



Honorable Rosy S Akbar
Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts
Response to Parliamentary Written Question
148/2019 on 5 August 2019

148/2019 Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa to ask the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts – Can the Minister provide an update to Parliament on the new policy initiatives put in place by the Ministry since 2014 and to clarify which policies are now fully implemented and which are still being piloted in school.

Mr Speaker
Honourable Prime Minister
Honourable Members

There has been a number of policies developed since 2014 which have had an impact on the operation of our schools. All policies approved have been uploaded on our website <http://www.education.gov.fj/acts-policies-2/>. The policies which have a direct impact on the school are set out below. Developing policies is ongoing so that we provide a comprehensive framework to guide the Ministry's work. This involves reviewing approved policies to ensure that they are current and fit-for-purpose while also adding new policies as the need is identified.

The summary of policies is below. Should the Hon Member wish for additional information, she should contact me at any time.

POLICY	YEAR IMPLEMENTED	PILOTED OR IN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OR UNDER REVIEW
POLICY ON SCHOOL EXCURSIONS	2014	Review
EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES AND SCHOOL SAFETY POLICY	2014	Implemented
SCHOOLS STANDARD MONITORING AND INSPECTION POLICY	2014	Implemented
CHILD PROTECTION IN SCHOOLS	2015	Review
POLICY ON BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS	2015	Review
FREE EDUCATION RESOURCES	2015	Implemented
TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE	2015	Review (following budget)
RISK MANAGEMENT	2015	Implemented

POLICY ON MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS	2016	Implemented
FIJI SCHOOL HEALTH POLICY	2016	Implemented
POLICY ON SPECIAL AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION	2016	Review
POLICY ON TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF FIJI	2016	Review (transfer to FNU)
NATIONAL POLICY ON OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES	2016	Implemented
POLICY ON FEMIS	2017	Implemented
POLICY ON NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY	2017	Implemented
POLICY ON FREE MILK	2017	Review (following budget)
POLICY ON SCHOOL ZONING	2017	Implemented
SCHOOL BOARDING GRANTS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS	2017	Implemented
POLICY ON FOOD AND SCHOOL CANTEEN	2017	Implemented
TUITION FEE FREE GRANT POLICY FOR SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS	2017	Implemented
POLICY ON EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT	2017	Review
SCHOOL COUNSELLING	2017	Implemented
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT	2019	In process
RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL HOLIDAYS	2019	In process
TEXT BOOKS	2015	Review
ESTABLISHMENT AND RECOGNITION/REGISTRATION OF SCHOOLS	2011	Review
ECCE	2013	Review
VOLUNTEERS (LOCAL, INTERNATIONAL)	2019	Being developed
ENGAGEMENT IN OUTSIDE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES	2019	In process

I thank you