

BILL NO. 1 OF 2020

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE A SUM OF THREE BILLION, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX MILLION, SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE ORDINARY SERVICES OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 AUGUST 2019 AND ENDING 31 JULY 2020

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the COVID-19 Response Bill 2020.
- (2) This Act comes into force on 28 March 2020.

Appropriation of \$3,136,075,345

2. A sum of \$3,136,075,345 is to be issued from the Consolidated Fund or other funds of the State, and applied to the ordinary services of the Government for the year commencing 1 August 2019 and ending 31 July 2020, and such sum is to be appropriated for the purposes specified in schedules 1 and 2 and also the COVID-19 Response Budget Estimates 2019-2020.

Government borrowing

3. The Government borrowing for 2019-2020 must not exceed the sum of \$1,506,957,323.36.

Repeal

4. The 2019-2020 Appropriation Act 2019 is repealed.

SCHEDULE 1
(Section 2)

FROM THE OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT		
Head No.	Ministry/Department	Amount \$
1	Office of the President	2,676,316
2	Office of the Prime Minister	16,077,143
3	Office of the Attorney-General	8,029,782
4	Ministry of Economy	70,572,266
5	Ministry of iTaukei Affairs	14,077,795
6	Ministry of Defence and National Security	14,657,862
7	Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations	10,994,086
8	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	36,918,150
9	Independent Bodies	69,369,278
13	Independent Commissions	30,239,056
14	Ministry of Disaster Management and Meteorological Services	7,170,848
15	Ministry of Justice	39,422,124
16	Ministry of Communications	38,316,611
17	Ministry of Civil Service	2,999,827
18	Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development	14,964,812
19	Republic of Fiji Military Forces	89,202,300
20	Fiji Police Force	163,304,501
21	Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts	472,851,158
22	Ministry of Health and Medical Services	347,505,366
23	Ministry of Housing and Community Development	13,626,030
24	Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation	144,575,876
25	Ministry of Youth and Sports	16,287,168

FROM THE OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT		
26	Higher Education Institutions	102,691,978
30	Ministry of Agriculture	61,818,504
31	Ministry of Fisheries	16,062,814
Head No.	Ministry/Department	Amount \$
32	Ministry of Forests	14,801,990
33	Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources	25,356,426
34	Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism	57,837,948
35	Ministry of Sugar Industry	112,465,518
37	Ministry of Local Government	14,106,927
40	Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport	63,045,227
41	Water Authority of Fiji	183,019,308
42	Ministry of Waterways and Environment	21,088,626
43	Fiji Roads Authority	276,544,054
49	Peacekeeping Missions	64,969,498
50	Miscellaneous Services	369,539,170
	TOTAL	3,007,186,345

SCHEDULE 2
(Section 2)

FROM THE LENDING FUND ACCOUNT		Amount \$
	Recurrent Loans	
1	PSC Loan Scheme	(162,300)
2	Housing Authority	(3,192,600)
3	Public Rental Board	(728,400)
4	Fiji Pine Limited	0
	Total Recurrent Loan	(4,083,300)
	Non-Recurrent Loan	
1	Tertiary Education Loan Scheme	132,972,300
	Total Non-Recurrent Loan	132,972,300
	TOTAL	128,889,000

March 2020

COVID-19 RESPONSE BILL 2020

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Bill and is intended only to indicate its general effect)

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The COVID-19 Response Bill 2020 (**‘Bill’**) seeks to make provision for the estimate of capital and current expenditure for the ordinary services of the Government for the year 2019-2020.

2.0 CLAUSES

2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides for the short title and commencement. If passed by Parliament, the Act will come into force on 28 March 2020.

2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill appropriates the sum of \$3,136,075,345 for the ordinary services of Government for the year commencing 1 August 2019 and ending 31 July 2020.

2.3 Clause 3 of the Bill provides that the Government borrowing for 2019-2020 must not exceed the sum of \$1,506,957,323.36.

2.4 Clause 4 of the Bill repeals the 2019-2020 Appropriation Act 2019.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 The Act comes under the responsibility of the Minister responsible for finance.

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