



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 9 February 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, 8 February 2017, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.”
3. Communications from the Chair
4. Presentation of reports of committees
5. Questions (*see Schedule 1*)
6. Ministerial statements
7. Consideration of Bills
8. Motion under Standing Order 130 (*see Schedule 2*)
9. Motions for which notice has been given (*see Schedule 3*)

SCHEDULE 1 — QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 33/2016 Hon. Ro Kiniviliame Kiliraki to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management – Can the Minister advise this House on the progress of the extension programmes like Ginger Development Programme, Dalo and Yaqona Cyclone Rehabilitation Programme, Beef Multiplication Programme, Cocoa Revitalisation Programme and Food Security Programme.
- 34/2017 Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua to ask the Minister for Youth and Sports – Can the Minister update this House on the status and implementation of the Youth Capacity Building and Training Programme for \$1M under 2016-2017 Budget allocation.
- 35/2017 Hon. Niko Nawaikula to ask the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications – Can the Minister advise this House on what steps had been taken by the Government in the implementation of the Amnesty International Report 2016 recommendations.
- 36/2017 Hon. Howard Politini to ask the Minister for Fisheries – Can the Minister update this House on any development in technical assistance in research and development for the Ministry through your ability to build coalitions with donors, development partners and foreign governments and investors.
- 37/2017 Hon. Jilila Kumar to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation – Can the Minister inform this House on various strategies towards the elimination of violence against women and girls.
- 38/2017 Hon. Dr Brij Lal to ask the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations – Can the Minister inform the House on what is the Ministry doing to address unemployment, in terms of creating employment opportunities, development and skills training, inclusiveness in the workshop to name a few and to be consistent with productivity to bring about an efficient workforce in the country.

39/2017 Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask the Minister for Defence and National Security – Can the Minister advise this House on what the Republic of Fiji Military Forces is currently doing in the expansion of its role to increase its participation in nation building.

Written questions

40/2017 Hon. Mikaele Leawere to ask the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications – Can the Minister provide a detailed pensioners' category for the last five years and has there been any increase in what they have received all these while.

41/2017 Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management – Can the Minister advise on the approved sand dredging in the Sigatoka River and was any Independent Environment Impact Assessment undertaken.

42/2017 Hon. Niko Nawaikula to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management – Can the Minister explain to the House the reason for the delay in the completion of the evacuation centres for Bagasau, Lumiboso and Karoko Villages.

SCHEDULE 2 — MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 130

1. The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications to move –

“That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence reviews the following treaty –

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.”

SCHEDULE 3 — MOTIONS

1. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications to move that the Parliament approves that –
 - (i) The Government guarantees the Fiji Electricity Authority's ('FEA') borrowings in accordance with the approved Government guarantee mix from the date the guarantee is approved by Parliament to 31 December 2017;
 - (ii) the existing Government guarantee mix of US\$50 million for offshore borrowings and F\$404 million for domestic borrowings be maintained; and
 - (iii) FEA be charged a 0.75% guarantee fee on an annual basis, on the outstanding balance of the Government guaranteed loans, payable semi-annually.

2. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications to move that the Parliament approves that –
 - (i) the Government act as guarantor for the Fiji Development Bank ('FDB');
 - (ii) the Government guarantees the issue of up to \$130 million of the FDB's short and long-term bonds, promissory notes, term deposits and other short-term borrowings effective from the date of approval to 31 December 2017; and
 - (iii) FDB pay a guarantee fee of 0.075% of the total guarantee cover.

3. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Servants and Communications to move –

“That Parliament approves the ratification of the Protocol Amending the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement.”

4. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications to move –

“That Parliament approves the ratification of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement.”

5. Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications to move –

“That Parliament approves the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts 2005.”

6. Hon. Prem Singh to move –

“That this Parliament agrees to establish a bi-partisan select committee on sugar to collectively find solutions to revive the sugar industry to ensure it remains a vibrant industry economically benefiting all stakeholders.”