



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 25 May 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

1. Prayer
2. Confirmation of Minutes. The Leader of the Government in Parliament to move –

“That the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Wednesday, 24 May 2017, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.”
3. Communications from the Chair
4. Presentation of papers and certain documents
5. Presentation of reports of committees
6. Questions (*see Schedule 1*)
7. Ministerial statements
8. Consideration of Bills
9. Motions for which notice has been given (*see Schedule 2*)

SCHEDULE 1 — QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 166/2017 Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad to ask the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications – Would the Minister inform Parliament if a return to permanent tenure of employment instead of the current contract based employment is part of the civil service reforms.
- 167/2017 Hon. Alivereti Nabulivou to ask the Minister for Forestry – One of the training programmes that are undertaken now with the Ministry of Forestry is the Forest Warden Training. Can the Minister explain to this House the purpose for such training and what will be the role of Forest Wardens.
- 168/2017 Hon. Salote Radrodro to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation – Can the Minister inform the House on what new policies and programmes are in place to boost the effective implementation of the National Gender Policy.
- 169/2017 Hon. Mataiasi Niumataiwalu to ask the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications – The World Bank opened its South Pacific office in Fiji last year for five countries, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji. Last week was the opening of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Ready Project Office in Suva that serves 12 Pacific Countries. Can the Minister explain to this House what it means for Fiji having these offices based here.
- 170/2017 Hon. Aseri Radrodro to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation – Can the Minister give us an update on what has happened to the Women’s Resource Center in Nasalia Village in Naitasiri which Government provided close to \$50,000.00 funding to generate cassava flour.
- 171/2017 Hon. Ashneel Sudhakar to ask the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations – The National Occupational Health and Safety Services is responsible to ensure safe and productivity driven workplaces for all employers, workers and the public. Can the Minister highlight the activities that the National Occupational Health and Safety Services provide to ensure a safe and productive driven workplaces and at the same time ensure that the employers and workers comply with the relevant legislation.

- 172/2017 Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua to ask the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Environment, Infrastructure and Transport – Would the Minister inform this House if Government has any intention to commission the development of a Regional Water Scheme for the Wainadoi/Nabukavesi areas given the water problems faced by residents of these areas.
- 173/2017 Hon. Samuela Vunivalu to ask the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts – Can the Minister update the House on the number of Early Childhood Education Centres, Infant, Primary and Secondary Schools established over the past two years.

Written Questions

- 174/2017 Hon. Aseri Radrodro to ask the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications – Can the Minister provide to this House an update of the 200% Employment Taxation Scheme –
- (a) How many employers have benefitted from the 200% taxation scheme since it was introduced;
 - (b) How many people have benefitted from the taxation programme;
 - (c) How many private sector employers have benefitted from this programme; and
 - (d) The total amount of tax rebate paid out to employers.

SCHEDULE 2 — MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

1. Hon. Acting Prime Minister to move –
“That Parliament approves that –
 - (i) the Government increases the existing guarantee of F\$120 million to F\$322 million to the Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited (FSC) and extends the period to 31 May 2022; and
 - (ii) FSC be exempted from paying a guarantee fee.”
2. Hon. Joeli Cawaki to move –
“That Parliament debates the report of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji – 2013 Annual Report which was tabled on 10 February 2016.”

3. Hon. Joeli Cawaki to move –

“That Parliament debates the report of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the Ministry of Agriculture 2011 and 2012 Annual Report and the Government/Ministry response to this report which was tabled on 8 February 2017.”