

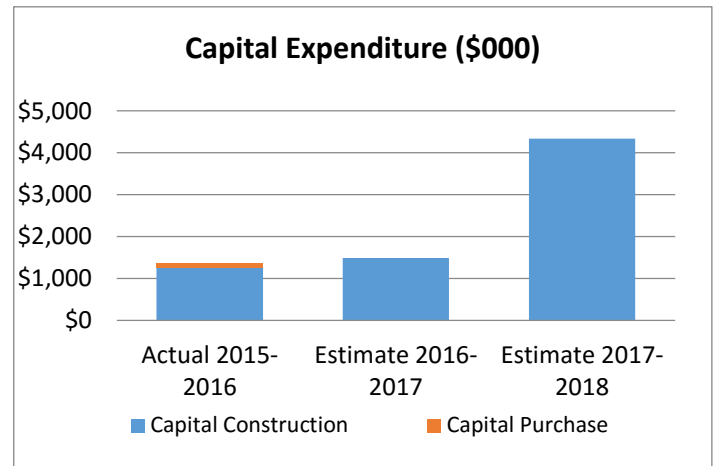
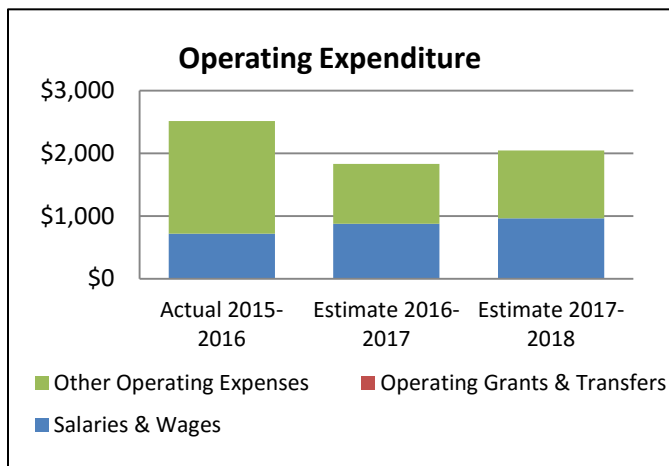


The Fijian Government Office the President 2017-2018 Budget Highlights

The Office of the President provides administrative and logistical support to the Head of State in the performance of their official duties.

These duties include: the signing of Bills passed by Parliament into law, opening each session of Parliament, attending ceremonial functions, responsibility as Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF), state visits and an active community engagement programme.

The budget for Office of the President in 2017-2018 is **\$2.1 million** comprising **\$2.0 million** for operating expenditure and VAT of **\$0.1 million**. Another **\$4.3 million** is allocated for capital expenditure under Head 50.



Ongoing Initiatives

- Community engagements:
 - Service Medal and the Fiji College of Honour: logistical arrangements for special ceremonies for when the President has determined that significant contributions made by an individual to the nation is worthy of recognition (\$51,000).

- State visits:
 - Overseas Travel: funding for official state visits by the President to all Pacific Island Countries in 2017-2018 (\$200,000).
- Maintenance of state assets:
 - State House Upgrade: to commence major upgrading works on the State House in 2017-2018, which are necessary to restore and preserve the residence, which was built in 1928. Upgrades to the State House also include allocations to complete other ongoing capital projects to install a new fire alarm system, construct a new Vakatumuloa and upgrade the coronation ground used for official ceremonies (\$4.3 million).
 - Maintenance of State House: general maintenance for the President's official residence, the State House (\$223,000).