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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
& ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-10

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 23-265

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET/CCC

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker, Twenty-Third Congress  
Fifth Regular Session, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Special Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Issues, to which was jointly referred the National Government's proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget, begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication No. 23-265 was transmitted to Congress with the National Government Fiscal Year 2025 Recommended Budget ("Budget Book") on April 2, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 7, section 3 (b) of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, your Committee has limited its review to those portions of the budget relating to matters under its jurisdiction. These are:

- A. Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Emergency Management (DECCEM)
  1. Office of Secretary
  2. Division of Environment
  3. Division of Climate Change
  4. Division of Emergency Management
- B. Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions
  1. UN Environmental Protection
  2. United Nation Framework on Climate Change
  3. United Nation Convention to Combat Decertification
  4. Secretariat of Pacific Region Environment Program
  5. Waigani Convention

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6. SPREP Noumea Convention
7. Earth Day Activities
8. Bi-Annual Environment Conference
9. FSM FEMA Disaster Matching
10. Bassel Convention
11. Kyoto Protocol
12. WMO Membership

C. Capital and Human Resources and Development

1. Global Environment Facility Constituency Meetings
2. Disaster Risk Management Annual Meeting
3. Implement the FSM National Disaster Responds Plan
4. National and State Table Top Meeting

This report, and all pervious and subsequent reports of your Committee, should be treated as reflecting policies of the Federated States of Micronesia, as defined by the Congress. It is the intent of your Committee that any commentary found in this report should be treated as policy for the guidance of the department, agencies and entities.

FY25 Budget Special Committee

Your Committee held a hearing on the FY 25 Budget of DECEM on May 24, 2024. At the hearing Assistant Secretary L. Overhoff appeared for Secretary Yatilman who was traveling.

The witness testified that the budget for FY25 followed closely that of FY 24 except for travel which has increased substantially. It is expected that more funding for travel will be needed because of more involvement with the states, and also to participate in COP in Azerbaijan.

Your Committee is mindful of the need to cooperate more fully with the states but at this point based on the testimony your committee does not believe that more travel than in FY 24 is warranted in the absence of specific purposes for the travel. That being said your Committee believes that attendance at COP should be supported. However, that should be funded as a specific purpose line item, and not part of the operations

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budget, so that the appropriation is not reprogrammed for other unplanned activities.

Your Committee is also concerned that the requested funding for the Division of Climate Change only accounts for about 20% of the requested budget for DECEM, which is hereby encouraged to look into the ever-widening scope of its activities and maybe refocus its priorities.

Based on the above, your Committee recommends funding DECEM for FY 25 at the status quo level of FY 24. At the hearing the requested budget was to be funded solely out of domestic revenues but your Committee is aware that potentially more funding will come from donors and other sources. Once that is properly assessed, the budget can be amended if necessary.

1. Office of the Secretary

	FY24 Appropriated	FY25 Proposed	FY25 President Recommended	FY25 Committee Recommends
Personnel	168,544	185,029	164,384	168,544
Travel	14,509	67,119	62,016	14,509
Contract	100,000	150,000	150,000	100,000
OCE	12,164	30,495	30,495	12,164
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Total	295,217	423,643	406,896	295,217
Employee #	5	5	5	5

2. Division of Environment

	FY24 Appropriated	FY25 Proposed	FY25 President Recommends	FY25 Committee Recommends
Personnel	198,229	198,015	190,949	198,229
Travel	27,974	87,344	43,313	27,974
Contract	500	500	500	500
OCE	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,800
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0

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Total	234,503	293,659	242,562	234,503
Employee #	7	7	7	7

3. Division of Climate Change

	FY24 Appropriated	FY25 Proposed	FY25 President Recommended	FY24 Committee Recommended
Personnel	224,314	224,098	217,034	224,314
Travel	24,368	182,621	157,295	24,368
Contracts	6,000	6,000	0	6,000
OCE	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Total	264,682	422,719	384,329	264,682
Employee #	7	7	7	7

4. Division of Emergency Management

	FY24 Appropriated	FY25 Proposed	FY25 President Recommended	FY25 Committee Recommended
Personnel	184,094	184,919	177,854	184,094
Travel	35,924	50,257	49,196	35,924
Contract	0	0	0	0
OCE	10,100	13,600	13,600	10,100
Fixed Assets	0	40,000	30,000	0
Total	230,118	288,776	270,650	230,118
Employee #	6	6	6	6

B. GRANTS, SUBSIDIES & CONTRIBUTIONS

Dept of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management	FY24 Appropriated	FY25 Proposed	FY25 President Recommended	FY25 Committee Recommended
1. UNEP	835	835	835	835
2. UNFCC	325	325	325	325

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3. UNCCD	195	195	195	195
4. SPREP	10,768	10,768	10,768	10,768
5. Waigani Convention	1,190	1,190	1,190	1.190
6. SPREP-Nouea/Con.	1,764	1,764	1,764	1,764
7. Earth Day Activities	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
8. Bi Annual Environ. Con.	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
9. FSM/FEMA Disaster Matching	0	0	0	0
10. Basel Conv.	197	197	197	197
11. Kyoto Protocol	484	484	484	484
12. Who membership	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
13. DAEF Matching	200,000	200,000	200,000	500,000
14. Disaster Relief Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
15. Stockholm Conv. Membership	550	550	550	550
16. Travel Climate Change Con.	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total for DECCEM	466,308	446,308	446,308	746,308

Your Committee notes that the DAEF expected contribution has gone up from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

B. CAPITAL & HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Your Committee will review this section at a later date.

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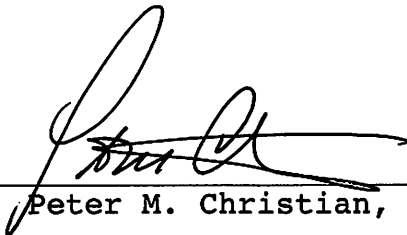
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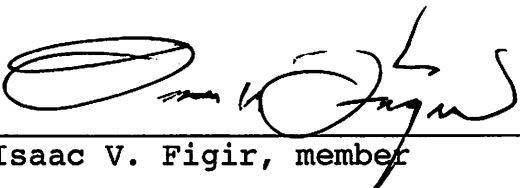
Conclusion

Your Special Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Issues has carefully reviewed the President's recommended FY25 budget and all the information provided by the Executive and the entities under your Committee's jurisdiction. The recommended sums set forth above reflect your Committee's recommendations on level of funding for the designated activity, program or project for FY2025, subject to the recommendations of the Committee on Ways and Means.

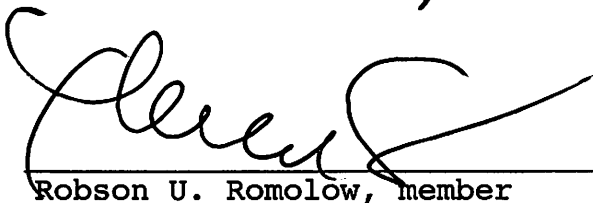
Respectfully submitted,

  
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