



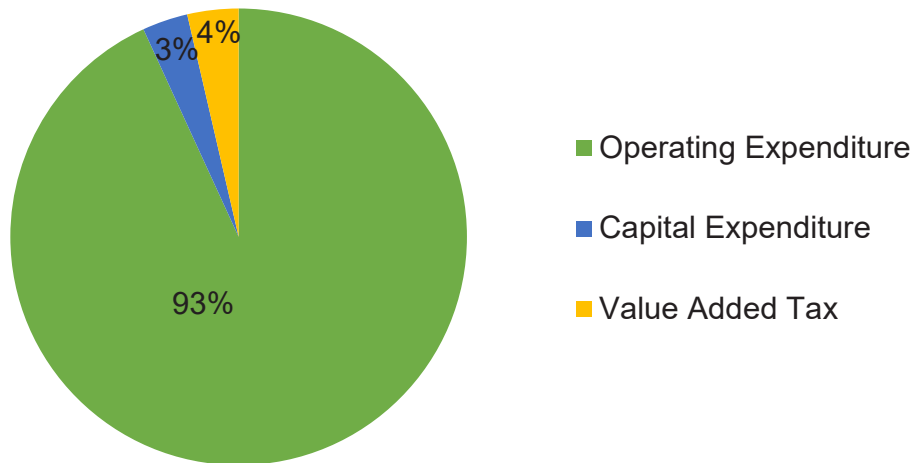
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is responsible for carrying out Fiji's foreign policy by maintaining and strengthening Fiji's diplomatic relations, building bridges of cooperation with development partners, and growing trade with other nations through its 15 overseas missions throughout the world.

Fiji has established formal diplomatic relations with 182 countries. Over the past 49 years of evolution as an independent republic, Fiji has showcased its capability to lead the world on critical issues confronting humanity, from climate change to oceans sustainability and the protection of human rights.

The total budget for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2019-2020 is **\$43.4 million**, comprising **\$40.4 million** for operating expenditure, **\$1.4 million** for capital expenditure and VAT of **\$1.6 million**.

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Major Initiatives

- \$200,000 is allocated for Fiji to chair the support towards Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) Chairmanship and World Bank Forum of Small States. PSIDS chairs all the Pacific small island missions in New York and plays a fundamental advocacy role in voicing the concerns and challenges of the Pacific island countries to the rest of the world, particularly on issues such as climate change and sustainable development.



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- \$126,000 is allocated for Fiji's seat on the United Nations Human Rights Council, where Fiji — the first-ever Pacific island nation to hold a position on this prestigious council — is currently serving a member and Vice President.
- Upgrade Works: two major upgrade works will be undertaken in the 2019-2020 financial year:
 - \$700,000 is allocated for the Upgrade of Fiji House in Wellington, as the Fiji House is in a dilapidated state and needs major maintenance work.
 - \$400,000 is allocated for the Refurbishment of Fiji House in Canberra, including undertaking major renovation works to restore the building to a state worthy of hosting delegations and dignitaries.
- Maintaining Fiji's strong leadership role in regional and international organisations and working to meet the goals of various international agreements through:
 - Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF) Secretariat: funds the operations of the PIDF Secretariat in Suva. The PIDF is a regional partnership platform where leaders and representatives of Pacific Small Island Developing States and territories can address regional development challenges (\$1.2 million).
- PRUN Military Advisor: funds the deployment of a senior military officer to the Office of the Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York to handle any issues arising from peacekeeping deployments with the UN Headquarters (\$400,000).
- Advancing Fijian interests through overseas and consular services through:
 - Procurement of Vehicles: funds the procurement of vehicles in foreign missions. Funds will cover the replacement of vehicles in Korea, Jakarta and Wellington (\$306,600 is allocated under Head 50).
 - Capital Refurbishment of Mission Properties: funds the refurbishment of missions in Canberra and London (\$200,000).
 - \$100,000 is allocated for capital procurement of office equipment and furniture for all the missions based on priority needs.