



Budget 2018–2019 Head No. 20: Fiji Police Force

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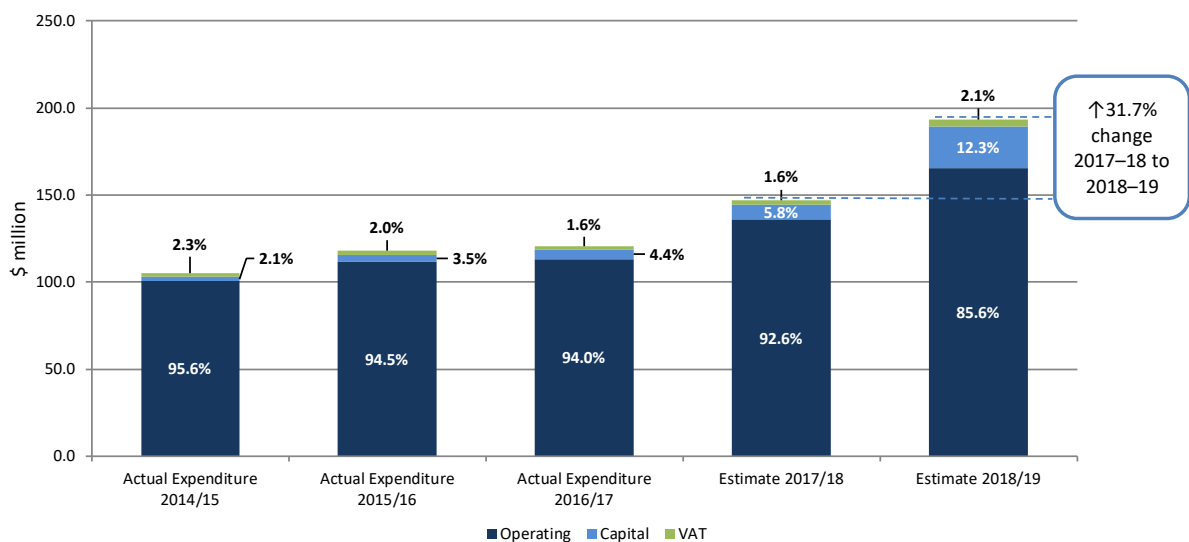
The Fiji Police Force ('Police Force') is responsible for maintaining law and order by employing best practices in police work and using modern technologies and innovative strategies to prevent criminal activity.

Trends

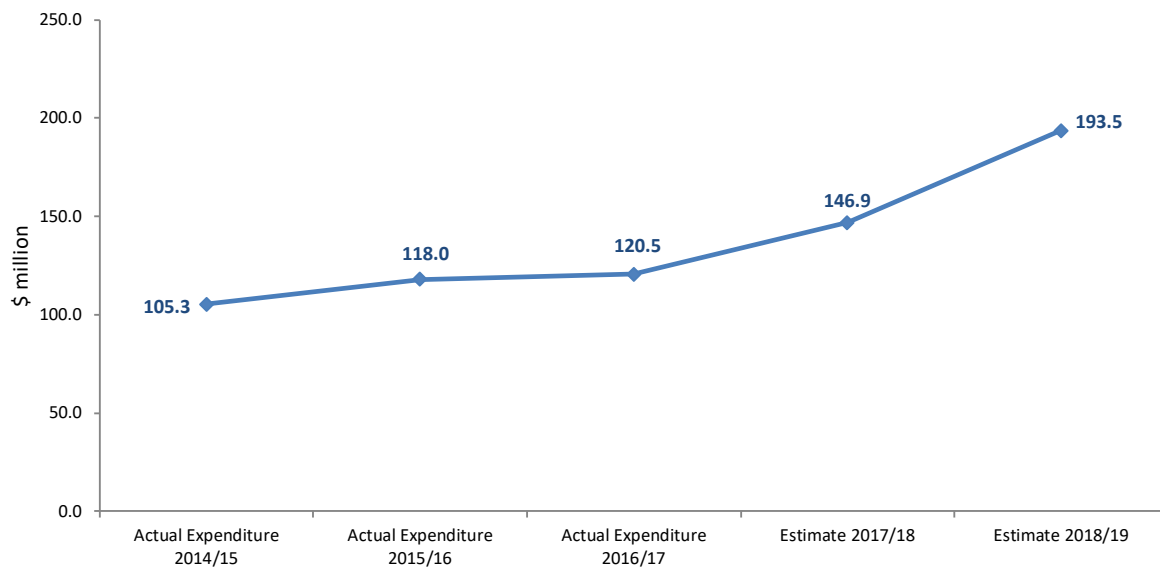
In 2018-2019, total Police Force expenditure will amount to an estimated **\$193.5 million**, comprising **\$165.6 million** for operating expenditure and **\$23.8 million** for capital expenditure. This represents an increase of 31.7 per cent (**\$46.6 million**) on 2017-2018 expenditure.

The following graphs show funding trends over the past five years.

Fiji Police Force expenditure by type, 2014-2015 to 2018-2019



Fiji Police Force total expenditure, 2014-2015 to 2018-2019



Budget announcements and allocations

The following section highlights some of the new and ongoing budget allocations for the Police Force.

Salary Adjustments

The Police Force will see a **\$24.6 million** increase in salaries and wages, which will be phased over five years commencing from 2018-2019. The activities planned for Phase 1 will include the regularisation of the 621 established positions to adapt to new policing challenges.

Construction of Stations

\$15.0 million is allocated for the commencement of the construction works for new police stations in Nakasi, Nadi and Lautoka. **\$14.0 million** will be given for the upgrading of existing facilities and construction of new police stations, and **\$1.0 million** provided to commence construction of the new Nalawa Police Station which was damaged by TC Winston.

2018 General Election

\$2.0 million is allocated as special expenditure for 2018 General Election Operations.

Peacekeeping Mission

\$1.9 million is allocated for deploying Fiji Police Force personnel to carry out their important role in the nation's worldwide peacekeeping operations. Note that this funding item is allocated under *Head 49 – Peacekeeping Missions*.



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