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Quarterly Budget Performance Report – Quarter 1 2020-21

INTRODUCTION

This is the performance report for the first quarter of the 2020-21 Budget year for the Republic of Nauru. It provides revenue and expenditure data recorded by Treasury for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020. It is based on all available information to Treasury as at 19 October 2020.

- In aggregate, actual year to date performance is in line with expectations, with 34 per cent of total expected annual revenue collected and 26 per cent of total expenditure spent to 30 September 2020.
- This reflects the seasonal nature of revenue collections, and the timing of lumpy one-off expenditure payments.

This report covers General Government operations. It does not include donor expenditures nor the operations of State-owned enterprises (SoE's), except where transfers from the Government have been made to donor projects or as subsidies/loans to SoE's. It includes receipts from direct budget support donor funding. All figures are in Australian dollars.

OVFRVIEW

MACROECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

The macro-economic assumptions for Nauru have been updated following publication of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) World Economic Outlook in October 2020.

The IMF has acknowledged Nauru's success in deploying containment efforts rapidly and comprehensively, averting an outbreak of COVID-19. This success, together with the size of the public sector as a source of aggregate demand and employment, has led to the IMF upgrading its growth forecast for Nauru.

Instead of a contraction of 0.7 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2020, the IMF now expects the economy to expand by 0.7 per cent year on year, a two percentage point turnaround on the April projection used in the 2020-21 Budget. The inflation outlook has also softened to around 1 per cent. The nominal GDP estimate for 2020-21 is now \$178 million.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS

There were no supplementary appropriations in the quarter.

2019-20 FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME

The final budget outcome for 2019-20 was a surplus of \$27.4 million, equivalent to 17 per cent of Nauru's GDP. This surplus will be held as cash reserves to support Nauru's liquidity position.

Total actual revenue collected in 2019-20 was \$269.4 million. This exceeded expectations, reflecting stronger than expected revenue from fisheries licences and all Regional Processing Centre (RPC) related revenue streams.

Total actual expenditure was \$242.0 million, marginally below what was expected.

The final outcome was significantly better than was anticipated at budget time in June 2020, as the expected deterioration in economic conditions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic did not materialise.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY RATIOS

The Government has adopted the following fiscal responsibility ratios:

- Fiscal balance to GDP ratio must not be negative budget must at least be in balance
- Fiscal cash buffer cash reserves up to the equivalent of two months non-RPC related expenditure must be available
- Personnel costs to current expenditure to be less than 30 per cent.

All ratios were met at the end of the quarter, as shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1: Fiscal responsibility ratio performance Q1 2020-21

Measure	Target	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget		2020-21 YTD Actual
Fiscal balance to GDP	not negative as % of GDP	16%	0.02%	0.02%	9%
Personnel cost ratio	Personnel cost to current expenditure <30%	19%	28%	28%	19%

The IMF recommends that Nauru hold a cash buffer of two-months current Government expenditure to manage liquidity risks. The buffer target is calculated by taking total budgeted expenditure less RPC expenditure and non-expense items. The level of the buffer changes when the expenditure estimates are updated, usually after a supplementary appropriation. The most recent balances are shown in Table 2.

Government liquidity has continued to improve and is now in a sound position. The cash buffer accounts hold more than the minimum two months of adjusted expenditure. More detail on cash balances is shown in Figure 4.

Table 2: GON Liquidity and fiscal cash buffer Q1 2020-21

		Total F	unds (\$)
	Requirement (\$)	at 1 July 2020	at 30 Sept 2020
Cash buffer at 1 July 2020	26,408,403	117,281,211	
Cash buffer at 30 Sept 2020	26,408,403		130,507,799
of which held in cash buffer accounts		29,306,119	34,957,902

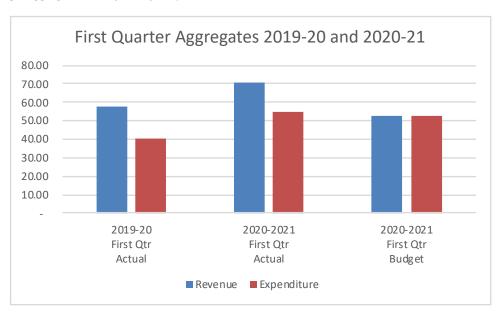
BUDGET AGGREGATES

The budget aggregates for the first quarter are shown in Table 3 and Figure 1. Performance has been in line with expectations. Both revenue and expenditure were higher in the first quarter 2020-21 than the same period last year. This may reflect the dampening effect of the election in August 2019 on the first quarter figures in that year. Aggregate actual expenditure and revenue collections were both higher than budget. This reflects the seasonal nature of revenue collections, and the timing of lumpy one-off expenditure payments.

Table 3 Aggregate results Q1 2020-21

	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT			2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
Revenue	269,410,139	210,483,272	-	210,483,272	70,873,275	34%	139,609,997
Expenditure	241,988,863	210,444,381	-	210,444,381	54,574,109	26%	154,573,279
Balance	27,421,276	38,891	-	38,891	16,299,166	-	14,963,281

Figure 1 Budget aggregate results for the first quarter 2019-20 and 2020-21 (\$ million)



OPERATING REVENUE ANALYSIS

Actual revenues for the quarter are summarised in Table 4. Revenues are highly seasonal, with most revenue collected in the first half of the year. The strong dividend performance reflects payment of a dividend from Eigigu Solutions Corporation that supports RPC activity. Non-tax revenue collections reflect the payment of five months of hosting fees related to RPC, as well as payment of outstanding navigation fees due to Nauru from Air Services Australia.

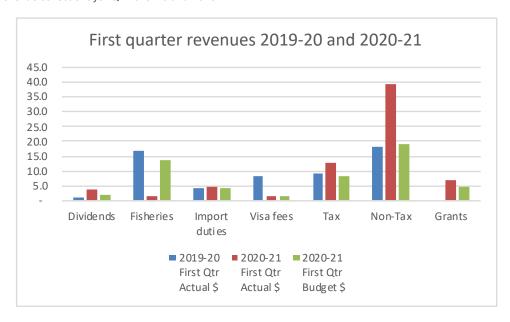
Revenue from grants reflects the payment of the general budget support grant from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in support of public financial management reform.

Table 4: Revenue breakdown Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
Dividends	2,250,330	7,150,000	-	7,150,000	4,000,000	56%	3,150,000
Fisheries	73,279,152	54,530,000	-	54,530,000	1,669,499	3%	52,860,501
Import duties	17,840,137	16,136,746	-	16,136,746	4,515,032	28%	11,621,714
Visa fees	21,086,732	5,986,505	-	5,986,505	1,739,382	29%	4,247,123
Tax	65,383,946	33,480,000	-	33,480,000	12,929,559	39%	20,550,441
Non-Tax	79,107,991	75,360,021	-	75,360,021	39,066,666	52%	36,293,355
Grants	10,461,850	17,840,000	-	17,840,000	6,953,136	39%	10,886,864
Total	269,410,139	210,483,272	-	210,483,272	70,873,275	34%	139,609,997

Revenue collections in the first quarter of 2020-21 were stronger than the same period last year, and ahead of budget in all categories except fisheries. Fisheries licence revenue is very seasonal, with licences for 2021 expected to be finalised in December. Visa fee revenue is lower than the same time last year, but generally consistent with budget. This reflects lower numbers of refugees and asylum seekers on Nauru as the RPC winds down towards enduring capability.

Figure 2 Revenue collections for Q1 2019-20 and 2020-21



The RPC is a key source of economic activity and revenue for the government, as illustrated in Table 5. The 2020-21 Budget estimates assume only six months of revenue for these lines. All these revenues are at risk as the RPC winds down towards an enduring capability, and will increase significantly if RPC arrangements are extended beyond December 2020.

Table 5: RPC Related Revenues Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
1330 - Visa Check up	10,469	6,505	-	6,505	360	6%	6,145
1335 - Visa Fees - RPC	2,013,000	480,000	-	480,000	558,000	116%	(78,000)
1580 - Visa Fees - RPC Resettlement	16,816,434	3,600,000	-	3,600,000	636,000	18%	2,964,000
1475 - Miscellaneous Revenue	32,119,611	7,370,900	-	7,370,900	4,179,236	57%	3,191,664
1495 - Service Fees	19,453,145	10,088,678	-	10,088,678	5,005,416	50%	5,083,262
1577 - DJBC - Operations	3,369,827	2,289,963	-	2,289,963	1,298,872	57%	991,091
1578 - DJBC - Reimbursable Costs	18,933,723	15,257,699	-	15,257,699	1,120,576	7%	14,137,123
1598 - Hosting Fee	-	36,983,331	-	36,983,331	26,416,665	71%	10,566,666
1590 - Employment/Non-resident Withholding Tax	19,914,790	9,200,000	-	9,200,000	4,844,891	53%	4,355,109
1591 - Business Profit Tax	42,880,470	22,280,000		22,280,000	7,295,041	33%	14,984,959
Total RPC related revenue	155,511,468	107,557,076	-	107,557,076	51,355,055	48%	56,202,021
Share of total revenue	58%	51%		51%	72%		40%

FISHING REVENUES

Fishing revenue collections are highly seasonal, with the majority of revenue being received in the second quarter (Table 6). Low revenue collections in the first quarter are expected to be recouped by December 2020.

Table 6: Fishing revenues Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual \$	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget			2020-21 Remaining Budget \$
1055 - Support Vessel Charges	326,526	230,000	-	230,000	28,494	12%	201,506
1071 - Purse Seine Revenue - Licensing	1,745,909	1,300,000	-	1,300,000	20,289	2%	1,279,711
1072 - Purse Seine Revenue - Fishing Days	71,206,717	53,000,000	-	53,000,000	1,620,716	3%	51,379,284
Total Fisheries Revenue	73,279,152	54,530,000	-	54,530,000	1,669,499	3%	52,860,501

TAXATION REVENUE

Taxation revenues exceeded expectations in the quarter (Table 7), reflecting more buoyant economic conditions than anticipated in the 2020-21 Budget.

Table 7: Taxation revenue Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual \$	2020-21 Approved Budget \$	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget \$	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget %	2020-21 Remaining Budget \$
1190 - Telecom Tax	2,588,686	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	789,628	39%	1,210,372
1590 - Employment/Non-resident Withholding Tax	19,914,790	9,200,000	-	9,200,000	4,844,891	53%	4,355,109
1591 - Business Profit Tax	42,880,470	22,280,000		22,280,000	7,295,041	33%	14,984,959
Total Tax	65,383,946	33,480,000	-	33,480,000	12,929,559	39%	20,550,441

CUSTOMS AND OTHER IMPORT DUTIES

Customs and excise duty collections were in line with expectations (Table 8). Customs duty on sugar continues to be collected at a higher rate than anticipated in budget estimates, repeating the pattern in 2019-20.

Table 8 Customs and other Import duties Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT	Revised	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
1140 - Customs and Excise Duty - Tobacco	5,716,626	5,726,746	-	5,726,746	1,577,923	28%	4,148,824
1145 - Customs and Excise Duty - Alcohol	1,429,190	2,040,000	-	2,040,000	347,347	17%	1,692,653
1150 - Customs and Excise Duty - Sugar	929,814	920,000	-	920,000	364,051	40%	555,949
1155 - Customs and Excise - Machinery/Vehicle/Equip.	1,058,734	830,000	-	830,000	216,716	26%	613,284
1160 - Customs and Excise Duty - Other	2,470,400	2,100,000	-	2,100,000	781,737	37%	1,318,263
1165 - Customs and Excise Duty - Petrol Sales	2,294,837	1,800,000		1,800,000	732,228	41%	1,067,772
1170 - Customs and Excise Duty - Diesel Sales	3,940,535	2,700,000		2,700,000	495,030	18%	2,204,970
1175 - Customs and Excise Duty - JetA1	-	20,000	-	20,000	-	0%	20,000
Total Customs and Excise Duty	17,840,137	16,136,746	-	16,136,746	4,515,032	28%	11,621,714

VISA FEES

Total revenue from visa fees was broadly in line with expectations, with higher revenue from Visa Fees – RPC than expected at budget (see Table 9). This reflected a higher number of refugees on Nauru during the quarter than anticipated in the budget estimates.

Table 9 Visa fees Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
1330 - Visa Check up	10,469	6,505	-	6,505	360	6%	6,145
1335 - Visa Fees - RPC	2,013,000	480,000	-	480,000	558,000	116%	(78,000)
1575 - Visa Fees (Other Business)	2,246,829	1,900,000	-	1,900,000	545,022	29%	1,354,978
1580 - Visa Fees - RPC Resettlement	16,816,434	3,600,000	-	3,600,000	636,000	18%	2,964,000
Total Visa Fees	21,086,732	5,986,505	-	5,986,505	1,739,382	29%	4,247,123

OTHER REVENUE — DIVIDENDS AND GRANTS

Income from dividends and grants was received during the quarter (Table 10). The strong dividend performance reflects payment of a dividend from Eigigu Solutions Corporation that supports RPC activity. General Budget Support reflects the draw down of a grant from ADB in support of public financial management reform.

Table 10 Dividends and Grants Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual \$	2020-21 Approved Budget \$	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT \$		2020-21 YTD Actual \$		2020-21 Remaining Budget \$
1015 - Income from Investments & Dividends-Others	2,250,330	7,150,000	-	7,150,000	4,000,000	56%	3,150,000
1660 - General Budget Support	10,461,850	17,840,000		17,840,000	6,953,136	39%	10,886,864
Total Dividends and Grants	12,712,181	24,990,000	-	24,990,000	10,953,136	44%	14,036,864

Non-tax Revenue

Non-tax revenue collections in the year to date are higher than expected (Table 11), mainly reflecting timing issues with the draw down of hosting fees from the off-budget Commercial Account¹. Five months of hosting fees that had accrued in 2019-20 were drawn down in August 2020 and reflected in actuals.

Revenue for air navigation fees was boosted by the payment of outstanding navigation fees due to Nauru from Air Services Australia (ASA). ASA collects these on behalf of Nauru and should remit them monthly. These payments were outstanding since November 2019, due to technical payment issues.

Table 11 Non-tax revenues Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual \$	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget %	2020-21 Remaining Budget \$
1121 - Curator fees	50,843	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	(2,632)	-53%	7,632
1215 - Curator lees 1215 - Licenses-Drivers etc			-			-53%	
	106,502	80,000 120,000		80,000 120,000	18,590	9%	61,410
1220 - Corporation Fees and Licenses	125,855		-		11,100		108,900
1225 - Licenses-Trading	582,560	500,000	-	500,000	60,060	12%	439,940
1230 - Liquor Licensing Board	15,628	16,000	-	16,000	19,318	121% -	3,318
1235 - Gaming / Bingo Licenses	224,166	280,000	-	280,000	15,500	6%	264,500
1240 - Licenses-Dogs etc		-		-	83	100/	(83)
1260 - Birth Certificate	22,980	22,000	-	22,000	2,850	13%	19,150
1265 - Death Certificate	880	650	-	650	180	28%	470
1270 - Marriage Certificate	3,100	2,800	-	2,800	280	10%	2,520
1300 - Registration Fees-Motor Cars	84,978	68,000	-	68,000	43,279	64%	24,721
1305 - Registration Fees-Motorcycles	6,525	5,500	-	5,500	8,195	-	(2,695)
1310 - Vehicle/Insurance Fees	270,540	200,000	-	200,000	99,905	50%	100,095
1325 - Passport Fees and Photographs	163,910	170,000	-	170,000	11,750	7%	158,250
1340 - Police Clearance	54,560	40,000	-	40,000	6,250	16%	33,750
1360 - D.C.A-Pax Levy	948,575	580,000	-	580,000	-	0%	580,000
1365 - D.C.ADeparture Taxes	811,450	500,000	-	500,000	-	0%	500,000
1370 - D.C.AAir Navigation Fees	326,563	220,000	-	220,000	442,761	201% -	222,761
1375 - D.C.ALanding Fees	761,482	250,000	-	250,000	153,300	61%	96,700
1380 - D.C.ARental Fees	124,460	46,000	-	46,000	1,275	3%	44,725
1475 - Miscellaneous Revenue	32,119,611	7,370,900	-	7,370,900	4,179,236	-	3,191,664
1480 - Bus Services	1,855	1,200	-	1,200	225	19%	975
1485 - Quarantine Fees	43,081	36,000	-	36,000	34,800	97%	1,200
1490 - Court Fines and Fees	25,809	17,000	-	17,000	26,649	157% -	9,649
1495 - Service Fees	19,453,145	10,088,678	-	10,088,678	5,005,416	50%	5,083,262
1500 - Sale of Maps	11,730	7,000	-	7,000	4,000	57%	3,000
1520 - Food Handler Check up	8,360	6,000	-	6,000	1,500	-	4,500
1540 - Advertising Revenue	7,309	30,000	-	30,000	35,915	120%	(5,915)
1555 - Spectades, Drugs etc	2,910	2,000	-	2,000	1,570	79%	430
1565 - Medical Services	4,110	2,300	-	2,300	2,630	114%	(330)
1577 - DJBC - Operations	3,369,827	2,289,963	-	2,289,963	1,298,872	57%	991,091
1578 - DJBC - Reimbursable Costs	18,933,723	15,257,699	-	15,257,699	1,120,576	7%	14,137,123
1596 - Traffic Infringements	-	50,000	-	50,000	31,500	63%	18,500
1597 - TVET Course Fees	-	30,000	-	30,000	12,950	43%	17,050
1598 - Hosting Fee	-	36,983,331	-	36,983,331	26,416,665	71%	10,566,666
1700 - National/District Roll Sales	5,530	2,000	-	2,000	120	6%	1,880
1705 - Electoral Various Fees	77,750	80,000	-	80,000	2,000	3%	78,000
Other	357,684	-		-	-		-
Total Non Tax	79,107,991	75,360,021	-	75,360,021	39,066,666	52%	36,293,355

¹ The Commercial Account is managed pursuant to the provisions in the *Commercial Operations and Services Fund Act 2018*.

REVENUE BY DEPARTMENT

Table 12 shows revenue for the year to date by department head. This funding is not hypothecated to these heads, but rather reflects the revenue classification method used in the financial management information system, where revenues are allocated by function.

Table 12 Revenue by Department Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
03 - Chief Secretariat	139,517	41,450	0	41,450	22,828	55%	18,622
09 - Electoral Commission	113,710	84,000	0	84,000	2,120	-	81,880
11 - Finance Secretariat	0	10,000	0	10,000	761	-	9,240
15 - Nauru Revenue Office	65,714,614	33,840,000	0	33,840,000	12,963,649	38%	20,876,351
16 - Finance - Other Payments	12,986,977	24,230,000	0	24,230,000	6,972,405	29%	17,257,595
17 - Nauru Customs Office (NCO)	17,840,137	16,136,746	0	16,136,746	4,515,032	28%	11,621,714
18 - Nauru Regional Processing Centre (NRPCC) Corp	21,434,985	10,067,050	0	10,067,050	5,000,001	50%	5,067,049
21 - CIE	5,275	5,000	0	5,000	3,750	75%	1,250
31 - Fisheries	73,421,288	54,530,000	0	54,530,000	1,690,805	3%	52,839,195
41 - Police	121,991	91,800	0	91,800	48,035	52%	43,765
42 - Department of Multicultural Affairs	68,204,454	66,672,993	0	66,672,993	38,118,112	57%	28,554,881
43 - Justice - Secretariat	759,758	625,000	0	625,000	68,611	11%	556,389
44 - Judiciary	25,809	17,000	0	17,000	26,649	157%	(9,649)
45 - Border Control	2,453,820	2,106,000	0	2,106,000	591,572	28%	1,514,428
50 - Directorate of TVET	31,724	30,000	0	30,000	20,150	67%	9,850
61 - Health	44,186	36,533	0	36,533	7,130	20%	29,403
83 - Media Bureau	7,309	30,000	0	30,000	35,915	120%	(5,915)
84 - Lands & Survey	11,730	7,000	0	7,000	4,000	57%	3,000
85 - Lands Committee	3,370	2,000	0	2,000	5,415	-	(3,415)
91 - Department of Transport	3,385,523	1,910,700	0	1,910,700	775,934	-	1,134,766
95 - ICT	2,259,264	10,000	0	10,000	400	4%	9,600
Other (Sports, Home Affairs, Maritime Transport)	444,698	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	269,410,139	210,483,272	0	210,483,272	70,873,275	34%	139,609,997

OPERATING EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

Total expenditure for the year to date to the end of the first quarter is shown in Table 13. Inter Sub-Head Transfers (ISHTs) that reallocate budget between natural accounts totalled 1 per cent of the total approved budget in the quarter.

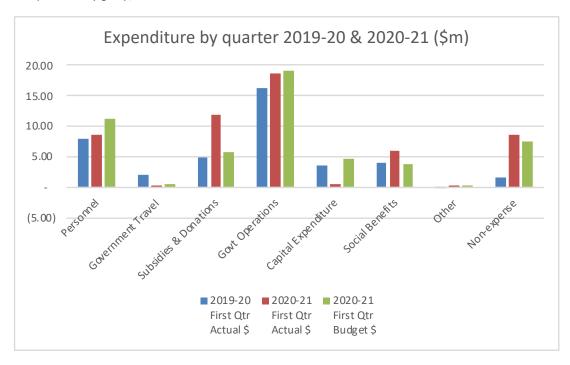
Table 13 Expenditure by Group Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Preliminary Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills	2020-21 ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Personnel	36,433,969	44,489,279	-	313,012	44,802,291	8,680,520	19%	135,724	35,986,047
Government Travel	7,633,510	2,556,955	-	(505,409)	2,051,546	106,889	5%	- 2,127	1,946,785
Subsidies & Donations	48,327,379	20,916,602	-	1,831,625	22,748,227	11,953,749	53%	2,626	10,791,852
Govt Operations	83,135,741	76,124,736	-	35,072	76,159,808	18,666,993	25%	932,893	56,559,921
Capital Expenditure	22,269,885	18,260,271	-	125,700	18,385,971	522,780	3%	60,048	17,803,143
Social Benefits	15,949,163	15,082,397	-	0	15,082,397	5,907,302	39%	160,991	9,014,105
Other	600,899	693,715	-	0	693,715	137,869	20%	8,078	547,767
Non-expense items	27,638,318	32,320,426	-	(1,800,000)	30,520,426	8,598,007	28%	- 1,239	21,923,658
Total	241,988,863	210,444,381	-	-	210,444,381	54,574,109	26%	1,296,993	154,573,279

Figure 3 compares first quarter expenditure against the same period last year and the 2020-21 Budget. Actual expenditure is higher than the same period last year, in all categories except capital expenditure.

Actual expenditure is less than budget in all categories except social benefits (Nauru Community Housing), subsidies and donations (subsidies to SOEs) and non-expense items (Nauru Trust Fund contributions). This reflects timing issues with lumpy payments that have been paid in the quarter.

Figure 3 Expenditure by group, Q1 2020-21



Personnel Costs

Expenditure on personnel was as expected in the quarter (Table 14). High expenditure on uniforms, in part reflects purchases ahead of Public Service Day in September, and new uniforms for Police recruits. Higher than budgeted expenditure on meals and drinks for staff reflects a decision by Health to provide meals for all shifts, rather than the night shift only.

Table 14 Personnel Expenditure Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills	ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget		2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Commitment	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
2005 - Salaries & Allowances - (MP's)	1,450,712	1,260,698	-	0	1,260,698	283,305	22%	-	977,393
2010 - HE Salary & Allowances	105,033	105,034	-	0	105,034	23,084	22%	-	81,950
2015 - Salary - Local	21,842,428	27,974,432	-	(294,037)	27,680,395	5,121,998	19%	29,612	22,528,786
2020 - Salary Expatriate	7,791,067	9,702,826	-	42,537	9,745,363	1,457,639	15%	13,862	8,273,861
2025 - Allowances - Staff Contract	1,426,872	1,380,394	-	0	1,380,394	315,908	23%	43,539	1,020,947
2026 - Directors Fees	20,500	39,300	-	0	39,300	6,550	17%	-	32,750
2031 - Staff Contract - Ministerial	-	-	-	600,000	600,000	577	0%	-	599,423
2035 - Overtime - local	802,971	664,104	-	-	664,104	130,496	20%	4,124	529,485
2040 - Staff Training	894,984	1,020,661	-	- 14,000	1,006,661	123,022	12%	21,650	861,989
2041 - Prep & Orientation of Seasonal Workers	-	100,000	-	- 26,200	73,800	-	0%	-	73,800
2045 - Recruitment	14,999	30,000	-	-	30,000	21	0%	-	29,979
2050 - Uniforms & Protective Clothing	369,746	244,874	-	4,712	249,586	86,932	35%	17,466	145,188
2072 - Meals and Drinks - Staff	176,340	134,040	-	-	134,040	79,690	59%	5,404	48,946
2651 - GON Contributions	1,538,315	1,832,916	-	-	1,832,916	1,051,298	57%	69	781,549
Total Personnel	36,433,969	44,489,279	-	313,012	44,802,291	8,680,520	19%	135,724	35,986,047

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL

Expenditure on Government Travel (Table 15) continues to be significantly impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Table 15 Government Travel Expenditure Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills			2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Commitment	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
2070 - Travel - Staff	494,215	596,210	-	-	596,210	14,820	2%	445	580,945
2075 - Travel - Business	7,139,294	1,960,745	-	(505,409)	1,455,336	92,069	6%	(2,572)	1,365,839
Total Government Travel	7,633,510	2,556,955	-	(505,409)	2,051,546	106,889	5%	(2,127)	1,946,785

SUBSIDIES & DONATIONS

Expenditure on Subsidies & Donations was higher than expected in the quarter (Table 16). This reflected an unexpected payment to Ronphos for cash flow support and the timing of one-off payments to SOEs, including to Nauru Airlines (SunCo) for the aircraft freighter conversion, and Nauru Maritime and Port Authority for the Nauru Shipping Line.

Table 16 Subsidies & Donations Expenditure Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills		2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Commitment	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
2376 - Equity Purchases	9,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2615 - Other Subsidies & Donations	2,469	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2616 - Subsidies to SoEs	35,905,795	18,465,560	-	1,800,000	20,265,560	11,271,203	56%	(2,933)	8,997,291
2617 - Donations - local	2,913,839	2,344,000	-	31,625	2,375,625	682,547	29%	5,559	1,687,519
2618 - Donations - overseas	5,276	107,042	-	-	107,042	-	0%	-	107,042
Total Subsidies & Donations	48,327,379	20,916,602	-	1,831,625	22,748,227	11,953,749	53%	2,626	10,791,852

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Overall capital expenditure was lower than expected, except for medical equipment (Table 17). This in part reflects the bring forward of purchases into the last quarter of 2019-20, and that the COVID-19 Taskforce is also purchasing equipment that is not included in Table 17 (as it is not currently disaggregated).

Table 17 Capital Expenditure Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget \$	2020-21 Supp Bills \$	2020-21 ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget \$	2020-21 YTD Actual \$	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget %	2020-21 Commitment \$	2020-21 Remaining Budget \$
2480 - Medical Equipment	272,575	115,000	-	-	115,000	102,895	89%	-	12,105
2495 - Plant & Equipment Purchases	10,194,989	1,143,744	-	89,700	1,233,444	233,605	19%	48,348	951,491
2496 - Building and Structures	10,612,808	16,519,527	-	36,000	16,555,527	104,112	1%	11,700	16,439,715
2580 - Public Works	1,189,513	482,000	-	-	482,000	82,168	17%	-	399,833
Total Capital Expenditure	22,269,885	18,260,271	-	125,700	18,385,971	522,780	3%		17,803,143

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Expenditure on social benefits is as expected (Table 18), with outlays on Nauru Community Housing brought forward to purchase construction materials.

Table 18 Social Benefits Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills	2020-21 ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Commitment	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
2220 - Nauru Community Housing	7,556,343	5,650,000	-	-	5,650,000	4,298,427	76%	43,967	1,307,606
2390 - Social Welfare - Birth Claims	111,800	192,000	-	-	192,000	41,400	22%	4,800	145,800
2395 - Social Welfare - Death Claims	222,000	238,000	-	-	238,000	30,000	13%	12,000	196,000
2396 - Back to School Support	-	739,800	-	-	739,800	-	0%	-	739,800
2400 - Social Services - Aged Pensions	3,102,328	3,865,000	-	-	3,865,000	746,750	19%	35,300	3,082,950
2405 - Social Services - Super Contributors	93,843	100,000	-	-	100,000	20,781	21%	1,208	78,011
2410 - Social Services - Super Ex MP's	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2420 - Social Services - Disability Payments	1,101,336	1,625,000	-	-	1,625,000	377,050	23%	21,750	1,226,200
2421 - Ex Gratia - Age and Disable	507,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2422 - Ex Gratia SoEs	986,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2440 - Scholarships - School & Trade	2,267,513	2,672,597	-	-	2,672,597	392,894	15%	41,965	2,237,738
Total Social Benefits	15,949,163	15,082,397	-	-	15,082,397	5,907,302	39%	160,991	9,014,105

OTHER

Expenditure in this category is in line with expectations (Table 19). Bank charges relate to telegraphic transfer and account keeping fees paid through the year.

Table 19 Other Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual \$	2020-21 Approved Budget \$	2020-21 Supp Bills \$	2020-21 ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget \$	2020-21 YTD Actual \$	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget %	2020-21 Commitment \$	2020-21 Remaining Budget \$
2565 - Insurance	408,839	579,591	-	-	579,591	131,109	23%	713	447,768
2570 - Bank Charges	50,081	56,636	-	-	56,636	6,760	12%	7,365	42,511
2690 - Foreign exchange gains/losses	141,979	57,488	-	-	57,488	-	0%	-	57,488
Total Other	600,899	693,715	-	0	693,715	137,869	20%	8,078	547,767

Non-expense Items

Expenditure in this category was consistent with expectations (Table 19). High actual expenditure on Nauru Trust Fund payments related to the timing of the annual contribution, with 50 per cent paid in September. The aim is to pay Trust Fund contributions as early as possible in the financial year, and Nauru's strong liquidity position enabled the September payment. The ISHT from the Fiscal Cash Buffer mainly related to the payment of additional subsidies to SOEs (Ronphos).

Table 20 Non-expense Items Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills	2020-21 ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Commitment	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
2545 - Debt Repayments - Other	-	5,833,334	-	-	5,833,334	-	0%	-	5,833,334
2650 - Trust Fund	23,921,732	16,585,947	-	505,970	17,091,917	8,545,958	50%	-	8,545,959
2652 - Fiscal Cash Buffer	-	8,901,145	-	(2,305,970)	6,595,175	-	0%	-	6,595,175
2680 - BON Liquidation- Payment	3,016,586	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000	52,049	5%	(1,239)	949,190
2802 - Loan Expenditure Account	700,000	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Total Non-expense items	27,638,318	32,320,426	-	(1,800,000)	30,520,426	8,598,007	28%	- 1,239	21,923,658

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Overall, expenditure on government operations was consistent with expectations (Table 21). Expenditure on Overseas Medical Referrals and various medical supply categories, as well as COVID-19 Taskforce are running ahead of budget. ICT and Media expenditure is also ahead of budget.

Table 21 Government Operations Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills	2020-21 ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Commitment	2020-21 Remaining Budget
2000 priori	Ś	\$	\$	Ś	\$	Ś	%	\$	\$
2030 - Salaries - Other Contracts	30,237,831	24,045,646	-	900	24,046,546	6,973,161	29%	65,279	17,008,107
2055 - Consultants fees	1,688,747	1,943,336	-	(29,738)	1,913,598	367,086	19%	20,009	1,526,503
2060 - Legal Fees - External	548,818	537,500	-	-	537,500	-	0%	-	537,500
2100 - Entertainment	763,705	779,049	-	4,800	783,849	94,113	12%	16,101	673,635
2105 - Official Celebrations	1,120,437	547,564	-	(5,000)	542,564	127,694	24%	4,038	410,832
2110 - Protocol	99,493	90,000	-	-	90,000	165	0%	-	89,835
2130 - Printing & Stationery	622,482	789,258	-	20,959	810,217	72,618	9%	19,557	718,041
2132 - TVET Supplies	236,003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2135 - Stores	452,859	487,379	-	7,000	494,379	29,365	6%	7,473	457,540
2155 - House Rental	5,002,501	6,791,743	-	-	6,791,743	1,323,631	19%	52,974	5,415,138
2160 - Land Rental	8,623,196	7,368,307	-	(36,434)	7,331,873	874,560	12%	818	6,456,495
2165 - Office Rental	638,971	762,257	-	-	762,257	46,610	6%	9,851	705,796
2185 - R&M - Buildings	2,130,580	853,690	-	11,934	865,624	157,024	18%	17,090	691,510
2190 - R&M - Office Equipment	217,597	209,148	-	(8,000)	201,148	12,676	6%	2,866	185,606
2191 - R&M Medical Equipment	165,305	100,000	-	-	100,000	8,330	8%	50	91,620
2195 - R&M - Office Premises	84,569	20,253	-	-	20,253	-	-	60	20,193
2200 - R&M - Motor Vehicles	545,739	537,305	-	7,500	544,805	84,817	16%	105,764	354,224
2205 - R&M - Plant	1,898,475	2,727,671	-	1,000	2,728,671	1,323	0%	626	2,726,722
2210 - R&M - Aerodrome	101,039	60,000	-	-	60,000	10,942	18%	-	49,058
2225 - Agricultural Supplies	22,207	21,000	-	(900)	20,100	15,386	77%	-	4,714
2230 - Publicity and Awareness	7,544	28,800	-	10,351	39,151	8,630	22%	400	30,121
2275 - Purchase of Petrol	489,142	607,744	-	-	607,744	115,066	19%	960	491,717
2280 - Purchase of Diesel	713,034	926,639	-	-	926,639	166,536	18%	1,452	758,651
2290 - Purchase of Fuel - Other	4,224	10,793	-	-	10,793	-	-	-	10,793
2315 - Utilities	3,941,850	4,693,549	-	-	4,693,549	1,054,666	22%	30,088	3,608,795
2330 - Telephone / Internet	2,218,232	2,193,235	-	-	2,193,235	467,969	21%	142,782	1,582,484
2350 - Freight	1,387,380	1,500,000	-	-	1,500,000	532,624	36%	171	967,205
2370 - Membership Fees & Subscriptions	2,756,113	1,115,819	-	(3,000)	1,112,819	85,295	8%	21,250	1,006,274
2372 - Nauru Radio Supplies	7,000	10,300	-	2,000	12,300	12,205	99%	-	95
2373 - Media TV Supplies	32,190	19,000	-	2,000	21,000	20,898	100%	95	7
2375 - ICT Supplies	80,581	50,202	-	-	50,202	13,975	28%	17,351	18,877

Table 21 Government Operations Q1 2020-21 continued

Description	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills	2020-21 ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget	2020-21 Commitment	2020-21 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
2460 - Medical Expenses	46,717	80,825	-	-	80,825	-	0%	-	80,825
2461 - Primary Health Care Services	14,361	303,400	-	-	303,400	500	0%	2,455	300,445
2462 - NCD Control & Health Promotion	3,717	43,600	-	-	43,600	350	1%	81	43,170
2463 - Environmental Health and Food safety	27,561	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	0%	-	10,000
2464 - Management Monitoring & Evaluation	15,530	31,000	-	-	31,000	11,105	36%	-	19,895
2467 - Drugs and Medicines	772,771	750,000	-	-	750,000	512,043	68%	58,878	179,079
2468 - Dental Supplies	46,778	50,000	-	-	50,000	1,375	3%	-	48,625
2469 - Dialysis Supplies	248,706	350,000	-	-	350,000	-	0%	-	350,000
2471 - Medical Consumable	674,488	790,000	-	-	790,000	71,644	9%	-	718,356
2472 - Laboratory supplies	366,152	248,000	-	-	248,000	154,279	62%	-	93,721
2473 - Radiology Supplies	9,320	20,000	-	-	20,000	18,493	92%	-	1,508
2474 - Clinical Education Supplies	16,911	20,000	-	-	20,000	-	0%	-	20,000
2475 - Overseas Medical Treatment	5,682,308	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	1,439,007	72%	7,804	553,189
2560 - Educational Expenses - Special	179,078	198,293	-	-	198,293	39,200	20%	298	158,795
2575 - Local Transport	1,601,877	1,236,363	-	45,700	1,282,063	191,440	15%	4,960	1,085,663
2585 - Rations	2,969,961	2,889,284	-	-	2,889,284	844,795	29%	2,107	2,042,382
2590 - Correctional Services Supplies	7,473	10,000	-	-	10,000	908	9%	-	9,092
2600 - Postage	15,042	20,649	-	2,000	22,649	100	0%	-	22,549
2605 - Library/Periodicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2610 - Survey Supplies	2,838	1,500	-	2,000	3,500	1,354	39%	30	2,116
2611 - Children Education Toys and Learning Su	-	332,022	-	-	332,022	-	0%	-	332,022
2620 - Lease & Charter Payments	89,674	66,686	-	-	66,686	2,967	4%	-	63,719
2625 - Family Court Expenses	3,400	6,000	-	-	6,000	1,100	18%	-	4,900
2630 - Safe House	152,361	196,660	-	-	196,660	15,000	8%	19,836	161,824
2700 - Deportee Revomal	360	20,000	-	-	20,000	-	0%	-	20,000
2705 - NEAT Scheme	133,420	123,268	-	-	123,268	-	0%	-	123,268
2998 - COVID 19 Taskforce	-	6,000,000	-	-	6,000,000	2,683,969	45%	299,340	3,016,691
2999 - Contingency fund	3,217,092	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	0%	-	500,000
Total Government Operations	83,135,741	76,124,736	-	35,072	76,159,808	18,666,993	25%	932,893	56,559,921

EXPENDITURE BY DEPARTMENT

Table 22 shows actual expenditure for the year to date by department head. Most departments are on track, except for Ministerial which is significantly ahead of budget – this reflects the bring forward of Nauru Community Housing expenditure.

Table 22 Expenditure by Department Q1 2020-21

Description	2019-20 Actual \$	2020-21 Approved Budget	2020-21 Supp Bills & ISHT	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 YTD Actual \$	2020-21 YTD Actual % of budget %	2020-21 Commitment	2020-21 Remaining Budget
01 - Presidency and State House (includi	3,385,746	1,848,704	0	1,848,704	260,450	14%	57,851	1,530,403
02 - Ministerial	13,922,534	8,816,585	0	8,816,585	4,860,802	55%	49,010	3,906,773
03 - Chief Secretariat	19,475,638	17,631,670	0	17,631,670	4,121,596	23%	220,613	13,289,462
05 - Audit	302,870	333,514	0	333,514	59,908	18%	3,308	270,299
06 - Parliament	1,899,263	954,986	0	954,986	179,794	19%	1,000	774,192
08 - National Emergency Services	-	1,481,242	0	1,481,242	314,429	21%	29,777	1,137,036
09 - Electoral Commission	1,455,515	354,617	0	354,617	57,799	16%	2,006	294,813
11 - Finance Secretariat	448,417	2,384,130	0	2,384,130	388,437	16%	8,232	1,987,461
12 - Finance -Public Debt	2,071,055	2,304,130	0	2,304,130	0	-	-	1,507,401
13 - Bureau of Statistics	118,555	142,953	0	142,953	14,918	10%		128,035
			0			14%		
15 - Nauru Revenue Office	430,638	484,213		484,213	69,845		1,924	412,444
16 - Finance - Other Payments	95,295,769	86,398,812	0	86,398,812	25,588,278	30%	370,466	60,440,068
17 - Nauru Customs Office (NCO)	518,422	704,541	0	704,541	93,455	13%	-	611,086
18 - Nauru Regional Processing Centre (1,690,997	1,380,343	0	1,380,343	220,000	0%	- 2.024	1,380,343
21 - CIE	1,223,040	1,036,452	0	1,036,452	220,098	21%	2,031	814,323
31 - Fisheries	3,121,505	2,349,944	0	2,349,944	416, 155	18%	17,684	1,916,105
41 - Police	2,841,086	3,324,176	0	3,324,176	781,548	24%	16,743	2,525,885
42 - Department of Multicultural Affairs	27,133,047	19,673,538	0	19,673,538	5,522,529	28%	16,098	14,134,910
43 - Justice - Secretariat	3,629,397	3,531,685	0	3,531,685	547,679	16%	4,055	2,979,951
44 - Judiciary	1,884,124	1,260,649	0	1,260,649	389,208	31%	47,884	823,557
45 - Border Control	904,972	950,294	0	950,294	128,836	14%	80	821,377
46 - Correctional Services	709,606	872,658	0	872,658	171,316	20%	2,219	699, 123
50 - Directorate of TVET	675,302	445,583	0	445,583	84,229	19%	199	361,155
51 - Education	10,314,027	11,541,216	0	11,541,216	2,048,762	18%	74,336	9,418,118
52 - Youth Affairs	171,357	229,964	0	229,964	56,203	24%	-	173,760
61 - Health	16,379,317	15,040,755	0	15,040,755	4,134,039	27%	86,001	10,820,715
62 - Sports	1,795,354	660,801	0	660,801	63,741	10%	3,959	593,101
63 - Department of Infrastructure Devel	2,928,519	2,883,774	0	2,883,774	760,411	26%	1,550	2,121,812
71 - Foreign Affairs - Secretariat	1,501,526	1,217,776	0	1,217,776	128,750	11%	130	1,088,896
72 - Foreign Affairs - Brisbane	1,111,158	1,117,338	0	1,117,338	0	0%	-	1,117,338
73 - Foreign Affairs - Suva	718,697	714, 180	0	714, 180	0	0%	44,395	669,785
74 - Foreign Affairs - New York	2,846,868	2,398,303	0	2,398,303	280,191	12%	-	2,118,112
75 - Foreign Affairs - Taiwan	477,347	486,228	0	486,228	0	0%	-	486,228
76 - Foreign Affairs- Geneva	798,331	855,242	0	855,242	169,368	20%	45,267	640,607
77 - High Commission India	-	144,350	0	144,350	0	0%	-	144,350
78 - High Commission Canberra	130,244	571,746	0	571,746	0	0%	-	571,746
81 - Home Affairs	4,153,383	4,383,248	0	4,383,248	995,806	23%	8,000	3,379,441
82 - Women's Affairs	312,138	283,493	0	283,493	35,412	12%	14,094	233,987
83 - Media Bureau	568,804	546,627	0	546,627	178,360	33%	12,256	356,010
84 - Lands & Survey	5,929,856	5,822,293	0	5,822,293	411,546	7%	1,143	5,409,603
85 - Lands Committee	209,603	302,171	0	302, 171	88,781	29%	2,601	210,789
86 - Department of Land Management	94,076	98,522	0	98,522	32,928	33%	-	65,594
91 - Department of Transport	2,959,923	2,509,055	0	2,509,055	423,707	17%	4,310	2,081,039
95 - ICT	4,986,841	2,129,634	0	2,129,634	484,529	23%	147,771	1,497,333
97 - Telecom	117,513	146,378	0	146,378	10,265	7%	-	136,113
93 - Maritime Transport	346,486	-	-	-	- 1	-	-	-
Total	241,524,864	210,444,381	_	210,444,381	54,574,109	26%	1,296,993	154,573,279

CASH POSITION

The Government continued to build up cash balances over the quarter (Figure 4). At the end of the quarter total funds were \$130.5 million. The cash buffer requirement of two months of adjusted expenditure was \$26.4 million. Total funds were significantly in excess of the recommended fiscal cash buffer, with \$35 million quarantined in separate cash buffer accounts.

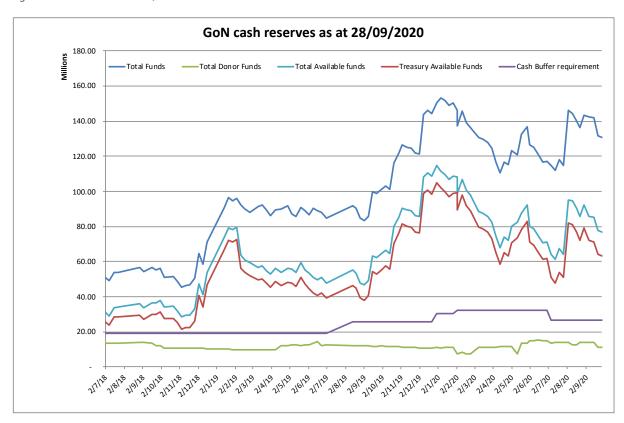


Figure 4 GoN Cash reserves Q1 2020-21

Total Funds includes all accounts available to Government, including donor and project funds.

Total Available Funds comprises Total Funds, less term deposits, donor funds and those quarantined for a specific purpose, such as unclaimed land rental.

Treasury Available Funds comprises at call funds where Government has full discretion over use. It comprises Total Funds, less term deposits, donor, SOE and project funds (including quarantined funds).