



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

2019-20 CONTINGENCY FUND UTILISATION

Section 15(3) of *Public Finance (Management and Control) Act 1997* provides that where the Contingency Fund is utilised, that a report be made to Parliament on the expenditure after the end of the financial year to which it relates.

In March 2020, the Government established a COVID-19 Taskforce to coordinate its response to the pandemic. Taskforce expenditure was met through the Contingency Fund and covered health (medical equipment and supplies), quarantine and other support requirements.

In total, \$13.4 million was spent on COVID-19 related activity in 2019-20, equivalent to 8 per cent of GDP. Of this, \$5.0 million was spent by the Taskforce using the Contingency Fund. The detail of this expenditure is in Table 1. In addition, the Government also provided cash flow support to Nauru Airlines and an ex-gratia payment to all public sector employees (including SOEs) and pensioners.

The Contingency Fund was initially appropriated for \$500,000. The Government agreed to an Inter-Sub-Head Transfer from the fiscal cash buffer to boost this to \$3.2 million, and donors contributed \$1.8 million (Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Japan and the Asian Development Bank).

Table 1: Covid-19 related expenditure 2019-20

16-2999 Contingency Fund - COVID-19 Taskforce	2019-20 Final Outcome \$
2015 - Salaries - Local	34,920
2030 - Salaries - Other Contracts	602,567
2050 - Uniforms & Protective Clothing	718,436
2072 - Meals and Drinks - Staff	19,904
2075 - Travel - Business	394,182
2130 - Printing & Stationery	8,733
2135 - Stores	2,413
2155 - House Rental	1,129,684
2185 - R&M - Buildings	-
2275 - Purchase of Petrol	5,783
2280 - Purchase of Diesel	878
2315 - Utilities	37,707
2330 - Telephone / Internet	8,254
2350 - Freight	618,557
2370 - Membership Fees & Subscriptions	168
2471 - Medical Consumable	298,631
2474 - Clinical Education Supplies	118,773
2480 - Medical Equipment	638,380
2496 - Building and Structures	82,711
2575 - Local Transport	1,920
2617 - Donations - local	287,749
Total impact on budget	5,010,348
Donor Offsets	1,793,257
Total use of Treasury Fund (Contingency 16-2999)	3,217,092
Cash flow support to Nauru Airlines (16-2616)	5,130,000.00
COVID-19 Ex Gratia Payment (03-2015)	2,862,607.99
Health Building & Structure (Head 61-2496)	375,089.47
Total COVID-19 related Expenditure	13,378,045.74