

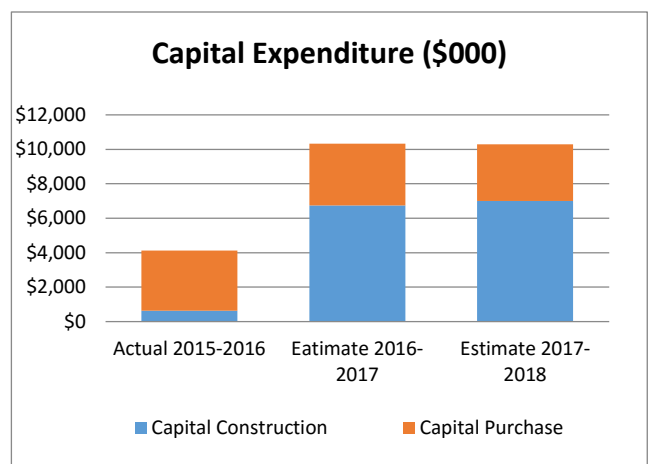
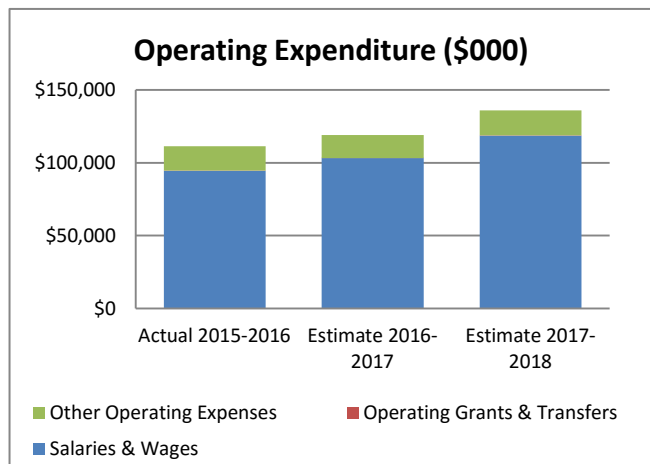


## The Fijian Government Fiji Police Force 2017-2018 Budget Highlights

The Fiji Police Force is responsible for maintaining law and order in Fijian society by employing best practices in police work and employing modern technologies and innovative strategies to prevent criminal activity.

The Fiji Police Force engages in a wide-range of activities to maintain professional personnel that are well-trained and well-equipped to handle evolving criminal threats. The Force is currently seeking to expand the reach of its services through the construction of new facilities, and improve response times and investigative effectiveness by procuring new specialised equipment, including vehicles, communication equipment and forensic science tools.

The total budget for the Fiji Police Force in 2017-2018 is **\$148.8 million**, comprising **\$136.0 million** for operating expenditure, **\$10.3 million** for capital expenditure and VAT of **\$2.5 million**.



The increase of **\$17.0 million** in 2017-2018 is attributed to:

- an increase due to adjustments in salaries and wages to carry out the Force's job evaluation exercise;
- an increase in other operating expenses for licensing renewals, travel and subsistence and incidentals; and

- a capital construction programme for the upgrading of existing facilities and construction of new police stations and community posts.

### **New Initiatives**

- \$1.6 million, allocated under Head 50 budget, to fund police operations during the conduct of the 2018 General Elections operations. Funding will be released depending on the scheduled date for the 2018 General Elections.
- \$150,000 is allocated to the Crime Investigation Division to strengthen internal investigations of any alleged crimes by police officers in the performance of their duties.
- \$1.0 million for the completion of design scoping and the tender processes to start construction on a new Nadi police station, with another \$580,000 to begin the design scoping and tender process for the community post at Natewa and land acquisition for the community post at Natovi.
- \$600,000 for the upgrading of the K9 Unit Section facilities in Suva.
- \$523,100 for the retrofitting of the police vessel, M.V. Veiqaravi, to maintain effective responses to crimes in the maritime zone.
- \$180,000 to upgrade the Criminal Records Information System to further improve investigative capacity.
- \$200,000 to set up an automated license plate recognition system and install CCTV cameras in public areas in major urban centres around Fiji to improve crime response time.
- Other new expenditure allocations for Forensic Pathology Equipment (\$83,464) and Purchase of Crime Scene Consumables (\$213,478).

### **Ongoing Initiatives**

- Improving operational support for more effective criminal prosecutions through:
  - Increased allocations for Court Witnesses Fees, Training, Witness and Suspect Meals and Prisoner Meals (\$225,000).

- Expanding the reach of law enforcement by constructing new police stations and posts and improving existing posts to better protect citizens within respective jurisdictions through:
  - Police Station Construction: funds the completion of the design scoping, tender process and preliminary construction works for new police stations in Nakasi and Lautoka (\$2.0 million).
  - TC Winston Rehabilitation Works: continues the repair and reconstruction works on the Vatukoula and Nalawa Police Stations and community posts in Nayavu, Namarai, Kese, Nukulua, Dawasamu and Koro (\$1.0 million).
  - Station Upgrades: begins design scoping and tender processes for the upgrade of existing stations and posts at Kadavu, Nasinu Wainikoro and Nabouwalu and the renovation of the Police Academy, the boundary fence for the Police Special Response Unit and the upgrading of Nasese Garage (\$500,000).
  - Police Quarters Upgrades: begins design scoping and tender processes for the upgrade of institutional police quarters, covering the planned works for quarters at the Special Response Unit at Nasinu and at posts and stations in Nausori, Luvuluvu, Wainibokasi; Korovou; Vunidawa; Lautoka; Sigatoka (Barracks); Nadi; Ba; Savusavu; Labasa; and Tukavesi (\$800,000).
  - Remote Stations and Posts Management: funds the installation of three solar power units annually in maritime and remote stations and posts (\$309,000).
  
- Providing officers, posts and stations with proper equipment to effectively detect criminal activity and take swift action to uphold public safety through:
  - Communication Equipment: procures communication equipment with capacity for full digital multiband platforms to improve response times and surveillance of public areas specifically 100 digital headsets, 31 digital bases and 11 digital mobile sets (\$400,000).
  - Road Safety: procures equipment that improves effectiveness of the Force to preserve road safety, specifically, 50 hand held breath testing devices, calibration and

certification of 50 Drager Alcotest machines, 20,000 mouthpiece testers and 40 accident kits (\$240,000).

- Standard Equipment Procurement: ensures that officers are well-equipped to confront criminal threats by procuring extendable batons, T batons, handcuffs, generator sets, light traffic 2-way wands, pepper spray, vest reflectors, rain coats, cone reflectors, measuring tapes, vest accessories, amber lights, maglite torches, body bags and prisoner kit bags (\$400,000).
- Specialised Equipment Procurement: ensures that officers have the equipment necessary to conduct specialised operations to prevent criminal activity by procuring a zodiac outboard & trailer, a diving air compressor, 20-person, 15-person and 10-person heavy duty tents, global positioning systems (GPS), sleeping bags, back packs, portable walk through detectors and non-linear junction detectors (\$298,000).
- Bikes and Quad Bikes: procures 210 patrol bikes for the Force to improve responsiveness to emergencies and enhance safety on Fiji's roads (\$4.5 million – allocated under Head 50).
- IT Equipment Procurement: procures IT equipment for police stations, posts and other facilities to improve the recording of police reports for investigations for use in trial, including complaints by victims and witness statements (\$200,000).
- Providing officers with technical expertise and specialised equipment to conduct thorough and effective investigations of crime scenes through:
  - Forensic Bio and DNA Lab: procures quality assurance systems for the Lab; covers the upgrade of the IT Database, purchase of a laboratory refrigerator, warranties and servicing of technical equipment; and funds training exercises (\$660,000).
  - Analytical Forensic Chemistry Equipment: purchases laboratory equipment for toxicology analysis, trace evidence analysis and arson case sample analysis (\$400,000).
- The Fijian Government will continue to fund the deployment of Fiji Police Force personnel to carry out their important role in peacekeeping operations under Head 49 (\$1.9 million).