

# Revenue & Customs

## PRESS RELEASE

### **NEW POLICY MEASURES TO ASSIST LOW INCOME EARNERS**

Government announced new policy measures early this month to assist low income earners in light of the rise in the global food prices which are resulting in higher domestic food prices. The package included:

- (i) increase in the income tax threshold from \$9,000 to \$15,000;
- (ii) zero rating of Value Added Tax on locally produced eggs; and
- (iii) reduction in duty on basic food items (White rice, Brown rice, Sardines, Tuna, Mackerel, other canned fish, and refined oil).

These policies will be effective from **1 June 2008** and is expected to result in **\$21m loss** in government revenue.

Employers are advised that the new PAYE tax tables incorporating the change in tax threshold will be available on our website [www.frca.org.fj](http://www.frca.org.fj) or at any of the collection points listed below from Wednesday 4 June 2008.

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