



Financial Supervisory Commission

COOK ISLANDS

Statement of Corporate Intent 2023/2024

Foreword

The Financial Supervisory Commission exists to enable the financial wellbeing for all Cook Islanders, working to maintain the integrity and stability of the Cook Islands financial sector.

The focus for the last year has been economic recovery from border closures during the COVID-19 pandemic. While recovery has been good, this has been impacted by reduced airline capacity, high price inflation and global economic conditions.

The Commission has also seen a continuing trend of decline in registry activity in most part due to the ongoing tax reforms being undertaken by the Cook Islands as part of their commitment to the EU Code of Conduct Group on Business Taxation. The flow on effect to the Commissions revenue is an area that the Commission is focused on in 2023/2024.

Vision of the Commission

To be a financial regulator that is committed to excellence, integrity and supportive of growth and development of the Cook Islands financial services centre.

Going forward, the main supervisory focus for the Commission remains the longer term recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial sector and also, the increasing changes within the risk environment for the financial sector. This includes the digitisation of financial services, and cybercrime and data security risks, the tax related reforms for our international financial sector, banking reforms by government, increases in volume and complexity of financial crime and risks emanating from climate change.

We continue to invest in our people, processes and systems to meet these challenges and to ensure we are in line with international standards and best practice when it comes to financial regulation.

We will focus this year on a number of fronts to modernise our way of working, including legislative and regulatory changes and completion of information technology system upgrades.

Two major IT projects are being undertaken in 2023/2024 for the FSC and FIU. The first is the completion of the upgrade to the international online registry. This is being supported by the Asian Development Bank via funding and technical assistance. The second is the replacement of FIU's Intel Database and this is being supported by Austrac, FIU's Australian counterpart.

Mission Statement of the Commission

To oversee an effective and efficient prudential and investigative supervision regime applying risk-based, and intelligence-led, policies in line with internationally accepted best practice.

We intend to undertake a more active role in encouraging opportunities for Cook Islanders to participate in the financial sector at all levels (consumer, employee and entrepreneur) and to create greater awareness for all on the dynamic risks and special rules that apply to the financial sector.

We encourage you to read this Statement of Corporate Intent to understand our goals and commitments to being transparent, and inclusive in our role as your financial regulator.

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About this document

This Statement of Corporate Intent is issued by the Financial Supervisory Commission (“Commission”) for the purposes of section 27 of the Financial Supervisory Commission Act 2003. It covers the year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and as required by section 27 comments, insofar as is practicable, on the next financial year to 30 June 2025 and beyond.

The Commission was established, by the Financial Supervisory Commission Act 2003, on 3 June 2003 by determination of the Queen’s Representative through Order in Executive Council. The Financial Intelligence Unit (“FIU”) forms an independent division of the Commission.

The Commission is the licensing and regulatory authority for the financial industry and administers the following enactments:

- Banking Act 2011
- Captive Insurance Act 2013
- Currency Declaration Act 2015/16
- Digital Registers Act 2011
- Financial Intelligence Unit Act 2015
- Financial Supervisory Commission Act 2003
- Financial Transactions Reporting Act 2017
- Foundations Act 2012
- Insurance Act 2008
- International Companies Act 1981/82
- International Partnerships Act 1984
- International Trusts Act 1984
- International Relationship Property Trust 2021
- Limited Liability Companies Act 2008
- Money Changing and Remittance Businesses Act 2009
- Trustee Companies Act 2014
- Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility Act 2021



The Commission is governed by a Board of Directors, comprising of the following members:

Geoff Stoddart, Chairman
Martha Henry
Christina Newport

Gaye Whitta
Nooroa (Bim) Tou

The day to day management of operations is overseen by the Commissioner, Cheryl McCarthy and for the FIU, Head of FIU Walter Henry.

Government’s policy in relation to the Commission is to promote and support the Commission in its objectives and functions as an independent institution, free from Government direction in regards to performance of its statutory functions and duties.

2023/2024 Strategic Objectives of the Commission

As reported in prior years, the Commission approved its four year strategic roadmap in 2021. Summarised below, the objectives explain how the Commission is prioritising its focus and resources as well as building capacity in line with its vision and mission.

Modernising our institutional regulatory framework

- To review our regulatory framework and make recommendations to the Minister of Finance for legislative, administrative or other changes to ensure the effectiveness of our supervision of licensed financial institutions¹;
- To promote financial stability and sound business practices in the financial sector;
- To ensure legislative and regulatory review and reform is conducted on a proactive basis to better recognise evolving opportunities and risks developing in the global financial system.

Embedding an effective risk focussed supervision approach

- To advance and administer a supervisory framework which complies with internationally accepted standards and promotes the adoption of policies and procedures designed to control, manage and mitigate risk;
- To supervise licensed financial institutions on a risk basis to ensure that they are in sound financial condition and are complying with their governing legislative and supervisory requirements;
- To promote good working relationships with licensed financial institutions and to provide feedback and lessons learned to improve compliance;
- To assist FIU in detecting, disrupting and preventing financial misconduct through our supervisory activities.

Facilitate development of financial products and services

- To engage with the financial industry to discuss development of financial products and services and to provide timely feedback and input;
- To facilitate responsible financial industry development by reviewing regulatory rules and participating in initiatives where appropriate;
- To proactively support licensed financial institutions and prospective businesses in understanding our regulatory framework.

Promoting public awareness and education of financial products and services

- To engage with Cook Islanders to raise awareness on issues relating to the financial industry;

¹ Licensed financial institutions" include banks licensed pursuant to the Banking Act 2011, trustee companies licensed pursuant to the Trustee Companies Act 2014, insurers and insurance intermediaries licensed pursuant to the Insurance Act 2008, captive insurance entities licensed pursuant to the Captive Insurance Act 2013 and money changing and remittance businesses licensed pursuant to the Money Changing and Remittance Businesses Act 2009.

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- To improve access to information on everyday financial products and services for Cook Islanders from the Commission and from licensed financial institutions;
 - To receive and consider complaints against licensed financial institutions.

Strengthening our organisation resilience

- To operate the Registries of International Companies, International Trusts, International Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies and Foundations to a professional standard;
- To remain a trusted advisor to Government and maintain a good working relationship with government stakeholders;
- To manage our internal operational risk as an industry leader and to ensure our finances are managed in a prudent and sustainable manner;
- To develop and support the ongoing professional development of our staff to reflect the changes within our regulatory framework and to further build up leadership capabilities.

As an independent division of the Commission, the Financial Intelligence Unit will continue to actively administer the Financial Transactions Reporting Act 2017 (FTRA 2017) to combat financial misconduct and the commission of serious offences. Key objectives for the FIU include:

- To facilitate the prevention, detection, disruption, investigation and prosecution of money laundering, the financing of terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, currency declaration and serious offences in the Cook Islands;
- To provide an environment in which the financial sector and law enforcement agencies can exchange and analyse information and intelligence to detect, prevent and disrupt financial misconduct and serious offence threats against the Cook Islands;
- To facilitate the collection, analysis and dissemination of financial intelligence relating to suspicious financial activity to the appropriate domestic and international authorities in a timely manner;
- To continue the ongoing assessment of threat and risks to the Cook Islands AML/CFT;
- To continue work with Crown partners to detect and identify cyber risks as well as prevent and disrupt identified cyber threats; and
- To work with Crown partners to support an effective law enforcement strategic and operational response against those seeking to engage in financial misconduct and serious offences.

These objectives apply for the year commencing 1 July 2021 and for the foreseeable years to follow.

Nature and scope of activity to be undertaken during the year commencing 1 July 2023

The Commission will undertake all such activities in this section in a professional, and timely, manner.

a) Supervision and Regulation

Primary focus for supervision will be on the longer term recovery of licensed institutions from the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular our licensed banks. This will include greater detailed surveillance and supervision activities relating to the banks credit risk management systems, the integrity of their IT systems and their dealings with customers.

Considered reform of the prudential framework to align with Basel III principles for banking supervision is an ongoing component of important work for the Commission.

The Commission will continue to place emphasis on comprehensive offsite supervision through the review of submitted data, annual audited financial statements and other accessible information, as a risk-based approach is further embedded into our supervision regime across all licensee types.



Onsite inspections will still remain one of the primary supervisory tools for the Commission. As part of refining its risk based supervision framework, the Commission will utilise both annual or bi-annual targeted onsite inspections for the majority of licensees in the Cook Islands during the year to 30 June 2024 and beyond.

The Commission will continue to undertake thematic supervisory reviews (for example information management systems used by financial institutions) to identify and assess risks and to evaluate licensed financial institutions controls and systems in place.

The Commission will also continue to actively participate in and provide input to the government's banking reforms relating to cost of borrowing to ensure any potential impacts on the stability of the sector is minimised.

Engagement with low risk financial institutions, and external licensees will continue primarily through submission of annual returns and questionnaires as well as prudential meetings.

The completion of the online prudential data analysis system will permit greater analysis on risk indicators and trends, both at an institutional and industry level and to allow for that information to be provided to a broader audience. It will also provide for a more secure and formalised system of receipt of information from licensees.

The Commissions Supervision team will continue to collaborate with the Financial Intelligence Unit in regards to compliance reviews of higher risk financial institutions.

The Commission will continue to build upon relationships with home, and fellow host regulators and counterparts to leverage off external supervision measures in place for these licensees. To keep abreast with developments to the Commission in financial supervision at a regional and international level will remain important.

b) Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)

The Commission's staff will carry out the functions and responsibilities of the FIU upon delegation by the Head of the FIU. This includes:

To complete the replacement of FIU's intelligence database (FIU in the Box and FIU Wizard) and database tools.

To continue to perform and enhance its strategic and operational intelligence gathering function, and dissemination of that analysis to counterpart agencies, where appropriate, for the investigation of financial misconduct, terrorist financing and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

To conduct risk based compliance monitoring and examination for all Reporting Institutions in the Cook Islands as required by the Financial Transactions Reporting Act 2017 with a focus on improving the effectiveness of the Cook Islands AML / CFT regime.

To continue the FIU's ongoing work with other Law Enforcement Agencies to improve intelligence gathering capabilities with the aim of improving overall effectiveness in the detection of serious and organised crime.

To investigate and prosecute offences committed under the Financial Intelligence Unit Act 2015, Currency Declaration Act 2015/16 and the Financial Transactions Reporting legislation.

To conduct and assist with parallel financial investigation and the pursuit and recovery of the proceeds of crime in acquisitive criminal cases.

To foster a stronger partnership with the private sector in order to increase the effectiveness of our collective response to financial misconduct and supervision.

To continue to improve the effectiveness of the FIU IT System to enhance the Units intelligence products and services.

The FIU will work proactively with other government stakeholders to address cybercrime threats and assist in development of a cybercrime prevention programme.

To continue to improve the collection and collation of statistics and information to enable the conduct of effective strategic analysis to inform risk assessments.

The FIU will continue to coordinate with key national stakeholders in maintaining the national money laundering, terrorism and proliferation financing risk assessment for the Cook Islands.

To continue to actively participate in other National Committees including the AML/CFT Coordinating Committee, Combined Law Agency Group, Anti-Corruption Committee and the Cook Islands National Intelligence Taskforce.

To continue to implement as appropriate the recommendations of the 2018 Mutual Evaluation Report.

c) Registry of International Entities

A priority for the Commission this year is the continuing upgrade of the online registry with the assistance of the Asian Development Bank which commenced in 2022/2023. As with any large IT project, the Commission will need to dedicate significant amount of time and resourcing to getting the project completed in 2023/2024.

This important piece of work will provide the registry with greater flexibility in adding additional functionalities to the system and to maintain a stable and secure platform fit for purpose. Finally it will allow the Commission to take steps to stabilise its revenue sources as registration numbers continue to trend downwards.

The Registrar will continue to administer effective systems of control to ensure every effort is made to identify any bona vacantia assets remaining in deregistered international companies, which have vested with the Registrar. These assets will then be realised, as per the manner prescribed in the International Companies Act 1981/82, ensuring maximum return of funds to the Crown. This includes receiving and processing claims made to the Registrar relating to the Man Funds companies on behalf of the Crown.

d) International and Domestic Liaison

International Liaison

The Commission and the FIU will continue to actively participate and engage with regional and international forum meetings and pertinent workshops.

The Commission will continue to liaise with the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and the Bank of Papua New Guinea (BPNG), as home regulators, of the Cook Islands branches of ANZ and BSP Financial Group Ltd, respectively. The Commission will endeavour to partake in all ANZ and BSP Supervisory College conference calls and meetings which may be convened during 2023/24.

The valuable working relationships with other regulators throughout the Pacific continues to be a priority. The Commission will participate in the Association of Financial Supervisors of Pacific Countries (AFSPC). The AFSPC regional forum is overseen by PFTAC and comprises financial regulators from twelve jurisdictions across the Pacific.

As in previous years, the Commission will continue to be an active member of the Group of International Finance Centre Supervisors (GIFCS) and the Group of International Insurance Supervisors Centre (GIICS). The Commission will utilise the Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding between members to maximise sharing with, and obtaining of, information from other member regulatory bodies.



The Commission will re-engage with the Corporate Registers Forum in 2023/24 as a member as we have not actively participated in Forum activities for a number of years.

Domestic liaison

The Commission will continue to promote and maintain good working relationships with key crown departments, particularly the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management as part of the ongoing economic recovery and development for the Cook Islands. This includes actively participating in, and providing input for any economic reforms for the financial sector such as the ongoing cost of borrowing review.

The Commission will continue to work with the Financial Services Development Authority, industry, via the Trustee Companies Association and the Revenue Management Division (RMD), in respect to international tax reform issues facing the international financial industry. In addition, the Commission will liaise with the Financial Services Development Authority (FSDA) to continue to assist, where possible, with the development of the Cook Islands international financial centre. The Commission's Strategic Roadmap recognises the need to align, where possible, the long terms objectives of the Commission with the development of the financial industry.

The Commission will continue to consider any proposals for legislative change that may be put forward in promoting the financial industry in the Cook Islands, against the desire to ensure that there is no compromise of the continuing advancement in the standard of financial regulation.

The Commission continues to maintain an open-door policy to meeting with all licensees, and prospective licensees, throughout the year.

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

Technical assistance will continue to be sought from the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC), the International Monetary Fund, and the Financial Stability Institute in revising our prudential framework to ensure we are aligned appropriately with international standards for banking supervision.

This will be supplemented with specific technical assistance from fellow Regulators, via our GIFCS and GIICS network, to upskill staff in various emerging risks including cybercrime, climate change, data security and virtual assets, in the insurance, trustee and money remittance industries.

The Commission will participate from time to time in conferences and workshops deemed relevant to the objectives of the Commission and beneficial for the professional development of staff.

Financial Intelligence Unit

The FIU will continue to be an active member of the Pacific Financial Intelligence Community (PFIC).

The FIU will re-engage with the Egmont Group of FIUs and participate in key annual meetings. This participation will support the ongoing enhancement of the FIU ensuring that these developments are informed by international standards and best practice with regards to financial intelligence. As a member and participant of both the Egmont Asia-Pacific regional group and the Technical Assistance and Training Working Group, the FIU will continue to build and develop international relations and cooperation; to improve the effectiveness of the FIU.

In addition, the FIU will be represented at the Asia Pacific Group (APG) Annual Plenary Meeting and, where relevant, the APG Typologies Workshop.

The FIU will continue to contribute and support the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network – Asia Pacific (ARIN-AP) along with active participation in the Association of Pacific Islands Financial Intelligence Units forum.

The FIU will proactively seek technical support and funding through the relevant and appropriate international organisations.

The FIU will continue to actively participate and lead in domestic and regional law enforcement forums to address specific financial crime issues and to support initiatives on organised crime, cybercrime and other offences.

e) Legislation

A key strategic priority under the Commission's four year Strategic Roadmap is the modernising of its regulatory framework. In 2023/24 the Commission will continue to prioritise the progression of its legislative programme.

The Commission will continue to administer the legislation for which it is responsible, including the registration and renewal of international companies, international trusts, international partnerships, limited liability companies and foundations and the new trust product the International Relationship Property Trusts Act 2021.

From the legislative programme the Commission will recommend to the Minister any legislative reforms and administrative actions to enhance the performance of the Commission and the achievement of its objectives set out in this Statement.

f) Miscellaneous

The Commission will continue to endeavour to improve its governance and internal procedures, and utilise opportunities to benchmark against other regional and international organisations recognising the importance of having an appropriate balance between regulation and economic growth in the context of the Cook Islands.

Continued focus will be given specifically to strengthening supervisory skills and capacity in respect to regulatory regimes addressing emerging risks. In addition, management and leadership training will be identified for the Commission Management team and where opportunities present, training will be provided to the Commission Board of Directors.

Performance Targets for the years commencing 1 July 2023 and thereafter

The Commission will seek to achieve the following targets:

- (1) To conduct annual onsite examinations for banks, insurers, money changing and remittance businesses and biennial onsite examinations for trustee companies, captive insurers and insurance intermediaries licensed to carry out business in the Cook Islands on a risk basis.
- (2) To undertake comprehensive offsite monitoring and reviews of all data supplied by licensees on a regular basis.
- (3) To ensure the majority of licensed financial institutions are complying with their respective regulatory rules and have sound business practices in place.
- (4) To undertake remedial action for non-compliance as well as enforcement action for major non-compliance by licensed financial institutions.
- (5) To administer new licence applications of a financial institution on a timely basis with all applications being determined within the prescribed timeframe upon receipt of the completed application.
- (6) To continue to benchmark, where relevant, our regulatory framework against international standards to ensure appropriate enhancements are identified and implemented in a timely manner.
- (7) To have available to the wider public, information and avenues on everyday financial products, services and issues applicable here in the Cook Islands.
- (8) To administer registration and renewal of registration of international companies, international trusts, international partnerships, limited liability companies and foundations efficiently, accurately and without delay.

(9) To keep under on-going review legislation administered by the Commission with a view to recommending amendments where the legislation needs to reflect changes in the global financial environment, including best international supervisory and regulatory practice.

(10) To enhance and upgrade the Commission's IT systems to ensure they are fit for purpose and provide a range of tools necessary for meeting the Commission's objectives.

(11) To maintain a structured programme for upskilling all staff of the Commission throughout the year and make use of technical training provided by the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre, the International Monetary Fund, the Financial Stability Institute, the Egmont Group of FIUs, and other technical assistance programmes including short term training with the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, New Zealand Police, Austrac and other appropriate regulators.

(12) To continue to promote regular analysis of AML/CFT risk within the Cook Islands.

(13) To review policies, procedures and guidelines to administering the Financial Transactions Reporting Act 2017; measuring this against international standards and focussed on the effectiveness of the regime.

(14) To conduct, in each year, compliance reviews of licensed financial institutions and designated non-financial businesses and professions in respect of the financial transactions reporting regime.

(15) To effectively administer and enforce the Financial Intelligence Unit Act 2015, and the Currency Declaration Act 2015/16.

(16) To continue to coordinate the implementation of recommendations arising from the Cook Islands 2018 Mutual Evaluation Report.

(17) To report to the Minister on its activities and the legislation administered by the Commission by 30 September each year.

(18) To efficiently attend to all other obligations under the legislation which the Commission has responsibility to administer.

Nature and scope of activity to be undertaken during the year commencing 1 July 2024

The Commission will continue to fulfil its duty to administer legislation for which it is responsible.

Responsibilities of the Commission have grown progressively and are expected to continue to grow, thus it is anticipated that the activities listed below will require continued focus in future years. In particular, but without limiting the extent of the Commission's duties to be performed in the coming years, the Commission will:

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- (a) Undertake the prudential supervision, on a risk basis, of the following
- (i) all banks holding banking licences to carry on banking business in the Cook Islands on a risk basis;
 - (ii) all insurers holding licences to conduct insurance business in the Cook Islands;
 - (iii) all money changing and remittance businesses licensed to conduct money changing and remittance business in the Cook Islands;
 - (iv) all trustee companies licensed to conduct trustee business in the Cook Islands;
 - (v) all captive insurance businesses licensed to conduct captive insurance business in the Cook Islands;
- (b) to promote licensed financial institutions to carry out sound practices in relation to prudential matters;
- (c) to review and consider, in a timely manner, all completed applications submitted to the Commission for a licence, registration or authorisation pursuant to any enactment the Commission administers;
- (d) to oversee the requirements for registration and renewal of registration of international companies, international trusts, international partnerships, limited liability companies, foundations and any new entities that may be added in future;
- (e) to proactively seek to make improvements to the regulatory framework and procedures which apply to licensed financial institutions;
- (f) to continue to progress the Commission's legislative programme and to identify reforms that may be needed to improve that legislation;
- (g) to promote Cook Islander's participation in the financial sector through its supervisory activities and legislative reforms;
- (h) to improve Cook Islander's access to information on financial products and services
- (i) investigate and prosecute matters under the Financial Intelligence Unit Act 2015, the Currency Declaration Act 2015/16 and the Financial Transactions Reporting Act 2017;
- (j) to facilitate operations at the airport, airfreight or seaport duties for the purpose of enforcing the Currency Declaration Act 2015/16;
- (k) investigate and review the performance by licensed financial institutions and designated non-financial businesses and professions of their obligations pursuant to AML/CFT compliance;
- (l) enhance the confiscation of the proceeds of crime, and assist with the implementation of an Asset Recovery strategy;

(m) assist in the management and mitigation of cybercrime and cyber enabled crime through the introduction of preventive measures, education, and where appropriate the investigation and prosecution of serious related criminal offences;

(n) undertake a targeted review of specific high-risk threats and vulnerabilities as part of the national risk assessment of the Cook Islands;

(o) evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the recommendations identified in the 2018 Cook Islands Mutual Evaluation Report;

(p) continue to provide opportunities for training and professional development for staff; and

(q) efficiently attend to any other matters brought before the Commission.

The Commission will continue to attend to any matters of government policy raised and that are not contrary to its objectives.

The Financial Resources required to achieve the Performance Targets

As previously stated in this document, the revenue of the Commission has been detrimentally impacted by the decline of registry entities on the international registry.

In addition to the ongoing tax reforms, the economic and operational climate within which this jurisdiction, like all small international financial centres, operations remain subject to ongoing pressure to enhance disclosures and increase reporting in line with international best practice. As compliance measures have become more burdensome, and competition in bigger jurisdictions have become more impactful, growth has reduced.

Accordingly, the estimates below are prudently based on the assumption that there will be an overall negative growth of 4.64% in the industry during the 2023/24 financial year.

Expenditure

The estimated expenditure of the Commission for the year ended 30 June 2024 is as follows:

PERSONNEL	\$	\$
Salaries (incl Superannuation)	710,000	
Staff Training	5,000	
Staff Travel	15,000	
Staff Expenses	3,000	
		733,000
BOARD		
Fees	82,250	
Expenses	4,000	

		86,250
COMMISSIONER		
Contractual Expenses	1,200	
Entertainment	1,000	
Travel	13,000	
		20,200
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER		
Travel	13,000	
		13,000
HEAD OF THE FIU		
Contractual Expenses	900	
Entertainment	600	
Travel	15,000	
		16,500
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Audit Fee	3,000	
Advertising & Promotion	2,400	
Bank Fees	1,000	
Cleaning	5,600	
Communications	5,000	
Computer Costs	8,000	
Conferences & Workshops	12,000	
Depreciation (Fixed Assets)	20,000	
Amortisation (Software)	75,000	
Electricity	11,000	
Expensed Equipment	4,000	
FIU in-a-box	20,000	
General Expenses	4,000	
Insurance	5,000	
Maintenance	5,000	
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4,000	
Office Supplies	5,000	
Online Prudential Operating Expenses	25,000	
Online Registry Operating Expenses	73,000	
Online Server Expenses	13,000	
Operation Costs	10,000	
Professional Service Fees	40,000	
Rental - Office	36,000	
Subscriptions	32,000	
Total Operating Expenditure		419,000
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		1,287,950

Revenue

The financial resources available to the Commission to carry out its undertaking and to achieve its performance targets are:

(a) All licence, registration and miscellaneous fees payable under the following enactments:

Banking Act 2011
 Captive Insurance Act 2013
 Foundations Act 2012
 Insurance Act 2008
 International Companies Act 1981/82
 International Relationship Property Trusts Act 2021
 International Partnerships Act 1984
 International Trusts Act 1984
 Limited Liability Companies Act 2008
 Money-changers and Remittance Businesses Act 2009
 Trustee Companies Act 2014

The estimated fees from these sources for the year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 are \$1,227,986 (net of VAT).

Although all amounts are in New Zealand dollars, registry fees payable to the Commission are denominated in US dollars and income is therefore, subject to currency exchange fluctuations. The rate of \$0.68 was used to prepare these figures.

These estimates are based on the number of renewals across the board decreasing however, limited liability companies are slightly above the 2022/23 registry numbers. A conservative estimate has been made in relation to registration fees generated by the new trust product, the International Relationship Property Trusts Act 2021.

A further amount of miscellaneous operating revenue and interest totalling \$63,300 is also expected to be generated.

The estimated revenue is as follows:

REVENUE	\$	\$
Bank Licences	55,391	
Insurance Licences	28,436	
Money Changers Licences	3,043	
Trustee Company Licences	31,652	
Total Licencing Fees		118,522
Foundations Registration		
International Companies Registration		
International Relationship Property Trusts		
International Trusts Registration		
Limited Liability Companies Registration		
Total Registration Fees		128,300

Foundations Renewal		
International Companies Renewal		
International Partnerships Renewal		
International Trusts Renewals		
Limited Liability Companies Renewals		
Total Renewal Fees		931,164
Registry Penalty Fees		20,000
Miscellaneous Registry Fees		20,000
Vested Assets Fee Income		10,000
Miscellaneous Revenue		63,300
TOTAL REVENUE		1,291,286

In accordance with section 24(2) of the Financial Supervisory Commission Act 2003, excess funds will be paid to the Cook Islands Government. It is anticipated that the Commission will return an excess to government of \$3,000 during the 2023/24 financial year.

For the year ended 30 June 2024 income and expenditure is projected as follows:

	\$	\$
REVENUE*		1,291,286
EXPENDITURE		
Personnel expenses including Board	794,350	
Operating expenses including Depreciation	493,600	
		1,287,950
EXCESS		3,000

*The exchange rate used for this calculation is US\$0.68; NZ\$1.00.

The Accounting Policies of the Commission

The General Accounting Policies of the Commission for the year ended 30 June 2023, and for the subsequent financial years, will be as follows:

Basis of Preparation of Accounts

(i) Reporting Entity

The financial statements are for the Financial Supervisory Commission, which is considered to be an agency of the Crown. The Financial Supervisory Commission carries out services as mandated under the Financial Supervisory Commission Act 2003.

(ii) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management Act 1995/96 and with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board.

(iii) Measurement Base

The financial statements will be prepared on a going concern basis and the accounting policies will be applied consistently throughout the period.

The Significant Accounting Policies of the Commission will not change from the 2023/24 financial year. The detailed policies form part of the annual audited Financial Statements and may be viewed in full in the Commission's Annual Report. The Financial Statements of the Commission are audited by the Cook Islands Audit Office and the Annual Report is published on the Commission's website (www.fsc.gov.ck) following submission to the Minister of Finance before 30 September each year.

Other Matters as agreed between the Minister of Finance and the Commission.

As at the date hereof, there are no other matters existing or forecasted that will have a material impact on the Commissions performance and resources.

Dated at Rarotonga this 22nd day of March 2023.



Geoff Stoddart
Chairman
Financial Supervisory Commission