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## INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the performance for the fourth quarter of the 2023-24 Budget year for the Republic of Nauru. The data presented covers revenue and expenditure for period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, based on all information available to Treasury as of July 16 2024.

- In aggregate, actual year to date performance is a surplus \$38.4 million. Revenue performance exceeded targets at 105% of the expected annual collection with 94% expenditure utilization against the appropriation ceilings.
- The Q4 surplus position has been boosted by revenue deposits related to Fisheries and the second tranche of the budget support funds from the Republic of China Taiwan. Although, originally expected in June, these funds were delayed until July and therefore has been categorised as part of the 2023-24 revenue under the Government’s cash system.

This report covers general Government operations only and does not include donor expenditures or the operations of State-owned enterprises (SoE’s). However, transfers from Government to SoEs, are included. All figures are in Australian dollars.

## OVERVIEW

### MACROECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

#### Macroeconomic Assumptions

The macro-economic assumptions for Nauru have been upgraded following the recent developments with the RPC and changes in Nauru’s development partnerships.

Item	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Real GDP Growth (percent change)	1.72	1.09	1.45
Nominal GDP A\$ million	220.5	238.0	250.0

The real GDP growth for 2023 was lower than expected falling to 0.6% compared to earlier estimations over 1%. The IMF World Economic Outlook forecasts that growth is expected to be limited over the medium term although the impact of the re-operationalization of the RPC will have a positive effect from 2024 onwards which will be seen in the future forecasts.

Looking ahead, the increased economic activity related to the RPC, is likely to see an expansion in both Government Revenue and economic activity, boosting growth in the medium term. This growth is estimated to return to over 2% in 2024/25 and, although dependent upon continued operationalization of the RPC, to continue at a similar rate for 2025-26.

Global inflation projections for 2024 stood at 2.6% in advanced economies and 8.2% in Asia/Pacific emerging market and developing economies, although this is expected to fall steadily over the medium-term.

The local inflation outlook is limited to 4.7% due to persistently high fuel prices impacting the price of imports. The nominal GDP estimate for 2024-25 is AUD \$250 million which is an increase from \$238 million as of fiscal year 2023-24.

#### Supplementary Appropriations

##### Revenue Measures:

Three Supplementary appropriation budgets were approved during the year to recognise:

- new direct revenue and indirect revenue (taxation), generated by altered RPC arrangements following arrival of new refugees - \$30.3mil
- budget support from bilateral partners - \$33 mil
- repurposing of Government building Trust Fund - \$10.6mil

Furthermore, revenue adjustments were made, involving reductions to:

- Loan proceeds from EXIM Bank intended for the purchase of the second passenger 800 series aircraft, which were no longer expected to be received due to change in political recognition from Taiwan to PRC – (\$16.2mil)
- Budget Support from Taiwan and support for loan repayments – (\$6.8 mil)
- Reduction in Fishing revenue in Supplementary 2, in response to what seems like a lower demand for Nauru fishing days at that time – (\$2.5mil)

This resulted in a total net revenue increase of \$48.4mil

##### Expenditure Measures

The additional revenue was allocated to cover new and pressing financial obligations of the Government, including:

- Local donations - community development support – \$9.7mil
- Travel business - \$2.4mil
- OMR - \$3.1mil
- Ex - gratia payment to address cost of living - \$3.7mil
- SoEs support (NUC, NSL, ESC, Post) - \$4.3mil
- Nauru Trust Fund - \$2.5mil
- Presidency measures - \$4.mil
- Micronesian Games field and stadium - \$2.7mil
- Presidency – \$4.6mil
- Chief Sec Administration, pressures due to changed policy for vehicle and increased expatriates housing needs - \$1mil
- Alternative Pathway Training Program \$4.1mil
- MCA increased RPC stand up costs to transition to active state- \$4.8mil
- Others government-wide pressures- \$1.5mil

#### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY RATIOS

The Government has adopted three fiscal responsibility ratios as follow:

- 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.

The Personnel cost ratio was around 17% at the end of the Quarter 4.

All ratios are shown in Table 1 and Table 2 below.

*Table 1: Fiscal responsibility ratio performance Q4 2023-24*

Measure	Target	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24 YTD Actual
		Approved Budget	Revised Budget	
Fiscal balance to GDP	not negative as % of GDP	19.69%	47.42%	3527%
Personnel cost ratio	Personnel cost to current expenditure <30%	19%	17%	17%

The IMF recommends holding a cash buffer of two-months current Government expenditure to manage liquidity risks. The cash buffer target is calculated by taking the 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.

The cash buffer accounts currently hold more than the minimum required balance. In earlier quarter reports, the cash buffer balances held lesser than the required balance, however this has been addressed in this final quarter by increasing the Cash Buffer holdings. More detail on cash balances is shown in Figure 7.

*Table 2: GON Liquidity and fiscal cash buffer Q4 2023-24*

	TOTAL FUNDS (\$)		
	Requirement (\$)	As at 1 July 2023	As at 30 June 2024
Cash Buffer at 1 July 2023	35,460,459	152,861,429	
Cash Buffer 30 June 2024	43,961,387		186,344,335
<i>of which held in cash buffer accounts</i>		46,923,136	47,986,606

## BUDGET AGGREGATES

The budget aggregates for the fourth quarter are shown in Table 3 and Figure 1 below. The actual performance for the year has aligned with expectations. During the quarter, a total of 344.8 million of revenues were collected, which accounts for 105% of the total revenue target for the year or \$17.8 million more than the estimates.

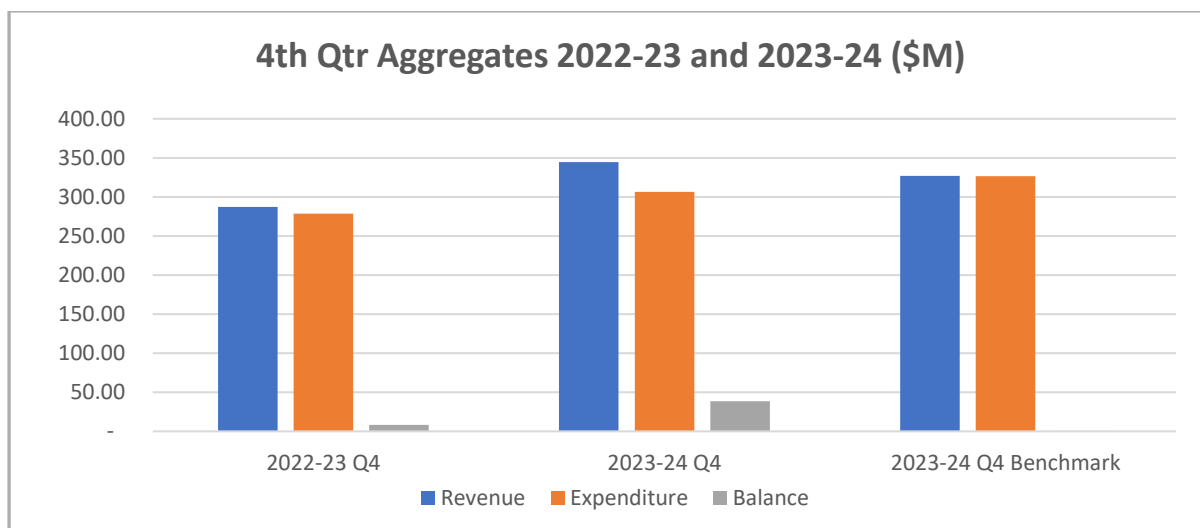
In terms of expenditure utilisation, \$306.3m was recorded, accounting for 94% of the total appropriated expenditures.

Overall, the 2023-24 revenue and expenditure out turn exceeded last year's figures, with revenue showing an increase of 20% and expenditure recording a 9% rise.

Table 3 Aggregate results Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24 Supp Bill 1	2023-24 Supp Bill 2	2023-24 Supp Bill 3	2023-24 Revised Budget	2023-24 Actual collections	% collections	2023-24 Remaining Budget
	Preliminary Actual	Approved Budget							
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
Revenue	287,148,494	278,637,509	14,400,923	24,939,321	9,040,000	327,017,753	344,770,407	105%	17,752,654
Expenditure	278,814,126	278,422,918	14,348,996	24,769,786	8,959,149	326,500,849	306,328,682	94%	20,172,167
Balance	8,334,368	214,591	51,927	169,535	80,851	516,904	38,441,725		37,924,821

Figure 1 Budget aggregate results for the fourth quarter 2022-23 and 2023-24 (\$ million)



## OPERATING REVENUE ANALYSIS

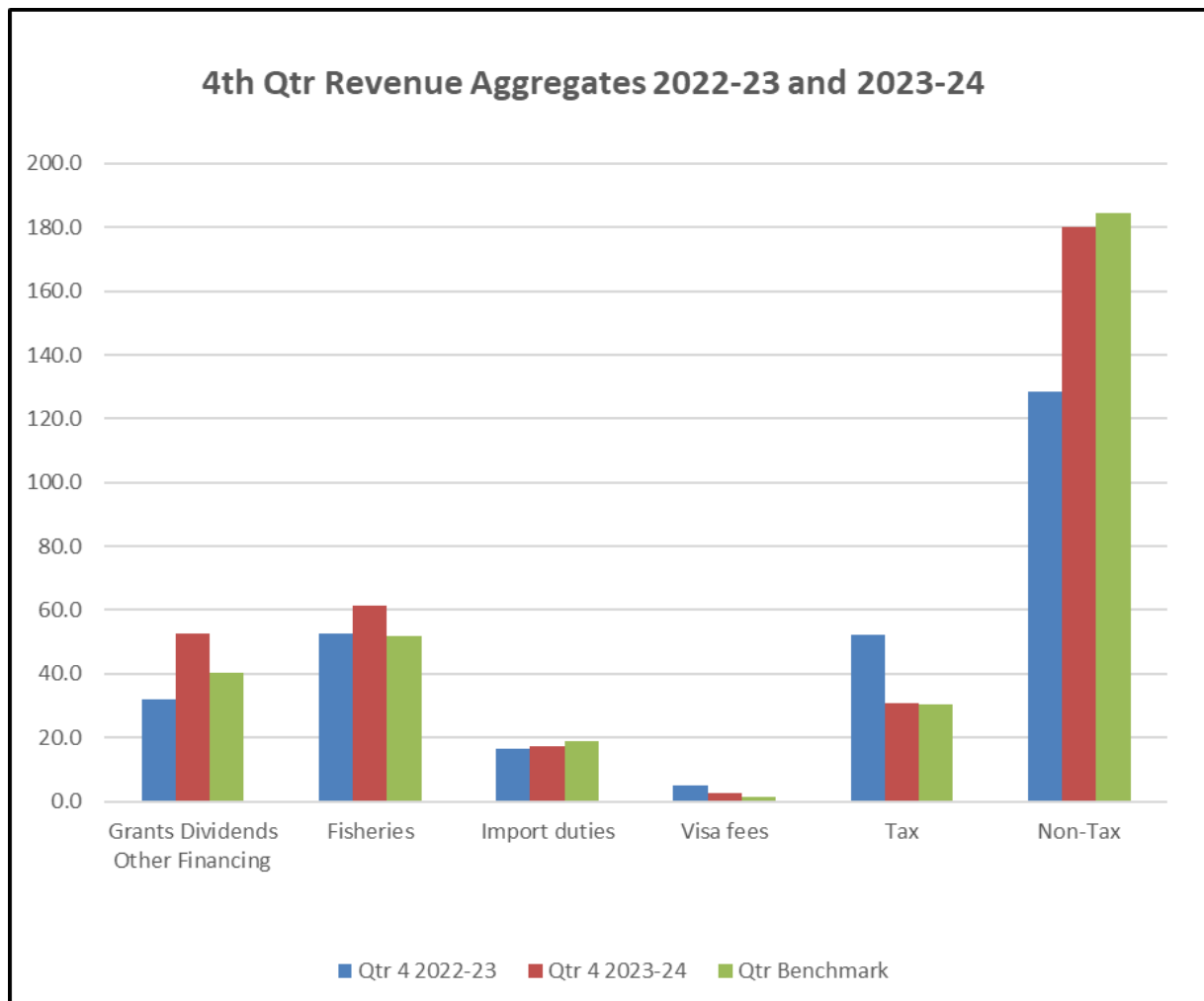
Table 4 summarizes the actual revenues for the year up to Quarter 4. Majority of the collections came from non-tax (including RPC related revenue – 52%), Taxes (9%), Fisheries (18%) and Grants and Dividends (15%).

Table 4: Revenue breakdown Q4 2023-24

Revenue Description	2022-23 Preliminary Actual \$	2023-24 Approved Budget \$	2023-24 Revised Budget \$	2023-24 YTD Actual \$	Share of total revenue %	2023-24 Actual as % of Budget %	2023-24 Remaining Budget \$
Grants Dividends Other Financing	32,044,697	30,096,359	40,195,159	52,590,660	15%	131%	12,395,501
Fisheries	52,507,773	54,530,000	51,999,585	61,369,976	18%	118%	9,370,391
Import duties	16,410,113	18,804,412	18,804,412	17,208,376	5%	92%	1,596,036
Visa fees	5,079,955	1,228,503	1,228,503	2,737,370	1%	223%	1,508,867
Tax	52,420,174	9,850,000	30,243,470	30,734,123	9%	102%	490,653
Non-Tax	128,685,781	164,128,235	184,546,624	180,129,902	52%	98%	4,416,722
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>287,148,494</b>	<b>278,637,509</b>	<b>327,017,753</b>	<b>344,770,407</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>105%</b>	<b>17,752,654</b>

The comparison in Figure 2 below illustrates Quarter 4 of the current financial year, 2023-24, against the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year (2022-23). Except for Tax and Visa fees, the revenue collections from other categories were higher this year compared to last year, a resulting in a total net increase of \$57.2m. The overall reduction in the annual collections from taxes (21.7m) and Visa fees (2.3m) simply reflects that the absence of refugees on the island for half the year.

Figure 2 Revenue collections for Q4 2022-23 and 2023-24



The RPC remains the major source of economic activity and revenue for the government, accounting for 61% of the total revenue in the original budget, 61% in the Revised Budget and 56% in Actual collections.

The 2023-24 original budget took a conservative approach on the estimations of tax streams and MCA reimbursables due to the expected winddown of RPC services and anticipation that no refugees will remain on the island. The supplementary appropriation budgets passed during the year took into the account the increased revenue because of the changed RPC arrangements.

Table 6: RPC Related Revenues Q4 2023-24

Revenue Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24		2023-24
	Preliminary	Approved	Revised	2023-24 YTD	YTD Actual	Remaining
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	as % of	Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
1335 - Visa Fees - RPC	3,150	0	0	0	0%	0
1580 - Visa Fees - RPC Resettlement	2,578,000	0	0	368,000	100%	-368,000
1475 - Miscellaneous Revenue	1,294,483	0	0	0	0%	0
1495 - Service Fees	20,002,281	20,002,004	20,002,004	20,002,987	100%	-983
1577 - DJBC - Operations	4,224,842	4,400,000	13,440,000	9,813,522	73%	3,626,478
1578 - DJBC - Reimbursable Costs	13,412,453	63,700,000	64,515,235	61,283,331	95%	3,231,904
1598 - Hosting Fee	84,533,328	71,899,996	71,899,996	71,899,998	100%	-2
1590 - Employment Services Tax	12,836,803	2,300,000	10,681,080	10,973,887	103%	-292,807
1591 - Business Profit Tax	36,820,032	6,300,000	18,312,390	17,572,881	96%	739,509
1015 - Income from Investments & Div	20,341,443	0	0		0%	0
<b>Total RPC related revenue</b>	<b>196,046,815</b>	<b>168,602,000</b>	<b>198,850,705</b>	<b>191,914,606</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>6,936,099</b>
Share of total revenue	68%	61%	61%	56%		-39%

## FISHING REVENUES

Table 6 presents a detailed breakdown of Fishing revenue collections by the end of Quarter 4. Initially there was a \$2.5m reduction in Fishing estimates in Supplementary 2 approved in December based on indication from NFMRA of reduced collections due to lower-than-expected level of demand. However, the expected reductions did not quite materialise as additional days were sold between January onwards, resulting in higher collections than expected. Even though the total collections amounted to \$9.4 million, \$4.1 million pertains to last year's collections and the \$2.5m reduction in estimates via the supplementary budget. Thus, the actual surplus in fisheries collections against the original budget is only \$2.8m.

Table 7: Fishing revenues Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24		2023-24
	Preliminary	Approved	Revised	2023-24 YTD	YTD Actual	Remaining
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	as % of	Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
1055 - Support Vessel Charges	246,909	230,000	230,000	250,205	109%	-20,205
1071 - Purse Seine Revenue - Licensing	2,623,409	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,650,968	127%	-350,968
1072 - Purse Seine Revenue - Fishing Days	49,637,455	53,000,000	50,469,585	59,468,803	118%	-8,999,218
<b>Total Fisheries Revenue</b>	<b>52,507,773</b>	<b>54,530,000</b>	<b>51,999,585</b>	<b>61,369,976</b>	<b>118%</b>	<b>-9,370,391</b>

## TAXATION REVENUE

Taxation revenues have surpassed the quarterly benchmark (Table 8), thanks to consistent collections from all tax categories', driven by the extension of the RPC arrangements. Taxation revenue estimates for the new financial year, 2023-24 were forecasted at \$9.9 million to reflect the transition of the current active status RPC arrangements to a Contingent state from July 1. However, during the year, new arrivals triggered the re-activation of active state, resulting in more activities with MTC and other firms at top-site hence leading to more tax collections.



Table 8: Taxation revenue Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24		2023-24 Remaining Budget \$
	Preliminary Actual \$	Approved Budget \$	Revised Budget \$	2023-24 YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual as % of Budget %	
1190 - Telecom Tax	2,763,340	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,187,355	175%	-937,355
1590 - Employment Services Tax	12,836,803	2,300,000	10,681,080	10,973,887	103%	-292,807
1591 - Business Profit Tax	36,820,032	6,300,000	18,312,390	17,572,881	96%	739,509
<b>Total Tax</b>	<b>52,420,174</b>	<b>9,850,000</b>	<b>30,243,470</b>	<b>30,734,123</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>-490,653</b>

## CUSTOMS AND OTHER IMPORT DUTIES

Like last year, Customs and excise duty collections fell short of the annual benchmark - \$1.6 million, due to lower-than-expected collections in Sugar, alcohol, machinery/vehicle/equipment, and other. This collections shortfall is not going to be recovered. This below-average performance despite the roll-out of the ASUCUDA World system has been anticipated, primarily due to decreased cargo volumes in both air and sea freight. There is optimism, although not confirmed, that the reactivation of the RPC arrangements to an active state may lead to increase in cargo volume down the line.

Table 9 Customs and other Import duties Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24		2023-24 Remaining Budget \$
	Preliminary Actual \$	Approved Budget \$	Revised Budget \$	2023-24 YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual as % of Budget %	
1140 - Customs and Excise Duty - Tobacco	6,526,761	6,403,605	6,403,605	6,593,381	103%	-189,776
1145 - Customs and Excise Duty - Alcohol	1,226,723	1,241,540	1,241,540	880,156	71%	361,384
1150 - Customs and Excise Duty - Sugar	852,996	1,565,944	1,565,944	972,131	62%	593,813
1155 - Customs and Excise - Machinery/Vehicle/Equip	1,182,429	1,588,010	1,588,010	1,184,863	75%	403,147
1160 - Customs and Excise Duty - Other	2,996,683	3,897,894	3,897,894	3,258,508	84%	639,386
1165 - Customs and Excise Duty - Petrol Sales	1,990,239	2,427,265	2,427,265	2,550,362	105%	-123,097
1170 - Customs and Excise Duty - Diesel Sales	1,634,282	1,680,154	1,680,154	1,753,280	104%	-73,126
1171 - Customs Fees and Chargers		-	-	15,573	0%	-15,573
1175 - Customs and Excise Duty - JetA1		-	-	122	0%	-122
<b>Total Customs and Excise Duty</b>	<b>16,410,113</b>	<b>18,804,412</b>	<b>18,804,412</b>	<b>17,208,376</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>1,596,036</b>

## VISA FEES

Visa fees (other business) encompasses fees collected from employees of various businesses on the island, such as MTC, Capelle's, Chinese retailers, and others.

By the end of the quarter, Visa collections have surpassed the total revised budget. The 223% overcollections under Visa Fees RPC Resettlement is attributed to the better-than-expected visa fees from the business segments as well as extension of the RPC services and arrival back of refugees. The original estimates assumed zero refugees on the island, therefore, zero visa fees.

Table 10 Visa fees Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24		2023-24 Remaining Budget \$
	Preliminary Actual \$	Approved Budget \$	Revised Budget \$	2023-24 YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual as % of Budget %	
1330 - Visa Check up	10,034	10,068	10,068	17,216	0%	-7,148
1335 - Visa Fees - RPC	3,150	-	-	-	0%	0
1575 - Visa Fees (Other Business)	2,488,771	1,218,435	1,218,435	2,352,154	193%	-1,133,719
1580 - Visa Fees - RPC Resettlement	2,578,000	-	-	368,000	0%	-368,000
<b>Total Visa Fees</b>	<b>5,079,955</b>	<b>1,228,503</b>	<b>1,228,503</b>	<b>2,737,370</b>	<b>223%</b>	<b>-1,508,867</b>

## OTHER REVENUE – DIVIDENDS AND GRANTS

Collections from Dividends and Grants totalled \$52.6million for the quarter, accounting for 131% of the total revised budget for the year. The over collection of \$12.4m can be attributed to two main reasons.

Firstly, the delay in the drawdown of the second tranche budget support funding from ROC Taiwan (\$5.2m), initially earmarked to be received in June and accounted for as revenue estimates for 2022-23, was received in the bank on July 6. As per the government cash accounting system, it has been reflected as part of revenues for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Secondly, there was a delay in receiving ADB policy Grant of USD 5 million (AUD 7.5 million), along with \$1 million from New Zealand Government. The finalization and payment of this grant was deferred to 2023-24 as certain conditions, particularly related to social outcomes, which had not been fully met. Both grants (total \$8.5 million) were paid in June 2024 upon meeting of all grant conditions.

Following the switch in political recognition from Taiwan Province of China to PRC, Government took steps to derecognise the \$16.2 million loan that was initially earmarked to be received from EXIM. It became clear that the loan would no longer be available on concessional terms to the Government, leading to its removal from the estimates. Estimates were also to account for the General Budget support line to reflect the USD \$20mil budget support from PRC and \$3 million in new direct budget support from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Like the derecognition of the \$16.2 million loan revenue from EXIM, adjustments were also made in the direct budget support line to reduce the AUD \$6.8 Taiwan lost revenue (\$5mil for direct budget support and \$1.7 for the support toward repayment of our two active loans to EXIM).

Nauru Airlines was able to identify and purchase an 800 series passenger aircraft and this was funded for by the Government, reimbursed through the PRC grant.

Table 11 Dividends and Grants Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24		2023-24
	Preliminary Actual	Approved Budget	Revised Budget	2023-24 YTD Actual	YTD Actual as % of Budget	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
1015 - Income from Investments & Dividends-Others	20,341,443	-	-	2,275,576	0%	-2,275,576
1660 - General Budget Support	8,621,929	13,888,908	40,195,159	50,315,084	125%	-10,119,925
1902 - EXIM NAC Loan Proceeds	3,081,325	16,207,451	-	-	0%	0
<b>Total Dividends , Grants and Other</b>	<b>32,044,697</b>	<b>30,096,359</b>	<b>40,195,159</b>	<b>52,590,660</b>	<b>131%</b>	<b>-12,395,501</b>

## NON-TAX REVENUE

Non-tax revenue collections in the year to date have fall short of the annual target as depicted in Table 11. This is primarily due to various RPC reimbursables relating to last financial year that were expected during the time of the preparation of the 2023-24 budget to be received this year 2023-24 but did not materialise as Australia chose to pay them last year in accordance to their budget calendar. Thus, it is not really an under collection per se, but purely a timing issue regarding the receipt of the funds in the bank account.

Miscellaneous revenue exceeded target by \$1 million.

Table 12 Non-tax revenues Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23 Preliminary Actual \$	2023-24 Approved Budget \$	2023-24 Revised Budget \$	2023-24		2023-24 Remaining Budget \$
				2023-24 YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual as % of Budget %	
1121 - Curator fees	34,653	-	-	94,182	0%	-94,182
1215 - Licenses-Drivers etc	161,417	100,000	100,000	132,486	132%	-32,486
1220 - Corporation Fees and Licenses	467,451	490,524	490,524	381,800	78%	108,724
1225 - Licenses-Trading	409,605	393,168	393,168	423,175	108%	-30,007
1230 - Liquor Licensing Board	14,508	13,644	13,644	18,320	134%	-4,676
1235 - Gaming / Bingo Licenses	42,860	50,000	50,000	160,708	321%	-110,708
1240 - Licenses-Dogs etc	-	5,000	5,000	50	1%	4,950
1245 - Drones Licenses	300	1,001	1,001	600	60%	401
1260 - Birth Certificate	33,620	23,433	23,433	30,259	129%	-6,826
1265 - Death Certificate	1,050	780	780	1,760	226%	-980
1270 - Marriage Certificate	4,490	2,670	2,670	3,730	140%	-1,060
1300 - Registration Fees-Motor Cars	121,524	125,112	125,112	140,808	113%	-15,696
1305 - Registration Fees-Motorcycles	51,692	54,072	54,072	24,650	46%	29,422
1310 - Vehicle/Insurance Fees	540,309	558,576	558,576	444,098	80%	114,479
1325 - Passport Fees and Photographs	204,628	186,084	186,084	162,787	87%	23,297
1340 - Police Clearance	28,815	25,020	25,020	47,850	191%	-22,830
1360 - D.C.A-Pax Levy	474,925	379,656	379,656	835,400	220%	-455,744
1365 - D.C.A-Departure Taxes	390,850	330,864	330,864	596,975	180%	-266,111
1370 - D.C.A.-Air Navigation Fees	307,425	147,816	147,816	565,422	383%	-417,606
1375 - D.C.A.-Landing Fees	578,605	440,988	440,988	621,020	141%	-180,032
1380 - D.C.A.-Rental Fees	167,137	137,772	137,772	158,270	115%	-20,498
1475 - Miscellaneous Revenue	1,294,483	203,728	10,766,882	11,849,184	110%	-1,082,302
1480 - Bus Services	4,345	4,184	4,184	7,175	171%	-2,991
1485 - Quarantine Fees	151,779	144,840	144,840	217,662	150%	-72,822
1490 - Court Fines and Fees	51,532	43,944	43,944	73,780	168%	-29,836
1495 - Service Fees	20,002,281	20,002,004	20,002,004	20,002,987	100%	-983
1500 - Sale of Maps	15,725	15,840	15,840	9,605	61%	6,235
1501 - Sale of Livestock	1,700	1,860	1,860	11,033	593%	-9,173
1520 - Food Handler Check up	6,858	6,948	6,948	13,130	189%	-6,182
1540 - Advertising Revenue	4,623	3,456	3,456	19,722	571%	-16,266
1555 - Spectacles,Drugs etc	1,820	1,980	1,980	1,735	88%	245
1565 - Medical Services	2,055	3,739	3,739	13,245	354%	-9,506
1577 - DJBC - Operations	4,224,842	4,400,000	13,440,000	9,813,522	73%	3,626,478
1578 - DJBC - Reimbursable Costs	13,412,453	63,700,000	64,515,235	61,283,331	95%	3,231,904
1596 - Traffic Infringements	133,322	134,844	134,844	44,650	33%	90,194
1597 - TVET Course Fees	11,311	11,412	11,412	9,915	87%	1,497
1598 - Hosting Fee	84,533,328	71,899,996	71,899,996	71,899,998	100%	-2
1700 - National/District Roll Sales	29,910	5,520	5,520	570	10%	4,950
1705 - Electoral Various Fees	767,550	77,760	77,760	14,310	18%	63,450
<b>Total Non Tax</b>	<b>128,685,781</b>	<b>164,128,235</b>	<b>184,546,624</b>	<b>180,129,902</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>4,416,722</b>

## REVENUE BY DEPARTMENT

Table 12 presents revenue for the year to date categorised by department head. It is important to note that this funding is not specifically allocated to these department heads but rather reflects the revenue classification method used in the FMIS. This classification aligns with the administrative functions of each department in terms of revenue. The functional mandate of revenue collections is vested in the Nauru Revenue Office (NRO).

As indicated in the non-tax revenue section above, the under collection in Department of Multicultural Affairs, was due to RPC reimbursable fees paid in 2022-23 but which the Government initially expected to be paid in 2023-24 when the budget was put together in April.

Finance Other payment exceeded the target due to additional budget support than expected as indicated in the relevant section above. Collections from Transport, Fisheries and Border control also exceeded budget due to better than anticipated collections.

Nauru Revenue office exceeded its tax targets but under collection was recorded for Customs due to low cargo volume as explained in the relevant section above.

*Table 13 Revenue by Department Q4 2023-24*

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24		2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
	Preliminary Actual	Approved Budget	2023-24 Supp Bills	2023-24 ISHT	Revised Budget	2023-24 Actual	Actual as % of Budget	Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$		\$	%	\$	
03 - Chief Secretary Office	56,703	40,527	-	-	40,527	56,460	139%	15,933
09 - Electoral Commission	795,660	84,280	-	-	84,280	14,880	18%	69,400
11 - Finance Secretariat	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-
12 - Finance -Public Debt	3,081,325	16,207,451	16,207,451	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	-
15 - Nauru Revenue Office	52,624,511	10,000,000	20,393,470	-	30,393,470	30,952,893	102%	559,423
16 - Finance - Other Payments	8,820,721	13,888,908	36,869,405	-	50,758,313	63,696,359	125%	12,938,046
17 - Nauru Customs Office (NCO)	16,413,453	18,805,413	-	-	18,805,413	17,213,996	92%	1,591,417
21 - Environment Management & Agriculture (DEMA)	-	-	-	-	-	2,580	0%	2,580
31 - Fisheries	52,912,789	54,530,000	2,530,415	-	51,999,585	61,563,413	118%	9,563,828
41 - Police	165,187	162,564	-	-	162,564	98,381	61%	64,183
42 - Multi Cultural Affairs	145,402,067	160,000,000	9,855,235	-	169,855,235	163,572,853	96%	6,282,382
43 - Justice - Secretariat	955,595	888,692	-	-	888,692	1,020,995	115%	132,303
44 - Judiciary	51,532	43,944	-	-	43,944	83,713	190%	39,769
45 - Border Control	2,846,228	1,549,359	-	-	1,549,359	2,732,604	176%	1,183,245
46 - Correctional Services	1,700	1,860	-	-	1,860	11,033	593%	9,173
50 - TVET	12,077	11,412	-	-	11,412	10,765	94%	647
51 - Education	4,200	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-
60 - COVID-19 task force	40	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-
61 - Health	98,829	104,923	-	-	104,923	59,443	57%	45,481
62 - Sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-
81 - Internal Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	72,532	0%	72,532
83 - Media Bureau	4,623	3,456	-	-	3,456	19,722	571%	16,266
84 - Lands & Survey	15,725	15,840	-	-	15,840	10,182	64%	5,658
85 - Lands Committee	2,280	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,985	149%	985
91 - Transport	2,873,156	2,287,340	-	-	2,287,340	3,547,683	155%	1,260,343
95 - ICT	10,093	9,540	-	-	9,540	26,938	282%	17,398
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>287,148,494</b>	<b>278,637,509</b>	<b>48,380,244</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>327,017,753</b>	<b>344,770,407</b>	<b>105%</b>	<b>17,752,654</b>

## OPERATING EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

Table 13 displays the total operational expenditure for the second quarter, which falls within the quarterly utilization benchmark.

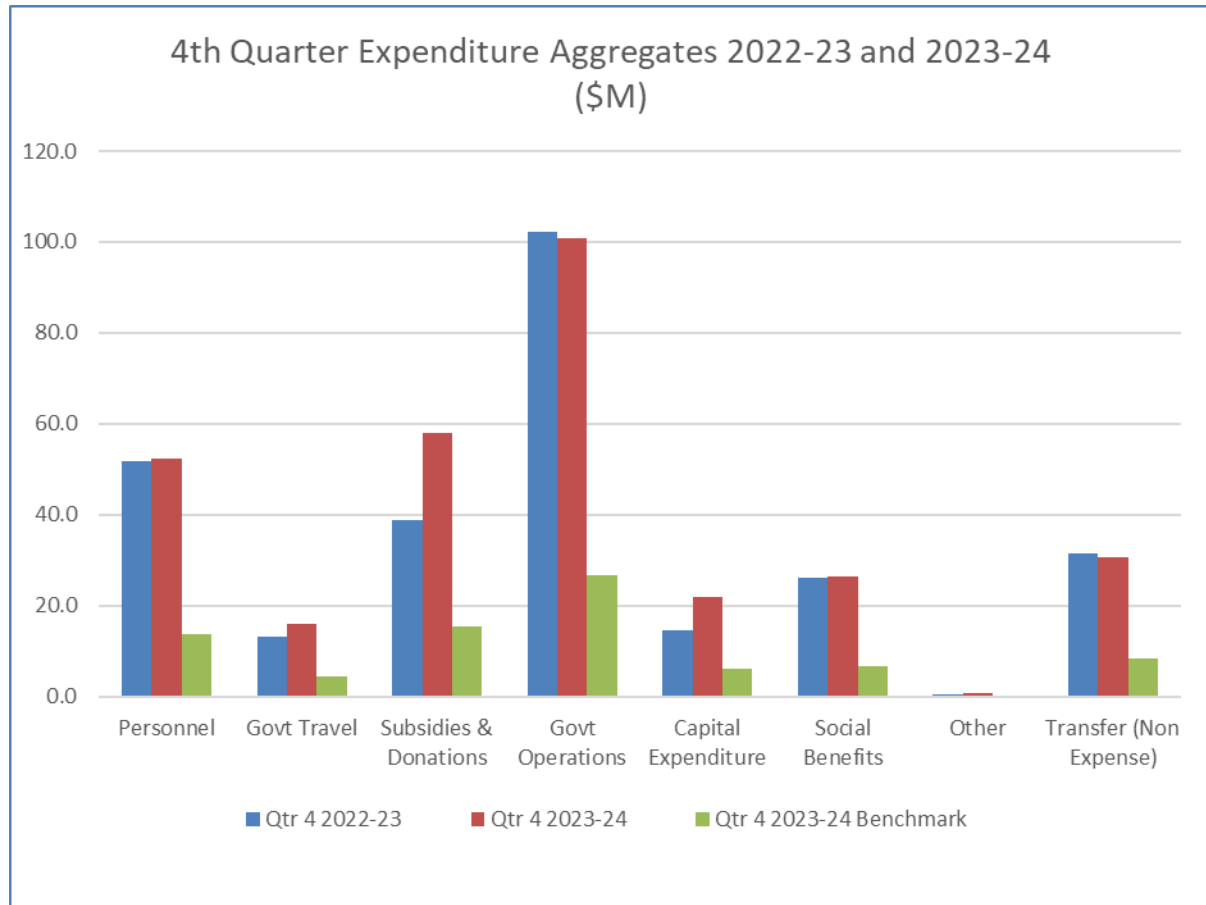
Table 14 Expenditure by Group Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24		2023-24		2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
	Preliminary Actual	Approved Budget	2023-24 Supp Bills	2023-24 ISHT	Revised Budget	2023-24 YTD Actual	Actual as % of Budget	2023-24 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
Personnel	51,849,321	53,438,121	995,725	687,794	55,121,641	52,263,599	95%	2,858,042
Govt Travel	13,089,545	9,207,833	5,458,400	3,107,857	17,774,090	16,004,549	90%	1,769,541
Subsidies & Donations	38,893,417	40,853,077	17,130,231	3,184,880	61,168,188	57,925,606	95%	3,242,582
Govt Operations	102,362,032	89,214,256	18,010,133	-506,489	106,717,900	100,711,280	94%	6,006,620
Capital Expenditure	14,550,783	13,240,833	9,256,679	1,986,411	24,483,923	21,790,614	89%	2,693,309
Social Benefits	26,098,102	24,329,407	2,328,600	-155,215	26,502,792	26,372,696	100%	130,096
Other	592,227	777,948	181,290	-43,826	915,412	699,042	76%	216,370
Transfer (Non Expense)	31,375,520	47,361,442	-5,283,129	-8,261,412	33,816,901	30,561,296	90%	3,255,605
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>278,810,946</b>	<b>278,422,918</b>	<b>48,077,929</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>326,500,847</b>	<b>306,328,682</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>20,172,165</b>

Figure 5 provides a comparison of expenditure utilization for the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year, 2023-24, with the same period last year (FY 2022-23). The total Expenditure for this quarter was \$306.3m compared to \$278.8m last year.

Except for Government Operations and Transfer Non-Expense, the actual expenditure in all the lines this year is higher compared to 2022-23, reflecting a net increase of \$27.5 million.

Figure 5 Expenditure by group, Q4 2023-24



## PERSONNEL COSTS

According to Table 17, expenditure on Personnel is within the expected limits, both at the aggregate and individual expenditure subhead levels. Director fees was the least utilised at only 51%, followed by Allowances Staff contract (primarily Judges allowances) at 86%.

Table 17 Personnel Expenditure Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
	Preliminary Actual	Approved Budget	2023-24 Supp Bills	2023-24 ISHT	Revised Budget	2023-24 YTD Actual	Actual as % of Budget	Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
2005 - Salaries & Allowances - (MP's)	1,078,492	1,185,858	0	-280,000	905,858	867,416	96%	38,442
2010 - HE Salary & Allowances	110,327	115,537	0	0	115,537	110,035	95%	5,502
2015 - Salary - Local	31,671,299	34,046,124	566,601	-772,977	33,839,747	32,504,073	96%	1,335,674
2020 - Salary Expatriate	8,679,423	9,446,013	134,498	-866,974	8,713,537	8,055,210	92%	658,327
2025 - Allowances - Staff Contract	1,089,113	1,448,914	0	304,966	1,753,880	1,513,088	86%	240,792
2026 - Directors Fees	16,750	98,900	0	-44,250	54,650	28,050	51%	26,600
2031 - Staff Contract - Ministerial	628,194	700,916	0	98,000	798,916	762,903	95%	36,013
2035 - Overtime - local	1,517,984	1,012,691	567,625	71,800	1,652,116	1,483,023	90%	169,093
2040 - Staff Training	1,241,878	2,144,219	-1,893,899	1,833,430	2,083,749	2,022,756	97%	60,993
2041 - Prep & Orientation of Seasonal Workers	9,168	10,000	0	0	10,000	9,185	92%	815
2045 - Recruitment	32,320	35,000	0	-10,860	24,140	22,906	95%	1,234
2050 - Uniforms & Protective Clothing	378,947	504,736	45,500	-101,137	449,099	395,762	88%	53,337
2072 - Meals and Drinks - Staff	298,905	89,214	0	123,858	213,072	212,731	100%	341
2423 - Ex Gratia Nauru Public Service	2,409,448	0	1,471,400	331,939	1,803,339	1,803,339	100%	0
2424 - Unemployment Benefits	0	0	104,000	0	104,000	100,917	97%	3,083
2651 - GON Contributions	2,687,071	2,600,000	0	0	2,600,000	2,372,203	91%	227,797
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>51,849,321</b>	<b>53,438,121</b>	<b>995,725</b>	<b>687,794</b>	<b>55,121,641</b>	<b>52,263,599</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>2,858,042</b>

## GOVERNMENT TRAVEL

Travel subheads were replenished during the quarter through ISHTs and Supplementary to align budget to the rate of utilization and to ensure travel can continue for the rest of the financial year, see Table 18 below. Utilization was at 90% of budget.

Table 18 Government Travel Expenditure Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
	Preliminary Actual	Approved Budget	2023-24 Supp Bills	2023-24 ISHT	Revised Budget	2023-24 YTD Actual	Actual as % of Budget	Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
2070 - Travel - Staff	1,121,084	990,320	275,720	246,802	1,512,842	1,105,873	73%	406,969
2075 - Travel - Business	11,968,461	8,217,513	5,182,680	2,861,055	16,261,248	14,898,676	92%	1,362,572
<b>Total Government Travel</b>	<b>13,089,545</b>	<b>9,207,833</b>	<b>5,458,400</b>	<b>3,107,857</b>	<b>17,774,090</b>	<b>16,004,549</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>1,769,541</b>

## SUBSIDIES & DONATIONS

Subsidies and Donations are within the benchmark for the quarter, as shown in Table 19. Key development during the quarter includes transfer of CSOs funding to State Owned Entities (code 2616), expenses related to tug boat hire (2616), operational grant payouts to SoEs (2619).

Majority of the transfers under this category relate to line 2376 Equity purchases - \$16.2 million was advanced to Nauru Airlines in November to facilitate the purchase of the second passenger aircraft (an 800 series) with the expectation that the funds would be reimbursed to Government from the Aircraft Replacement program loan facility from EXIM – supported by Taiwan. Due to the change in political recognition, the relevant loan agreement with EXIM was not finalized hence drawdown was not made.

Table 19 Subsidies & Donations Expenditure Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24		2023-24		2023-24		2023-24	2023-24
	Preliminary	Approved	2023-24	2023-24	Revised	2023-24	Actual as %	Remaining	
	Actual	Budget	Supp Bills	ISHT	Budget	YTD Actual	of Budget	Budget	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	
2376 - Equity Purchases	6,405,920	16,207,451	2,860,000	0	19,067,451	19,067,451	100%	0	
2616 - Subsidies to SoEs	15,161,790	9,785,385	0	-788,305	10,063,901	7,926,561	79%	2,137,340	
2617 - Donations - local	15,899,985	1,141,716	9,920,756	2,039,800	13,102,272	12,794,722	98%	307,550	
2618 - Donations - overseas	1,860	107,063	0	0	107,063	744	1%	106,319	
2619 - Grants to SoEs	1,423,861	12,031,462	4,088,325	2,274,263	17,327,209	16,664,535	96%	662,674	
2621 - Grants to Sports Federations	0	1,580,000	261,150	-340,858	1,500,292	1,471,593	98%	28,699	
<b>Total Subsidies &amp; Donations</b>	<b>38,893,417</b>	<b>40,853,077</b>	<b>17,130,231</b>	<b>3,184,900</b>	<b>61,168,188</b>	<b>57,925,606</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>3,242,582</b>	

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The overall Capital expenditure is within the budget limit. There was an underspending under Building and Structure (code 2496), due to lower-than-expected spending on Port aggregates and the delay in processing reimbursement claims from NMPA related to the port relocation provision for temporary housing.

Table 20 Capital Expenditure Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24		2023-24		2023-24		2023-24
	Preliminary	Approved	2023-24	2023-24	Revised	2023-24	Actual as %	Remaining
	Actual	Budget	Supp Bills	ISHT	Budget	YTD Actual	of Budget	Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
2480 - Medical Equipment	726,392	400,000	0	-82,846	317,154	317,154	100%	0
2495 - Plant & Equipment Purchases	4,984,603	2,898,039	3,208,647	-38,652	6,068,034	5,644,941	93%	423,092
2496 - Building and Structures	8,652,705	9,632,795	6,048,032	2,075,959	17,756,786	15,494,608	87%	2,262,178
2580 - Public Works	187,083	310,000	0	31,950	341,950	333,911	98%	8,039
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>14,550,783</b>	<b>13,240,833</b>	<b>9,256,679</b>	<b>1,986,411</b>	<b>24,483,923</b>	<b>21,790,614</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>2,693,309</b>

## SOCIAL BENEFITS

Expenditure on social benefits reach 100% utilization by the end of Quarter 4, as shown in Table 21, attributable to full or near full utilization under significant budget subheads such as Housing scheme, Ex Gratias, Aged and Disable pensions, and Back to School support. Birth and Death claims lines recorded lower than expected utilization.

Table 21 Social Benefits Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24		2023-24		2023-24		2023-24
	Preliminary	Approved	2023-24	2023-24	Revised	2023-24	Actual as %	Remaining
	Actual	Budget	Supp Bills	ISHT	Budget	YTD Actual	of Budget	Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
2220 - Nauru Community Housing	11,446,150	7,500,000	0	919,908	8,419,908	8,419,888	100%	20
2221 - Smart Housing	0	3,617,207	0	-955,261	2,661,946	2,643,981	99%	17,965
2390 - Social Welfare - Birth Claims	157,400	168,000	0	0	168,000	143,100	85%	24,900
2395 - Social Welfare - Death Claims	116,000	160,000	0	130,000	290,000	224,070	77%	65,930
2396 - Back to School Support	711,150	715,200	0	15,650	730,850	730,850	100%	0
2400 - Social Services - Aged Pensions	3,967,890	4,209,920	0	280,000	4,489,920	4,485,990	100%	3,930
2405 - Social Services - Super Contributors	66,123	64,844	0	0	64,844	54,951	85%	9,893
2420 - Social Services - Disability Payments	2,375,095	2,539,160	0	105,000	2,644,160	2,643,485	100%	675
2421 - Ex Gratia - Age and Disable	1,190,000	0	595,000	0	595,000	595,000	0%	0
2422 - Ex Gratia SoEs	2,680,800	0	1,633,600	-333,200	1,300,400	1,300,400	0%	0
2440 - Scholarships - School & Trade	3,387,493	5,355,076	100,000	-317,313	5,137,763	5,130,980	100%	6,783
<b>Total Social Benefits</b>	<b>26,098,102</b>	<b>24,329,407</b>	<b>2,328,600</b>	<b>-155,215</b>	<b>26,502,792</b>	<b>26,372,696</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>130,096</b>

## OTHER

Expenditure in this Other category is slightly lesser than expected as shown in Table 22, mainly due to a delay in posting bank charges and account keeping fees incurred on the various government bank accounts. Utilization level is likely to go up once all fees posting are completed.

Table 22 Other Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
	Preliminary	Approved	2023-24	2023-24	Revised	2023-24	Actual as %	Remaining
	Actual	Budget	Supp Bills	ISHT	Budget	YTD Actual	of Budget	Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
2565 - Insurance	539,867	659,439	181,290	-43,926	796,803	649,158	81%	147,645
2570 - Bank Charges	51,307	80,312	0	100	80,412	49,572	62%	30,840
2690 - Foreign exchange gains/losses	1,053	38,197	0	0	38,197	312	1%	37,885
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>592,227</b>	<b>777,948</b>	<b>181,290</b>	<b>-43,826</b>	<b>915,412</b>	<b>699,042</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>216,370</b>

## NON-EXPENSE ITEMS

Expenditure in the non-expense items category reached a utilization level of 90% at the end of Quarter 4.

Apart from Debt Repayment Other, and BoN liquidation, the Trust Fund, and Loans to SoEs were fully drawn by the end of the quarter. The undrawn balance in the Debt repayments line is due to the repayments that were met by Taipei and the Nauru Airline Aircraft replacement program loan that were left unutilised due to the pending finalization of the second aircraft loan.

A loan of \$887,000 was approved and paid to Nauru Shipping Line to cover for a 1-month charter of MV Skyline and crew cost for Micronesian Pride. The charter of MV Skyline was necessary to cover for Nauru services while the Micronesian Pride is in under dry dock maintenance.

Table 23 Non-Expense Items Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
	Preliminary	Approved	2023-24	2023-24	Revised	2023-24	Actual as %	Remaining
	Actual	Budget	Supp Bills	ISHT	Budget	YTD Actual	of Budget	Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
2545 - Debt Repayments - Other	5,481,303	10,198,060	0	0	10,198,060	7,204,834	71%	2,993,226
2650 - Trust Fund	24,644,506	19,085,560	2,518,871	119,571	21,724,002	21,724,002	100%	0
2652 - Fiscal Cash Buffer	0	17,077,822	-8,052,000	-9,017,983	7,839	0	0%	7,839
2680 - BON Liquidation- Payment	1,249,711	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	745,460	75%	254,540
2802 - Loans to SoEs	0	0	250,000	637,000	887,000	887,000	100%	0
<b>Total Non-expense items</b>	<b>31,375,520</b>	<b>47,361,442</b>	<b>-5,283,129</b>	<b>-8,261,412</b>	<b>33,816,901</b>	<b>30,561,296</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>3,255,605</b>

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

In terms of Government Operations, the overall expenditure is largely consistent with expectations (Table 24), with the overall utilization for the quarter reaching 94% of the budget.

Except for very few subhead lines, most of the expenditure lines were close to the budget limits, with utilization rates within the 90 and 100% range. A handful of ISHTs were processed within this category during the quarter.



Table 24 Government Operations Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24		2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
	Preliminary	Approved	2023-24	2023-24	Revised	YTD Actual	Actual as %	Remaining	
	Actual	Budget	Supp Bills	ISHT	Budget		of Budget	Budget	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	
2000 - Project Expenditure		0	0	10,252	10,252	2,000	20%	8,252	
2030 - Salaries - Other Contracts	31,308,408	25,418,182	2,816,385	-453,723	27,780,844	27,338,104	98%	442,740	
2042 - APP Upskilling Program		0	6,106,221	0	6,106,221	5,640,273	92%	465,948	
2055 - Consultants fees	2,471,736	4,013,592	566,038	-915,682	3,663,948	3,130,524	85%	533,424	
2060 - Legal Fees - External	235,790	400,000	0	-361,391	38,609	38,609	100%	-0	
2100 - Entertainment	1,338,332	1,209,921	552,850	156,407	1,919,179	1,850,878	96%	68,300	
2105 - Official Celebrations	1,387,802	1,256,048	275,000	230,785	1,761,833	1,681,684	95%	80,149	
2110 - Protocol	97,714	129,396	0	8,000	137,396	124,470	91%	12,926	
2130 - Printing & Stationery	855,028	1,188,041	30,558	-513,114	705,486	670,216	95%	35,269	
2132 - TVET Supplies	169,980	170,200	0	-46,785	123,415	94,781	77%	28,634	
2135 - Stores	505,741	651,762	17,000	-206,097	462,665	435,773	94%	26,891	
2136 - Museum Artefacts	5,481	20,000	0	-7,000	13,000	12,730	98%	270	
2155 - House Rental	9,079,013	7,903,619	1,184,083	-957,980	8,129,722	7,761,779	95%	367,944	
2160 - Land Rental	8,009,215	7,519,786	0	492,943	8,012,729	7,946,146	99%	66,583	
2165 - Office Rental	1,324,088	1,091,418	45,300	-68,953	1,067,765	1,055,391	99%	12,374	
2185 - R&M - Buildings	1,594,098	2,523,331	639,750	337,717	3,500,798	3,311,597	95%	189,201	
2190 - R&M - Office Equipment	839,432	250,947	0	-63,112	187,835	117,684	63%	70,151	
2191 - R&M Medical Equipment	91,873	100,000	0	-44,146	55,854	55,854	100%	0	
2195 - R&M - Office Premises	16,304	55,000	0	0	55,000	50,235	91%	4,765	
2200 - R&M - Motor Vehicles	702,997	727,463	34,400	-33,817	728,046	689,243	95%	38,803	
2205 - R&M - Plant	1,563,751	1,650,231	0	-67,205	1,583,026	1,563,876	99%	19,150	
2210 - R&M - Aerodrome	52,227	60,000	0	0	60,000	58,956	98%	1,044	
2225 - Agricultural Supplies	61,780	57,000	27,800	-10,275	74,525	72,227	97%	2,298	
2230 - Publicity and Awareness	113,938	246,750	364,475	-46,066	565,159	532,308	94%	32,852	
2275 - Purchase of Petrol	674,704	579,843	144,000	150,179	874,022	710,391	81%	163,630	
2280 - Purchase of Diesel	818,328	636,810	174,600	126,290	937,700	820,371	87%	117,329	
2290 - Purchase of Fuel - Other	6,071	-0	0	0	-0	0	0%	-0	
2315 - Utilities	4,868,255	5,176,558	521,000	919,586	6,617,144	6,364,932	96%	252,212	
2330 - Telephone / Internet	3,246,504	2,698,773	821,978	-80,122	3,440,629	3,310,869	96%	129,760	
2350 - Freight	3,469,879	3,602,000	0	100,804	3,702,804	1,895,053	51%	1,807,751	
2370 - Membership Fees & Subscriptions	944,134	1,323,296	84,041	-91,282	1,316,055	1,303,656	99%	12,399	
2372 - Nauru Radio Supplies	5,567	5,000	0	0	5,000	4,992	100%	9	
2373 - Media TV Supplies	217,566	46,660	0	1,500	48,160	47,837	99%	323	
2375 - ICT Supplies	27,238	34,786	0	0	34,786	34,624	100%	162	
2460 - Medical Expenses	48,359	89,742	0	-21,451	68,291	53,061	51%	33,229	
2461 - Primary Health Care Services	189,163	259,000	0	-153,923	105,077	105,077	100%	0	
2462 - NCD Control & Health Promotion	39,894	43,600	0	-4,163	39,437	35,733	91%	3,704	
2463 - Environmental Health and Food safety	14,752	20,000	0	-4,592	15,408	15,408	100%	0	
2467 - Drugs and Medicines	1,099,031	1,100,000	0	-2,809	1,097,191	1,097,191	100%	-0	
2468 - Dental Supplies	48,725	50,000	0	-7,047	42,953	42,953	100%	0	
2469 - Dialysis Supplies	349,476	350,000	0	-213,520	136,480	136,480	100%	0	
2471 - Medical Consumable	486,034	800,000	0	-271,591	528,409	528,409	100%	0	
2472 - Laboratory supplies	1,456,425	450,000	0	23,995	473,995	473,995	100%	0	
2473 - Radiology Supplies	24,886	25,000	0	-3,189	21,811	21,811	100%	0	
2474 - Clinical Education Supplies	0	20,000	0	-15,244	4,757	4,757	100%	0	
2475 - Overseas Medical Treatment	13,119,826	5,000,000	3,000,000	1,946,019	9,946,019	9,951,405	100%	-5,386	
2560 - Educational Expenses - Special	173,834	269,958	58,000	-54,149	273,809	222,596	81%	51,214	
2575 - Local Transport	2,488,084	1,794,745	368,550	28,030	2,191,325	2,099,701	96%	91,623	
2585 - Rations	2,948,952	3,894,755	15,000	-8,614	3,901,141	3,877,699	99%	23,442	
2590 - Correctional Services Supplies	9,999	10,000	0	0	10,000	9,993	100%	7	
2600 - Postage	11,708	25,768	0	61,000	86,768	6,611	8%	80,158	
2605 - Library/Periodicals	0	1,000	0	-1,000	0	0	0%	0	
2610 - Survey Supplies	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500	1,492	99%	8	
2611 - Children Education Toys and Learning Supplies	792,951	416,802	0	-334,553	82,249	75,376	92%	6,873	
2614 - Grants to EBUs	2,520,897	2,803,895	163,104	0	2,966,999	2,799,669	94%	167,330	
2620 - Lease & Charter Payments	44,497	59,416	0	7,299	66,715	51,405	77%	15,311	
2625 - Family Court Expenses	8,300	12,000	0	0	12,000	11,900	99%	100	
2630 - Safe House	183,130	181,750	0	-20,000	161,750	117,494	73%	44,256	
2681 - Prior Year Account Payable (GoN)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	
2700 - Deportee Revomal	2,065	30,000	0	-24,701	5,299	4,050	76%	1,249	
2705 - NEAT Scheme	196,570	258,913	0	0	258,913	256,955	99%	1,958	
2998 - COVID 19 Taskforce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	
2999 - Contingency fund	0	500,000	0	0	500,000	0	0%	500,000	
<b>Total Government Operations</b>	<b>102,362,032</b>	<b>89,214,256</b>	<b>18,010,133</b>	<b>-506,489</b>	<b>106,717,900</b>	<b>100,711,280</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>5,998,368</b>	

## EXPENDITURE BY DEPARTMENT

Table 25 shows actual expenditure, categorised by department head for the year to date. Few departments spent more than their budgets due to salaries not being a fund-controlled expenditure line. As for other departments like Head 22 Climate Change, Finance is adjusting correct this.

Some budget heads actual postings have not been updated such as Geneva and Taiwan as Treasury is still finalising their acquittals. The expenditure values for these two heads are subject to minor changes as these postings are updated in the final budget report.

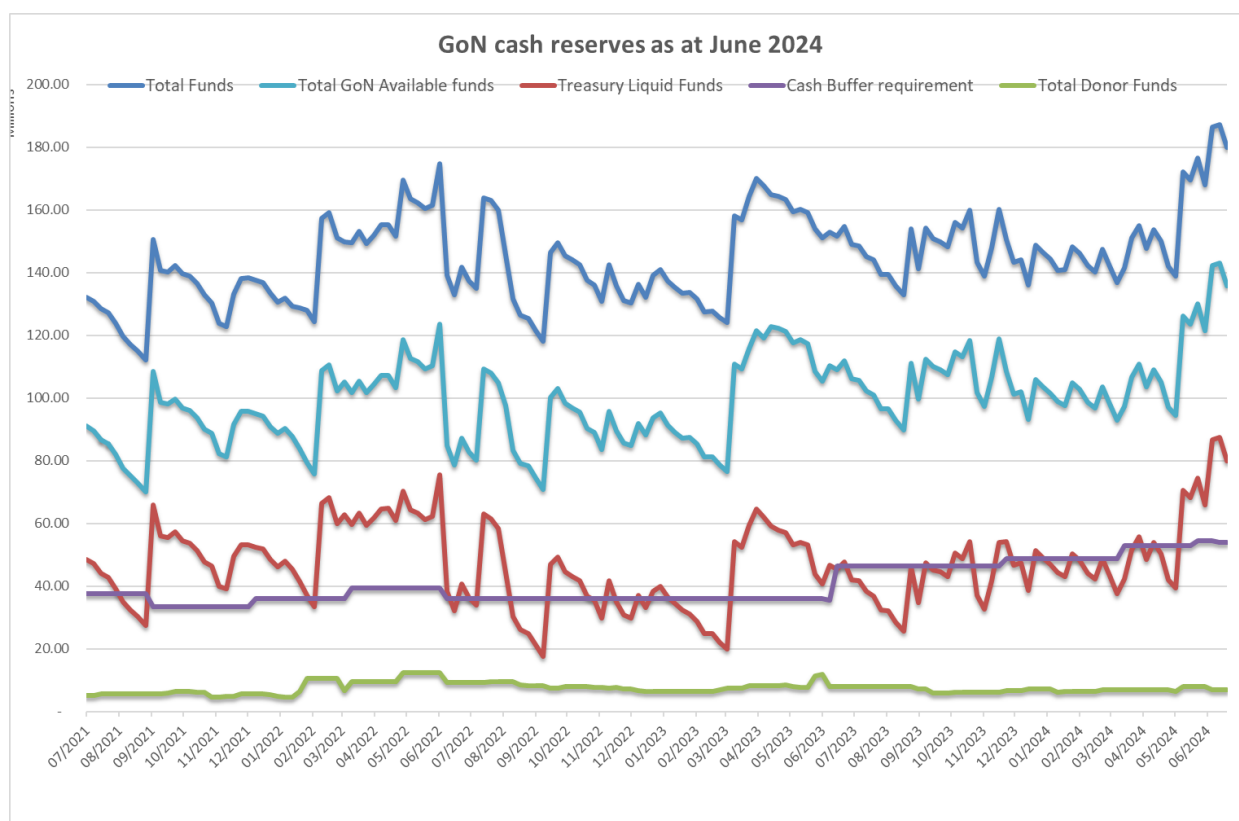
Table 25 Expenditure by Department Q4 2023-24

Description	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24		2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
	Preliminary Actual	Approved Budget	2023-24 Supp Bills	2023-24 ISHT	Revised Budget	2023-24 Actual	Actual as % of Budget	2023-24 Remaining Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
01 - Presidency and State House (including GIO)	5,401,468	3,222,966	4,457,024	-	7,679,990	7,197,251	94%	482,739
02 - Ministerial	19,022,038	7,296,348	13,609,145	-	20,905,493	20,750,747	99%	154,746
03 - Chief Secretary Office	19,402,365	21,452,636	1,211,277	-	22,663,913	22,272,567	98%	391,346
05 - Audit	400,653	533,198	-	-	533,198	474,781	89%	58,417
08 - National Emergency Services	2,204,288	2,303,293	-	-	2,303,293	2,376,545	103%	73,252
09 - Electoral Commission	688,845	444,304	143,523	-	587,827	532,688	91%	55,140
11 - Finance Secretariat	2,634,447	3,324,056	643,786	-	3,967,842	3,371,270	85%	596,571
12 - Finance -Public Debt	4,405,920	20,572,177	-	-	20,572,177	18,199,799	88%	2,372,378
13 - Bureau of Statistics	142,583	271,759	-	-	271,759	227,459	84%	44,301
15 - Nauru Revenue Office	505,715	565,098	-	-	565,098	563,129	100%	1,969
16 - Finance - Other Payments	91,522,535	89,673,486	2,975,870	-	92,649,356	84,556,363	91%	8,092,992
17 - Nauru Customs Office (NCO)	819,238	966,465	72,980	-	1,039,445	797,311	77%	242,134
18 - Nauru Regional Processing Centre (NRPC)	1,411,476	845,807	-	-	845,807	728,507	86%	117,301
21 - Environment Management & Agriculture (DEMA)	1,394,459	1,255,272	27,800	-	1,283,072	1,301,582	101%	18,510
22 - Climate Change & Resilience	2,580,604	4,138,681	551,000	-	4,689,681	4,710,760	100%	21,079
31 - Fisheries	3,127,062	3,573,473	98,188	-	3,671,661	3,391,492	92%	280,169
41 - Police	6,613,263	6,511,925	271,439	-	6,783,364	6,218,587	92%	564,777
42 - Multi Cultural Affairs	23,086,613	17,667,506	10,919,219	-	28,586,725	27,720,759	97%	865,966
43 - Justice - Secretariat	3,849,355	3,817,668	-	-	3,817,668	3,673,887	96%	143,781
44 - Judiciary	2,309,155	1,572,684	554,683	-	2,127,367	1,906,087	90%	221,280
45 - Border Control	780,434	1,726,665	124,000	-	1,850,665	1,766,405	95%	84,259
46 - Correctional Services	1,277,921	1,178,604	99,116	-	1,277,720	1,231,786	96%	45,935
50 - TVET	838,032	1,105,465	-	-	1,105,465	1,049,490	95%	55,974
51 - Education	12,989,139	16,735,833	676,302	-	17,412,135	17,177,026	99%	235,109
52 - Youth Affairs	267,063	521,291	-	-	521,291	362,596	70%	158,695
60 - COVID-19 task force	7,676,411	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-
61 - Health	28,413,601	20,833,752	3,350,000	-	24,183,752	23,777,525	98%	406,227
62 - Sports	1,664,445	2,268,368	2,941,152	-	5,209,520	5,202,165	100%	7,354
63 - Infrastructure Development	4,211,019	12,031,279	781,607	-	12,812,886	12,644,972	99%	167,914
71 - Foreign Affairs - Secretariat	1,681,227	1,713,990	154,599	-	1,868,589	1,849,068	99%	19,521
72 - Foreign Affairs - Brisbane	950,362	1,155,186	-	-	1,155,186	785,769	68%	369,417
73 - Foreign Affairs - Suva	734,030	802,731	128,504	-	931,235	764,634	82%	166,602
74 - Foreign Affairs - New York	1,998,993	2,470,514	335,557	-	2,806,071	2,179,069	78%	627,003
75 - Foreign Affairs - Taiwan	591,670	788,231	-	-	788,231	386,094	49%	402,137
76 - Foreign Affairs- Geneva	540,731	616,183	1,000,000	-	1,616,183	1,319,155	82%	297,028
77 - High Commission India	1,389,313	1,466,350	-	-	1,466,350	1,242,232	85%	224,118
78 - High Commission Canberra	1,792,448	2,421,858	-	-	2,421,858	987,056	41%	1,434,801
81 - Internal Affairs	4,403,677	4,212,473	-	-	4,212,473	4,160,940	99%	51,533
82 - Women and Social Development Affairs (WASDA)	1,397,378	1,691,108	1,752,349	-	3,443,457	3,209,385	93%	234,072
83 - Media Bureau	1,052,285	1,114,609	75,162	-	1,189,771	1,246,402	105%	56,631
84 - Lands & Survey	5,940,338	6,510,094	177,169	-	6,687,263	6,531,222	98%	156,042
85 - Lands Committee	323,822	362,344	-	-	362,344	367,583	101%	5,240
86 - Land Management	133,954	100,376	-	-	100,376	142,356	142%	41,980
87 - People Living with Disability (PLD)	486,039	712,682	-	-	712,682	676,557	95%	36,125
91 - Transport	2,838,346	3,225,493	253,978	-	3,479,471	3,077,029	88%	402,442
95 - ICT	2,867,692	2,577,796	692,500	-	3,270,296	3,202,116	98%	68,181
97 - Telecom	51,675	70,842	-	-	70,842	18,481	26%	52,361
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>278,814,126</b>	<b>278,422,918</b>	<b>48,077,929</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>326,500,847</b>	<b>306,328,682</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>20,172,165</b>

## CASH POSITION

By the end of the end of the quarter, the total funds held by the Government both cash and in the bank amounted to around \$186.3 million which accounted for a 21% increase from the Fund holdings of \$153m at the beginning of the year. The cash buffer requirement which is equivalent to two months of adjusted expenditure was \$44 million. \$48 million were held in the Buffer bank accounts as of 30 June 2024.

Figure 7 GoN Cash reserves Q4 2023-24



The category of Total Funds encompasses all accounts available to the Government, including donor and special project funds.

Total GoN Available Funds refers to all Treasury bank accounts, cash reserves, term deposits, and overseas mission Imprest accounts. However, it does not include donor funds and funds quarantined for a specific purpose, such as Port Project and Unclaimed land rental.

Treasury Liquid Funds comprises of bank accounts and cash balances that the Government has complete discretion over for day- day operations.