# St Helena Government

## SUMMARY BUDGET EXECUTION REPORT

### FOR PERIOD 2 (MAY 2026)

### FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2027

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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 2026/27.

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. 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 Funds may be withdrawn from the Consolidated Fund to meet expenditure necessary to carry on the services for the period of four months of this financial year.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 2026 on the basis that confirmation of the financial aid settlement had not been received from His Majesty's Government. Confirmation of the first quarter of financial aid was signed on 31 March 2026.

The budgets recorded in this report are the rollover budgets for the period May 2026.

# OUTTURN

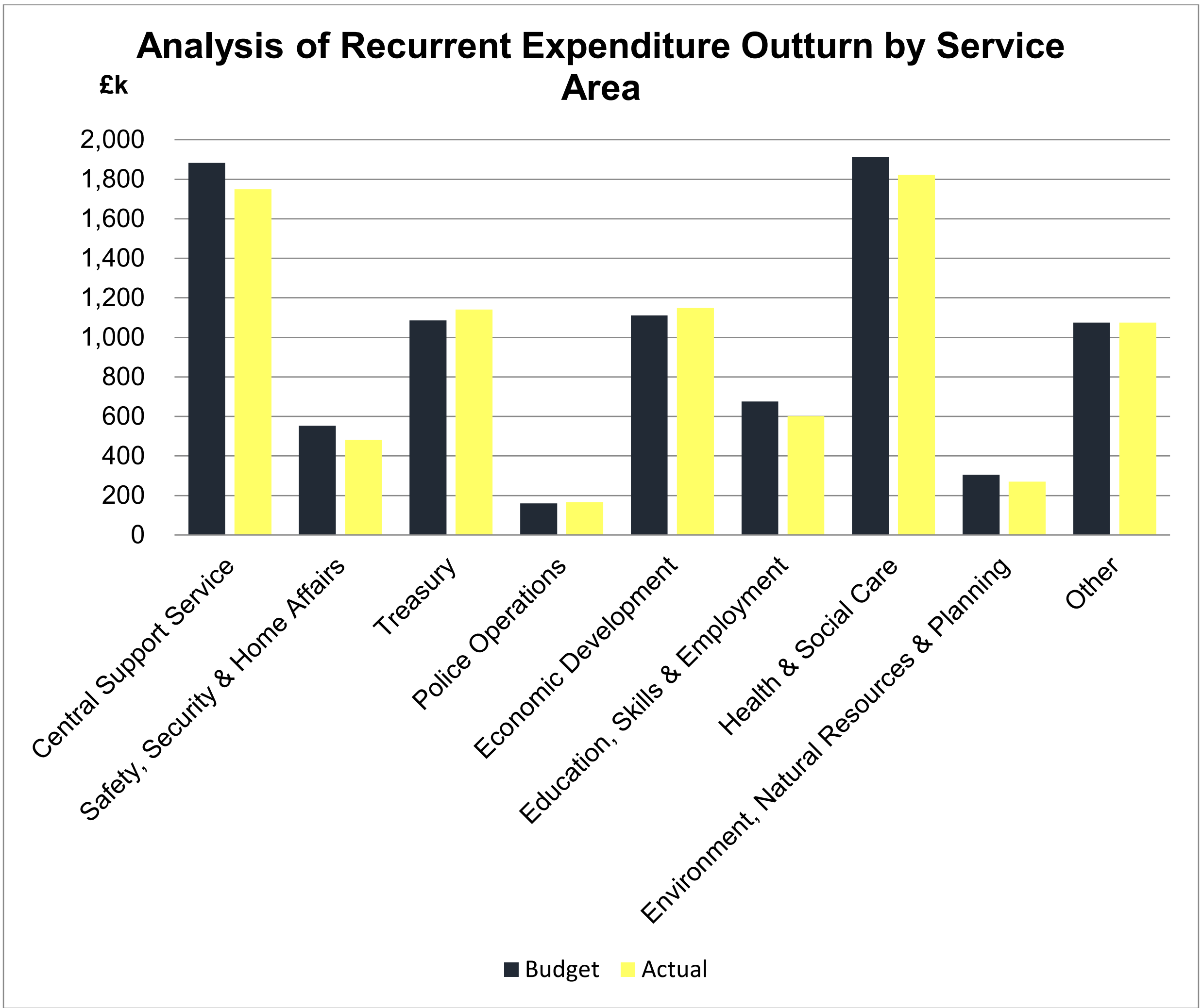
The Statement on page 6 reflects an actual deficit of £372k. Actual expenditure for May was £8.4M being within the allocated budget for the period and actual revenue for May was £8.1M

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

| | Year to Date | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Budget | Variance | |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | % |
| Recurrent Expenditure | 8,454 | 8,760 | 306 | **3** |
| Capital Expenditure | 1 | 0 | (1) | **0** |
| Revenue | 8,083 | 8,113 | (30) | **0** |
| Deficit | **(372)** | **(647)** | **275** | **(43)** |

### 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 £000 | Budget £000 | Variance £000 |
| **Customs Dues** | | | |
| Ad Valorem | 456 | 456 | 0 |
| Alcohol | 164 | 173 | (9) |
| Tobacco | 17 | 25 | (8) |
| Fuel | (156) | (170) | 14 |
| Other Dues | 64 | 64 | (0) |
| Total Customs Dues | 545 | 548 | (3) |
| **Income Taxes** | | | |
| PAYE | 1,016 | 1,050 | (34) |
| Self Employed Tax | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Corporation Tax | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Service Tax | 113 | 110 | 3 |
| Withholding Tax | 23 | 24 | (1) |
| Total Income Taxes | 1,153 | 1,184 | (31) |
| **Total** | **1,698** | **1,732** | **(34)** |

# STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUALS

| | Actual | Budget | Variance | | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | % | |
| **EXPENDITURE** | | | | | |
| **Appropriated Recurrent Expenditure** | | | | | |
| Central Support Service | 1,748,314 | 1,882,721 | 134,407 | 7 | 1 |
| Attorney General's Chambers | 26,574 | 36,486 | 9,912 | 27 | 2 |
| Safety, Security and Home Affairs | 481,131 | 553,048 | 71,917 | 13 | 3 |
| Judicial Services | 44,996 | 31,921 | (13,075) | (41) | 4 |
| Treasury | 1,141,166 | 1,085,630 | (55,536) | (5) | |
| Police Operations | 166,914 | 159,629 | (7,285) | (5) | |
| Economic Development | 1,148,285 | 1,111,574 | (36,711) | (3) | |
| Education, Skills and Employment | 601,227 | 675,523 | 74,296 | 11 | 5 |
| Health and Social Care | 1,822,655 | 1,912,188 | 89,533 | 5 | |
| Environment, Natural Resources and Planning | 269,417 | 304,297 | 34,880 | 11 | 6 |
| | 7,450,679 | 7,753,017 | 302,338 | 4 | |
| **Statutory Recurrent Expenditure** | | | | | |
| Pensions and Benefits | 1,003,385 | 1,007,000 | 3,615 | 0 | |
| **Total Recurrent Expenditure** | **8,454,064** | **8,760,017** | **305,953** | **3** | |
| **Appropriated Capital Expenditure** | | | | | |
| Health and Social Care | 637 | 0 | (637) | 0 | |
| **Total Capital Expenditure** | **637** | **0** | **(637)** | **0** | |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** | **8,454,701** | **8,760,017** | **305,316** | **3** | |
| **REVENUE** | | | | | |
| **Local Revenue** | | | | | |
| Taxes | 1,697,778 | 1,732,000 | (34,222) | (2) | |
| Duty & Licences | 31,537 | 37,475 | (5,938) | (16) | 7 |
| Fines & Fees | 128,050 | 134,949 | (6,899) | (5) | |
| Government Rents | 82,560 | 72,970 | 9,590 | 13 | 8 |
| Earnings Government Departments | 7,373 | 6,752 | 621 | 9 | |
| Income Received | 9,517 | 3,005 | 6,512 | 217 | 9 |
| Treasury Receipts | 33,218 | 40,400 | (7,182) | (18) | 10 |
| Recharges | 42,001 | 34,436 | 7,565 | 22 | 11 |
| | 2,032,034 | 2,061,987 | (29,953) | (1) | |
| **External Funding** | | | | | |
| FCDO Core Financial Aid | 5,523,820 | 5,523,820 | 0 | 0 | |
| FCDO Airport Operations Financial Aid | 527,500 | 527,500 | 0 | 0 | |
| | 6,051,320 | 6,051,320 | 0 | 0 | |
| **TOTAL REVENUE** | **8,083,354** | **8,113,307** | **(29,953)** | **0** | |
| **SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)** | **(371,347)** | **(646,710)** | **275,363** | **(43)** | |

## 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 | Central Support Service | 134,407 | 7 | Recruitment slippage for TC roles and health consultants which will materialise in future reporting periods.<br><br>Postponement of the SHG Intranet upgrade until later in the financial year. |
| 2 | Attorney General's Chambers | 9,912 | 27 | Procurement of computer suites deferred until later periods due to limitations during the rollover period.<br><br>Subscription renewals were below budget projections. |
| 3 | Safety, Security and Home Affairs | 71,917 | 13 | Vacancies across the portfolio.<br><br>Prison training postponed until later in the year.<br><br>Hosting and maintenance fees for the Evisa portal not incurred during the reporting period. |
| 4 | Judicial Services | (13,075) | (41) | Professional fees incurred for document reviews and analytical services for a coroner's investigation. |
| 5 | Education, Skills and Employment | 74,296 | 11 | Establishment vacancies within the Inclusion, Primary Education and Education Reform sections of the portfolio. |

| Note | Budget Component | Budget less Actual | | Variance Explanations |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | £ | % | |
| 6 | Environment, Natural Resources and Planning | 34,880 | 11 | Vacancies across the portfolio and underspends recorded for supplies and services and contracts. |
| | **Local Revenue** | | | |
| 7 | Duty & Licences | (5,938) | (16) | Minor revenue shortfall recorded for stamp duties and road traffic licences during the period. |
| 8 | Government Rents | 9,590 | 13 | Timing variance for annual agreements. Garden rent invoices were raised ahead of schedule to ensure prompt collection for the current financial year. |
| 9 | Income Received | 6,512 | 217 | Mainly attributed to the rollover budget phasing, where the full budget provision for client meal income was not factored into initial budget allocations. |
| 10 | Treasury Receipts | (7,182) | (18) | Small deficit has attributed to lower than anticipated interest returns on investments during the reporting period. |
| 11 | Recharges | 7,565 | 22 | Over collection recorded under customs recharges. |