



Budget 2018–2019 Head No. 6: Ministry of Defence and National Security

Background

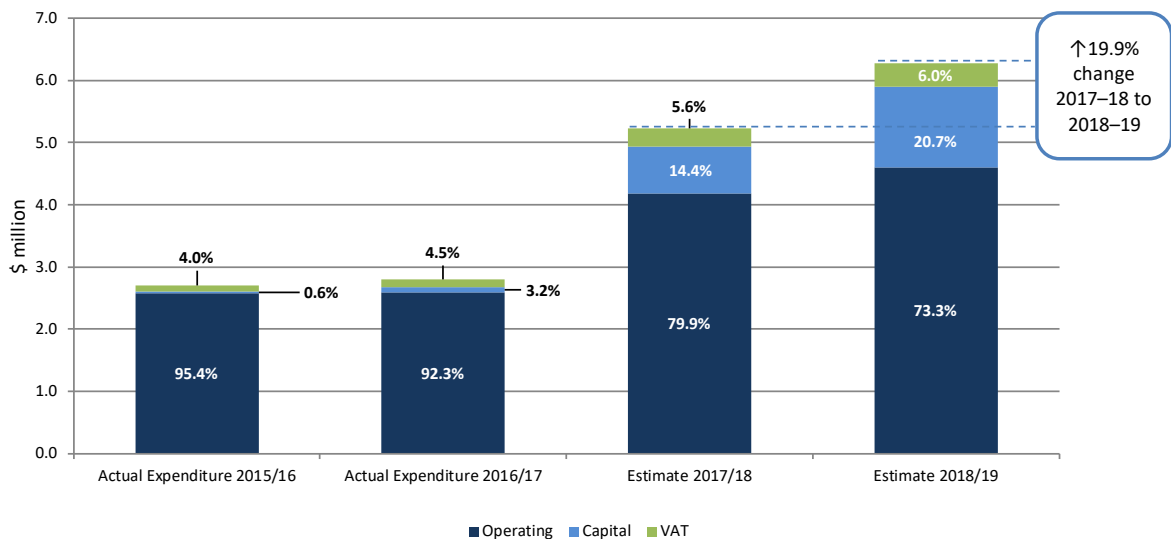
The Ministry of Defence and National Security ('Ministry') is responsible is the foremost Government Entity charged with responsibility of ensuring public security. The Ministry has policy oversight for the two major disciplinary forces, the Republic of the Fiji Military Forces ('RFMF') and the Fiji Police Force.

Trends

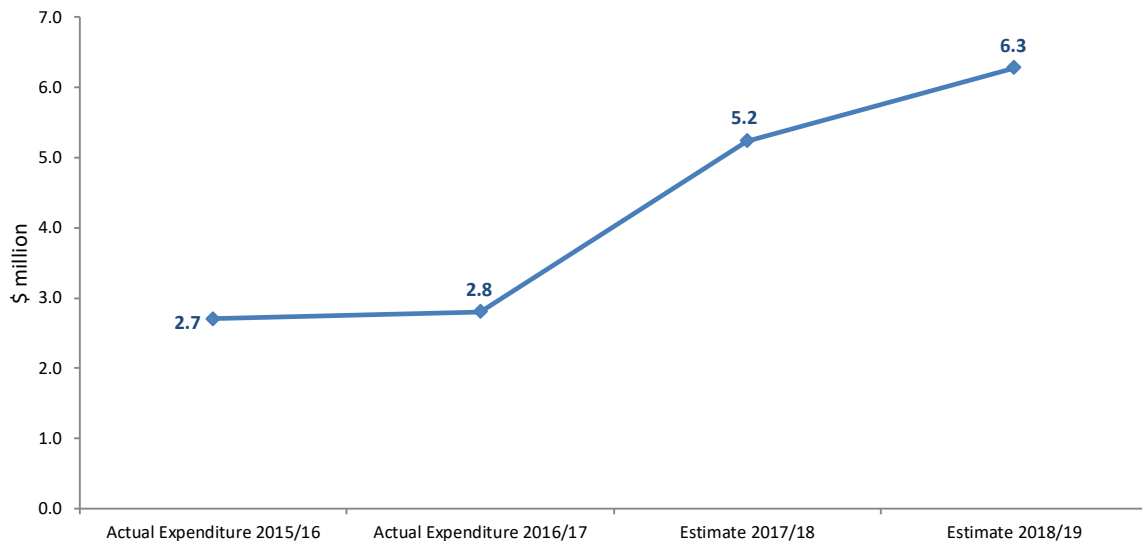
The Ministry allocation for 2018-2019 totals **\$6.3 million**, comprising **\$4.6 million** for operating expenditure and **\$1.3 million** for capital expenditure. The total allocation represents an increase of 19.9 per cent on the last financial year (**\$5.2 million**).

The following graphs show funding trends over the past four years. Earlier expenditure figures are unavailable as earlier Budget Estimates incorporate Department of Immigration expenditure, which relocated to the Office of the Prime Minister in 2017-2018.

Ministry of Defence and National Security expenditure by type, 2015-2016 to 2018-2019



Ministry of Defence and National Security total expenditure, 2015-2016 to 2018-2019



Budget announcements and allocations

Relocation of Coastal Radio Station

The Budget allocates **\$1.0 million** for the relocation of the 3DP Coastal Radio Station. This is being done in order to enhance radio transmissions to mariners, thereby making Fijian waters safer for seafaring activities.

National Security and Defence Review Secretariat

\$1.1 million will be allocated to fund the operations of the Secretariat, strengthening their capacity to implement the National Security Strategy.

UN Military Advisor

\$400,000 in funding for the deployment of senior military officers to the Office of the Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. This will allow Fiji to directly handle issues arising from Fiji's peacekeeping missions around the world.

Fiji Day Celebrations

Additional celebrations will be hosted in Nausori, Sigatoka, Nadi, Rakiraki, Labasa, Taveuni, Levuka and remote areas of Fiji (**\$250,000**).

National War Memorial project

\$300,000 for this ongoing capital project, which involves building a 'Statue of an Unknown Soldier' and other major renovations and plumbing.



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