

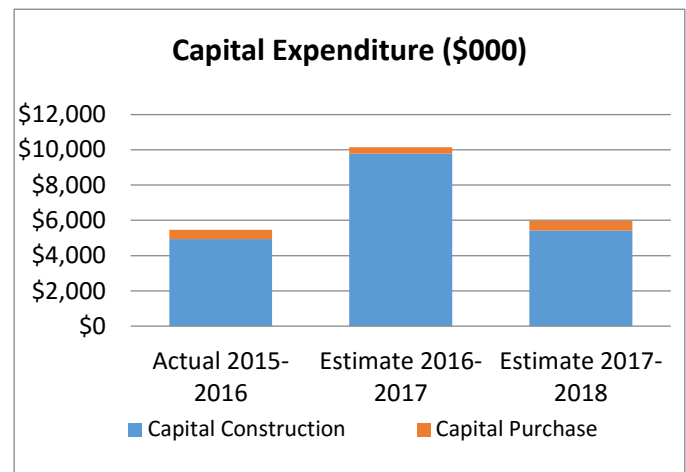
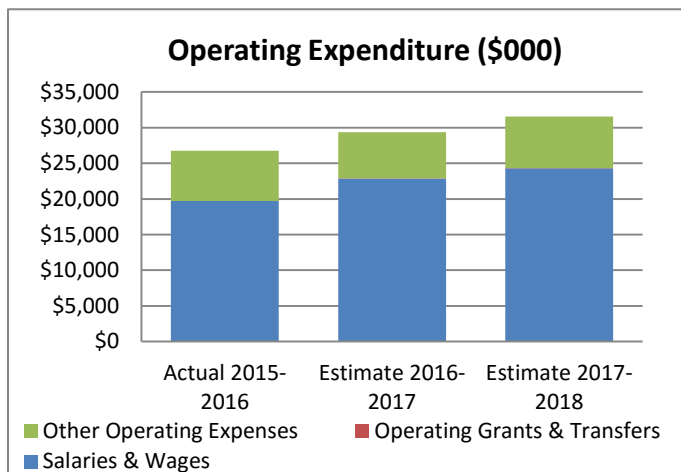


## The Fiji Government Fiji Corrections Service 2017-2018 Budget Highlights

The Fiji Corrections Service [FCS] is responsible for properly and safely detaining and rehabilitating persons sentenced to a term of imprisonment or placed on remand pending trial by the courts at its correctional centres.

The FCS is committed to meeting international standards and best practices, including compliance with all human rights obligations for the treatment of inmates. The FCS is currently in the midst of a number of capital construction works and a programme of modernisation that is leveraging technology to improve the operations of its correctional centres and improve the quality of its rehabilitation programmes.

The total budget for the FCS in 2017-2018 is **\$38.7 million**, comprising **\$31.6 million** for operating expenditure, **\$6.0 million** for capital expenditure and VAT of **\$1.2 million**.



The increase of **\$2.2 million** in the FCS's 2017-2018 Operating Budget is mainly attributed to:

- an increase in salaries and corresponding allowances for 91 positions including the creation of 33 new correctional officer positions for the new Lautoka Women's Correctional Centre (23) and the Lautoka K9 Dog Unit (10); and
- an increase in special expenditure to host the Asia Pacific Conference for Corrections Administrators.

The decrease in capital expenditure in 2017-2018 by \$4.2 million is mainly attributed to:

- the completion of the new Lautoka Remand Centre; and
- the completion of the new Lautoka Women's Correctional Centre, which is expected to be ready for operations by the end of 2017.

### **New Initiatives**

- \$279,095 is allocated to host 180 participants from 18 countries at the Asia Pacific Conference for Corrections Administrators Conference in November 2017 which will provide a platform for networking and boost regional cooperation.
- \$100,000 is allocated to start a three-year procurement programme to acquire workshop tools for the Nasinu Correctional Centre to improve the quality of rehabilitation programmes. The Rehabilitation Policy guides the implementation of programmes to reduce recidivism through skills development to increase employment opportunities and improve the chances for successful reintegration of released inmates into the community.
- \$400,000 is allocated for the upgrade of public cemeteries and additional civil works to improve drainage and ground conditions at the Nasinu Cemetery.
- \$150,000 is allocated to conduct a structural assessment of the main cell block of the old Suva Prison to determine whether the structure can be restored and listed as a national heritage site.
- Other three-year procurement programmes include:
  - a) \$50,000 allocated to acquire Cell Censor detectors to prevent the flow of contraband in and out of correctional centres; and
  - b) \$100,000 allocated to commence the set-up of new communication equipment at correctional centres around the country.

## Ongoing Initiatives

- Operating modern, functional corrections facilities run by well-trained staff through:
  - Established Staff: ensures compliance with UN minimum standards for the treatment of inmates under the Geneva Convention to provide one officer for every four inmates. This allocation funds the recruitment of 33 additional correctional officer positions to operate the new Lautoka facilities and the recruitment of officers in various facilities throughout the country, and covers corresponding allowances (\$24.2 million).
  - Various allocations to make the new Lautoka facilities fully operational by the end of 2017:
    - a) Lautoka Remand Centre Upgrades: upgrades the existing infirmary at the Lautoka Correctional Centre to accommodate more remand detainees (\$500,000).
    - b) Women's Correctional Facility Lautoka: completes the construction of staff quarters for the new correctional centre (\$650,000).
    - c) K9 Dog Unit: funds for the completion of the Facilities by the end of 2017 (\$675,000).
  - Electrical Upgrade Works: this allocation has been increased by \$100,000 to begin the installation of metres at institutional quarters in Lautoka, Suva and Nasinu. The completion of this project will reduce the funds spent on annual electricity supply (\$250,000).
  - Civil Works: this allocation has increased by \$380,000 to fund the construction of a gabion wall near the Naboro Medium Correctional Centre to protect the facility from landslides. This to address issues raised in structural assessments carried out by civil engineers under this programme in 2016-2017 (\$400,000).
  - Upgrade and Maintenance of Institutional Buildings and Repair and Maintenance of Institutional Infrastructure: funds the preliminary work on access roads to Naboro and

Lautoka and will begin upgrade works on the maximum and pre-release facilities, following the completion of the Naboro Medium Facility<sup>1</sup> (\$900,000).

- Institutional Boundary Fencing: constructs new fencing for the Naboro Medium Facility (\$400,000).
- CCTV: funds the installation of complete CCTV cameras at all correctional centres in Fiji to improve security at correctional centres (\$200,000).
- Upgrade of Commissioner's Residence: covers the cost of upgrading the official residence of the Commissioner of Prisons to prevent further deterioration and ensure continued use of this executive residential property (\$688,073).

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<sup>1</sup> This project may extend into the 2018-2019 budget cycle.