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FY19 Budget's big transfers

The government expects to post a sizeable deficit in the year ahead as it sets aside funds for this Budget's landmark Merdeka Package for senior Singaporeans and continues to invest in public transport.

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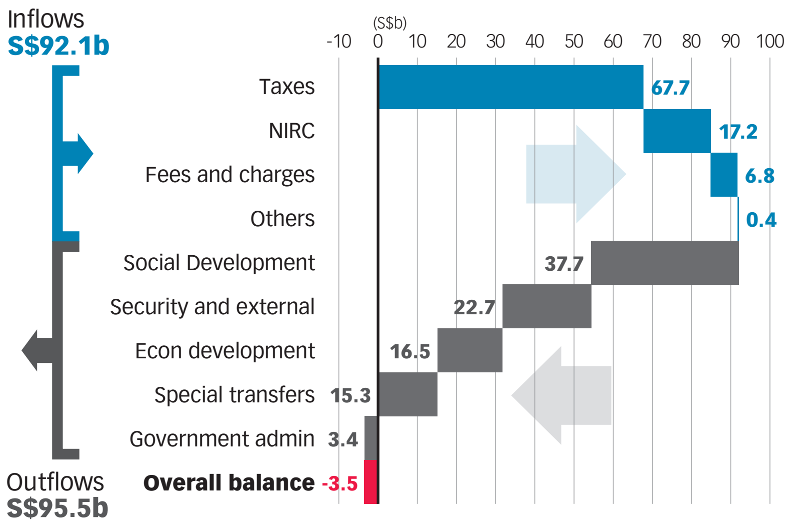
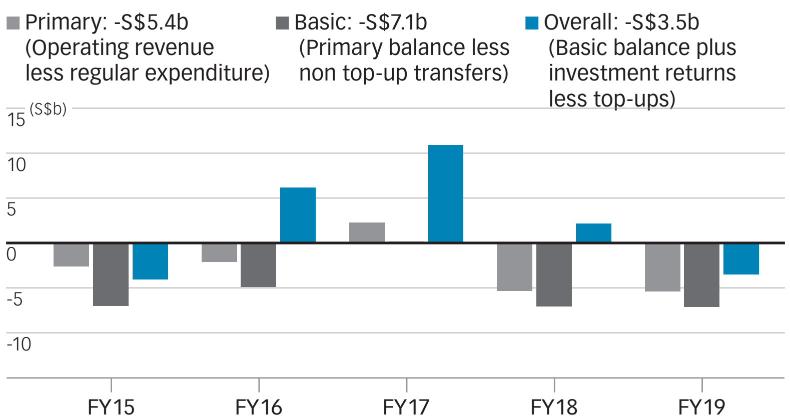
FY19 estimated inflows and outflows

The Singapore government's FY2019 Budget will feature one of the largest deficits in recent years, driven by one-off initiatives for the elderly and for transport infrastructure.



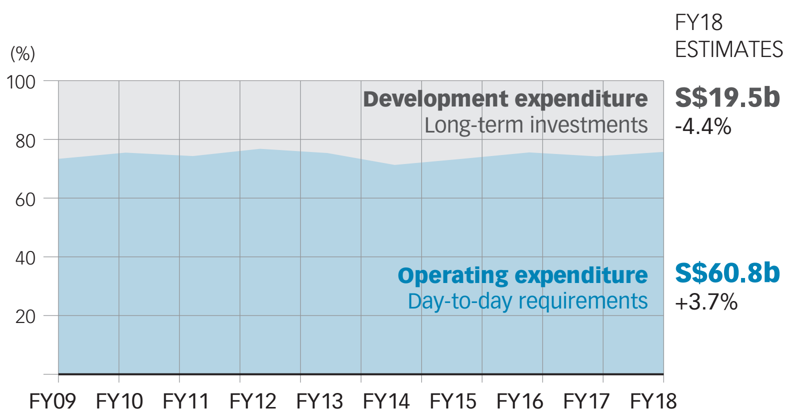
Budget balance

The S$3.5 billion overall deficit will be the largest since 2015, when the government ran up a larger-than-normal tab on transportation.



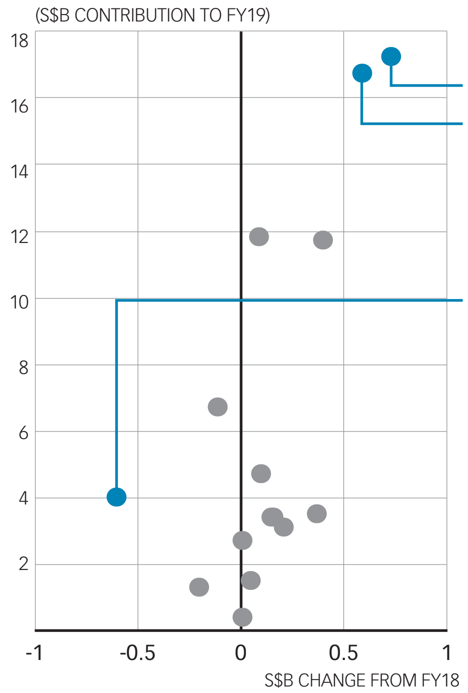
Share of non-transfer expenditures

The split between operating expenditure, which goes towards day-to-day activities, and development spending, which goes towards longer-term projects, has remained at a 70-30 to 80-20 range.



Contributions to FY19 inflow

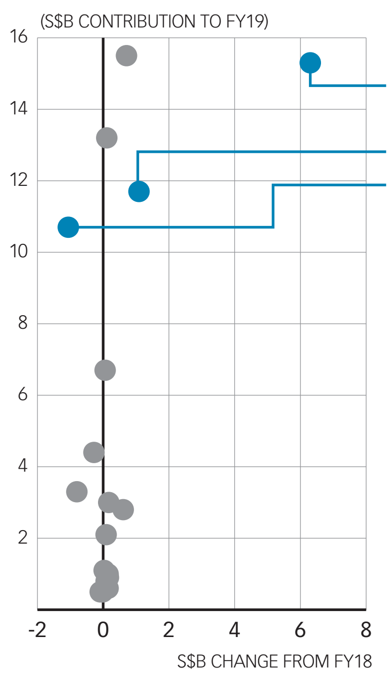
Revenue from stamp duty, which got a big boost in 2018 from a flurry of collective property sales, is expected to fall sharply in the year ahead after cooling measures snuffed out that en bloc fever.



SOURCE	CONTRIBUTION (S$B)	CHANGE (S$B)
NIRC	**17.2**	**0.73**
Corporate tax	**16.7**	**0.59**
Personal income tax	11.8	0.09
GST	11.7	0.40
Other taxes	6.7	-0.11
Assets tax	4.7	0.10
Stamp duty	**4**	**-0.60**
Customs & excise	3.5	0.37
COE	3.4	0.15
Other fees & charges	3.4	0.16
Motor vehicle tax	3.1	0.21
Betting tax	2.7	0.01
Withholding tax	1.5	0.05
Stat boards' contribution	1.3	-0.20
Others	0.4	0.01

Contributions to FY19 outflow

The S$15.3 billion of special transfers will be the largest in at least 15 years in nominal dollar terms, while healthcare continues to be a major, growing cost burden.



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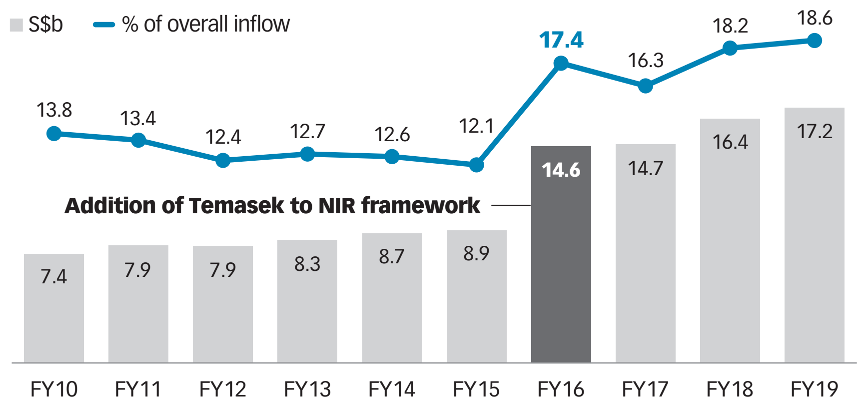
Defence	15.5	0.71
Special transfers	**15.3**	**6.30**
Education	13.2	0.11
Health	**11.7**	**1.09**
Transport	**10.7**	**-1.06**
Home affairs	6.7	0.06
Trade & industry	4.4	-0.28
National development	3.3	-0.80
Social & family	3	0.17
Env & water	2.8	0.61
Culture, community, youth	2.1	0.09
Manpower (financial security)	1.1	0.03
PMO	1	0.15
Finance	1	0.11
Manpower	0.9	0.16
Organs of State	0.8	0.09
Law	0.6	0.15
Infocomm & media	0.5	-0.09
Comms & info	0.5	-0.03
Foreign affairs	0.5	-0.01

Net investment returns contribution

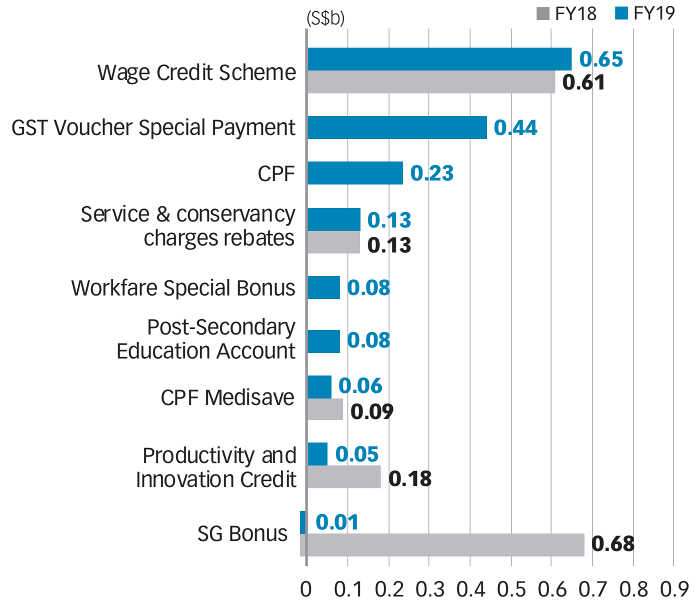
Returns from Singapore's reserves continue to be a major source of funding for the government, with their share of inflows rising to a new historical high.



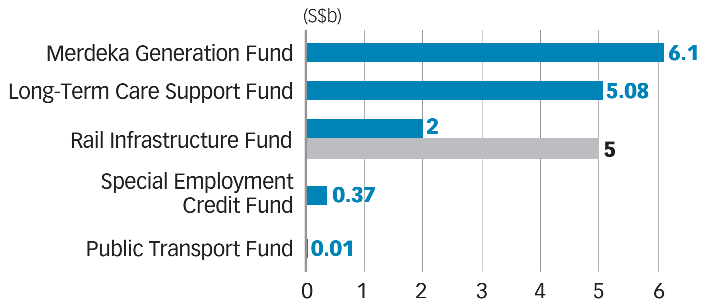
Special transfers

The government is setting aside billions of dollars to fund the Merdeka Generation package and for long-term care support, while maintaining investment in public transport.

Non-top ups to endowments and funds

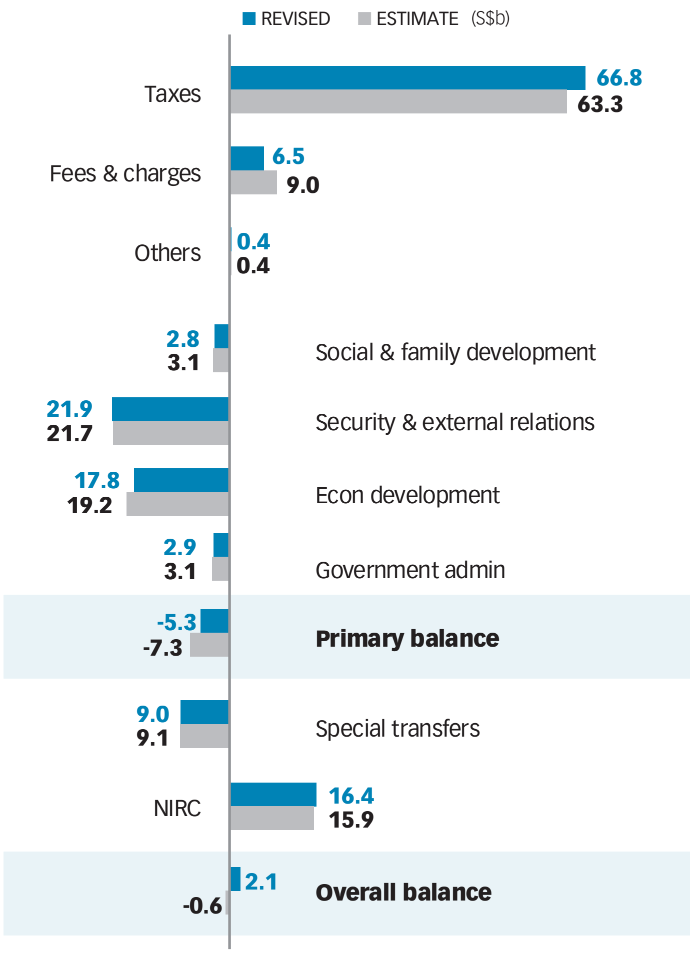


Top-ups to endowments and trust funds



Revisions to FY18 Budget

The unexpected suspension of the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High-Speed Rail and higher-than expected stamp duty collections lifted the FY18 Budget to a surplus from an initially estimated deficit.



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