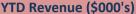
Overall Cook Islands General Government Budget vs Actual Performances for the quarter ended 30 June 2025





*Operating Revenue collected was \$20.99 million higher than anticipated for the year ended 30 June 2025. Taxation revenue collection was higher than budget forecasts by \$36.21 million, due to increased business activity relating to tourism, consumer spending and collection of historical debt. However, this is offset by the actual Other Crown Revenue underperforming by \$8.11 million against Year-to Date budget estimates as a result of less fisheries revenue being collected than anticipated. This is followed by Trading Revenue of \$6.37 million

YTD Operating expenditure (\$000's)



* Operating Expenditure: Operating Expenses for General Government adjusted for depreciation for the year ended 30 June 2025 was \$194.06 million, which is \$23.71 million lower than budget estimates. This was mainly due to an overall underspend in Administered Payments of \$7.15 million. Another contributing factor is that additional budget has been approved via carry forward from the 2023-2024FY as well as through the supplementary budget process resulting in genuine underspends. Underspends in Personnel were caused by a combination of vacant positions within Government as well as agencies re-phasing their budgeted cash flows to meet immediate obligations ie. transferring budget from personnel to operating.

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



* Government's Net Operating Position: The net operating balance for the quarter ended 30 June 2025 was \$44.65 million surplus. This was an improvement by \$44.70 million compared to the budget estimate of \$0.40 million deficit. Underspends Administered Payments amounting to \$7.15 million contributed to the improvement in Government's net operating balance, in addition to cost savings in Personnel (of \$9.72 million) and POBOC (of \$1.11 million).



* Capital expenditure was significantly lower than budgeted by \$20.09 million for the year ended 30 June 2025. Significant underspends in the Drainage Asset Management Programme, Bridges and Structures and other capital projects have contributed to this. Agencies are encouraged to appropriately plan and manage their Capital Budgets to ensure budgets are spent in the allotted periods, however given the unpredictable nature of the operating environment, delays have occurred.

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



* Government's Net Fiscal balance for the year ended 30 June 2025 was a \$45.39 million surplus. This was an improvement of \$61.35 million compared to the budget estimate of \$15.95 million deficit. Overall revenue collection was slightly higher than anticipated by \$20.99 million and cost savings in Personnel (of \$9.72 million) and Administered Payments (of \$7.14 million) have contributed to the improvement in Government's net fiscal balance.

* Source - Cook Islands Government 2024/25 Budget Book