



# PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

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## APPROPRIATION BILL

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note does not form part of the Bill but is intended to indicate its effect.

The Constitution of the Cook Islands provides in Article 70(1) that “... all expenditure from the Cook Islands Government Account or from any other public fund or account, shall be in accordance with an Appropriation Act...”

**Clause 1** provides that, on enactment, the Bill will be called the Appropriation Act 2019.

**Clause 2** is the application provision, which specifies the financial year to which the Bill relates. In this case it is the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**Clause 3** authorises expenditure out of the Cook Islands Government Account of the amounts not exceeding those set out in the Schedules to the Bill, for the several votes specified therein.

Subsection 5 limits any expenditure which may be charged to the 2019/20 appropriation to actual expenditure incurred in the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Subsections 6-7 limits any expenditure which may be charged to the 2018/19 appropriation to actual expenditure incurred up to 30 June 2019.

Subsection 8 limits any expenditure which may be charged to appropriations from years prior to 2018/19 to actual expenditure incurred up to 30 June 2019.

**Note:** Budget Books numbered 1 and 2 will be available with the Bill. The breakdown of items and amounts, to justify the figures in the Bill, are presented in those Books.

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