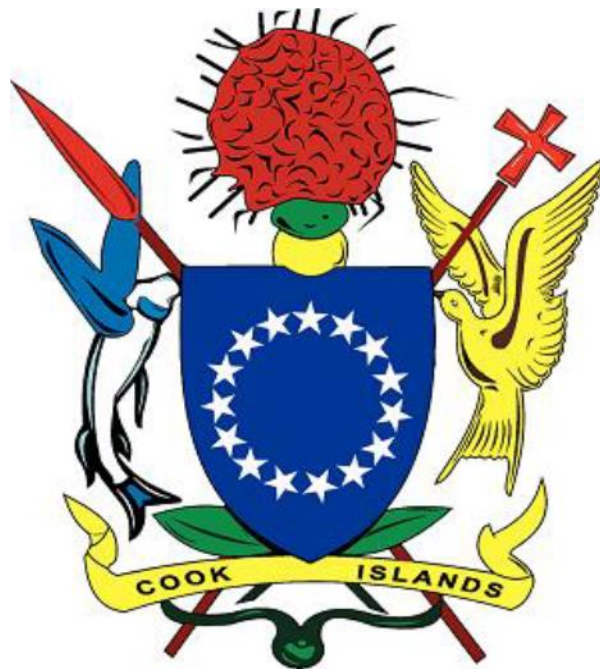

COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT BUDGET ESTIMATES

2021/22

Appropriation Bill 2021



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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 2022 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 be it enacted by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows—

- 1 Title**
This Act is the Appropriation Act 2021.
- 2 Application**
This Act applies to the year ending on the thirtieth day of June 2022 (“the year”).

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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 **\$300,049,742**.
- (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 2022.
- (5) Payments that may be charged against any appropriation made by this Act after 30 June 2022 are limited to—
 - (a) self-balancing journal entries to correct posting errors during the year ended 30 June 2022; or
 - (b) expenses incurred or payments due during the year ended 30 June 2022 for which a valid invoice was submitted before 30 June 2022, but for which a payment or payments to extinguish that liability in relation to that invoice had not been made by 30 June 2022.
- (6) The appropriations made in the Appropriation Act 2020 will lapse on 30 June 2021.
- (7) Payments that may be charged after 30 June 2021 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 2021; or
 - (b) expenses incurred or payments due during the year ended 30 June 2021 for which a valid invoice was submitted before 30 June 2021, but for which a payment or payments to extinguish the liability in relation to that invoice had not been made by 30 June 2021.
- (8) Where in the period ended 30 June 2021, 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 2021, those appropriations will also lapse on 30 June 2021.
- (9) Payments that may be charged after 30 June 2021 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 2021; or
 - (b) expenses incurred or payments due during the year ended 30 June 2021 for which a valid invoice was submitted before 30 June 2021, but for which a payment or payments to extinguish the liability in relation to that invoice had not been made by 30 June 2021.

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Section 3

Schedule 1 Agency Budget Appropriations

Agency	Personnel	Operating	Administered Payments	Depreciation	Gross Current Appropriation	Trading Revenue	Net Current Appropriation
Agriculture	1,106,072	314,509	0	30,000	1,450,581	70,535	1,380,046
Audit (PERCA)	996,953	119,701	0	18,000	1,134,654	60,700	1,073,954
Business Trade and Investment Board	432,796	242,866	0	4,000	679,662	28,000	651,662
Cook Islands Investment Corporation	1,508,000	974,000	4,250,000	45,000	6,777,000	753,831	6,023,169
Corrective Services	1,469,826	229,131	0	53,000	1,751,957	75,000	1,676,957
Crown Law	987,500	163,500	251,029	3,000	1,405,029	0	1,405,029
Cultural Development	742,000	128,000	665,000	133,000	1,668,000	100,000	1,568,000
Education	11,675,431	2,429,740	4,834,602	620,000	19,559,773	0	19,559,773
Environment	990,826	201,000	372,241	30,000	1,594,067	35,000	1,559,067
Finance and Economic Management	6,316,094	808,174	45,155,750	260,000	52,540,018	954,341	51,585,677
Financial Services Development Authority	242,797	177,906	80,000	4,000	504,703	0	504,703
Foreign Affairs	1,928,889	987,886	15,000	45,000	2,976,775	20,000	2,956,775
Head Of State	177,448	29,388	36,000	8,000	250,836	0	250,836
Health	12,473,111	3,598,951	2,446,870	1,570,000	20,088,932	250,000	19,838,932
Infrastructure Cook Islands	2,319,297	299,129	2,520,000	145,000	5,283,426	200,000	5,083,426
Internal Affairs	1,336,376	270,000	3,213,000	27,000	4,846,376	0	4,846,376
<i>of which: Welfare Payments - Allowances</i>			1,316,000				
Justice	1,883,976	449,999	560,000	30,000	2,923,975	375,000	2,548,975
Marine Resources	1,271,815	670,185	200,000	150,000	2,292,000	28,000	2,264,000
Ombudsman	233,000	62,000	0	6,000	301,000	0	301,000
Parliamentary Services	619,000	80,000	170,000	114,220	983,220	0	983,220
Police	4,154,896	286,104	415,000	1,010,000	5,866,000	154,783	5,711,217
Prime Minister's Office	1,518,000	499,000	976,077	31,000	3,024,077	0	3,024,077
Public Service Commission	350,000	185,000	1,940,000	15,000	2,490,000	0	2,490,000
Cook Islands Seabed Minerals Authority	490,000	240,000	145,000	9,500	884,500	200,000	684,500
Tourism Corporation	2,173,913	1,396,087	4,500,000	52,000	8,122,000	0	8,122,000
Transport	1,024,000	161,000	0	63,609	1,248,609	32,000	1,216,609
Total Ministries, Crown & Statutory Agencies	58,422,016	15,003,254	72,745,569	4,476,329	150,647,168	3,337,190	147,309,978
Ministerial Support							
Prime Minister	406,069	121,289	0	12,642	540,000	0	540,000
Deputy Prime Minister	297,800	70,611	0	9,589	378,000	0	378,000
Minister Vaine Mokoroa	217,500	85,000	0	5,500	308,000	0	308,000
Minister Vainetutai Toki-Brown	181,000	115,838	0	11,162	308,000	0	308,000
Minister George Angene	164,000	132,000	0	12,000	308,000	0	308,000
Minister Patrick Arioka	188,901	109,509	0	9,590	308,000	0	308,000
Leader Of Opposition	163,712	137,488	0	6,800	308,000	0	308,000
Total Ministerial Support Offices	1,618,982	771,735	0	67,283	2,458,000	0	2,458,000

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Agency	Personnel	Operating	Administered Payments	Depreciation	Gross Current Appropriation	Trading Revenue	Net Current Appropriation
Outer Islands							
Aitutaki	1,229,593	416,985	0	480,000	2,126,578	67,828	2,058,750
Atiu	882,437	458,918	0	430,000	1,771,355	224,318	1,547,037
Mangaia	959,732	611,848	0	210,000	1,781,580	301,000	1,480,580
Manihiki	736,603	158,514	0	460,000	1,355,117	119,000	1,236,117
Mauke	804,159	237,194	0	380,000	1,421,353	113,853	1,307,500
Mitiaro	698,687	88,527	0	93,000	880,214	60,900	819,314
Palmerston	279,845	71,851	0	80,000	431,696	20,500	411,196
Penrhyn	650,381	180,836	0	180,000	1,011,217	74,000	937,217
Pukapuka-Nassau	894,374	154,719	0	215,000	1,264,093	73,695	1,190,398
Rakahanga	412,181	67,761	0	82,000	561,942	52,000	509,942
Total Outer Islands	7,547,992	2,447,153	0	2,610,000	12,605,145	1,107,094	11,498,051
Gross Total	67,588,990	18,222,142	72,745,569	7,153,612	165,710,313	4,444,284	161,266,029

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Schedule 2 PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CROWN (POBOCs)

Administering Ministry	POBOC	2020/21 Budget Estimate	2021/22 Budget Estimate
Compensation of Employees			
Finance & Economic Management	Parliamentary Superannuation	180,000	180,000
Audit	PERC Salaries and Administration Costs	57,500	57,500
Parliamentary Services	Civil List - Personnel	2,901,961	2,901,961
Parliamentary Services	House of Ariki	338,420	348,420
Compensation of Employees POBOCs		3,477,881	3,487,881
Use of Goods and Services			
Audit	Audit Fees	95,600	95,600
Prime Minister's Office	Local Government Election	24,000	0
Parliamentary Services	Civil List - Constituency Visits	170,200	170,200
Parliamentary Services	Parliamentary Sitting Expenses	150,000	200,000
Parliamentary Services	QR Travel and Allowances (local and overseas)	109,000	109,000
Parliamentary Services	MP Travel and Allowances (local and overseas)	341,000	180,000
Foreign Affairs	International Maritime Organisation - Maritime Cook Islands	63,461	63,461
Transport	Maritime Radio Coverage	79,000	120,000
Use of Goods and Services POBOCs		1,032,261	938,261
Subsidies			
Cook Islands Investment Corporation	Airport Authority subsidy	3,047,997	2,047,997
Cook Islands Investment Corporation	Bank of the Cook Islands - social assistance subsidy	128,000	128,000
Cook Islands Investment Corporation	Ports Authority - subsidy	110,099	110,099
Cook Islands Investment Corporation	Te Aponga Uira - social assistance subsidy	0	0
Cook Islands Investment Corporation	Te Mana Uira o Araura - subsidy	500,000	0
Subsidies POBOCs		3,786,096	2,286,096
Social Assistance			
Internal Affairs	Welfare Payments	20,007,261	20,227,000
Social Assistance POBOCs		20,007,261	20,227,000
Other Expense			
Finance & Economic Management	Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance	160,000	160,000
Finance & Economic Management	CIG Insurance	180,000	40,000
Finance & Economic Management	BEPS Subscription	35,000	35,000
Finance & Economic Management	Competition and Regulatory Authority	0	620,574
Foreign Affairs	International Subscriptions	890,000	890,000
Other Expenses POBOCs		1,265,000	1,745,574
Grand Total		29,568,499	28,684,812

Schedule 3 Cook Islands Capital Spending

	2020/21 Budget Estimate	2021/22 Budget Estimate
Cook Islands Government Capital programs	42,418,807	32,001,262
Total Capital spending	42,418,807	32,001,262

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Schedule 4 Official Development Assistance

	2020/21 Budget Estimate	2021/22 Budget Estimate
Operating or Recurrent Expenditure	23,770,968	25,340,981
Capital Project Expenditure	37,782,105	28,473,479
Total Official Development Assistance	61,553,073	53,814,460

Schedule 5a Other Expenses and Financing Transactions

	2020/21 Budget Estimate	2021/22 Budget Estimate
Contingency Funds - Operating	100,000	100,000
Crown Infrastructure Depreciation	4,602,500	4,603,000
Provisional for Doubtful Debts	0	0
Transfer to Emergency Response Trust Fund	50,000	50,000
Advanced Subsidiaries - Avaroa Cable Ltd	8,052,000	0
Transfer to Reserve Trust Fund	0	0
Depreciation Contingency Fund	2,173,580	2,174,000
Total Other Expenses	14,978,080	6,927,000

Schedule 5b Loan Repayment Fund (LRF) Appropriations

	2020/21 Budget Estimate	2021/22 Budget Estimate
Contribution to LRF - Principal	0	8,860,401
Contribution to LRF - Interest	0	4,051,495
Total Contribution to LRF	0	12,911,896

Summary

	2020/21 Budget Estimate	2021/22 Budget Estimate
Schedule 1 - Ministry Outputs (Gross Operating)	195,504,804	165,710,313
Schedule 2 - POBOCs	29,568,499	28,684,812
Schedule 3 - CIG Capital Expenditure	42,418,807	32,001,262
Schedule 4 - Official Development Assistance	61,553,073	53,814,460
Schedule 5a - Other Expenses and Financing Transactions	14,978,080	6,927,000
Schedule 5b - Loan Reserve Fund Appropriations	0	12,911,895
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	344,023,263	300,049,742

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