



# GOVERNMENT OF NIUE

## OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

### 2019/2020 BUDGET STATEMENT

Hon Sir Toke Talagi  
Minister for Finance  
Premier

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### **Fatifatiaga tupe moua mo e fakamole ke lata ai mo e tau gahua he Fakatufono 2019-2020**

Lilifu Hataki Fono

Tau Lilifu Ikipule mo e caucus

Tau Lilifu Ekepule

Tau Akoako he tau Ekalesia oti ha Niue

Lilifu Hukui Fakatufono Niu Silani, His Excellency Kirk Yates

Tau Komisina Pule Gahua he Fakatufono

Tohi Kupu lahi he Fakatufono

Tau Takitaki faahi gahua mo e ha mutolu a tau tagata Gahua

Tau matakau i fafo he Fakatufono

Tau Tupuna Fakahelēhele

Tau tagata he kautu

Tau fuata mo e tau Fanau

Fine mo e Tama

Fakaue ke he levekiaga mo e fiafia mai he Atua, kua liu a tautolu feleveia he aho nei.

Ko e tau tau kua mole atu, fa mahani au ke tala e tau mena ka taute mo e gahua ki ai e fakatufono.

Tonu mo e fakamatala e tau mena fakatatai atu ke he tau motu mai fafo. Uka he tokologa ia mutolu ke maama.

Ti ko e tau nei hiki e tala haaku. Tala ni au he tau nei. Kia tautolu, mo e ha tautolu a tau ononooga mo e tau manako.

Manako lahi e tokologa ha tautolu ke onono ke une hake e tau totogi mo e tau mena moua ha kua gahua a mutolu mo e fakamooli kae ikiiki agaia ni e tau totogi.

To kono mo e ai fiafia

Ka e kitia ai nakai kitia e tau kakano uho ati manatu pihia ai. Kehe ni e fakatino ne fa kitia mo e mamata ki ai.

Kitia ai he tau aho nakai. Oko e tau tupe kua lata ke oko. Moumou e tau koloa gahua he fakatufono. Moumou e tau koloa leveki he tau momoui ha tautolu.

Nakai leveki he tau aho oti.

Kitia ai nakai.

Kae taha foki haaku a kitia ia lautolu ne fa ekefakakelea mai ke he tau gahua he fakatufono.

Ti pehe atu au kia mutolu.

Ko e heigoa ha mutolu kua taute ke ati hake e motu ha tautolu, poke moua tupe ai.

Poke kautu mo e loga e tupe he tau pisinisi ha mutolu.

Ai fai. Leai.

Ti pehe falu kia au.

Taha e mena lahi ka onono ke taute he tau nei. Ko e tau puhala tukuhau ha tautolu.

Ko e haaku a kitia nakai tatai poke totogi oti he tau tagata, pisinisi mo lautolu kua lata kia ke totogi kae kalo, fufu mo e lali ke kalo.

Kua lata ke fakatatai e tau tukuhau. Ko lautolu ni kua lata ke nakai totogi, ko e tau matua.

Kae katia foki kua lata e tau sene ha lautolu ke une hake.

Mr Speaker, budget speeches in the past have focused on the technical policies and finance and the economy.

I would sometimes refer to the importance of our environment Taoga and social services.

And include in the appendix the economic and financial information for your perusal.

The GDP, and their sectorial divisions, CPI, and growth rate per annum.

In the end though all those goals had but one vision and one vision only:

Niue Ke Monuina

A Prosperous Niue

It is about all of us. Not just a few. All of us.

And this is something not just for the government to do. It is for all of us to help to achieve.

There are some who feel they are not responsible if they damage government property. But the cost and impact of that act of carelessness affects that person directly too.

We must all work together. We must all accept responsibility for our countries well being and economic and financial requirements.

I estimate we have \$2m either not being collected or just ignored.

I can say though that \$2m will give everyone pay pensions increases.

This is not a fantasy. It is real. In 2012 we managed to achieve a \$2m revenue via the initial transformation revenue.

There's a belief that we will continue to give pay increases and new salary adjustments because public servants work hard and are underpaid.

This is the expectation but it's not based on the reality of what we face daily.

On a daily basis, some of us damage and wreck our machines and our equipment.

Some of us senselessly damage our infrastructure.

In fact some of us don't care.

After all, by our actions we will not be punished.

But we still expect to get pay increases.

It is our rights after all.

I'm often baffled by this attitude.

There are some though who work hard and try their best.

Thank goodness for these people. They should get pay increases.

I see how people work just by driving around the work places.

Finally Mr Speaker, let me say this to all our critics in the media, in public and assembly. This government will govern and manage our rich resources well. Yes, we may make mistakes but that's part of governance.

Kia fakamonuina mai he Atua e fatifatiaga tupe nei.