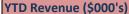
Overall Cook Islands General Government Budget vs Actual Performances for the quarter ending 31 December 2020





*Operating Revenue: Government Operating Revenue reported \$33.13 million higher collection than the budget estimate for the quarter. This was due to a \$15 million NZ Government grant received to go towards the COVID-19 ERP, followed by \$8.26 million revenue received from Vested Assets from FSC. Taxation revenue also reported an increase of \$9.01 million compared to the budget estimate. The estimate for taxation revenue was reduced to almost 50% of the 2019/20 taxation revenue estimates, taking into account the impact of COVID-19 on taxation revenue collection. Despite this, collection however was not as bad as expected, the increase attributed to strict tax collection activities during the period.

YTD Operating expenditure (\$000's)



*Operating Expenditure: Government Operating Expenditure reported lower actual spending by \$4.25 million against the budget estimates for the quarter. This was attributed to the underspending in the Ministry/Pa Enua operating expenditure (\$3.55 million), due to early payment of COVID-19 discounts and cost-sharing between different funded programmes. Administered payments and POBOC expenditure were on track against budget.

YTD Surplus/(Deficit) (\$000's)



*Net Operating Deficit Balance for the quarter ended ended 31 December 2020 was a shortfall of \$24.73 million, this represents a \$37.39 million favourable variance compared to the operating balance estimated. This was driven mainly by a \$15 million grant received from the NZ Government to go towards the Economic Response Plan (ERP), and tax revenue collection compared to the budget estimates, up by \$9.01 million.

YTD Capital Expenditure (\$000's)



*Capital Expenditure: Spending on Capital budget was 32% by the end of the December quarter. This is a low utilisation considering the size of the annual budget and our capacity to implement projects before the end of June. The low utilisation was due to the impact of Covid-19 on travel and the sourcing of resources overseas, which has interrupted the scheduled projects planned on both Rarotonga and the Pa Enua.

YTD Net Fiscal Surplus/(Deficit) (\$000's)



*General Government's Fiscal Position reported a shortfall in net fiscal balance of \$32.82 million. The shortfall was lower than anticipated by \$37.31 million when compared against the budget estimates for the December quarter. The increase was due to higher revenue collection by \$33.13 million and savings in Operating Expenses of \$4.25 million.