **\$0.3 million**.



The increase in the budgetary allocation by **\$2.0 million** in the 2017-2018 Budget is mainly attributed to:

- an increase due to adjustments in salaries and wages, creation of project positions for National Security and Defence Review and other operational expenses for hosting of Fiji Day Celebrations throughout the country;
- Transfer of UN Military Advisor from Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and

- an increase in the capital expenditure for the completion of preparatory work for the National War Memorial and War Museum and the relocation of the Stanley Brown Naval Base.

Ongoing Initiatives

- To coordinate the implementation of the national security strategy:
 - National Security and Defence Review (NSDR) Secretariat: covers the funding for the operations of the Secretariat and to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat to implement the National Security Strategy (\$1.1 million).
 - UN Military Advisor: funds the deployment of a senior military officer to the Office of the Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York to handle any issues arising from peacekeeping deployments with the UN Headquarters. This ongoing allocation has been transferred from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (\$400,000).
 - Stanley Brown Naval Base Relocation: funds the boundary definition exercise at the Togalevu Naval base and all of the Fijian Government's work under the MOU signed with the Indian Government to fund the relocation of the base. This allocation has been transferred from the RFMF (\$130,000).
- To commemorate important events in Fiji's history:
 - Fiji Day Celebrations: for the hosting of celebrations in additional areas of Fiji, namely Nausori, Sigatoka, Nadi, Rakiraki, Labasa, Taveuni, Levuka and remote areas of Fiji (\$150,000).
 - National War Memorial and War Museum: funds the completion of all civil and preparatory works prior to construction of the museum and memorial. The project is expected to be completed in the 2018-2019 budget cycle (\$626,611).