



GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA

**FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY
BUDGET ADDRESS
2015/16**

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BUDGET ADDRESS ON THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
ESTIMATES 2014/2015

Mr Speaker and Honourable Members of Parliament,

On behalf of the Government, I would like to table the First Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2015/16 for consideration of the House.

Mr Speaker,

The 2015/16 First Supplementary budget continues the theme of living within our means. The proposed additional expenditures is the product of rigorous scrutiny of many requests for funding in line with the additional funding that has been identified. That said the fiscal deficit announced in the 2015/16 Main Estimates remains unchanged.

The Supplementary Budget

I would now like to provide an overview of the First Supplementary Estimates for the current fiscal year 2015/16:

Summary of Additional Revenues

The financing of the additional government commitments will be made possible through the following sources of additional revenues amounting to **\$8.58million**:

- Additional revenue from the Samoa International Finance Authority of **\$4million**;
- Additional Revenues from Dividends received of **\$2.83million**;
- Additional Revenues collected from the Office of the Regulator of **\$1.1million**;
- **\$217,396** additional revenues from the Ministry for Natural Resources; and
- **\$432,802** in VAGST from Ministries and Corporations.

Summary of Additional Expenditures

The additional expenditures being requested totals **\$9.06 million (including VAGST)**. These priority expenditures are considered critical to support economic growth and to ensure service for the benefit of the public is maintained.

The excess of **\$477,205** in expenditures is funded from savings identified under the Parliamentary Pension Scheme and the Ministry for Revenue.

These priority expenditures are:

Ministry of Agriculture

- **\$350,000** is being allocated to the Ministry of Agriculture to assist in some of the key developments being implemented by the WIBDI;

Ministry of Communications and Information & Technology

- **\$1.1million** is being allocated to cover co-location costs for the Samoa National Broadband Highway Project;

Ministry of Education, Sports & Culture

- **\$1million** is being allocated to facilitate the continuation of the second phase of the reclassification of teacher's salaries;
- **\$511,887** is being allocated for the salaries of the retired teachers who have been called back into service by the Ministry;
- **\$500,000** is being allocated to fund the First Semester fees of the MESC Scholarships at the National University of Samoa.

Ministry of Finance

- **\$151,044** is being allocated to finance wages and salaries under the newly established Ministry of Public Enterprises;
- **\$70,000** has been added to the Commonwealth Youth Games appropriation to cover remaining utility bills as a result of the Games;
- **\$57,500** is earmarked to finance the hosting of the PFTAC Steering Committee Meeting which will be held in Apia in February 2016.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- **\$116,879.40** is being allocated to operating expenditures and professional services required in the Embassy in Wellington;
- **\$27,363** is being allocated to fund end of contract benefits for personnel at the Embassy in Auckland;
- **\$32,626** has been allocated to the Embassy in Brussels for operating expenses;
- **\$19,266** is being allocated to Fiji to fund the salary of the new Student Counselor scheduled to be placed in January 2016;
- **\$31,338** additional expenditures is being allocated to the Ministry in Apia for end of contract benefits and salaries of local staff.

Ministry of Justice

- An additional **\$45,900** is allocated to the Ministry for Justice to finance the salary of a Alcohol and Drugs Court Psychologist;

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

- **\$29,400** has been allocated for the Customary Land Advisory Committee (CLAC);

Ministry for Police

- **\$63,805** is being allocated to cover outstanding invoices on building materials used for the Dog Management Unit's kennel for stray dogs;

Ministry for Revenue

- **\$144,000** to finance 2 new vehicles required by the Ministry to facilitate their revenue collection operations;

Ministry for Women

- **\$1million** is being allocated to assist in the capital works required to assist the Independent Water Scheme services;

- **\$151,500** allocated to finance the readjustment of Women's Representatives' allowances;
- **\$62,406** has been allocated to assist the Government Printer to facilitate works relating to the upcoming 2016 General Elections as well as to finance salaries for the night watchmen;

Office of the Attorney General

- **\$64,753** for the salary of the Director of the National Prosecution Office;

Ministry for Works, Transport & Infrastructure

- Provision of **\$1million** to the Samoa Water Authority to meet contractual works to ensure improved water services;

Office of the Ombudsman

- Provision of a salary for the Special Investigations Officer of **\$34,636**;

National Health Services

- An additional provision of **\$1.5m** to meet the cost of critical treatment that are done overseas because they are not available at home;

Land Transport Authority

- Provision of **\$1,000,000** to fund additional contractual works for drainages in the urban area to minimize the incidence of flooding;

Conclusion

Mr. Speaker and Honourable members, the additional expenditures considered under this first supplementary budget are priority expenditures that are critical for delivering effective government service as well as meeting government's commitment to its development agenda.

These were closely scrutinized to ensure that fiscal sustainability and macroeconomic stability are maintained.

Mr Speaker, Honourable members,

On behalf of the government, I wish you Mr Speaker, Honourable members and every citizen of Samoa a 'Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2016'.

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