



**Puerto Rico Treasury Department Reports Net Revenue to the General Fund
for July 2018, the First Month of Fiscal Year 2019**

PRESS RELEASE

San Juan, Puerto Rico (August 27, 2018) – Treasury Secretary Teresita Fuentes reported that net revenues to the General Fund for July 2018, the first month of Fiscal Year 2019, totaled \$741.1 million, a \$91.7 million, or 14.1 percent, year-over-year increase, and \$90.6 million above estimates. The Treasury Department prepares said monthly estimates by adjusting the total revenues projected for the current fiscal year in the Certified Fiscal Plan dated June 29, 2018, taking into account the seasonality of monthly revenues and adjustments for non-recurring revenues.

Forty seven (47) percent of the revenue increase is attributed to the foreign corporations excise tax. Revenues from this excise tax totaled \$250.1 million, up \$43.1 million from last year. In the coming months, payments from these corporation are expected to be lower compared to last year because of the annual excise tax cap.

The motor vehicle excise tax is another category that continues to perform well in the past months. July 2018 revenues totaled \$43.8 million. According to automobile industry representatives, July 2018 sales increased by 40 per cent as a result in part of car fleet sales and sales to car leasing companies. They also point out that the growth pattern continues in segments related to recovery efforts; therefore, they believe that this is a short-term increase.

July 2018 Sales and Use Tax (SUT) collections totaled \$239.0 million, which represented \$25.3 million, or 11.8 percent, above July 2017 SUT collections. This amount is not totally comparable to last year's, because this month's collections included the semimonthly tax payment made by large taxpayers which took effect in August 2017.

Lastly, the Treasury Secretary indicated that the amount reserved to pay tax refunds was increased to \$17 million per month to pay for the earned income tax credit that is expected to be approved this year as part of the Tax Reform. In addition, she pointed out that revenues for the first month of the fiscal year began on a positive note compared to the previous year and to estimates.





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Ingresos Netos al Fondo General Julio (millones de \$)

Conceptos	Julio		Dif.	Proyección	Recaudos
	2017-18	2018-19		July	vs. Proyección
Total Ingresos Bruto	687.4	796.1	108.7	705.5	90.6
Reserva Reintegros	(38.0)	(55.0)	(17.0)	(55.0)	-
Total Ingresos Neto	649.4	741.1	91.7	650.5	90.6
Individuos	132.6	130.2	(2.3)	117.9	12.3
Corporaciones	91.0	89.5	(1.5)	89.9	(0.4)
Retenida a no residentes	52.2	51.0	(1.3)	46.1	4.8
IVU	91.6	102.4	10.8	89.1	13.3
Foráneas (Ley 154)	207.0	250.1	43.1	229.7	20.4
Bebidas alcohólicas	13.8	22.5	8.7	10.6	11.9
Cigarrillos	13.4	10.2	(3.2)	15.3	(5.1)
Vehículos de motor	23.5	43.8	20.3	16.0	27.8
Arbitrios de ron	6.9	20.8	13.9	16.8	4.0
Otros	17.4	20.6	3.2	19.0	1.6

