

## FISCAL SECTOR – CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

<b>0. Prerequisites</b>	
<b>0.1 Legal environment</b>	<p><b>0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p> <p>The Statistics Act of 2011 gives the Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS) of the Ministry of Finance the authority to collect, compile and disseminate Palau’s statistical data.</p> <p><b>0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p> <p>The OPS does data sharing and coordination with a variety of agencies in Palau. Of these, the most important are Social Security Administration (especially on labor statistics), Financial Institutions Commission (on banking statistics), and Ministry of Finance (on government finance statistics). These data sharing and coordination arrangements work effectively.</p> <p><b>0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p> <p>Confidentiality of individual reporters’ data is protected through a number of ways. First, the Statistics Act of 2011 provides for protection of confidentiality (Section 204). Second, OPS staff is required take an oath of protecting confidentiality. Third, computer passwords also protect individual data confidentiality.</p> <p><b>0.1.4 Ensuring statistical reporting</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p> <p>Statistical reporting of data is ensured by the fact that the Statistics Act of 2011 gives the OPS authority to collect statistical data.</p>
<b>0.2 Resources</b>	<p><b>0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing</b></p> <p>The Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS) compiles and disseminates Palau’s central government operations data with the help of four staffs and TA provided by the Graduate School USA.</p>
<b>1. Integrity</b>	
<b>1.2 Transparency</b>	<p><b>1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p> <p>The Statistics Act of 2011, which is available to the public, spells out the terms and conditions for the collection, compilation and dissemination of Palau’s statistical data.</p> <p><b>1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p> <p>Statistical data compiled by the OPS are reviewed by the Director prior to publication.</p> <p><b>1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques.</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p>

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	No advance notice given.
<b>2. Methodology</b>	
<b>2.1 Concepts and definitions</b>	<b>2.1.1 Concepts and definitions</b>
	Central government operations data are compiled within the format of the IMF's <i>Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Manual 2001</i> .
<b>2.2 Scope</b>	<b>Scope of the data</b>
	All of the central government is covered—all ministries and departments.
	<b>Exceptions to coverage</b>
	No exception to coverage.
<b>2.3 Classification/sectorization</b>	<b>2.3.1 Classification/sectorization</b>
	Central government operations data are presented on the OPS's website, based on the following classification scheme:
	Total revenue
	Tax revenue
	Non-tax revenue
	Local Trust Fund
	Grants
	Capital revenue
	Expenditure
	Current
	Capital
	Balance
	A more detailed classification is used for publication in <i>Economic Statistics</i> , Graduate School USA.
<b>2.4 Basis for recording</b>	<b>2.4.2 Recording basis</b>
	Recording basis is accrual.

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<b>3. Accuracy and reliability</b>	
<b>3.1 Source data</b>	<p><b>3.1.1 Source data collection programs</b></p> <p>Source data for the central government operations statistics are provided by the Ministry of Finance. This source data comes to the OPS in the form of the government’s Chart of Accounts. The OPS uses the software, Distributed and Integrated Local Government System (DILOG), to transform this source data to the <i>GFSM 2001</i> format.</p>
<b>3.5 Revision studies</b>	<p><b>3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses</b></p> <p>No revision studies are done.</p>
<b>4. Serviceability</b>	
<b>4.1 Periodicity and timeliness</b>	<p><b>4.1.1 Periodicity</b></p> <p>Central government operations data are compiled and disseminated on an annual cycle.</p> <p><b>4.1.2 Timeliness</b></p> <p>Timeliness is 3-4 months.</p>
<b>4.3 Revision</b>	<p><b>4.3.1 Revision schedule</b></p> <p><u>Central government operations</u></p> <p>No revision schedule has been published.</p> <p><b>4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised data</b></p> <p><u>Central government operations</u></p> <p>Data are identified as preliminary and revised.</p>
<b>5. Accessibility</b>	
<b>5.1 Data</b>	<p><b>5.1.1 Statistical presentation</b></p> <p>Central government operations data are presented in a table.</p> <p><b>Hard copy - Other</b></p> <p><i>Economic Statistics</i>, Graduate School USA.</p> <p><i>Statistical Yearbook</i>, Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS).</p> <p><b>Electronic - Other</b></p> <p>OPS website: <a href="http://www.palau.gov.net/stats">www.palau.gov.net/stats</a>.</p> <p><b>5.1.3 Advance release calendar</b></p> <p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></p>

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	<p>No ARC published.</p> <p><b>5.1.4 Simultaneous release</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p> <p>Statistical data are simultaneously released to all, usually through the OPS's website.</p>
<b>5.2 Metadata</b>	<p><b>5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques</b></p> <p>No published metadata exists on the central government operations data.</p>
<b>9. Plans</b>	
<b>9.2 General</b>	<p><b>Plans for improvement - Short-term</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p> <p>(0.2.1) To build up statistical capacity.</p> <p>(0.2.1) To upgrade and modernize OPS's IT systems.</p> <p><b><u>Central government operations</u></b></p> <p>(2.2.1) To extend the coverage to general government by including Palau's 16 state governments.</p>
<b>9.3 Financial</b>	<p><b>Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term</b></p> <p><b><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></b></p> <p>Assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Secretariat of Pacific Community (SPC) required for the plans mentioned above.</p> <p><b><u>Central government operations</u></b></p> <p>Continued TA needed from the Graduate School USA.</p>