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2019 Budget Response from Alternative Government on Tuesday 20 November

“As we move beyond the extraordinary experiences of hosting APEC over this weekend, it is time to return to the hard yards of getting PNG working better. The Treasurer presented the 2019 Budget last Tuesday. The budget is the most important policy each year. It is enshrined in our Constitution. It provides the key opportunity for the Parliament, the people's legislative, to direct the spending and taxing priorities of the executive. It is a vital time for ensuring the balances of our democracy are working, and that the Parliament has some say on the priorities of the government of the day. We hope that Tuesday will provide a true reflection of the rights of the Parliament. I thank the Treasurer and Prime Minister for continuing with the proud and democratic tradition of allowing the Opposition to respond to the budget this Tuesday.” stated the Shadow Minister for Treasury & Finance Ian Ling-Stuckey.

“The budget reply will aim to once again expose the deficiencies of the 2019 Budget, oppose inappropriate and even illegal measures, and propose a much better post-APEC vision for PNG. As indicated already, I am deeply concerned about the level of funding for health and education, as well as Waigani's grab for power. Going deeper in the 3,739 pages of Budget detail, even more flaws are exposed” stated the Shadow Treasurer.

“I hope that the people of PNG, after hearing the budget response on Tuesday, will agree of the Alternative Government's has a better vision for PNG in this post-APEC world” stated Mr Ling-Stuckey.

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