

Section 1 – Emergency Flood Recovery Project.

The Loan from ADB was provided as assistance to the Fiji Government in rehabilitating flood damaged public infrastructure in January 2009. A number of contracts were identified as new projects such as bridges and roads to accommodate current and future emergency events. The following works were done

- *Rehabilitation of Kings Road from Rakiraki to Tavua*
- *Re-gravelling of Nadarivatu 6.0km, Monasavu 10.0km.*
- *Re-gravelling of Koronivia 3.8km, Lokia 3.1km and Toga 4.0km*
- *Wailevu Land Slip Stabilisation*
- *Lomaloma Land Slip Stabilisation*
- *Construction of Rakiraki Bridge*

Total Project cost \$17,044,380

Section 2 - Fiji Road Upgrading Project (FRUP) stage III – Standing Committee on Public Accounts

This project is of follows

- *Kings Road (29.06km from Korovou to Nayavu)*
- *Lodoni Road (20.09km from Korovou to QVS) was a major component of the FRUP.*

Question – Part A

2.1 – General comments on Audit Opinion.

The auditor has issued a unqualified audit report for period ending June 30th 2014. The projects has started in 2006 by the Department of National Roads (DNR). As Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) was formed in late 2012, FRA took incharge to complete the accounts as required by ABD with information received from DNR. During this time there limited staff in DNR who could provide the information. This audit is based on the project however the full audit for FRA for year 2014 is completed by Office of Auditor General. The report was also unqualified due to FRA was in process to getting listing of all is assets to complete the Asset Register.

2.2 – General Comments for Abridged Statement of Expenditure

The project started in 2009 and as at 2012 total expenditure was \$26,562,189 after correction of VSAT was done for 2012 account. For the period ending 30 June 2014 total expenditure was \$18,265,726. The contract was awarded to COVEC as the contractor was talking time and progress was not good, the contract was terminated then the Contract was awarded to 4 main contractor so that works could be completed earlier.

Question Part B

2.3 – Late Payments of ADB portions relating to the 2012 claims.

These were approved by DNR in November 2012 and Fiji Portion were paid from the DNR account and ADB claim was not sent by DNR before staff were either terminated or left the

department. FRA was formed in late December 2012 and with the new staff this information was not handover properly. FRA then in late March prepared the claim for ADB to process. During this period there were some delays as information needed to transfer to FRA. As per the contract the contractor needs to be paid after 56 days.

2.4 – Accessibility to Information.

FRA contracted its management of the projects to its Principal consultant (MWH). The process was at the interim stage and the consultant were in process of the getting reporting of the projects done. At the time of the audit all reports were not completed and were not available for auditors. The consultant had discuss these with the contractor and reports were then made available to FRA.