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#### Summary

**An Act to appropriate certain sums of money out of the Cook Islands Government Account to the services of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June 2016 and to appropriate the supplies granted in this period**

**MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:** We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Parliament of the Cook Islands, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this year, have resolved to grant Your Majesty the sum specified in this Act and humbly ask Your Majesty to assent to the sum. And the Parliament of the Cook Islands enacts as follows—

(19 June 2015)

- Title**  
This Act is the Appropriation Act 2015.
- Application**  
This Act applies to the year ending on the thirtieth day of June 2016 ("the year").

- 3 Grant and appropriation out of the Cook Islands Government Account**
- (1) The Minister responsible for Finance may authorise the incurrence of expenses or expenditure and may issue and apply out of the Cook Islands Government Account, towards making good the supplies granted to Her Majesty for the services of the year, any sums which in total do not exceed the sum of **\$226,215,975**.
  - (2) Subject to subsection (3) the sums authorised to be supplied are appropriated for the services set out in the votes specified in the Schedules to this Act.
  - (3) The votes identified in Schedule 4 to this Act as being funded through loans from financing partners or from grants by development partners are further limited to the lesser of the votes specified in those Schedules and the loan proceeds or grants received for the purpose of financing the expense or expenditure in relation to those votes.
  - (4) Notwithstanding section 37 of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management Act 1995-96, the appropriations made under this Act will lapse on 30 June 2016.
  - (5) Payments that may be charged against any appropriation made by this Act after 30 June 2016 are limited to—
    - (a) self balancing journal entries to correct posting errors during the year ended 30 June 2016; or
    - (b) expenses incurred or payments due during the year ended 30 June 2016 for which a valid invoice was submitted before 30 June 2016, but for which a payment or payments to extinguish that liability in relation to that invoice had not been made by 30 June 2016.
  - (6) The appropriations made in the Appropriation Act 2014 will lapse on 30 June 2015.
  - (7) Payments that may be charged after 30 June 2015 against any appropriation that lapses under the provisions of subsection (6) are limited to—
    - (a) self balancing journal entries to correct posting errors during the year ended 30 June 2015; or
    - (b) expenses incurred or payments due during the year ended 30 June 2015 for which a valid invoice was submitted before 30 June 2015, but for which a payment or payments to extinguish the liability in relation to that invoice had not been made by 30 June 2015.
  - (8) Where in the period ended 30 June 2015, the Financial Secretary appointed under section 4 of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management Act 1995-96 had directed that an unexpended appropriation from an Appropriation Act for a previous year be available for expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2015, those appropriations will also lapse on 30 June 2015.
  - (9) Payments that may be charged after 30 June 2015 against any appropriation that lapses under the provisions of subsection (8) are limited to—
    - (a) self balancing journal entries to correct posting errors during the year ended 30 June 2015; or
    - (b) expenses incurred or payments due during the year ended 30 June 2015 for which a valid invoice was submitted before 30 June 2015, but for which a payment or payments to extinguish the liability in relation to that invoice had not been made by 30 June 2016.

Schedule I  
Ministry Appropriations

Ministry	Personnel	Operating	Depreciation	Gross		Net	POBOCS	Capital	Total	Total
				Operating	Trading					
				Appropriation	Revenue	ion		e	n	n
Agriculture	868,653	124,643	5,035	998,330	90,535	907,795	0	0	998,330	907,795
Audit (PERCA)	895,440	100,180	26,678	1,022,298	178,700	843,598	138,100	0	1,160,398	981,698
Crown Law	493,054	214,100	5,983	713,137	0	713,137	0	0	713,137	713,137
Cultural Development	545,601	193,782	96,655	836,038	175,000	661,038	200,500	0	1,036,538	861,538
Business Trade and Investment Board	414,486	232,574	9,000	656,060	23,380	632,680	0	0	656,060	632,680
Education	10,844,690	3,513,301	362,364	14,720,355	0	14,720,355	4,221,882	448,000	19,390,237	19,390,237
Environment	790,683	158,724	30,381	979,788	35,000	944,788	50,000	0	1,029,788	994,788
Finance and Economic Management	2,804,359	688,439	128,530	3,621,328	503,500	3,117,828	18,861,831	7,411,000	29,894,160	29,390,660
Financial Services Development Authority	235,200	177,906	9,867	422,973	0	422,973	0	0	422,973	422,973
Foreign Affairs	1,182,596	542,151	77,726	1,802,473	20,000	1,782,473	620,166	0	2,422,639	2,402,639
Head Of State	185,168	34,080	15,057	234,305	0	234,305	15,000	0	249,305	249,305
Health	8,337,307	2,506,330	654,788	11,498,425	400,000	11,098,425	1,646,870	525,000	13,670,295	13,270,295
Infrastructure Cook Islands	1,615,670	303,351	17,264	2,160,617	295,626	1,864,991	645,000	9,458,500	12,264,117	11,968,491
Internal Affairs	940,109	113,085	17,264	1,070,457	6,000	1,064,457	18,620,788	100,000	19,791,245	19,785,245
Justice	1,442,361	399,371	118,047	1,959,779	500,000	1,459,779	217,000	0	2,176,779	1,676,779
Marine Resources	1,135,833	345,125	57,318	1,538,276	15,000	1,523,276	300,000	0	1,838,276	1,823,276
Ombudsman	210,382	63,840	5,822	280,044	0	280,044	0	0	280,044	280,044
Parliamentary Services	472,676	79,611	24,579	576,866	8,419	568,447	2,560,446	0	3,137,312	3,128,893
Pearl Authority	208,493	234,688	21,916	465,097	0	465,097	0	0	465,097	465,097
Police	2,924,739	495,663	218,622	3,639,024	69,360	3,569,664	255,000	0	3,894,024	3,824,664
Prime Minister's Office	980,638	216,849	36,069	1,233,556	0	1,233,556	550,000	805,000	2,588,556	2,588,556
Public Service Commission	1,618,708	52,447	81,747	1,752,902	0	1,752,902	0	0	1,752,902	1,752,902
Tourism Corporation	1,426,893	3,027,553	16,000	4,470,446	352,000	4,118,446	5,100,000	0	9,570,446	9,218,446
Transport	486,465	135,964	39,047	661,476	36,000	625,476	56,000	0	717,476	681,476
Cook Islands Investment Corporation	0	0	0	0	0	0	535,000	3,544,000	4,079,000	4,079,000
Cook Islands Seabed Minerals Authority	236,801	72,139	5,060	314,000	0	314,000	0	0	314,000	314,000
Capital Funds Committee- Administered by MFEM	0	0	45,000	45,000	0	45,000	0	300,000	345,000	345,000
<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>41,297,003</b>	<b>14,025,895</b>	<b>2,350,151</b>	<b>57,673,048</b>	<b>2,708,520</b>	<b>54,964,528</b>	<b>54,593,584</b>	<b>22,591,500</b>	<b>134,858,132</b>	<b>132,149,612</b>
<b>Ministerial Support</b>										
Prime Minister	293,509	109,773	11,100	414,382	0	414,382	0	0	414,382	414,382

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Deputy Prime Minister	130,000	85,372	5,628	221,000	0	221,000	0	221,000	221,000	221,000
Minister Mark Brown	196,455	81,613	6,802	284,870	0	284,870	0	284,870	284,870	284,870
Minister Kiriaua Turepu	122,907	56,931	11,162	191,000	0	191,000	0	191,000	191,000	191,000
Minister Nandi Glassie	101,585	78,415	12,000	192,000	0	192,000	0	192,000	192,000	192,000
Minister Albert Nicholas	68,500	116,000	5,500	190,000	0	190,000	0	190,000	190,000	190,000
Leader Of Opposition	147,000	48,200	6,800	202,000	0	202,000	0	202,000	202,000	202,000
<b>Total Ministerial Support Offices</b>	<b>1,059,956</b>	<b>576,304</b>	<b>58,992</b>	<b>1,695,252</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,695,252</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,695,252</b>	<b>1,695,252</b>	<b>1,695,252</b>
<b>Outer Islands</b>										
Aitutaki	1,078,767	491,578	143,884	1,714,229	48,250	1,665,979	0	1,665,979	2,645,229	2,596,979
Aitutaki Power Supply	254,316	1,608,228	348,789	2,211,333	1,900,943	310,390	0	310,390	2,211,333	310,390
Atiu	671,621	404,678	138,561	1,214,860	224,318	990,542	0	12,000	1,226,860	1,002,542
Mangaia	783,799	539,982	204,700	1,528,481	301,000	1,227,481	0	12,000	1,540,481	1,239,481
Manihiki	608,465	173,741	92,199	874,406	136,300	738,106	0	10,000	884,406	748,106
Mauke	623,522	206,471	80,877	910,870	113,853	797,017	0	10,000	920,870	807,017
Mitiaro	475,163	66,586	55,200	596,948	58,899	538,049	0	8,000	604,948	546,049
Palmerston	250,130	65,614	42,000	357,743	20,599	337,144	0	10,000	367,743	347,144
Penrhyn	351,717	205,023	52,407	609,146	83,904	525,242	0	12,000	621,146	537,242
Pukapuka-Nassau	701,990	146,452	140,552	988,994	73,695	915,299	0	12,000	1,000,994	927,299
Rakahanga	384,960	24,285	37,829	447,074	49,336	397,738	0	8,000	455,074	405,738
Outer Islands Capital Fund-Administered by MFEM	0	0	27,500	27,500	0	27,500	0	0	27,500	27,500
<b>Total Outer Islands</b>	<b>6,184,448</b>	<b>3,932,640</b>	<b>1,364,497</b>	<b>11,481,585</b>	<b>3,011,097</b>	<b>8,470,488</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,025,000</b>	<b>12,506,585</b>	<b>9,495,488</b>
<b>Gross Total</b>	<b>48,541,407</b>	<b>18,534,838</b>	<b>3,773,640</b>	<b>70,849,885</b>	<b>5,719,617</b>	<b>65,130,268</b>	<b>54,593,584</b>	<b>23,616,500</b>	<b>149,059,969</b>	<b>143,340,352</b>

**Schedule 2**  
**Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses**

Category of Benefit	Budget Estimate	Budget Estimate	Variance
	2014/15	2015/16	
Welfare Payments	16,541,348	16,967,788	426,440
Parliamentary Superannuation	180,000	180,000	0
<b>Total Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses</b>	<b>16,721,348</b>	<b>17,147,788</b>	<b>426,440</b>

**Schedule 3**  
**Borrowing Expenses and Debt Repayment**

	Budget Estimate	Budget Estimate	Variance
	2014/15	2015/16	
Gross Debt Servicing (see Schedule 10)	5,424,736	4,676,468	- 748,268
<b>Total Borrowing Expenses and Debt Repayment</b>	<b>5,424,736</b>	<b>4,676,468</b>	<b>- 748,268</b>

**Schedule 4**  
**Other Expenses**

Category of Expense	Budget Estimate	Budget Estimate	Variance
	2014/15	2015/16	
Airport Authority	2,047,997	2,047,997	0
Bank of the Cook Islands	181,000	120,000	-61,000
Te Aponga Uira	350,000	380,000	30,000
Ports Authority	0	110,099	110,099
Asset Management (CHIC)	1,800,000	1,798,000	-2,000
Contingency Funds - Capital Expenditure	50,000	50,000	0
Contingency Funds - Operating	100,000	100,000	0
Crown Infrastructure Depreciation	2,920,397	2,920,397	0
Consessional Loan to Vanilla Farmers (BCI)	0	150,000	150,000
Cook Islands Primary Schools 50 year Saver	0	230,000	230,000
Public Sector Strengthening	0	672,000	672,000
Expenditure of ADB Loan	3,245,000	3,245,000	0
Expenditure of Chinese Loans (TMV)	6,452,000	6,240,000	-212,000
Overseas Development Assistance	63,693,150	49,115,200	-14,577,950
ADB Share Capital	26,600	0	-26,600
Transfer to Emergency Response Trust Fund	400,000	50,000	-350,000
Transfer to Reserve Trust Fund	506,445	514,570	8,125
Depreciation Contingency Fund	3,100,000	2,490,000	-610,000
Debt Interest Contribution to LRF	2,227,247	2,246,275	19,028
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>87,099,837</b>	<b>72,479,539</b>	<b>-14,620,298</b>

**Summary**

Category of Payment	Budget Estimate	Budget Estimate	Variance
	2014/15	2015/16	
Schedule 1 - Ministry Outputs (Gross), POBOCs and Capital Expenditure	114,001,010	131,912,181	17,911,171
Schedule 2 - Benefits and Other Unrequited Expenses	16,721,348	17,147,788	426,440
Schedule 3 - Borrowing Expenses and Debt repayment	5,424,736	4,676,468	-748,268
Schedule 4 - Other Expenses	87,099,837	72,479,539	-14,620,298
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>223,246,931</b>	<b>226,215,975</b>	<b>2,969,044</b>

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management.

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