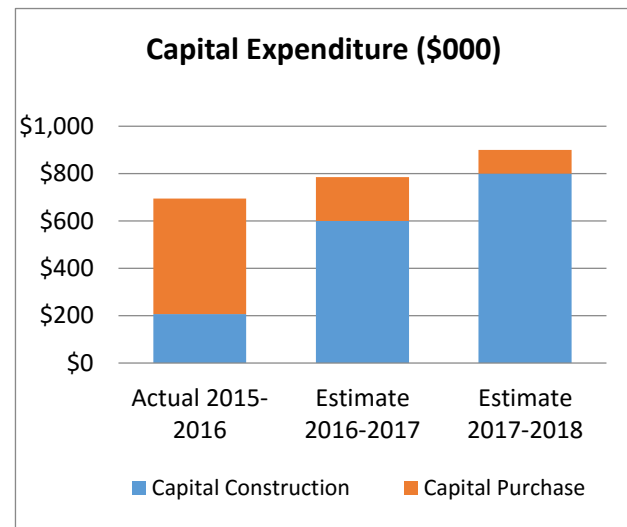
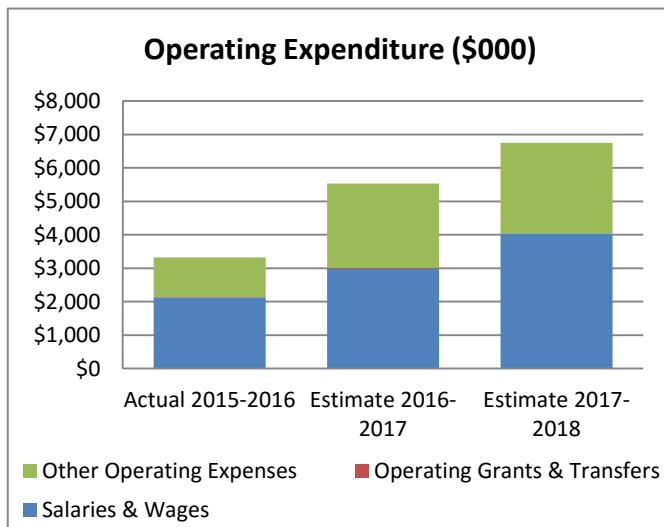




The Fijian Government Ministry of Justice 2017-2018 Budget Highlights

The Ministry of Justice is responsible for the administration of law and justice in Fiji. The Ministry delivers judicial services through registries established by law to maintain official records of legal documents. These registries register companies, businesses, credit unions, money lenders, justices of the peace, titles, deeds, births, deaths and marriages.

The total budget for the Ministry of Justice in 2017-2018 is **\$8.0 million**, comprising **\$6.7 million** for operating expenditure, **\$0.9 million** for capital expenditure and VAT of **\$0.3 million**.



The increase of **\$1.4 million** in 2017-2018 is mainly attributed to:

- an increase due to adjustments in salaries and wages associated with the job evaluation exercise and the creation of new positions; and
- an increase in capital expenditure to open new registries around Fiji.

Ongoing Initiatives

- Improving access for the Fijian people to high quality judicial services through:
 - Decentralisation of BDM Services: funds the opening of new registry offices around Fiji, equipment for the new offices and staff salaries to man the new offices (\$400,000).
 - Office Upgrade and Refurbishment – HQ: upgrades the main Registrar of Titles Office at Civic Tower in Suva to ensure proper storage and improve the quality of services through easier access to titles and deeds for public searches (\$400,000).
 - Digitisation Programme: digitises all Ministry companies, titles and BDM records under the Ministry of Communications Digitisation Programme to better preserve information, improve access for the public and facilitate other business through e-government services. An additional \$0.1 million is included in the programme allocation to cover salary increments for project officers engaged in the digitisation of these records (\$1.2 million).
- Ensuring effective policy oversight of the law and justice sector through:
 - Anti-Corruption Activities: ensures appropriate networking and coordination between various agencies responsible for anti-money laundering and anti-corruption including financial reporting, law enforcement, immigration and customs (\$100,000).
 - Consumer Tribunal: provides a flexible and easily accessible redress mechanism for consumers that do not have the option to seek justice through the courts because of the nature of the legal system and costly legal fees (\$200,000).