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Hon. Mohammed Abe Dean
The Deputy Chairperson
Parliament of Fiji
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
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Dear Sir

Re: Supplementary Question from the Public Accounts Committee

With reference to your letter Parl 7/07 dated 21 June 2017, below are the responses to the Public Accounts Committee on further clarification on the 2015 Auditor General's Report on the General Administration Sector.

Section 11:

1. The reason for the enormous backlog in the reconciliation is that this reconciliation was not done from the 1980's. Had it been done on time then the reconciliation would be up to date and we would not have any issues.
- The Department at the moment has engaged 7 staff to carry out the reconciliations but this is not enough to clear the backlog quickly, thus we intend to have a project for this where at least 10 more staff are employed in order to have the reconciliations done and updated.
- An important direction we are now pursuing is to have Judicial Officers give orders for the Defendants to deposit the money direct to the claimants Bank Account instead of depositing in Judicial Departments' bank account. This would require that an MOU is signed with the banks so that they are to provide to the Department a listing so that the court registries can update their records on a monthly basis they provide.

- The reconciliations are supposed to be carried out on a monthly basis.
 - We cannot provide a timeline due to the volume involved but will try to conduct the reconciliations so that it is updated.
2. This was not an audit issue and was therefore not highlighted in the Audit Report. The statistics can be provided upon clarification on this question.

Yours sincerely

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Yohan Liyanage

Chief Registrar