

# BILL NO. 3 OF 2023

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE A SUM OF THREE BILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY ONE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDREDFOUR DOLLARS FOR THE ORDINARY SERVICES OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2024

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

*Short title and commencement*

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the 2023-2024 Appropriation Act 2023.
- (2) This Act comes into force on 1 August 2023.

*Appropriation of \$3,761,979,404*

2. A sum of \$3,761,979,404 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 ending 31 July 2024, and such sum is to be appropriated for the purposes specified in schedules 1 and 2 and also the 2023-2024 Budget Estimates.

*Government borrowing*

3. The Government borrowing for 2023-2024 must not exceed the sum of \$1,155,376,618.

SCHEDULE 1  
(Section 2)

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<b>FROM THE OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>Head No.</b>	<b>Ministry/Department</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
1	Office of the President	4,690,387
2	Office of the Prime Minister	50,795,175
3	Office of the Attorney-General	7,233,476
4	Ministry of Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	89,887,166
5	Ministry of iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	38,599,945
6	Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration	12,396,387
7	Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations	10,318,252
8	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	37,938,997
9	Independent Bodies	86,199,976
13	Independent Commissions	35,519,666
14	Fiji Corrections Service	46,992,304
15	Ministry of Justice	5,355,681
17	Ministry of Civil Service	50,574,636
18	Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development, and Disaster Management	29,123,985
19	Republic of Fiji Military Forces	103,099,077
20	Fiji Police Force	183,736,119
21	Ministry of Education	505,364,671
22	Ministry of Health and Medical Services	453,685,401
23	Ministry of Housing	25,658,802
24	Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection	200,184,606
25	Ministry of Youth and Sports	19,524,140

<b>FROM THE OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>Head No.</b>	<b>Ministry/Department</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>
26	Higher Education Institutions	103,327,812
30	Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways	95,151,054
31	Ministry of Fisheries	20,313,683
32	Ministry of Forestry	21,260,997
33	Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources	30,104,193
34	Ministry of Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	116,539,560
35	Ministry of Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry	51,693,531
37	Ministry of Local Government	29,364,767
38	Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation	52,286,380
40	Ministry of Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport	98,296,081
41	Water Authority of Fiji	250,817,598
43	Fiji Roads Authority	387,586,120
49	Peacekeeping Missions	56,955,690
50	Miscellaneous Services	456,143,989
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,766,720,304</b>

\*Figures in Schedule 1 are rounded off to the nearest dollar

SCHEDULE 2  
(Section 2)

<b>FROM THE LENDING FUND ACCOUNT</b>		
		<b>Amount \$</b>
	<b>Recurrent Loans</b>	
1	FRCS PSC Scholarship Recovery	(28,000)
2	Housing Authority	(2,949,200)
3	Public Rental Board	(790,300)

<b>FROM THE LENDING FUND ACCOUNT</b>		
		<b>Amount \$</b>
4	South Pacific Fertilizers Limited	(486,100)
5	iTaukei Affairs Board	(240,000)
6	Fiji Sports Council	(247,300)
	<b>Total Recurrent Loans</b>	<b>(4,740,900)</b>

\*Figures in Schedule 2 are rounded off to the nearest dollar

June 2023

## **2023-2024 APPROPRIATION BILL 2023**

### **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 2023-2024 Appropriation Bill 2023 (**‘Bill’**) makes provision for the estimate of capital and current expenditure for the ordinary services of the Government for the year 2023-2024.

#### **2.0 CLAUSES**

- 2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides for the short title and commencement. If passed by Parliament, the new legislation (**‘Act’**) will come into force in the new financial year on 1 August 2023.
- 2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill appropriates the sum of \$3,761,979,404 for the ordinary services of the Government for the financial year ending 31 July 2024 for the purposes specified in schedules 1 and 2 to the Bill and the 2023-2024 Budget Estimates.
- 2.3 Clause 3 of the Bill provides that the Government borrowing for 2023-2024 must not exceed \$1,155,376,618.

#### **3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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

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