

<b>Agenda</b>	CEO, Corporate, Subsidiaries and Subcommittees
<b>Agenda Item</b>	4.4 – FARM – Budget 2023-24
<b>Presenter</b>	FARM Chair
<b>Action</b>	Approve Revised Budget 2023/24

## Purpose

This paper seeks your approval of the Revised 2023-24 Federation Budget, as sought following the May initial Budget and subsequent to expected changes in June/July period.

## Key Assumptions

The Budget is based on the best available information and estimates we have, and will likely change over the coming few months as government funding becomes settled for 2023/24.

### Income

- Revenue from government in July 23 consists of carry forward funds from FY 23 of:

NRM DEECA (DLO)	\$150,000
Native Foods and Botanicals	\$1,159,849
Research for VAEEC	\$163,879
Game Management	\$35,000
Cultural Landscapes	\$154,495
Nation Building	\$532,006
Social – Closing the Gaps	\$140,000
Emergency Recovery – flood program	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,335,230</b>

- Revenue already secured in contracts for FY 24:

Media Officer	\$60,000
Franking Credits on dividends	\$200,000
Cultural Landscapes Strategy	\$212,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$472,500</b>

(note this is recognised in the cashflow over the FY23)

- Other expected income over the coming 12 months include:

NRM DEECA (DLO)	\$150,000
Closing the Gaps Committees	\$140,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$290,000</b>

### Expenditure

- Current staffing levels will increase where specific income is identified or savings are made for replacement.
- Expenditure on consultants and meetings are likely to continue to grow, as face to face meetings increase

### Future exposure

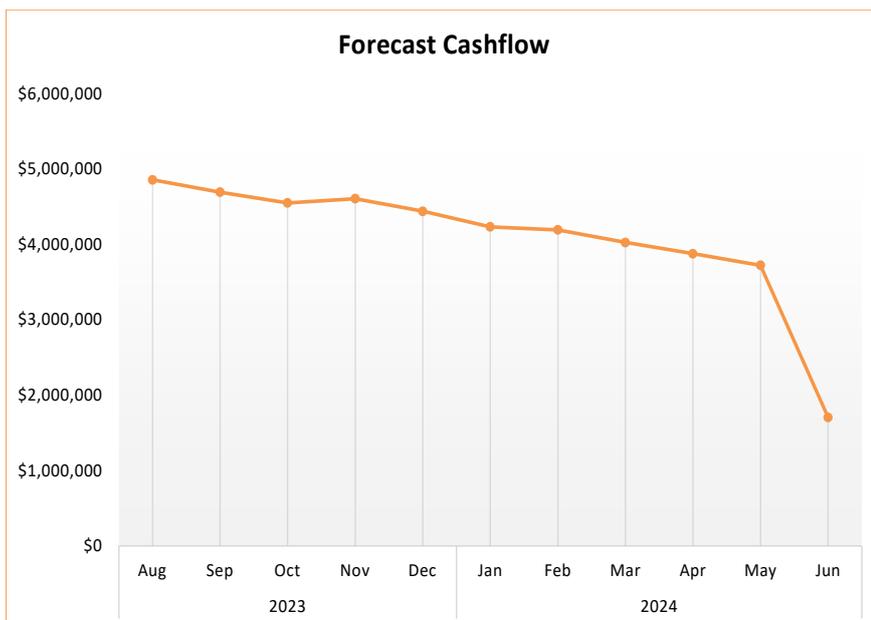
There are no significant areas of future exposure forecast as liabilities have remained relatively steady, given staff turnover.

The 2023/24 Budget shows a relatively small deficit in the income/expenditure (\$48k). However, as the usual patterns for Federation income show, the cyclical nature and likelihood of further income being generated over the next quarter.

### Budget (Revised August 2023)

#### 2023/24 Income and Expenditure

Job	Income	Income c/fd FY 23	Employee benefits expense	Consultants	Overhead	TO expenses	Total
Corp Governance				(\$14,000)	(\$16,000)	(\$28,000)	(\$58,000)
Corporate General	\$260,000		(\$600,708)	(\$100,000)	(\$165,300)		(\$606,008)
Natural Resource Management		\$150,000	(\$151,504)				(\$1,504)
TOSA/NT/CATSI			(\$100,894)				(\$100,894)
Native Food & Botanicals		\$1,159,849	(\$100,585)	(\$920,000)		(\$32,000)	\$107,265
Research Project for VAEEC		\$163,879	(\$82,223)	(\$40,000)			\$41,656
Game Management Strategy		\$35,000					\$35,000
Cultural Landscapes Strategy	\$212,500	\$154,495	(\$150,340)	(\$130,000)			\$86,656
Nation Building General		\$532,006	(\$105,168)		(\$7,000)		\$419,838
CEO Forum/State Wide Meetings				(\$30,000)		(\$18,000)	(\$48,000)
Communications				(\$35,000)			(\$35,000)
Liaison & Advocacy			(\$147,953)				(\$147,953)
Operations			(\$93,606)			(\$10,000)	(\$103,606)
Social	\$140,000	\$140,000	(\$56,593)				\$223,407
Emergency Recovery Project		\$1,000,000	(\$51,459)	(\$800,000)		(\$10,000)	\$138,541
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$612,500</b>	<b>\$3,335,230</b>	<b>(\$1,641,033)</b>	<b>(\$2,069,000)</b>	<b>(\$188,300)</b>	<b>(\$98,000)</b>	<b>(\$48,603)</b>



Account	Amount
Revenue from government	\$3,687,730
Other income	\$260,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,947,730</b>
Employee benefits expense	\$1,641,033
Consultants	\$2,069,000
Office expenses	\$126,000
TO expenses	\$98,000
Motor vehicle expenses	\$21,300
Other expenses	\$41,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,996,333</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$48,603)</b>

## Discussion

The cyclical nature of the funding, tends to suggest in the second half of 2023/24 and that there are potential arising through the State Budget. Further work continues to seek funding opportunities, particularly through funds outside of the State departments.

Key considerations are

- Maintaining a lean staff profile, with utilising current resources and seeking new income
- Reduce overhead costs – office location costs over the coming months
- Increasing revenue from Federation Enterprises
- Increasing income through diversified funding sources, currently we have irons in the fire for:
  - Renewable energy
  - Fisheries strategy
  - Planning support services
- We are approaching key Ministers to keep highlighting the key areas of budget planning, we have also approached – for example NIAA, ILSC

The Budget does not include a dividend payment from Federation Enterprises. However, it does include the Franking Credits. This is to allow the dividend to be passed up to the Federation, but use best endeavours to ring fence those funds to enable Federation Enterprises to continue to grow its investment portfolio.

## Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

- **Approve** the Revised Budget for 2023-24, noting that management continue to work on generating income.