



# Budget 2018–19 Head No. 15, Programme 1: Ministry of Justice

## Background

The Ministry of Justice ('Ministry') is responsible for the administration of law and justice. It also has responsibility for justices of the peace and administers registries of companies, businesses, credit unions, money lenders, titles, deeds, birth, deaths and marriages.

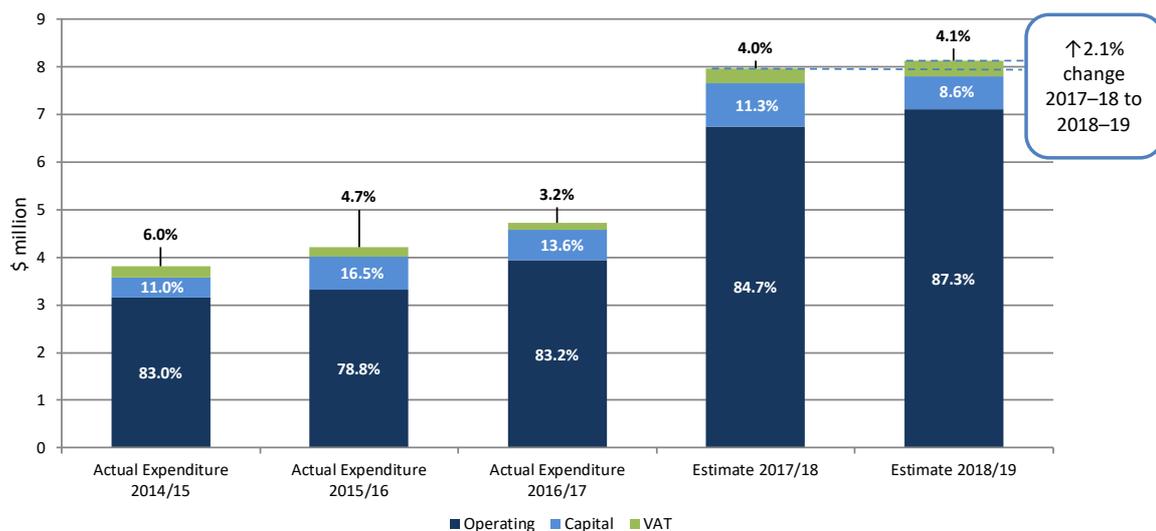
The Fiji Corrections Service (Programme 2 of Head No. 15) is discussed in a separate briefing paper.

## Trends

The total budget for the Ministry in 2018-2019 is **\$8.1 million**, comprising \$7.1 million for operating expenditure, \$0.7 million for capital expenditure and VAT of \$0.3 million. This is an increase of \$165,900 or 2.1 per cent, as illustrated in the graphs below.

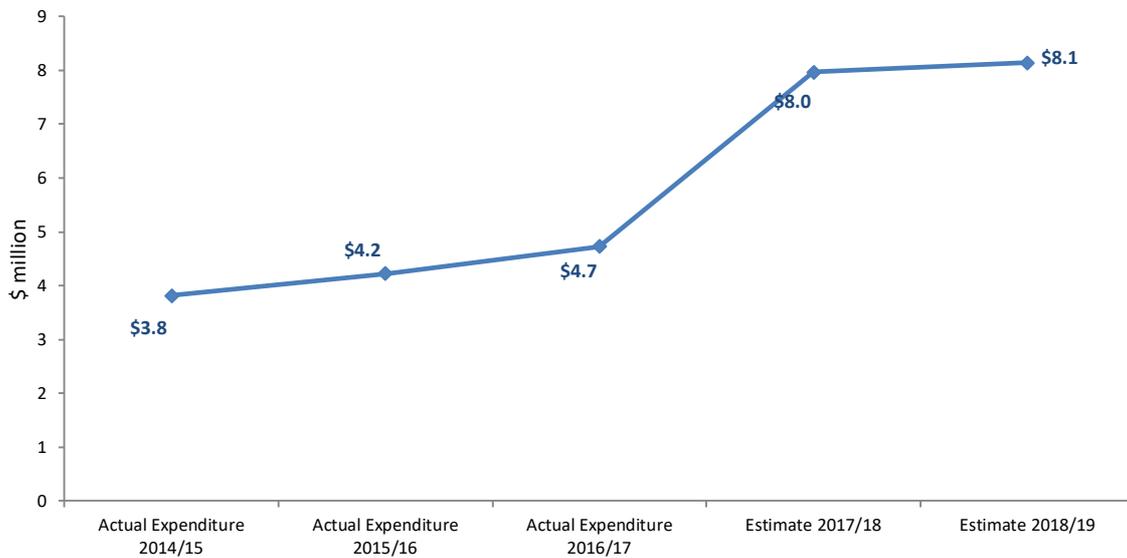
The Ministry will also receive aid-in-kind of **\$5.9 million** in 2018-2019, a decrease from \$7.3 million in 2017-2018.

### Ministry of Justice expenditure by type, 2014-2015 to 2018-2019





## Ministry of Justice total expenditure, 2014-2015 to 2018-2019



## Budget announcements and allocations

Key ongoing programmes currently being delivered by the Ministry include:

- **\$1.0 million** towards a digitisation program which aims to preserve information, improve access for the public and facilitate other services through e-government portals;
- **\$0.3 million** for opening new registry offices for births, deaths and marriages; and
- **\$0.3 million** towards an upgrade and refurbishment of the Registrar of Titles Office.

## Sources

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