



## NLA approves 2019 fiscal budget

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BANGKOK, 31st August 2018 (NNT) — The National Legislative Assembly has approved the government's budget for the next fiscal year.

On Thursday, the NLA convened a sitting to deliberate the draft 2019 budget bill in its second and third readings, after the drafting committee completed its final review of the draft.

The government budget bill for fiscal 2019, which sets a budget of around three trillion baht, contains 61 articles.

Finance Minister Apisak Tantivorawong told the assembly that the final draft law included a reduction of 24 billion baht, the amount which has been allocated to agencies that require more in order to ensure the connectivity of all government offices and the effective implementation of all plans, policies, and the 20-year national strategy.

Mr. Apisak confirmed that the drafting of the 2019 fiscal budget bill was transparent and in accordance with the principle of good governance.

The Ministry of Education has been allocated the largest sum of more than 174 billion baht, followed by the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of the Interior, which received 117 billion baht, 55 billion baht and 36 billion baht respectively.

After three hours of deliberations, members of the NLA reached a unanimous vote to pass the bill into law.

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