

Assembly gets \$23 million more in 2027 budget; UNACHI gets \$10 million

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Summary

Mi Diario reports the National Assembly will receive \$23 million extra in the 2027 budget, all for payroll, while UNACHI in Chiriquí gains \$10 million. The budget committee abruptly ended its first-debate session when six deputies walked out with the economy minister.

Details (summary of the article)

According to Mi Diario, documents from the national budget office at the Ministry of Economy and Finance show the National Assembly's extra \$23 million for 2027 is entirely for salaries, the thirteenth-month bonus and employer contributions. The Assembly had originally been set \$97 million. In total the ministry, with Cabinet approval, presented \$450.8 million in changes to the draft budget, \$186.8 million of them recommended by the Assembly's budget committee, while the overall total stays at \$37,111 million. To pay for the increases, the Education Ministry lost \$15.4 million and public-debt servicing \$416.6 million. Of local interest, the Autonomous University of Chiriquí receives \$10 million more for university salaries on top of its \$80.7 million. Other increases tied to the national emergency include \$29.5 million for the Fire Service, \$27.6 million for the Public Works Ministry, \$14.6 million for IDAAN and \$16 million for the Housing Ministry's roofing and progress programmes; 28 entities benefit in all. The first-debate vote due on Thursday 22 October collapsed when six deputies left the session, taking Minister Felipe Chapman with them.

Original (es)

Más plata para la Asamblea: los \$23 millones adicionales son para 'sueldos, décimo tercer mes y contribuciones laborales'

Los \$23 millones adicionales que recibirá la Asamblea Nacional (AN) en su presupuesto de 2027 serán destinados íntegramente al pago de planilla.