

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2018

The Revised FY2018 fiscal position is summarised in [Table 2.1](#).

Operating Revenue

Operating Revenue is estimated to be \$73.67 billion, \$0.99 billion or 1.4% higher than the budgeted estimate. This increase is mainly due to higher-than-expected collections from Statutory Boards' Contributions, Corporate Income Tax and Stamp Duty, partially offset by lower-than-expected collections for Vehicle Quota Premiums.

Corporate Income Tax collections are projected to be \$16.14 billion, \$1.02 billion or 6.8% higher than the budgeted estimate. Personal Income Tax collections are estimated to be \$11.71 billion, \$0.29 billion or 2.5% higher than the budgeted estimate.

Statutory Boards' Contributions are projected to be \$1.49 billion. This is \$1.03 billion or 225.2% higher the budgeted estimate. This is mainly due to higher-than-expected contributions from the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).

Assets Taxes are projected to be \$4.59 billion, \$0.15 billion or 3.3% higher than the budgeted estimate. Stamp Duty collections are estimated to be \$4.63 billion, \$0.87 billion or 23.0% higher than the budgeted estimate.

Goods and Services Tax collections are projected to be \$11.29 billion, \$0.07 billion or 0.6% lower than the budgeted estimate.

Motor Vehicle Taxes are projected to be \$2.88 billion, \$0.07 billion or 2.6% higher than the budgeted estimate. Vehicle Quota Premiums are estimated to be \$3.27 billion, \$2.31 billion or 41.4% lower than the budgeted estimate, due to lower-than-expected COE prices and higher disbursements of COE rebates.

Other Taxes, which include the Foreign Worker Levy, Water Conservation Tax, Development Charge and Annual Tonnage Tax, are estimated to be \$6.80 billion, \$0.37 billion or 5.7% higher than the budgeted estimate.

Total Expenditure

Total Expenditure is projected to be \$78.99 billion, \$1.03 billion or 1.3% lower than the budgeted estimate. This decrease is mainly attributed to lower-than-expected development expenditure.

Special Transfers

Special Transfers including Top-ups to Endowment and Trust Funds are estimated to total \$9.00 billion.

Net Investment Returns Contribution (NIRC)

NIRC is estimated to be \$16.44 billion, \$0.59 billion or 3.7% higher than the budgeted estimate.

Budget for FY2018

Before taking into account Top-ups to Endowment and Trust Funds and before NIRC, the basic deficit is projected to be \$7.02 billion, which is smaller than the budgeted deficit of \$9.16 billion. After factoring in Top-ups to Endowment and Trust Funds of \$7.30 billion, and NIRC of \$16.44 billion, the Revised FY2018 outturn is estimated to be an overall budget surplus of \$2.12 billion.

TABLE 2.1: FISCAL POSITION IN FY2017 AND FY2018

	Actual FY2017	Estimated FY2018	Revised FY2018	Revised FY2018 Compared to	
				Actual FY2017	Estimated FY2018
	\$billion	\$billion	\$billion	% change	% change
OPERATING REVENUE	75.82	72.68	73.67	(2.8)	1.4
Corporate Income Tax	14.94	15.11	16.14	8.0	6.8
Personal Income Tax	10.72	11.43	11.71	9.2	2.5
Withholding Tax	1.53	1.35	1.49	(2.7)	10.3
Statutory Boards' Contributions	4.87	0.46	1.49	(69.4)	225.2
Assets Taxes	4.44	4.45	4.59	3.4	3.3
Customs and Excise Taxes	3.13	3.37	3.13	(0.0)	(7.1)
Goods and Services Tax	10.96	11.36	11.29	3.0	(0.6)
Motor Vehicle Taxes	2.15	2.81	2.88	33.8	2.6
Vehicle Quota Premiums	5.80	5.59	3.27	(43.6)	(41.4)
Betting Taxes	2.69	2.75	2.66	(0.9)	(3.2)
Stamp Duty	4.91	3.76	4.63	(5.6)	23.0
Other Taxes ¹	6.02	6.43	6.80	13.0	5.7
Fees and Charges (Excluding Vehicle Quota Premiums)	3.28	3.45	3.22	(1.9)	(6.7)
Others	0.38	0.36	0.37	(2.8)	1.2
Less:					
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	73.56	80.02	78.99	7.4	(1.3)
Operating Expenditure	55.58	57.67	58.63	5.5	1.7
Development Expenditure	17.98	22.35	20.36	13.3	(8.9)
PRIMARY SURPLUS / DEFICIT²	2.26	(7.34)	(5.32)		
Less:					
SPECIAL TRANSFERS³	6.12	9.11	9.00	47.0	(1.2)
Special Transfers Excluding Top-ups to Endowment and Trust Funds	2.11	1.81	1.70		
CPF MediSave Top-ups	0.09	0.09	0.09		
GST Voucher Special Payment ⁴	0.27	0.00	0.00		
Productivity and Innovation Credit	0.38	0.25	0.18		
Service & Conservancy Charges Rebate	0.12	0.13	0.13		
SG Bonus	-	0.70	0.68		
Temporary Employment Credit	0.39	-	-		
Wage Credit Scheme	0.85	0.63	0.61		
Other Transfers ⁵	0.01	0.01	0.01		
BASIC SURPLUS / DEFICIT⁶	0.15	(9.16)	(7.02)		
Top-ups to Endowment and Trust Funds	4.01	7.30	7.30		
Community Silver Trust	-	0.30	0.30		
Cultural Matching Fund	0.15	-	-		
GST Voucher Fund	1.50	2.00	2.00		
National Productivity Fund	1.00	-	-		
National Research Fund	0.50	-	-		
Rail Infrastructure Fund	-	5.00	5.00		
Special Employment Credit Fund	0.16	-	-		
Top-up to Endowment Funds ⁷	0.70	-	-		
Add:					
NET INVESTMENT RETURNS CONTRIBUTION	14.72	15.85	16.44	11.6	3.7
OVERALL BUDGET SURPLUS / DEFICIT	10.86	(0.60)	2.12		

Note: Due to rounding, figures may not add up. Negative figures are shown in parentheses.

¹ Other Taxes include the Foreign Worker Levy, Water Conservation Tax, Development Charge and Annual Tonnage Tax.

² Surplus / Deficit before Special Transfers (including Top-ups to Endowment and Trust Funds) and Net Investment Returns Contribution.

³ Special Transfers including Top-ups to Endowment and Trust Funds.

⁴ The GST Voucher Special Payment committed in Budget 2017 comprises the GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment. The GST Voucher Special Payment committed in Budget 2018 comprises the Additional GST Voucher – U Save with payments starting in late FY2018.

⁵ Consists of Productivity and Innovation Credit Bonus, Rebate for School Buses, SME Cash Grant, and funding for Self-Help Groups in FY2017. Consists of Productivity and Innovation Credit Bonus, Rebate for School Buses, SME Cash Grant, Top-ups to Child Development Accounts, and funding for Self-Help Groups in FY2018.

⁶ Surplus / Deficit before Top-ups to Endowment and Trust Funds, and Net Investment Returns Contribution.

⁷ Consists of top-ups to the Community Care Endowment Fund and Medical Endowment Fund in FY2017.