# Ministry of Finance - Treasury 

# Government of Nauru Budget Utilization Report 

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## Overview

This report provides an update on the Republic of Nauru Budget Out-turn as of Quarter 1, 30 September 2017. The statements have been prepared on modified cash basis reflecting Government revenue and expenses.

The statements contained herewith give information on how, where and how much of Government resources are being used and the available capacity. The statements also provide how much Government has collected from its various revenue streams with reference to annual estimates set out in the Appropriation. Where necessary, tables and charts are being used to demonstrate level or trend of utilization and collections for clarity.

The report only encompasses receipts and payments for the Treasury bank accounts. Flows or movements to/from Development partners are excluded. Budget refers to revised estimates taking into account reallocations as a result of supplementary and inter-sub head transfers.

Maintaining aggregate fiscal discipline through effective revenue collections is crucial in ensuring that key services are provided and delivered as initially planned. If there is insufficient revenue to fund government activities, then it would be prudent for Government cut back on some of its key programs.

Similarly, containing the aggregate level of expenditure below the approved budget is also critical for measuring government's ability to achieving value for money and therefore long term sustainability.

## Key Highlights

## Total Original Budget Estimates

The Republic of Nauru 2017-2018 Appropriation Bill provides for revenue totaling 129,703,646 and expenditure of $\$ 129,640,377$, hence a small surplus of $\$ 63,269$.

## Supplementary

On $1^{\text {st }}$ August 2017, Parliament approved a supplementary budget due to the need for government to provide a loan to Eigigu Holdings together with several other expenditures that were deemed not foreseeable during budget preparation.

The supplementary budget which in total comprises of a 1.267 m outlay was fully financed through re-apportioning of an amount under Head 16 consultancy budget. In effect the original budget surplus remained at 63,269 as the supplementary budget was only made possible through a re-allocation.

The impact of the supplementary on each relevant heads is shown in the table below:
Table 1 - Supplementary Budget (000s)

| Head | Allocation | Increases |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Head 11 - Finance Secretariat | 2495 - Plant and Equipment | 35 |
| Head 16 - Finance Other | 2616 - Subsidies to SoEs | 500 |
| Head 17 - Nauru Customs Office | 2495 - Plant and Equipment | 35 |
| Head 31 - Fisheries | 2020 - Salary Expatriate | 180 |


| Head 51 - Health | 2585 - Rations | 362 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Head 81 - Home Affairs | 2495 - Building and Structures | 120 |
| Head 82 - Women Affairs | 2495 - Plant and Equipment | 35 |
| Total |  | 1,267 |

## Inter-Sub Head Transfers (ISHT)

During the first quarter, Cabinet in pursuant to the power vested upon them under Section 8, subsection 5 of the Public Finances (Control and Management Act) 1997 direct for the transfers of funds totaling $\$ 12,860$ between the below subheads

Table 2 - ISHT Summary

| Natural Account | Description | Increase | Decrease |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Head $17-2075$ | Business travel | 1,500 |  |
| Head $17-2070$ | Staff travel |  | 1,500 |
| Head 43-2135 | Stores | 10,000 |  |
| Head 43-2075 | Travel business |  | 10,000 |
| Head 11, Division 1102-2100 | Entertainment | 1,360 |  |
| Head 11, Division 1102-2495 | Plant and Equipment |  | 1,360 |
| Total |  | $\mathbf{1 2 , 8 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 8 6 0}$ |

Aggregate Actual Revenue Collection and Expenditure Utilization (by category)
By the end of Quarter 1, 2017, Government total operating balance was a surplus $\$ 2,956,682$ :
Table 3 - Annual Budget versus YTD Actual

|  |  |  | Utilisation (\%) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Budget (YTD) | YTD Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7 / 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 / 1 7}$ |
| Total Revenue | $129,703,646$ | $33,890,505$ | $26.13 \%$ | $30.15 \%$ |
| Expenditure | $129,640,377$ | $30,933,822$ | $23.86 \%$ | $26.88 \%$ |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 63,269 | $2,956,682$ | $2.27 \%$ |  |

Total revenue collected for Quarter 1 represents $\mathbf{2 6 . 1 3 \%}$ of total revenue earmarked for whole year budget. Of the total revenue $(\$ 33,900,653)$ collected for the September quarter, $80 \%$ comprises of fishing licenses $(\$ 10.0 \mathrm{~m})$, other government revenues ( $\$ 8.47 \mathrm{~m}$ ) and visa fees ( $\$ 6.96 \mathrm{~m}$ ). The remaining $20 \%$ represents custom duties ( $\$ 4.74 \mathrm{~m}$ ) and taxation ( $\$ 3.65 \mathrm{~m}$ ) collections.

Chart 1 - Annual Budget verses YTD Actual


In relation to expenditures, total expenditure for Quarter 1 amounted to $\mathbf{2 3 . 8 6 \%}$ utilization of the government annual budget compared to $26.88 \%$ for the same period last year. Despite the first quarter spending of current financial year is below than last year quarter spending, past experiences revealed that spending will pick up in the later periods. Further discussions for individual expenditure utilizations are provided for later in this report.

## Operating Revenue Analysis

Chart 1 - Operating Revenue (\$000s)


In terms of Quarter 1 revenue out-turn as a percentage of estimates, taxation revenues performed outstandingly smashing half ( $53.59 \%$ ) of its annual targets. This is followed by visa fees ( $36.10 \%$ ) and customs duties ( $27.67 \%$ ) revenues.

Table 4 - Operating Revenue (000s)

| Description | Annual Budget Estimates | YTD Actual | Utilisation (\%) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Custom Duties | 17,146 | 4,744 | $27.67 \%$ |
| Fishing License | 44,349 | 10,008 | $22.57 \%$ |
| Taxation Revenue | 6,812 | 3,652 | $53.60 \%$ |
| Visa Revenue | 19,300 | 6,967 | $36.10 \%$ |
| Other Govt Revenue | 42,097 | 8,470 | $20.12 \%$ |
| Not Applicable | 0 | 51 | \#DIV/0! |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 2 9 , 7 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 , 8 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 . 1 3 \%}$ |

## Customs Duties

Due to the early arrival of the cargo vessels, around $60 \%$ and $63.82 \%$ of total custom duties collected for quarter 1 were from tobacco and machinery/vehicle/equipment respectively. However, it is expected that there will only be two more vessels till December and therefore this early bump is expected to even out in the later quarters.

The spike in tobacco collections was attributed to the fact that a lot of individual and small businesses are brining tobacco into the country. This trend was found to be on the upswing recently.

In view of the closure of Canstruct, Customs Office is currently exploring other potential duty avenues in order to boost duty collections. Further discussions with Customs reveal that they are looking at the possibility of proposing new duty regimes for items such as over proof alcohol, aged second hand imported vehicles and sugary products.

Fewer collections were noticed for all of Vital's products especially petrol, diesel and this basically due to several direct bank deposits totaling $\$ 758,866$ remaining un-posted at 30 September. These deposits need to be supported with proper documentations to allow NRO to make booking accordingly to the correct FMIS revenue accounts. Consequently, collections recorded from petrol, diesel and JetA1 overall are understated for the quarter but will be updated in the next quarter.

Table 5 - Custom Duties (000s)

| Description | Budget | Actual | \% Utilization |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Customs and Excise Duty - Tobacco | 3,997 | 2,398 | $60.0 \%$ |
| Customs and Excise Duty - Alcohol | 1,769 | 445 | $25.2 \%$ |
| Customs and Excise Duty - Sugar | 643 | 163 | $25.4 \%$ |
| Customs and Excise - Machinery/Vehicle/Equip | 512 | 327 | $63.8 \%$ |
| Customs and Excise Duty - Other | 2,603 | 748 | $28.7 \%$ |
| Customs and Excise Duty - Petrol Sales | 2,686 | 193 | $7.2 \%$ |
| Customs and Excise Duty - Diesel Sales | 4,919 | 461 | $9.4 \%$ |
| Customs and Excise Duty - JetA1 | 18 | 9 | $47.4 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 7 , 1 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 7 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 . 6 7 \%}$ |

## Fishing Revenue

Collections from fishing licenses were below average level at $22.6 \%$ but are expected to peak around the December 2017 - January 2018 periods.

Table 6 - Fishing Revenue (000s)

| Description | Budget | Actual | \% Utilization |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Purse Seine Revenue Licensing | 918 | 201 | $21.9 \%$ |
| Purse Seine Revenue Fishing Days | 43,431 | 9,807 | $22.6 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 4 , 3 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 . 6 \%}$ |

## Taxation revenue

Non-resident withholding tax has had a major upside on total government revenue collections ever since its introduction in 2014-2015. Good collections were also noticed for quarter 1 and this trend is likely to be sustained going forward.

The spike in business profits collection (quarter actuals exceeding annual estimates by 1.68 times) is attributable to NRO taking a very conservative approach in the projections of businesses` profits. Keeping a low level of business profit was deemed prudent to avoid the possibility of government having to make huge refunds at the end of the tax period. Should this trend continue in the remaining quarters and it is very highly probable that it will, Government should easily have a consolidated annual collection of more than $\$ 5.0 \mathrm{~m}$ for business profits In addition, good collections were also noticed for telecom tax.

Overall, tax related revenues have been on high recently compared to previous financial year periods collection. This was mainly attributed to NRO's effort in raising awareness programs, enforcing tax collections through improved collection strategies.

Table 7 - Taxation Revenue (000s)

| Description | Budget | Actual | \% Utilization |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Telecom Tax | 1,512 | 628 | $41.5 \%$ |
| Employment Non Resident Withholding tax | 3,900 | 1,681 | $43.1 \%$ |
| Business Profit Tax | 800 | 1,343 | $167.9 \%$ |
| DCA Departure taxes | 600 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 , 8 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 6 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 3 . 6 \%}$ |

## Visa revenue

Boarder Control achieved 36.10\% revenue collection from other businesses by end of first quarter 2017 as a result of the visa correction drive initiative currently underway at the Department of Justice and Border Control.

Nonetheless, given that this is a one off exercise, this spike will likely be return to normal within the remaining quarters when the exercise is expected to come to an end.

MCA budgeted $\$ 0.312 \mathrm{~m}$ under its miscellaneous revenue for the rent of its office space. While the department's office space has been rented out for the past nine (9) months including the first quarter of current financial year, the department have yet to collect any revenues as the tenancy agreement is still awaiting endorsement by higher authorities. The only collections made so far by MCA is through the hiring out of the department's conference room and its facilities.

Following the departure of the twenty nine (29) refugees who left the country in late September 2017, it is apparent that there will be a reduction in total visa fees for Government. Such impact will lead to a loss of approximately $\$ 0.058 \mathrm{~m}$ visa revenue per month. This will only magnify further in the coming months as more refugees leave the country.

Table 8 - Visa Fees (000s)

| Description | Budget | Actual | \% Utilization |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RPC Resettlement - Head 42 | 15,000 | 5,460 | $36.4 \%$ |
| Other Businesses - Head 45 | 2,600 | 998 | $38.4 \%$ |
| Visa check up - Head 61 | 20 | 1 | $7.3 \%$ |
| Visa Fees RPC - Head 42 | 1,680 | 507 | $30.2 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 9 , 3 0 0}$ | 6,967 | $\mathbf{3 6 . 1 \%}$ |

## Other government revenue

The collection out turn for other government revenue contains both overwhelming collections for some components and no collections at all in others, a mixed bag so to speak.

The General Budget Support pledged to by the government of Taiwan has not yet been received for the quarter. Fifty-percent (50\%) of general budget support money will be expected to receive in the second quarter while the balance will be expected in the final quarter of the year. With regards to RPC reimbursable, a number of the invoices will be fully executed and realize in the remaining quarters. Port fees collections from port fees are subject to the number of vessels berthing at the Nauru Port.

All licensing related revenue on the other hand recorded above average collections with liquor licensing topping the group at 68\%.

Table 9 - Other Government Revenue (000s)

| Description | Budget | Actual | \% Utilization |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Support Vessel Charges | 126 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Curator fees | 0 | 30 | \#DIV/0! |
| D.C.A-Pax Levy | 729 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Licenses-Drivers etc. | 50 | 16 | $32.0 \%$ |


| Corporation Fees and Licenses | 0 | 1 | \#DIV/0! |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Licenses-Trading | 170 | 59 | 34.9\% |
| Liquor Licensing Board | 30 | 20 | 67.5\% |
| Gaming / Bingo Licenses | 300 | 126 | 42.2\% |
| Birth Certificate | 10 | 5 | 46.2\% |
| Death Certificate | 0 | 0 | 42.9\% |
| Marriage Certificate | 2 | 1 | 27.5\% |
| Registration Fees-Motor Cars | 308 | 7 | 2.2\% |
| Registration Fees-Motorcycles | 72 | 0 | 0.5\% |
| Vehicle/Insurance Fees | 0 | 20 | \#DIV/0! |
| Passport Fees and Photographs | 190 | 39 | 20.3\% |
| Police Clearance | 45 | 14 | 31.9\% |
| D.C.A.-Air Navigation Fees | 576 | 117 | 20.4\% |
| D.C.A.-Landing Fees | 729 | 12 | 1.6\% |
| D.C.A.-Rental Fees | 212 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Port Fees | 2,624 | 331 | 12.6\% |
| Overtime Recoveries | 0 | 2 | \#DIV/0! |
| Warehouse sales | 152 | 0 | 0.3\% |
| Jet A1 Sales | 0 | 0 | \#DIV/0! |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 19,868 | 6,116 | 30.8\% |
| Bus Services | 0 | 0 | \#DIV/0! |
| Quarantine Fees | 60 | 9 | 14.5\% |
| Court Fines and Fees | 102 | 3 | 3.0\% |
| Service Fees | 12 | 3 | 25.8\% |
| Sale of Maps | 0 | 2 | \#DIV/0! |
| Tent Hire | 1 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Food Handler Check up | 13 | 0 | 1.9\% |
| PO Box Rentals | 3 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Philatelic Bureau Sales | 4 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Advertising Revenue | 30 | 4 | 12.4\% |
| Canteen Fees | 2 | 0 | 20.0\% |
| Spectacles, Drugs etc. | 5 | 0 | 8.4\% |
| International Settlement-Comms Traffic | 12 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Medical Services | 8 | 1 | 9.6\% |
| DJBC - Operations | 4,060 | 377 | 9.3\% |
| DJBC - Reimbursable Costs | 4,530 | 1,204 | 26.6\% |
| General Budget Support | 7,063 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Repayment of Business loans(CIE) | 0 | 0 | \#DIV/0! |
| Total | 42,097 | 8,521 | 20.2\% |

Table 10-Operating Expenditure Utilization (000s)

| Description | Budget | YTD Actual | (\%) Utilization |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Personnel Spending | $53,558,892$ | $13,353,077$ | $24.9 \%$ |
| Government Travel | $4,405,492$ | $1,059,215$ | $24.0 \%$ |
| Subsidy and Donation | $4,689,310$ | $1,492,533$ | $31.8 \%$ |
| Government Operations | $39,373,766$ | $10,107,381$ | $25.7 \%$ |
| Capital Injection | $1,201,046$ | 140,781 | $11.7 \%$ |
| Welfare Payment | $3,236,654$ | 684,544 | $21.1 \%$ |
| Other Government Expense | $15,687,880$ | $3,085,136$ | $19.7 \%$ |
| Not Applicable | $\mathbf{7 , 4 8 7 , 3 3 7}$ | $1,005,995$ | $13.4 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 2 9 , 6 4 0 , 3 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 , 9 2 8 , 6 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 . 9 \%}$ |

Apart from subsidy and donation, all other government expenditure outturns were either at the average or below average level which is healthy. However, whilst this is happening at the aggregate level, few departments are found to have overstretched spending in some of their allocations.

Chart 2 - Operating Expenditure (000s)


## Personnel Spending

Personnel spending which comprises of salaries and wages had an overall average utilization level of $25.02 \%$. Director`s fees utilization rate of $39.12 \%$ is due largely in part to huge payouts for both Fisheries and Maritime fees amounting to $54 \%$ and $30 \%$ respectively. Moreover, Health (34\%) and Fisheries (30\%) were big spenders for Allowances-Staff contract budgets.

It is also worth noting that Nauru Customs, Maritime Transport and Ministerial have all utilized approximately 40\% of their annual salary expatriate provisions in quarter 1 . This could turn out to be very detrimental in the coming months especially if this level of commitment continued at the current rate.

Table 11 - Personnel spending (000s)

| Description | Budget | YTD Actual | \% Utilisation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Salaries \& Allowances - (MP's) | 1,109 | 237 | $21.4 \%$ |
| HE Salary \& Allowances | 100 | 23 | $23.1 \%$ |
| Salary - Local | 15,859 | 3,181 | $20.1 \%$ |
| Salary Expatriate | 7,835 | 1,715 | $21.9 \%$ |
| Allowances - Staff Contract | 1,867 | 545 | $29.2 \%$ |
| Directors Fees | 32 | 12 | $39.1 \%$ |
| Salaries Other contracts - Expatriate | $\mathbf{2 5 , 9 6 7}$ | 7,485 | $28.8 \%$ |
| Overtime - local | 609 | $\mathbf{1 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 . 3 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 3 , 3 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 3 5 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 . 0}$ |

## Government Travel

Government overall travel expenses was operated at an expected average level. However, it is worth highlighting that a number of line agencies especially the overseas missions recorded the highest spenders in terms of their travel budget. Of their annual travel budgets, Taiwan office has utilized 99\%, Suva 43\% and Foreign Affairs headquarter has expended $43 \%$ in just the first quarter. Further to it, GON Warehouse and Audit have also utilized most of their travelling vote at the rate of $58 \%$ and $47 \%$ respectively.

Table 12 - Government Travel (000s)

| Description | Budget | YTD Actual | \% Utilization |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Deportee Removal | 100 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Travel - Business | 4,305 | 1,059 | $\mathbf{2 4 . 6 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 , 4 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 . 0 \%}$ |

## Subsidy and donation

Other subsidies and donations comprise of a loan to Eigigu of $\$ 0.5 \mathrm{~m}$, electricity tariff fuels to Nauru Utilities Corporation of $\$ 283,334$ and $\$ 75,000$ towards Buada road project.

Scholarships - School and Trade comprises of monthly allowances paid to recipients of the Nauru Public Service scholarship who are currently studying abroad. This is a recurring cost to government and therefore this same level of expenditure will be maintained till the last quarter.

Around $31.7 \%$ of the total annual membership fees allocations has been expended in the first quarter. This is relatively a high percentage. However, it was believed the high out-turn in this quarter was merely to do with the
fact that most of the annual membership fees contributions for Nauru are normally due within the first quarter of any financial year, hence the high utilization rate.

Table 13 - Subsidy and Donation (000s)

| Description | Budget | YTD Actual | \% Utilisation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Other Subsidies \& Donations | 2,477 | 866 | $35.0 \%$ |
| Scholarships - School \& Trade | 1,281 | 333 | $26.0 \%$ |
| Membership Fees \& Subscriptions | 921 | 292 | $31.7 \%$ |
| Family Court Expenses | 10 | 2 | $16.0 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 , 6 8 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 9 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 . 8 \%}$ |

## Welfare Payment

So far, welfare payment utilization is operating at the expected average level for quarter 1 . The expectation is that it will continue in this rate until there are new additions to the existing list.

Table 14 - Welfare Payment (000s)

| Description | Budget | YTD Actual | \% Utilisation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Social Welfare - Birth Claims | 30 | 8 | $27.3 \%$ |
| Social Welfare - Death Claims | 160 | 20 | $12.5 \%$ |
| Social Services - Aged Pensions | 1,924 | 422 | $22.0 \%$ |
| Social Services - Super Contributors | 91 | 19 | $21.4 \%$ |
| Social Services - Super Ex MP's | 200 | 27 | $13.6 \%$ |
| Social Services - Unemployment | 0 | 0 | \#DIV/0! |
| Social Services - Disability Payments | 832 | 187 | $\mathbf{2 2 . 5 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 , 2 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 . 1 \%}$ |

## Government Operations

Utilization for government operations were at acceptable levels except for the Department of Health Overseas Medical and Safe House spending's where their utilization rates were $80.6 \%$ and $45.8 \%$ respectively.

Table 15 - Government Operations (000s)

| Description | Budget | YTD Actual | \% Utilisation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Staff Training | 1,272 | 193 | $15.2 \%$ |
| Recruitment | 84 | 13 | $15.9 \%$ |
| Uniforms \& Protective Clothing | 213 | 9 | $4.2 \%$ |
| Consultants fees | 1,448 | 472 | $32.6 \%$ |
| Legal Fees - External | 1,150 | 185 | $16.1 \%$ |
| Travel - Staff | 679 | 67 | $9.9 \%$ |


| Entertainment | 471 | 98 | 20.9\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Official Celebrations | 300 | 14 | 4.8\% |
| Protocol | 64 | 10 | 15.1\% |
| Printing \& Stationery | 454 | 89 | 19.7\% |
| TVET Supplies | 196 | 16 | 8.0\% |
| Stores | 748 | 50 | 6.7\% |
| House Rental | 4,983 | 1,325 | 26.6\% |
| Land Rental | 6,963 | 1,972 | 28.3\% |
| Office Rental | 524 | 99 | 18.9\% |
| R\&M - Buildings | 2,229 | 395 | 17.7\% |
| R\&M - Office Equipment | 168 | 11 | 6.7\% |
| R\&M - Office Premises | 76 | 14 | 18.1\% |
| R\&M - Motor Vehicles | 528 | 115 | 21.8\% |
| R\&M - Plant | 459 | 52 | 11.4\% |
| R\&M - Aerodrome | 78 | 11 | 14.0\% |
| Purchase of Petrol | 388 | 119 | 30.6\% |
| Purchase of Diesel | 600 | 178 | 29.6\% |
| Purchase of Fuel - Other | 11 | 0 | 0.6\% |
| Electricity | 3,031 | 699 | 23.1\% |
| Telephone / Internet | 1,990 | 327 | 16.4\% |
| Freight | 600 | 407 | 67.8\% |
| Medical Expenses | 16 | 1 | 9.0\% |
| Overseas Medical Treatment | 2,000 | 1,612 | 80.6\% |
| Educational Expenses - Special | 80 | 12 | 14.4\% |
| Insurance | 418 | 38 | 9.1\% |
| Bank Charges | 29 | 4 | 11.9\% |
| Local Transport | 2,221 | 359 | 16.2\% |
| Public Works | 17 | 2 | 12.9\% |
| Rations | 2,626 | 708 | 26.9\% |
| Correctional Services Supplies | 7 | 1 | 11.8\% |
| Postage | 12 | 0 | 2.5\% |
| Lease \& Charter Payments | 57 | 10 | 17.7\% |
| Safe House | 131 | 60 | 45.8\% |
| 50th Anniversary Independence | 1,500 | 358 | 23.8\% |
| Carriage of Mail | 5 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Library/Periodicals | 2 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Survey Supplies | 5 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Contingency fund | 500 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Foreign exchange gains/losses | 17 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Agricultural Supplies | 24 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Total | 39,374 | 10,107 | 25.7\% |

## Capital Injection

In terms of capital expenditures, quarter 1 recorded a utilization rate of $11.7 \%$ which is well below the normal quarterly rate. Nevertheless, it is expected that the spending on these capital items will surely accelerate in the remaining quarters of the financial year.

Table 16 - Capital Injection (000s)

| Description | Budget | YTD Actual | \% Utilisation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Plant \& Equipment Purchases | 999 | 141 | $14.1 \%$ |
| Warehouse Procurement | 202 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 , 2 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 7 \%}$ |

## Other Government Expenditure

Health purchases of drugs and medicines, laboratory supplies and medical consumables make up the majority of items expended thus far under this category - other expenditure. These purchases were expected to be made within quarter 1. It is worth noting that these spending's were deemed necessary to be made in quarter 1 to ensure that hospital keep a good stock level of medications. With that, the expectation is that the spending on these items will be dropped significantly in the last quarters.

Table 17 - Other Government Expenditure

| Description | Budget | YTD Actual | \% Utilisation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| R\&M Medical Equipment | 125 | 22 | $17.5 \%$ |
| Nauru Radio Supplies | 3 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Media TV Supplies | 2 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| ICT Supplies | 76 | 5 | $6.2 \%$ |
| Primary Health Care Services | 140 | 7 | $4.7 \%$ |
| NCD Control \& Health Promotion | 75 | 3 | $3.9 \%$ |
| Environmental Health and Food safety | 100 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Drugs and Medicines | 240 | 216 | $90.1 \%$ |
| Dental Supplies | 16 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Dialysis Supplies | 350 | 7 | $2.0 \%$ |
| Medical Consumable | 200 | 79 | $39.5 \%$ |
| Laboratory supplies | 140 | 123 | $87.6 \%$ |
| Radiology Supplies | 20 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Clinical Education Supplies | 25 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Medical Equipment | 113 | 1 | $1.0 \%$ |
| Building \& Structures | 221 | 133 | $60.3 \%$ |
| GON Contributions | 2,541 | 409 | $16.1 \%$ |
| Fiscal Cash Buffer | 3,000 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| NEAT Scheme | 100 | 2 | $1.7 \%$ |


| Total | $7,487,337$ | $1,005,995$ | $13.4 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Cash flow Position

The below table reflects the Government of Nauru cash position at end of quarter 1 ( $30^{\text {th }}$ September 2017). In general, Government has a healthy cash position at end of first quarter with a total cash balance of $\$ 34,068,080.43$. The amount is derived from cash on hand held with the Nauru Revenue office, bank deposits with Bendigo bank and also cash account held by GoN missions abroad. The $\$ 34.06 \mathrm{~m}$ is inclusive of development partners funds for projects which have been agreed to between GoN and the different donor partner.

Table 18-Statement of Cash Position as at 30 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ September 2017

| Consolidate Fund Account | Bal as at Sept | Cash Available for GoN Operation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NRO Cash Holdings |  |  |
| RoN Treasury Account | $349,853.48$ | $349,853.48$ |
| Cash Holding Reserve | $3,698,015.00$ | $3,698,015.00$ |
| Total NRO Cash Holding | $\mathbf{4 , 0 4 7 , 8 6 8 . 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 0 4 7 , 8 6 8 . 4 8}$ |
| Bendigo Bank |  |  |
| Treasury Operating Account | $2,098,750.31$ | $2,098,750.31$ |
| Agent Operating Account | $967,790.69$ | - |
| Agent Cash Float Account | $500,000.00$ | - |
| DFAT Account | $8,982,409.30$ | - |
| NZAID Account | $1,020,380.21$ | - |
| Development Fund Account | $1,100,849.99$ | - |
| Nauru Rehabilitation Fund | 448.77 | - |
| NPGA Account | $476,186.00$ | 0.59 |
| NTF | 0.59 | $12,792,358.22$ |
| Receipting Account | $12,792,358.22$ | $800,181.18$ |
| GoN TT Account | $800,181.18$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 6 9 1 , 2 9 0 . 3 0}$ |
| Total Bendigo Bank | $\mathbf{2 8 , 7 3 9} \mathbf{3 5 5 . 2 6}$ |  |
| Mission Imprests Account |  | $408,428.01$ |
| Brisbane Consulate Account | $408,428.01$ | $378,549.72$ |
| Suva Office | $\mathbf{3 7 8 , 5 4 9 . 7 2}$ | $450,082.52$ |
| New York Office | $\mathbf{4 5 0 , 0 8 2 . 5 2}$ | $47,033.22$ |
| Taiwan Office | $\mathbf{4 7 , 0 3 3 . 2 2}$ | $43,796.44$ |
| Procurement Imprest A/c (Consul) | $43,796.44$ | $\mathbf{1 , 3 2 7 , 8 8 9 . 8 9}$ |
| Total Missions Imprest Account | $\mathbf{1 , 3 2 7 , 8 8 9 . 8 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 , 0 6 7 , 0 4 8 . 7 0}$ |
| TOTAL CASH | $\mathbf{3 4 , 1 1 5 , 1 1 3 . 6 3}$ |  |

In reference to above table, approximately $62 \%$ of total cash at end of quarter 1 is readily available for Government operations. The balance is represented by funds which are held by Government on behalf of its development partners for certain agreed projects. Furthermore, the analysis also revealed that round $84 \%$ of total cash are deposited with Bendigo. The dramatic increased in funds with the receipting account was much to do with
reimbursable costs of RPC security related payments from the previous financial year being received in quarter 1 of this financial year.

## Procurement

Chart 3 - Procurement Orders - By Classes


The Treasury procurement unit received a total of 73 procurements for the September quarter. Of this amount, sixteen (16) orders received were for office supplies and stationeries, fourteen (14) for specialized equipment's, twelve (12) were for medical supplies and consumables, nine (9) were for computer equipment's, eight (8) orders were for uniform and protective clothing, eight (8) for vehicles and seven (7) orders were for other items.

Table 19 - Classes of Items Purchased (Qty \& Amount)

| Classes of Purchased items | Qty | Amount |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Computer Equipment | 9 | $\$$ | $12,308.41$ |
| Medical supplies \& consumables | 12 | $\$$ | $192,752.82$ |
| Office Supplies and Stationary | 16 | $\$$ | $25,969.43$ |
| Specialized equipment | 13 | $\$$ | $86,053.70$ |
| Uniform and Protective clothing | 8 | $\$$ | $59,939.32$ |
| Vehicle \& parts | 8 | $\$$ | $16,114.65$ |
| Others | 7 | $\$$ | $10,774.64$ |
| Total | 73 | $\$$ | $403,912.97$ |

Table 20 - Order by Departments

| Items | MoH | NES | Ministeri <br> al | DCA | Financ <br> e | Educat <br> ion | Infrastructu <br> re | Justice | Audit | Others |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CE | 1 |  | 2 |  | 5 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| OSS | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |
| MSC | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SE | 4 | 4 |  | 2 |  | 1 | 2 |  |  | 1 |
| UPC |  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |
| V\&P |  | 4 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Others | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
|  | 20 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |

The majority of the procurement orders for the first quarter relate to the Department of Health orders. Out of their twenty (20) orders, $60 \%$ were for medical supplies and consumables. Furthermore, Health also made orders for specialized health equipment for lab and dialysis machines.

National Emergency Services was the second highest ordering department registering 12 for the quarter. Bulk of their purchases were for handheld radios, rescue boards and Jet Ski parts to be used for the department's rescue missions. Other bulk purchases by the department were orders of vehicle, fire truck and motor bike spare parts.

In relation to office supplies and stationeries, Ministerial department have five (5) different orders in quarter 1 followed by DCA with three (3) different orders. Finance on the other hand made seven (7) orders in which five (5) are related to desktop computers and projectors for office use.

## Chart 4 - Orders by Departments



## Status of Orders

Seventy-six (76\%) of the total procurement orders for Quarter 1 have been approved for payment by Treasury and have been delivered successfully to the ordering departments via the Brisbane procurement Office.

Out of the remaining seventeen (17), 11 have been provided with quotations and 6 are still awaiting quotation from vendors.

