

## Press Release

### Meeting of the Council of Ministers on May 13th, 2026

The Council of Ministers met at the Government Palace in Dili and approved the draft Law Proposal presented by Finance Minister Santina José Rodrigues F. Viegas Cardoso for the **first amendment to Law No. 8/2025 of November 27<sup>th</sup>, regarding the General State Budget for 2026 (2026 GSB)**.

The proposal calls for an adjustment to the 2026 GSB to address the rise in international fuel prices linked to the conflict in the Middle East, the costs associated with Timor-Leste's assumption of the *Pro Tempore* Presidency of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP – acronym in Portuguese) following the approval of the 2026 GSB, and expenses related to the Oe-Cússe Special Administrative Region.

Under this amendment, the consolidated amount of the 2026 GSB increases by approximately US \$101.1 million, reaching approximately US\$2.39 billion. This increase does not result from any increase in transfers from the Petroleum Fund, but rather from the realignment of the government's financing sources, using management balances, available balances in non-operating bank accounts, and increased domestic revenues.

The proposed amending budget also aims to mitigate the economic impact of rising international fuel prices, given the country's heavy reliance on imports—particularly fuel and food—which directly affects transport costs and domestic inflation.

According to projections by the Ministry of Finance, average annual inflation in 2026 is expected to rise to 2.2%, up from 1.2% in 2025, despite international fuel price increases, without a significant worsening, due to the measures adopted by the Government to stabilise fuel prices.

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## Komunikadu Imprensa

### Sorumutu Konsellu Ministrus loron 13 fulan-maiu tinan 2026

Konsellu Ministrus hala'o sorumutu iha Palásiu Governu, Dili, no aprova ona projetu Proposta Lei, ne'ebé prezenta hosi Ministra Finansas, Santina José Rodrigues F. Viegas Cardoso, ba **alterasaun dahuluk Lei n. 8/2025, loron 27 fulan-novembru, kona-ba Orsamentu Jerál Estadu ba tinan 2026 (OJE 2026)**.

Proposta ne'e prevee ajustamentu ida ba OGE 2026 hodi hatán ba aumentu hosi folin kombustivel internasionál, relaciona ho konflitu iha Médiu Oriente, kustus ne'ebé mosu hosi ezersísiu hosi Prezidénsia Pro Tempore Komunitade País Lian Portugés (CPLP, sigla iha lian Portugés) nian ne'ebé asume hosi Timor-Leste hafoin aprovasaun OJE 2026, nune'e mós despeza sira ne'ebé relaciona ho Rejiaun Administrativu Espesiál Oe-Kusi Ambenu.

Ho alterasaun ida-ne'e, montante konsolidadu hosi OJE 2026 aumenta maizumenus dolar amerikanu millaun 101,1, sa'e ba maizumenus dolar amerikanu biliaun 2,39. Aumentu ida-ne'e la'ós rezultadu reforsu transferénsias ruma hosi Fundu Petrolíferu, maibé liu-liu reajustamentu hosi fonte finansiamentu Estadu nian, liuhosi utilizasaun saldu jerénsia, saldu ne'ebé disponivel iha konta bankária ne'ebé la efetiva (ne'ebé la uza), no mós reforsu hosi reseita doméstika sira.

Proposta orsamentu retifikativu ho objetivu mós atu hamenus impaktu ekonómiku hosi aumentu folin kombustivel internasionál, iha kontestu dependénsia maka'as ba importasaun, liuliu kombustivel no produktu ai-han, ne'ebé afeta diretamente kustu transporte, no mós inflasaun doméstika.

Tuir projesaun hosi Ministériu Finansa, maski iha aumentu iha folin kombustivel nian iha nivel internasionál, prevee katak média inflasaun anuál iha tinan 2026 sei sa'e ba 2,2%, kompara ho 1,2% iha tinan 2025, laho aumentu ne'ebé signifikativu, tanba medida sira ne'ebé maka governu adota hodi estabiliza folin kombustivel.

# Governu aprova proposta-lei alterasaun dahuluk OJE 2026



*Ministra Finansa, Santina Cardoso.  
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**DILI, 13 Maiu 2026 (TATOLI)**—Governu liuhusi reuniaun Konsellu Ministru, kuarta ne'e, aprova projetu proposta-lei ba alterasaun dahuluk Lei nú. 8/2025, 27 Novembru, kona-ba Orsamentu Jerál Estadu ba tinan 2026 (OJE 2026), ne'ebé apresenta husi Ministra Finansa, Santina José Rodrigues F. Viegas Cardoso,

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Ministra Finansa, Santina Cardoso, hateten ho situaun krize iha Médiu Oriente no iha afetasaun mós ba Timor-Leste liuliu kona ba mina nia nomós aihan nian.

“Entaun Governu prepara osamentu ratifikativu ba Parlamentu Nasionál, no orsamentu ne'e Governu la foti husi fundu petrólifeiru nian, maibé haree ba finansamentu programa ne'ebe la funsiona ka taka tiha ona,” Ministra Finansa ne'e relata ba jornalista sira iha Palásio Governu, ohin

Nia hatutan, orsamentu ida-ne'e hetan ona aprovasaun husi Konsellu Ministru sira sei prepara finaliza lei ne'e atu aban lori ba Parlamentu Nasionál.

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