



FISCAL REFORM COMMISSION

PRESS RELEASE

MINISTRY OF FINANCE WORKING WITH AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF FEES AND CHARGES

Dili, 9 October, 2018 – The Ministry of Finance through the Fiscal Reform Commission conducted meetings with senior officials from ministries and autonomous agencies that collect fees and charges, to share information about issues and challenges associated with management of fees and charges and to discuss ways in which the system could be enhanced and improved in the future, including good practice approaches from international experience.

Fees and charges collected by ministries and autonomous agencies provide the majority of domestic non-tax revenues, accounting for around 30% of total non-oil domestic revenues. In view of their importance, the Government has initiated a project to improve the management framework for fees and charges, including development of a policy framework to guide the decisions that government makes about which public services should be subject to fees and charges and how the level of specific fees and charges should be determined.

The Fiscal Reform Commission is also developing the legal framework to support an enhanced decision-making and management framework and development of management systems to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the collection and administration of fees and charge.

To accelerate the work the Ministry of Finance through the Fiscal Reform Commission has been obtaining technical assistance from the Asian Development Bank and GfD.

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