



MINISTRY OF YOUTH & SPORTS



CLARIFICATION TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – 2016 AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Issue # 1: Monitoring of Grants to Youth Clubs

- ❖ The Ministry had now established a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Monitoring of Grants to Youth Clubs.
- ❖ The Ministry has developed a monitoring and evaluation framework for Youth Grants, which will be implemented upon review and endorsement by the Permanent Secretary – this is to assess impact/outcome.
- ❖ The Ministry now has a database
 - ❖ **Phase 1** is complete as at September 2017 captures information including:
 - ❖ Training Facilities
 - ❖ Programmes and Participants
 - ❖ Sports Facilities
 - ❖ Youth and Sports club registration information
 - ❖ **Phase 2** will capture:
 - ❖ all Grants and assistance to Youth Clubs
 - ❖ Google mapping
 - ❖ Sports Grants to Schools and Sports Clubs and equipment provided
 - ❖ Electronic reporting of those Youth and Sports clubs being monitored

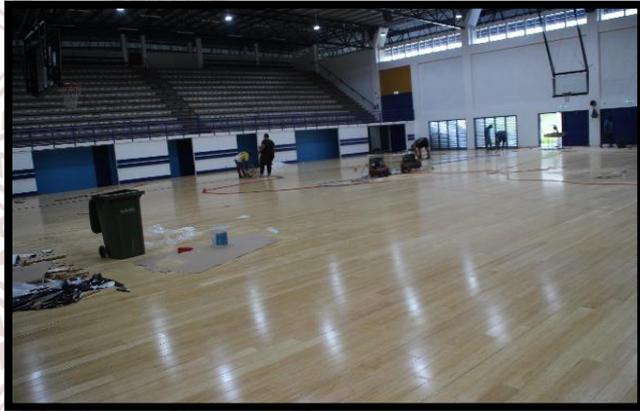
Issue # 2: Valelevu Training centre

- ❖ The Ministry, through cooperation with the Ministry of Economy's Capital Implementation Unit (CIU) and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MOIT) advertised for a tender
- ❖ The Government Tender Board, dated 5 June 2017, approved the appointment of Fortech Construction Limited for 6 months to construct a double storey building
- ❖ The agreement was signed on 21 June 2017
- ❖ The site was handed over to the contractor on 10 July 2017, the actual commencement date was 17 July 2017, physical completion projected by 17 January 2018
- ❖ Due to wet weather conditions including TC keni and a delay in the supply of cement during the initial stages, revised completion date is now 05 June 2018.
- ❖ The Ministry effectively consults CIU and MOIT for all capital projects to ensure compliance to Building Standards and Financial Regulations.

Issue # 3: Monitoring Capital Grants provided to Fiji Sports Council

- ❖ The Ministry organizes a joint inspection from the Ministry's Project Unit, Sports Section and Finance to inspect the work for Capital Grants provided in 2016/2017 financial year
- ❖ The FSC, through the Memorandum of Agreement, provides quarterly acquittals of all grants released including Capital Grants
- ❖ The FSC provides monthly project progressive reports

Monitoring of FSC FMF Gym Upgrade





Inspection No 2,3 & 4



Inspection 5 & 6





Inspection No 7 & 8





Inspection No 9



Issue # 4: Anomalies noted in Accountable Advance Balance

- ❖ The Ministry consulted the Ministry of Economy (FMIS), OAG and IAGG and is in the process of resolving this issue as it relates to 2008 - 2013

How it started:

- When this issue was highlighted in the audit report as at 31 July 2016:
- 27/7/17 FMIS met Internal Audit and OAG to identify a way forward including the Ministry possibly writing off the balances
- Details of variances were also collected to substantiate the anomalies
- 10/8/17 PS Youth and Sports requested PS Economy for a special audit
- 24/8/2017 Meeting with team FMIS to discuss on the credit outstanding RFA
- 19/9/17 special audit begins
- Relevant documents for audit compiled
- 28/9 – 3/11/17 audit in progress

Issue # 4 : Anomalies noted in Accountable Advance

Progress to date:

- All possible details of records extracted as per outstanding advances on the list.
- Adjustments carried out where Audit and Ministry agrees.
- Adjustments to clear some refundable amounts to officers still employed and also received some outstanding amounts that were not cleared by some staff previously.
- Adjusted some mispostings and had them posted by FMIS team (March 2018)
- Upon completion of the verified adjustment , the Ministry had now through PSYS written to PS Economy on 5 April 2018 to request authority to write off of the balance of corresponding debits and credits due to lack of document trails as verified by special audit. The Ministry is yet to receive approval / comments from the Ministry of Economy for proposed adjustments.
- The Ministry now ensures the accountable advances guidelines as per revised finance manual issued on 11 October 2016 and Standard Operating procedures are applied to curb the issue in future.



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