



# Budget 2018–2019 Head No. 1: Office of the President

## Background

The Office of the President provides administrative and logistical support to the Head of State in the performance of his official duties.

The Budget 2018-2019 increases both the Office’s operating expenditure and capital expenditure, with additional funding primarily for new construction and maintenance of state assets.

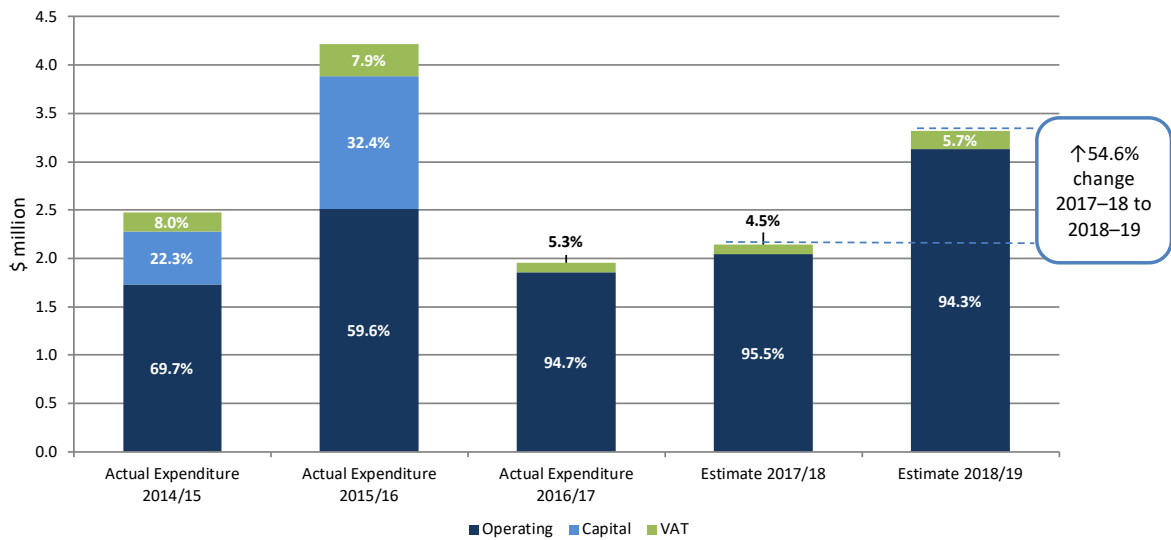
## Trends

The Office of the President allocation for 2018-2019 totals **\$3.3 million**. This represents an increase of 54.6 per cent on the last financial year, when the allocation was \$2.1 million.

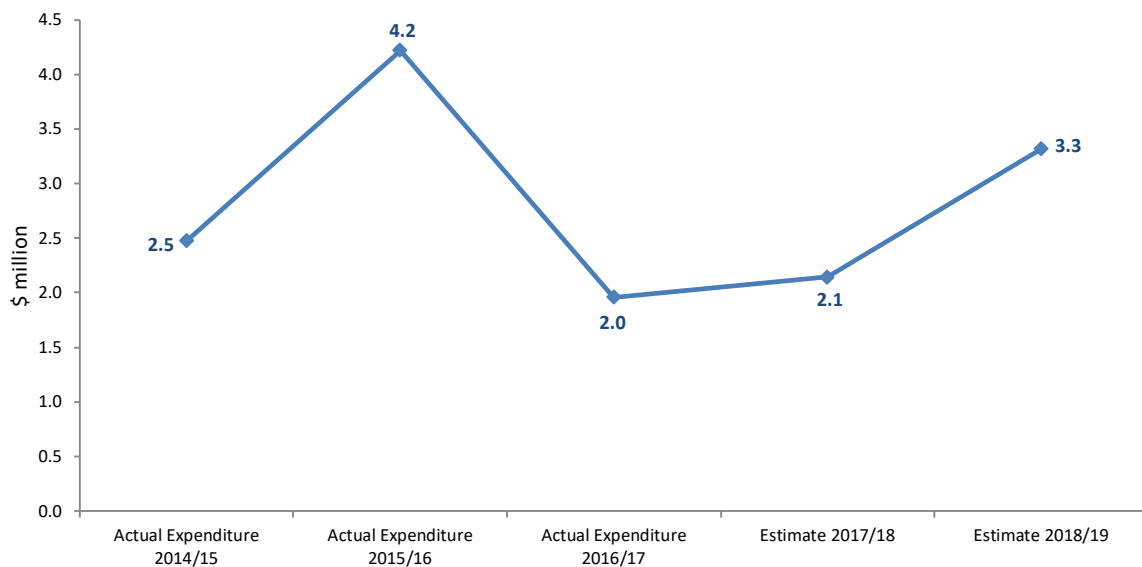
Another **\$5.1 million** has also been allocated for capital expenditure under *Head 50 – Miscellaneous Services*.

The following graphs show funding trends over the past five years.

### Office of the President expenditure by type, 2014-2015 to 2018-2019



### Office of the President total expenditure, 2014-2015 to 2018-2019



### Budget announcements and allocations

The following section highlights some of the major budget announcements relating to the Office of the President.

#### Infrastructure

The Budget allocates **\$2.0 million** for the upgrade and construction of the President's Office. This is to address urgent maintenance and construction of ageing facilities within the Office. **\$3.0 million** is also being allocated to continue major upgrade works of the State House, which are necessary to restore and preserve the residence.

These projects are to be administered and implemented by the Construction Implementation Unit of the Ministry of Economy. Both of these allocations have been made under *Head 50 – Miscellaneous Services*.

#### State visits

**\$600,000** will be allocated to fund official overseas state visits by the President to strengthen Fiji's diplomatic relations. This is an increase of \$400,000 compared to the 2017–2018 Budget.



## Sources

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