



MINISTRY OF  
INDUSTRY, TRADE  
AND TOURISM

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION  
WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2019

**27/2019 Hon. Viliame Gavoka to ask the Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development – Denarau Island is the hub of Tourism in Fiji and continues to grow at a pace that may be placing huge strain on the infrastructure on the island.**

**Can the Minister indicate to Parliament if an assessment of the infrastructure has been carried out to ensure that it is not under strain and is coping well?**

1. I thank the Hon. Member for the question.
2. The Hon. Member rightly noted that Denarau is the hub of tourism in Fiji. Denarau caters for approximately 60 percent of total visitors to Fiji. The Denarau Corporation Pte Limited (DCL), has planned development on the island, through proper long-term development plans.
3. As for planning of provision of services, such as water, access roads, electricity, to name a few, the necessary infrastructural and impact assessments are carried out. In this case, the respective utility providers together with DCL have conducted an assessment of the existing infrastructure and the supporting maintenance required to ensure the sustainable development of Denarau Island.
4. For continued development of the island, the DCL in 2018 put in place a new 10-year infrastructure strategic plan. The Plan was

developed in consultation with the relevant agencies to ensure that their plans for the region takes into account the new needs.

5. The developers also ensure that environmental measures are in place to counter any strains to the environment from the developments, such as the “Clean Marina Programme”.
6. In addition, laws such as the Environment Management Act 2005 guide any future development, upgrade or maintenance on the island.
7. Continued infrastructure assessments and subsequent upgrades are necessary to facilitate the growth of visits by both locals and visitors to Denarau Island. The Fijian Government works actively with stakeholders to ensure that the master plans include the major development needs. For example, the 5-Year and 20-Year National Development Plan (NDP) provides for the development of Denarau access road. Similarly, based on the development of other regions, the NDP identifies the planned infrastructural developments that will be undertaken.
8. Thank you.