



PRESIDENCY OF THE
**COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS**

V CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

Extraordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers on September 14, 2012

The V Constitutional Government met this Friday, September 14, 2012, in the Council of Ministers meeting room at the Government Palace in Dili and approved:

1. First amendment to Law no.º 16/2011 approving the State Budget for 2012

As the V Constitutional Government inherits the same philosophy of the IV Constitutional Government, it is committed to continuing the implementation of the programs that have come to represent the successes of the previous term in office while beginning others.

This continuity reflects the need to give form and content to the pillars established by the Strategic Development Plan: Development of Social Capital, Development of Infrastructure and the Economic Development.

This amendment to the Law no.º 16/2011 of December 21, 2011 approving the State Budget for 2012 neither increases nor decreases the total state budget already approved by the abovementioned law. This change only makes a reallocation of budgeted funds which relate to Annexes II, III and IV of this law.

Therefore, over \$ 55 million dollars was transferred to the Infrastructure Fund for two projects at Tasi-Mane and the expenses not paid into the Consolidated Fund in order to cover the following needs:

- Pension for Veterans – \$ 26.9 million;
- Subsidy for Seniors – \$ 7.1 million;
- Contingency Fund – \$ 6.1 million;
- Ministry for Defense and Security \$2.9 million;
- Ministry of Education – \$ 1.7 million;
- Goods and Services [for the National Police] – \$ 2.4 million;
- Transfers to the Church and Civil Society – \$ 1.4 million;
- Ministry of Health – \$ 1.2 million;
- Operation of the Berlin-Nakroma ferry – \$ 1.2 million;
- Water and Sanitation – \$ 1.2 million;
- Institute of Equipment Management– \$ 1.2 million;
- External audit – \$ 1.1 million;
- Final payment to LIFESE by the Secretariat of State for Defence – \$ 1.1 million.



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[translation corrected by La'o Hamutuk]