



STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Committee Report on the Fiji Higher Education Commission's 2014 Annual Report



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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, I am pleased to present the review report for the Fiji Higher Education Commission 2014 Annual Report.

The Standing Committee on Social Affairs was established under Section 109(2) (b) of the Standing Orders (SO) of the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji and is mandated to examine matters relating to health, education, social services, labor, culture, media and their administration.

On the 6th of February 2017, Parliament resolved to refer the Fiji Higher Education Commission 2014 Annual Report to this Committee, for the purpose of scrutinizing and reporting back to the Parliament at a later date. The focus was particularly on areas of administration, legislation, budget, organization structure, functions, policies, programs/projects of the year as per Standing Order 110(1) (c). The Committee took note of the Annual Report.

The Committee has conducted a review of the Fiji Higher Education Commission 2014 Annual Report and has no matters to bring to the attention of the House, therefore recommends that the House take note of its report.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to the Honourable Members who were involved in the formulation of this bipartisan report: Deputy Chair, Hon. Veena Bhatnagar and the Committee members, Hon. Salote Radrodro, Hon. Ruveni Nadalo and Hon. Anare T. Vadei.

In my capacity as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, I commend this report to the Parliament.



Hon. Viam Pillay
Chairman

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Standing Committee on Social Affairs has conducted a review of the Fiji Higher Education Commission 2014 Annual Report and has no matters to bring to the attention of the House. The Committee recommends that the House take note of its report.

GENDER ANALYSIS


Under SO 110(2), where a committee conducts an activity listed in Clause (1), the Committee ensures full consideration will be given to the principle of gender equality so as to ensure matters considered with regard to the impact and benefit on both men and women equally.

The Committee considered range of issues including programmes and policies that were coordinated by the Commission and how it affected both male and female in Fiji. In particular, the Commission ensures that policies and qualification standards that were set and implemented are aligned with its mandated responsibilities in ensuring that its impacts are equally distributed amongst the target groups including both men and women who study at any tertiary institutions in Fiji.

SIGNATURES OF MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS



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(Member)



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Hon. Anare T. Vadei
(Member)



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Hon. Ruveni Nadalo
(Alternate Member for Hon. Mohammed M. A Dean)

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: LIST OF ACRONYMS

Acronyms	Meaning
SO	Standing Orders
FHEC	Fiji Higher Education Commission