



St Helena Government

BUDGET EXECUTION REPORT

FOR PERIOD 2 (MAY 2025)

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

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INTRODUCTION

Budget execution is monitored by the Treasury. The Budget Execution Report (BER) provides an update on the implementation of the annual budget for the General Reserve of the Consolidated Fund. This BER is for May, period 2 for the financial year 2025/26.

The BER is produced to provide an account of funds drawn from the General Reserve of the Consolidated Fund. The BER is also shared with the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) to evidence the use of financial aid.

The Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actuals (Statement) on page 6 shows the budgets allocated to portfolios and service areas to deliver public services in comparison with funds that have been spent and include a comparison of the budget and actual for the major revenue streams. The Statement has been prepared in line with the Summary of Budgeted Expenditure and Revenue in the Budget Book, to provide a direct link with the appropriated expenditure budgets. Explanatory notes are included for significant variations between the budgeted and actual expenditure and revenue.

BUDGET

The government is working with a Rollover Budget as provided for in the Constitution for St Helena when an Appropriation Ordinance has not been approved for the financial year. Funds may be withdrawn from the Consolidated Fund to meet expenditure necessary to carry on the services for the period of four months of this financial year.

Legislative Council approved a resolution for a rollover budget in March 2025 on the basis that confirmation of the financial aid settlement had not been received from His Majesty's Government. Confirmation of the financial aid settlement was signed on 31 March 2025.

The Appropriation for the annual budget for 2025/26 was approved at the formal Legislative Council session on 29 May 2025 and enacted on 2 June 2025.

The budgets recorded in this report are the rollover budgets for the period ending May 2025.

OUTTURN

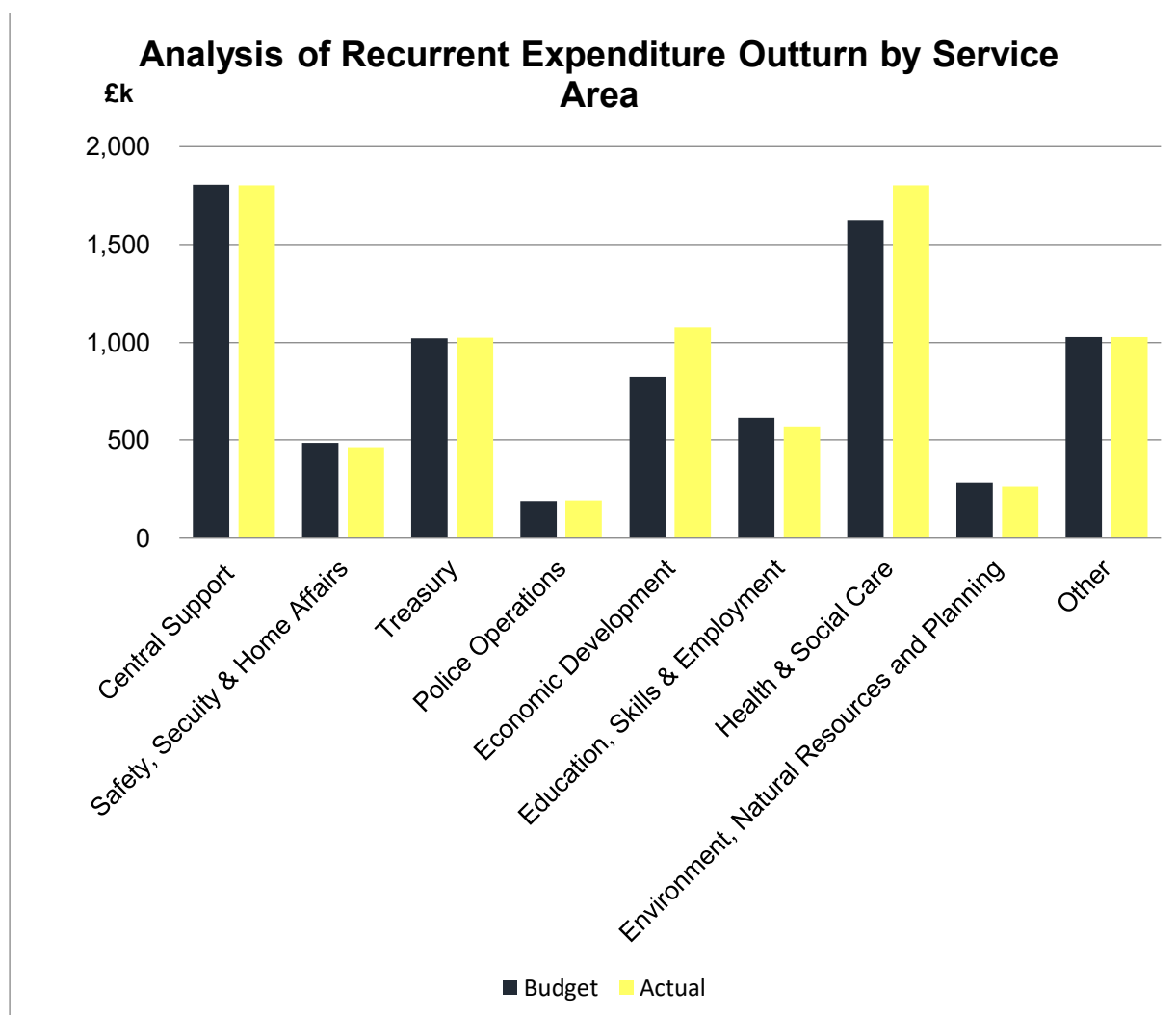
The Statement on page 6 reflects an actual deficit of £467k. Actual expenditure for the period to May was £8.2 being 4% over allocated budget for the reporting period. Actual revenue was £7.7M which is an overcollection of £161k.

The table below provides a summary of the Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual on page 6.

	Year to Date			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
	£000	£000	£000	%
Recurrent Expenditure	8,213	7,876	(337)	(4)
Revenue	7,746	7,585	161	2
Deficit	(467)	(291)	(176)	60

Recurrent Expenditure

The chart below shows the actual underspends and overspends for recurrent expenditure by service areas for the year to date.



Revenue

The surplus revenue reported for the year to date is mainly from Taxes. An analysis of customs dues and income tax is included in the table below.

	Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
	£000	£000	£000
Customs Dues			
Ad Valorem	288	300	(12)
Alcohol	175	185	(10)
Tobacco	144	160	(16)
Fuel	143	140	3
Other Dues	39	47	(7)
Total Customs Dues	789	832	(43)
Income Taxes			
PAYE	985	816	169
Self Employed Tax	1	0	1
Corporation Tax	8	0	8
Service Tax	111	106	5
Withholding Tax	24	24	0
Total Income Taxes	1,129	946	184
Total	1,918	1,777	141

STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUALS

	Actual £	Budget £	Variance £	%	Notes
EXPENDITURE					
Appropriated Recurrent Expenditure					
Central Support Service	1,801,448	1,806,174	4,726	0	
Attorney General's Chambers	13,875	16,915	3,040	18	
Safety, Security and Home Affairs	462,377	483,841	21,464	4	
Judicial Services	24,518	31,173	6,655	21	1
Treasury	1,022,758	1,019,652	(3,106)	0	
Police Operations	192,270	190,572	(1,698)	(1)	
Economic Development	1,075,529	825,185	(250,344)	(30)	2
Education, Skills and Employment	568,836	613,642	44,806	7	3
Health and Social Care	1,800,750	1,626,654	(174,096)	(11)	4
Environment, Natural Resources and Planning	260,307	281,532	21,225	8	5
	7,222,668	6,895,340	(327,328)	(5)	
Statutory Recurrent Expenditure					
Pensions and Benefits	990,164	980,500	(9,664)	(1)	
Total Recurrent Expenditure	8,212,832	7,875,840	(336,992)	(4)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,212,832	7,875,840	(336,992)	(4)	
REVENUE					
Local Revenue					
Taxes	1,918,218	1,777,166	141,052	8	6
Duty & Licences	38,675	36,504	2,171	6	
Fines & Fees	106,120	90,473	15,647	17	7
Government Rents	58,681	56,916	1,765	3	
Earnings Government Departments	6,340	7,452	(1,112)	(15)	
Income Received	44,426	35,137	9,289	26	8
Treasury Receipts	6,505	32,300	(25,795)	(80)	9
Recharges	67,386	48,754	18,632	38	10
	2,246,351	2,084,702	161,649	8	
External Funding					
FCDO Core Financial Aid	5,000,800	5,000,800	0	0	
FCDO Airport Operations Financial Aid	499,200	499,200	0	0	
	5,500,000	5,500,000	0	0	
TOTAL REVENUE	7,746,351	7,584,702	161,649	2	
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(466,481)	(291,138)	(175,343)	60	

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUALS

The notes below provide explanations for variances between the budget and actuals for the year to date, which are more than 5% and £5,000 or £50,000

Note	Budget Component	Budget less Actual		Variance Explanations
		£	%	
	Recurrent Expenditure			
1	Judicial Services	6,655	21	The Court of Appeal was not in session during the reporting period as anticipated.
2	Economic Development	(250,344)	(30)	Losses incurred by Airlink on flights during the first two month of the financial year. Costs incurred for Airport Operations exceeded the budget, namely costs for utilities and purchase of meteorological and runway maintenance equipment.
3	Education, Skills and Employment	44,806	7	Vacant posts across the portfolio.
4	Health and Social Care	(174,096)	(11)	A large order of medical supplies was received in May 2025.
5	Environment, Natural Resources and Planning	21,225	8	Vacant posts across the portfolio and underspends recorded for agricultural contracts.
	Local Revenue			
6	Taxes	141,052	8	Tax - £183k. Significant over collection in revenue recorded for PAYE. Under collection recorded for customs (£42k).
7	Fines & Fees	15,647	17	A small surplus of revenue was recorded across twelve categories of fees within the public service.

Note	Budget Component	Budget less Actual		Variance Explanations
		£	%	
8	Income Received	9,289	26	Payment for NVQ courses at SHCC was not built into the rollover budget. Additionally payment for providing meals to clients residing at Sheltered Accommodation was also not included.
9	Treasury Receipts	(25,795)	(80)	Revenue shortfall recorded for interest on investments.
10	Recharges	18,632	38	Increase in building maintenance works carried out on Government Landlord Houses.