
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

INTRODUCTION

The President of Vanuatu is the Head of State of Vanuatu, who symbolizes the unity and peace of the nation. The president is elected for a five year term by an Electoral College comprising of members of parliament and presidents of the six provincial councils. His or her role is mostly ceremonial, nonetheless one function reserved for His Excellency, under the constitution is the appointment of the Chief Justice to the Supreme Court and three other justices. The president also possess the power of pardon, commutation and reduction of sentences imposed on persons convicted of an offence. In situations where the position of the president becomes vacant, the Speaker of Parliament will perform presidential duties until a new head of state can be elected or resume office from official overseas trips. The Office of President provides support to the President and enables him to carry out this important role. The budget for the Office of the President is around VT 40 million a year and the budget for 2017 is the same as the budget for 2016 as a new NPP for the presidential tour was approved, therefore around VT42million rollovers and set a new ceiling thereafter.

SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

Expenditure Trends

With 50% of the year elapsed the President's Office has spent 43% of their budget. If this trend continues the Office is in scheduled to come in on budget. However, at the beginning of April funds had to be found for the Presidents rental cost as this activity had not been budgeted for.

There is a rather significant split between how much of payroll has been spent compared to operations. Payroll has only spent 41% of its budget while operations has spent 48% of its allocated budget as shown on *Table 1*. Payroll accounts have been spent within its Q2 budget and it is expected to come in under budget this year. Special Allowances in particular have not been budgeted for but have generated an expenditure of VT220, 800. Further, there are also a number of areas under operations that have significantly exceeded their budget. Postages – Communication has spent 397% of its budget, Subsistence Allowances has spent 182% of its budget. Advertising – Communication has spent 152% of its budget. Vehicles and repairs and maintenance have spent 194% of its budget. Better budgeting by revising allocations of funds to these chart of accounts should be considered. This includes six chart of accounts highlighted in yellow that has no budget but have incurred spending's. The Office should be endeavouring to keep these costs under control and allocate sufficient budget to them.

Revenue trends

The office of the President does not collect revenue.

Virements

The office of the President had no Virement in this quarter of the year and this has shown better budgeting and cash flow plans which results in proper management warrants releases both on payroll and operational accounts.

TABLES

Table 1: Expenditure by Chart of Account

Account	Description	Total	Budget	Under/(Over)	Total Budget	% of Total budget
	Personnel Expenses					
8AAA	Acting Allowances	27,056	49,999	22,943	100,000	27%
8AAF	Family Allowance	100,924	167,999	67,075	336,000	30%
8AAG	Gratuities Allowances	26,162	-	(26,162)	2,157,960	1%
8AAH	Housing Allowances	2,405,026	2,594,400	189,374	5,188,800	46%
8AAO	Other Allowances	-	240,000	240,000	480,000	0%
8AAP	Home Island Passage Allowances	308,336	610,000	301,664	1,220,000	25%
8AAS	Special Allowances	220,800	-	(220,800)	-	-
8ASP	Provident Fund	299,826	373,543	73,717	747,087	40%
8AWL	Leave expense				-	-
8AWO	Overtime Wages	120,000	379,998	259,998	760,000	16%
8AWP	Permanent Wages	7,943,450	8,500,591	557,141	17,001,180	47%
PAYR	Payroll expenses	-	574,889	574,889	-	-
	Personnel Expenses	11,451,580	13,491,419	2,039,839	27,991,027	41%
	Operating Expenses					
8CAB	Subsistence Allowances	1,275,000	-	(1,275,000)	700,000	182%
8CBI	International Accommodation				800,000	0%
8CBL	Local Accommodation	259,278	-	(259,278)	500,000	52%
8CFV	Vehicles Fuel	623,157	824,496	201,339	1,649,000	38%
8CHI	International Medical Treatment				1,000,000	0%
8CHL	Local Medical Treatment	8,277	-	(8,277)	200,000	4%
8CIE	Equipment Hire	15,971	-	(15,971)	-	-
8CJO	Office Cleaning	257,744	150,000	(107,744)	300,000	86%
8CKD	Advertising - Communications	45,500	-	(45,500)	30,000	152%
8CKP	Postage - Communications	39,670	-	(39,670)	10,000	397%
8CKR	Printing - Communications	27,664	100,002	72,338	200,000	14%
8CKS	Stationery - Communications	84,433	100,002	15,569	200,000	42%
8CKT	Telephone / Fax - Communications	195,422	300,000	104,578	600,000	33%
8CMO	Office - Materials				-	-
8COF	Refunds	15,983	-	(15,983)	-	-
8COI	Incidentals	335,471	100,002	(235,469)	200,000	168%
8COM	Medals	(15,000)	-	15,000	-	-

8COP	Official Entertainment	362,572	150,000	(212,572)	300,000	121%
8CRB	Buildings Repairs & Maintenance	72,773	49,998	(22,775)	100,000	73%
8CRE	Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	55,008	-	(55,008)	-	-
8CRV	Vehicles Repairs & Maintenance	516,980	133,188	(383,792)	266,375	194%
8CTI	International Travel				970,000	0%
8CTL	Local Travel	249,599	-	(249,599)	2,776,000	9%
8CUC	Gas - Cooking Utilities	55,922	50,000	(5,922)	100,000	56%
8CUE	Electricity Utilities	582,917	450,000	(132,917)	900,000	65%
8CUL	Lighting Utilities	-	45,000	45,000	90,000	0%
8CUW	Water Utilities	90,774	250,000	159,226	500,000	18%
8CZV	Value Added Tax	532,927	474,996	(57,931)	950,000	56%
8EEA	Equipment - Additional General	11,171	-	(11,171)	-	-
8EEC	Equipment - Computer	147,051	100,002	(47,049)	200,000	74%
8EEP	Equipment - Photocopiers	92,045	42,000	(50,045)	84,000	110%
8EFO	Furniture - Office Furniture	51,324	-	(51,324)	-	-
8EVR	Vehicle - Replacement	533,334	-	(533,334)	-	-
OVER	Overhead expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	Operating Expenses	6,522,967	3,319,686	(3,203,281)	13,625,375	48%
	Total Expenditure	17,974,547	16,811,105	(1,163,442)	41,616,402	43%

Source: Smart –Stream Vision Report

Table 3: Expenditure by Cost Centre

Code	Description	Final Budget	Total Expenditure	Under/ (Over)	Total Budget to date	% of total Budget Spent
M01	Constitutional Agencies					
CAA	Presidential Support					
01AA	Office Administration	16,811,105	17,974,547	(1,163,442)	41,616,402	43%
CAAA	Management of the State House and President	16,811,105	17,974,547	(1,163,442)	41,616,402	43%
CAA	Presidential Support	16,811,105	17,974,547	(1,163,442)	41,616,402	43%
M01	Constitutional Agencies	16,811,105	17,974,547	(1,163,442)	41,616,402	43%
	Grand Total	16,811,105	17,974,547	(1,163,442)	41,616,402	43%

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