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BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT TO MAKE PARLIAMENT WORK MORE ACCESSIBLE



Assistant Programmer Mesake Nanovu monitoring the equipment inside the broadcasting room.

Parliaments need to be able to make good use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) tools that are shaping the world of work, modifying interpersonal communication and stimulating political mobilisation.

For the Fijian Parliament, ICT is a core enabler of greater openness, accessibility and accountability, as well as a key channel for communicating with citizens.

These were the remarks made by the Speaker His Excellency Ratu Epeli Nailatikau while launching the Parliament broadcasting equipment on Tuesday, 19 November 2019.

"Parliament derives its legitimacy from its core function as the people's representative. Strong, democratic Parliaments are therefore responsive to changes in society."

"I am, as most of you will know, one of those who see the broadcasting of Parliament's work as one of the more effective methods of increasing people's knowledge of Parliament and Government."

"By stimulating citizen participation in the work of Parliament, effective parliamentary ICT systems will help Parliament in its core parliamentary roles of lawmaking, budgeting, oversight and representation."

"These initiatives builds on our achievements from the previous term and we aim to achieve far bigger and bolder than what our Parliament has achieved previously," the Speaker said.

HE Ratu Epeli acknowledged the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme Fiji Parliament Support Project (FPSP), which is funded by the Governments of New Zealand, Australia and Japan for the procurement, installation and commissioning of the broadcasting equipment.

Australian High Commissioner HE Mr John Feakes acknowledged the Speaker for his leadership and support to the FPSP by ensuring that the Fijian Parliament continues to place innovation at the forefront of its work.

"The broadcasting of Committee hearings is important to provide greater visibility in the work of Parliament, allowing the Fijian people to become more informed about what Parliament is doing and also to understand the great work being done by Committees."

"The broadcasting of Committee hearings also demonstrates to the Fijian people that the work of Parliament does not end when Parliament does not sit. The six Parliamentary Committees continue to work for the Fijian people and it is at the Committee stage where significant portion of the work of the Fijian Parliament is undertaken."

HE Feakes also paid respect and acknowledged the contribution by the late Speaker, Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni in her vision regarding broadcasting of the Committee hearing and the Secretary-General to Parliament, Mrs Viniana Namosimalua and her team for their perseverance over the last 12 months to ensure that the project is completed.

"A Resilient Parliament responsive to the needs of the people and driven by the ideal of a better quality of life for all Fijians"

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CLIMATE CRISIS ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL THREATS TO HEALTH IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION



(L-R) Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, HE President of the Republic of Fiji Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote, APPFGH President Hon. Keizo Takemi, Member of the House of Councillors, Japan and WHO Western Pacific Regional Director Dr Takeshi Kasai.

Parliamentarians from 20 Asia and Pacific nations delivered a clear message during the 5th Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum on Global Health (APPFGH) naming the climate crisis as one of the region's most critical threats to human health.

Hosted by the Parliament of Fiji in August 2019, the 5th APPFGH brought together Parliamentarians from various jurisdictions and sectors to discuss solutions, actions and opportunities for collaboration, to protect health from climate change.

Speaker of the Fijian Parliament His Excellency Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, Chair of the Forum, highlighted the threat it poses, echoing the official communique:

"Climate change truly is one of the greatest threats to health we face; the implications for health, society and our economy are immense. Increasingly frequent and severe weather events combined with changing weather patterns mean that we are seeing more inju-

ries and deaths, higher rates of infectious and mosquito-borne diseases as well as food and nutrition insecurity. Climate change is also threatening safe water, housing, and employment opportunities; and therefore impacting the physical and mental health of our populations."

"Health must be at the centre of climate discussion and action, and we are proud to host Parliamentarians to see how we can ensure this happens. Responsible for legislating, approving budgets, providing oversight, and directing portfolios in health-impacting sectors, their involvement and leadership is crucial in addressing the climate crisis and its health consequences."

Participants discussed ways to identify and address the health impacts of climate change, and to protect vulnerable communities. They also visited four locations in the North-West of Viti Levu. During the visit, they saw cli-

mate impacts and mitigation efforts first-hand.

Outlining a key meeting theme, World Health Organisation's Western Pacific Regional Director Dr Takeshi Kasai raised the need for all to become part of climate action, and to consider the additional health benefits that policy and action in sectors beyond health can generate.

"Climate change is not just a scientific argument, it is a real threat to people," said Dr Kasai. "This is a complex issue, requiring action beyond the health sector alone – but with significant benefits for health if we get it right. But I worry that our time is running out to take action, both on the health threats we already see from climate change today, and for future generations.

"We need to create policy 'win-wins' for health, and Parliamentarians are the people who can drive this kind of change. We need to ensure health is part of the discussion. Without health, we have nothing."



Delegation arriving at Namoli Village in Lautoka for the site visit.



Group discussions inside the Namoli Village Hall.



Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau with Namoli villagers at the newly-constructed Namoli Village seawall.



Delegates from the Solomon Islands Parliament during the meeting.

FIJI AND NEW CALEDONIA PARLIAMENTS SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN WORKING RELATIONSHIP



Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fijian Parliament Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau and the President of Congress of New Caledonia, Chief Roch Wamytan.

The leaders of the New Caledonia and Fijian Parliaments signed an agreement on Tuesday, 26 November 2019 in Noumea to strengthen working relationship between the two institutions including training opportunities and professional development for its Members of Parliament and secretariat staff.

The agreement, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formalises the mutual interaction and strengthens the existing relationship between the two institutions at the strategic and work-

ing level, focusing on information exchange, regular dialogue and exchange visits by the two Parliaments to foster links between MPs and staff.

In his keynote address, His Excellency Speaker of Parliament, Ratu Epeli Nailatikau said, "The gesture to invite me to your beautiful country to sign the MoU is not only a symbol of intention to work together, but also a statement of an already existing close relationship and how we seek to strengthen it".

"I believe that this forum will bear the fruit of many

practical outcomes not only between our two Parliaments but also develop more cooperation between our two countries."

After the signing of the MoU, HE Ratu Epeli also presented Fiji Parliament's inter-parliamentary cooperation within the region and beyond.

HE Ratu Epeli was accompanied by the Acting Secretary-General to Parliament, Mrs Viniana Namosi-malua.

VISIT BY THE NZ PARLIAMENT SPEAKER AND DELEGATION



Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau with his New Zealand counterpart, Rt. Hon. Trevor Mallard.

A six-member delegation from the New Zealand Parliament, led by the Speaker Rt. Hon. Trevor Mallard, visited the Fijian Parliament on 31st October, 2019. They met with the Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau and had 'Talanoa' sessions with other Fijian Members of Parliament.

The purpose of the visit was to strengthen the inter-parliamentary relations between the two Parliaments and to create a way forward to better this relation.

A reception was hosted by the New Zealand High Commissioner H.E Jonathan Curr that was attended



Speaker HE Sir Ratu Epeli Nailatikau with the delegation of the New Zealand Parliament.

by the Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Sugar Industry, the Hon. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Cabinet Ministers, senior Government officials and Members of the Diplomatic Corp.

The delegation also attended a fundraising event organised by the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Fiji Group to assist the Fiji Cancer Society.



New Zealand Parliament Speaker Rt. Hon. Trevor Mallard, (far left) Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Sugar Industry, Hon. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama and two members of the New Zealand Parliament delegation.

Speaker's Debate focused on SDG 3.3 – Is Fiji on track to end the AIDS Epidemic by 2030



Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau with the panellists during the Speaker's Debate held in Sigatoka.

The 11th Speaker's Debate on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.3 on the topic - "Is Fiji on track to end the AIDS epidemic" was held in August 2019 at the Nahigatoka Hall in Sigatoka.

Chaired by the Speaker of Parliament and Champion of HIV/AIDS, His Excellency Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, the 'Speaker's Debate' series provides a platform for national discussion on the SDGs and Fiji's key development issues.

While addressing the forum, the Speaker emphasised that we should always embrace those that are living with HIV/AIDS.

"A typical question that's always asked when I talk about HIV/AIDS in schools is that, 'what happens when someone gets HIV/AIDS in our family?'

"My response is always to embrace them. Don't leave them out in the cold. That's the worst thing to do. When someone gets HIV/AIDS in the family, we rally together and ensure that they get their supply of Anti-Retroviral to live a normal life and that's what we need to do," the Speaker said.

According to the Minister for Health and Medical Services, the Hon. Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, Fiji is quite fortunate that the Champion of HIV/AIDS is the Speaker of Parliament.

"The Speaker took it upon himself to be the Champion of HIV/AIDS, therefore, it's right at the top where the discussions of HIV/AIDS is happening."

"The HIV Act protects the patient, protect the staff whose looking after the patient, and also ensures that there's treatment available for those who are affected by HIV/AIDS."

"We have about 464 people in Fiji today living with HIV/AIDS, 77% of them have access to treatment which is a very good number. Throughout the Pacific, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Kiribati, are the only countries in the Pacific that are will-

willing to present data, which shows that we are transparent about the things that we do," Hon. Dr Waqainabete said.

On the question whether Fiji is on track to end AIDS epidemic by 2030, the Minister said that in the past 20 years, with the amount of investment, awareness including the enactment of the law that's in place and the budget provision, Fiji will achieve the target.

Director, Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific, UNAIDS Mr Eamonn Murphy said that Fiji can achieve the target by reviewing HIV/AIDS systems and approaches and adding some new innovation in the areas of testing and prevention

and Fiji is well placed to meet the target. Similar sentiments were shared by the other panellists - Opposition MP Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu, Secretary Fiji Youth Sexual & Reproductive Health Alliance Tamani Rarama and the Programme Manager for FJN+ Jokapeci Tuberi Cafi. Students from Sigatoka Andra College, Cuvu College and Sigatoka Methodist College were also present during the Speaker's Debate and surrounding villagers, together with Members of Parliament who attended the training on mainstreaming SDGs in the work of Parliament held at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Natodola.



Key to the Speaker's Debate is the opportunity for the members of the public to ask questions regarding issues on debate. A member of the public asking a question after the presentation by all the panellists.

PARLIAMENT TEAM REACHES RABI AND KIOA ISLANDS



Students of Banaban Primary School listening to the presentation by the Deputy Secretary-General to Parliament, Mrs Jeanette Emberson.

Students and teachers of Buakonikai Primary School, the farthest school on the island of Rabi, considered themselves privileged to be visited by the Civic Education Team of Parliament in July, 2019. According to the Head Teacher, Mrs Alita Tawita, it was a great opportunity for them to hear first-hand information about Parliament and it was indeed an eye-opening session.

"It is a great opportunity to have the team from Parliament visit our school and inform us about what goes on in Parliament. For many students and teachers, learning about Parliament is indeed an eye-opener," Mrs Tawita said.

The team also visited Rabi High School, Tabiang Primary School and Banaban



Students of Rabi High School listening attentively to the Parliament presentation.

Primary School.

Rabi High School Year 13 student, Joji Cama, said that it was a wonderful opportunity to learn about Parliament as it has inspired him to become a Member of Parliament in the future.

The Assistant Principal of Rabi High School, Ms Sereana Sau stated that the programme brought by the team was very educational and beneficial to their students, especially to the Social Science and History students since they learn about the mechanisms of how the Parliament of Fiji works.

She reiterated that due to their geographical location and the challenges they face, they are not able to take educational tours to Suva. So bringing Parliament to their school is a golden opportunity and they hope that this awareness continues for the benefit of their students.

The team was accompanied by the Deputy Secretary-General, Mrs Jeanette Emberson

who assisted in the translation of the presentation in the Rabi dialect.

On the island of Kioa, the students of Kioa Island Primary school as well as the members of the community gathered in the village hall to listen to the presentation.

The team also visited Napuka Secondary School, Vaturava Korodlau High School and concluded their outreach at Nasavusavu Secondary School.



Staff Jale Vuamikan setting up Parliament education materials at Rabi High School.



Deputy-Secretary General to Parliament Mrs Jeanette Emberson with Parliament staff carrying their items to Kioa Island Primary School for the 'Parliament Bus' programme.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS & PROTOCOL JULY- DECEMBER, 2019

COURTESY CALLS TO THE SPEAKER OF THE FIJIAN PARLIAMENT

DELEGATE NAME	NO. OF DELEGATES	DATES	COUNTRY/ INSTITUTION
New Zealand High Commissioner HE Jonathan Curr and Deputy High Commissioner Ms Halia Haddad	2	22/07/19	New Zealand
UNICEF Representative for Pacific Island Countries, Mr Sheldon Yett	1	31/07/19	UNICEF
Member of German Parliament (Bundestag) and Chairman of the Subcommittee on United Nations, International Organization and Globalization, Hon. Ulrich Lechte	3	16/08/19	Germany
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory, Hon. Joy Burch	2	06/09/19	Australia
Ambassador Sujiro Seam - European Union	1	29/10/19	European Union
Ambassador of France, HE Jean-Francois FITOU	1	24/10/19	France
Speaker of the New Zealand Parliament, Rt. Hon. Trevor Mallard and delegation	1	30/10/19	New Zealand
Fiji Honorary Consul in Hong Kong, Dr Desmond Lee and delegation	10	04/11/19	Hong Kong
PIDF Secretary General, Ambassador Solo Mara	1	13/11/19	PIDF

DELEGATION VISIT TO THE FIJIAN PARLIAMENT JULY - DECEMBER, 2019

NAME	COUNTRY	DATES
Indonesian Parliament Bilateral Technical Working Group	Indonesia	19/09/19
Speaker of the New Zealand Parliament Rt. Hon. Trevor Mallard and delegation	New Zealand	31/10/19
Group of investors from Hong Kong with Fiji Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong Secretary, Ms Lucy Lui	China	27/11/19

OVERSEAS MEETINGS FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT JULY - DECEMBER, 2019

CONFERENCE	COUNTRY	DATES	DELEGATION
Second International Forum on Development of Parliamentarism	Moscow, Russia	1/7/2019 -2/7/2019	1. H.E. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau 2. Hon. Govind Salik Ram 3. Hon. Niko Nawakula 4. Mr Sefanaia Tudonu
Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference	Brisbane, Australia	8/7/2019 -13/7/2019	1. H.E. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau 2. Mrs. Jeanette Emberson 3. Mr Sefanaia Tudonu
Workshop for Deputy Speaker	Victoria Parliament, Australia	13/8/2019 -15/8/2019	1. Hon. Veena Bhatnagar 2. Ms Ajayeshni Singh
Conference of the Presidents of Pacific Islands Parliaments	Papeete, Tahiti	10/9/2019 -12/9/2019	1. H.E. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau 2. Hon. George Vegenathan 3. Hon. Mitieli Bulanauca 4. Mr Sefanaia Tudonu
(1) Study visit for the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee [FAD Committee] (2) Seminar for Parliaments of the Pacific on the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540	Wellington - New Zealand	16/9/2019 -20/9/2019	1. Hon. Alex O'Connor 2. Hon. Dr Salik Govind 3. Hon. Selai Adimaitoga 4. Hon. Anare Jale 5. Hon. Pio Tikoduadua 6. Mr Jacob Abraham
64th CPA Conference	Kampala, Uganda	22/9/2019 -29/9/2019	1. H.E. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau 2. Hon. Vijay Nath 3. Hon. Ratu Tevita Navurelevu 4. Hon. Adi Lilia Qionibaravi 5. Ms Kalo Takape 6. Mr Senitili Wainiu 7. Mr Sefanaia Tudonu
141st IPU Assembly	Belgrade - Serbia	13/10/2019 -17/10/2019	1. H.E. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau

CONFERENCE	COUNTRY	DATES	DELEGATION
			2. Hon. Ashneel Sudhakar 3. Hon. Salote Radrodoro 4. Mrs Jeanette Emberson 5. Mr Sefanaia Tudonu
54th Session of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly and Inter-Sessional Meetings of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly	Brussels, Belgium	14/10/2019 -17/10/2019	1. Hon Alrick Maharaj
Pacific Women in Power Forum	Queensland, Brisbane, Australia	5/11/2019 -8/11/2019	1. Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa 2. Hon. Premila Kumar 3. Hon. Rosy Akbar 4. Hon. Veena Bhatnagar 5. Hon. Selai Adimaitoga 6. Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa 7. Hon. Adi Lilia Qionibaravi 8. Hon. Salote Radrodoro 9. Hon. Lynda Tabuya 10. Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua 11. Ms Tirisiane Logavatu 12. Ms Rukalisi Dilega
15th Biennial Australasian Council of Public	Canberra, Australia	6/11/2019 -8/11/2019	1. Hon. Alrick Maharaj 2. Hon. Joseph Nand 3. Hon. Vijendra Prakash 4. Hon. Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu 5. Hon. Aseri Radrodoro 6. Mr Josua Namoco 7. Mr Savenaca Koro 8. Mr Mateo Lagimiri 9. Ms Priya Chand
Pacific Islands Countries Conference & Pacific PAC on Oversight of Public Finance Workshop	Auckland, New Zealand	19/11/2019 -22/11/2019	1. Hon. Aseri Radrodoro 2. Hon. Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu 3. Hon. Mikaele Leawere 4. Mr Josua Namoco 5. Mr Savenaca Koro 6. Ms Komal Khushboo 7. Mr Mateo Lagimiri
3rd Pacific Parliamentary Forum	Wellington - New Zealand	25/11/2019 -28/11/2019	1. Hon. Premila Kumar 2. Hon. Peceli Vosanibola 3. Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua 4. Mr Sakiusa Rakai
Signing of the MOU, Fiji and New Caledonia Parliaments	Noumea, New Caledonia	25/11/2019 -26/11/2019	1. H.E. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau 2. Mrs Viniana Namosomalua 3. Mr Sefanaia Tudonu
Asia-Pacific Youth Forum	Bangkok, Thailand	2/12/2019 -3/12/2019	1. H.E. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau 2. Mr Sefanaia Tudonu
FAD Committee Study Visit of Australian Parliament	Canberra and Victoria Parliament, Australia	2/12/2019 -6/12/2019	1. Hon. Alexander O'Connor 2. Hon. Dr Salik Govind 3. Hon. Selai Adimaitoga 4. Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua 5. Hon. Anare Jale 6. Mr Jacob Abraham 7. Ms Susana Korovou 8. Ms Darolin Vinisha
7th Global Conference of Parliamentarians Against Corruption	Doha, Qatar	9/12/2019 -10/12/2019	1. Hon. Osea Naiqamu 2. Hon. Vijendra Prakash 3. Hon. Aseri Radrodoro 4. Hon. Inosi Kuridrani 5. Mr Savenaca Koro

PARLIAMENT SITTINGS : JULY - DECEMBER, 2019



STANDING COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT – JULY TO DECEMBER, 2019

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE

No. of Meetings	Annual Reports	Reports Tabled in Parliament
18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 2014 Annual Report 2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2015 Annual Report 3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2016—2017 Annual Report 4. Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer 5. 2011 Asia-Pacific Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications 6. Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competition 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the Consolidated: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation 2014 Annual Report, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Annual Report 2015, Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2 Annual Report 2016-2017

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

No. of Meetings	Public Consultations
16	<p>Petition on Government to Provide Reliable, Safe and Affordable Shipping Services for the Lau Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lomaloma Village, Vanuabalavu 2. Mavana Village, Vanuabalavu 3. Tubou Village, Lakeba 4. Yadrana Village, Lakeba 5. Naikelayaga Village, Kabara 6. Naroi Village, Moala

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

No. of Meetings	Audit Reports	Site Visits	Reports Tabled in Parliament
46	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Audit Report on 2016-2017 Financial Statements of Government and 2016-2017 Agency Financial Statements of Ministry of Economy 2. Office of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Audit Report on Municipal Councils 2014-2017 3. Office of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Performance Audit on Coordination of Actions for Elimination of Violence Against Women 4. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Provincial Councils Volume 2 5. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – 2018 Audit Report on Economic Services Sector 6. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – 2018 Audit Report on General Administration Sector 7. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – 2018 Audit Report on Social Services Sector 8. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – 2018 Audit Report on Infrastructure Sector 9. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Audit Reports on – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Audit on Management of the Workers Compensation Trust Fund; (b) Audit of Social Welfare Scheme; (c) Audit of Government Subvention – Council of Rotuma; 10. Audit of Fiji Procurement Office and the Construction Implementation Unit 11. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Performance Audit of Effectiveness of Institutional Framework for Preventing Corruption 12. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Performance Audit on Management of Rural Electrification and Progress of Implementation of Policies and Strategies in The Fiji Forest Policy Statement 2007 13. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – 2018 Audit Report on Government Commercial Companies, Commercial Statutory Authorities and Other Entities 14. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – 2017-2018 Audit Report on Statutory Authorities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monasavu and Nadarivatu Hydro Dam Energy Fiji Limited. 2. Public Rentals Board Simla Housing, Lautoka. 3. Vio Island, off the Coast of Lautoka 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of Audit Report on the Management of Duty Concession Scheme and Management of Prisoners, Employees and Assets Management System 2. Review of the Office of the Auditor-General 2018 Annual Report 3. Review of the Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Follow-up of Selected 2016 Auditor-General's Reports for various sectors 4. Review Report of the COP 23 Presidency Trust Fund – Third Semi-Annual Report for the period 1 May 2018 to 31 October 2018

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

No. of Meetings	Annual Reports	Reports Tabled in Parliament	Public Consultation
44	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office of the President Annual Report 2016 – July 2017 2. Office of the Prime Minister 2016 Annual Report (January–July) 3. Office of the Prime Minister 2016—2017 Annual Report 4. Office of the Prime Minister 2017—2018 Annual Report 5. Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission Annual Report 2016 6. Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission Annual Report 2017 7. Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission Annual Report 2018 8. The Electoral Commission 2017 Annual Report 9. 2018 General Election Joint Report by the Electoral Commission & Supervisor of Elections 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on the Registration of Sex Offenders Bill 2018 	<p>Registration of Sex Offenders Bill</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sauniveito Village Hall, Deuba 2. Rampur College, Navua 3. Namosi Provincial Council Office, Navua 4. Shalini Garden Apartments, Sigatoka 5. Keyasi Government Station 6. Police Bure, Navosa <p>Registration of Sex Offenders Bill/Public Enterprise Bill</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eli Peceli Hall, Levuka Town, Ovalau Island

STANDING COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT – JULY TO DECEMBER, 2019

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Number of Meetings	Annual Reports	Reports Tabled in Parliament
42	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Rental Board 2017 Annual Report 2. Fiji Higher Education Commission Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 July 2016 3. Film Fiji Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2015 4. Film Fiji Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2014 5. Media Industry Development Authority of Fiji – Consolidated Annual Report 2010-2018 6. The University of the South Pacific 2018 Annual Report 7. Fiji National University 2018 Annual Report 8. Fiji Airports 2017 Annual Report 9. Fiji National Provident Fund 2019 Annual Report 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of Fiji Ports Corporation Limited 2017 Annual Report 2. Review of Consumer Council of Fiji 2016-2017 Annual Report 3. Review of Fiji Roads Authority 2015 Annual Report and Fiji Roads Authority January-July 2016 - Annual Report 4. Review of Ministry of Education Heritage and Arts January-July 2016 Annual Report and Ministry of Education Heritage and Arts 2016-2017 - Annual Report

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Number of Meetings	Annual Reports	Site Visits
33	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sugar Cane Growers Fund Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2009 2. Sugar Cane Growers Fund Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2010 3. Sugar Cane Growers Fund Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2011 4. Sugar Cane Growers Fund Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2012 5. Sugar Cane Growers Fund Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2013 6. Sugar Cane Growers Fund Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2014 7. Sugar Cane Growers Fund 2015 Annual Report 8. Sugar Cane Growers Fund 2016 Annual Report 9. Sugar Cane Growers Fund 2017 Annual Report 10. Sugar Industry Tribunal Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2011 11. Sugar Industry Tribunal Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2012 12. Sugar Industry Tribunal Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2013 13. Sugar Industry Tribunal Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2014 14. Sugar Industry Tribunal 2015 Annual Report 15. Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2008 Annual Report 16. Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2009 Annual Report 17. Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2010 Annual Report 18. Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2011 Annual Report 19. Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2012 Annual Report 20. Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2013 Annual Report 21. Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2014 Annual Report 22. Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2015 Annual Report 23. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2007 Annual Report 24. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2008 Annual Report 25. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2009 Annual Report 26. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2010 Annual Report 27. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2011 Annual Report 28. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2012 Annual Report 29. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2013 Annual Report 30. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2014 Annual Report 31. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2015 Annual Report 32. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2016 Annual Report 33. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2017 Annual Report 34. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited 2018 Annual Report 35. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2007 Annual Report 36. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2008 Annual Report 37. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2009 Annual Report 38. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2010 Annual Report 39. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2011 Annual Report 40. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2012 Annual Report 41. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2013 Annual Report 42. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2014 Annual Report 43. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2015 Annual Report 44. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2016 Annual Report 45. Sugar Cane Growers Council 2017 Annual Report 46. Ministry of Sugar Industry 2012 Annual Report 47. Ministry of Sugar Industry 2013 Annual Report 48. Ministry of Sugar Industry 2014 Annual Report 49. Ministry of Sugar Industry 2015 Annual Report 50. Ministry of Sugar Industry 2016 Annual Report 51. Reserve Bank of Fiji 2018 Insurance Annual Report 52. Fiji Financial Intelligence Unit 2018 Annual Report 53. Fiji Commerce Commission 2016-2017 Annual Report 54. Investment Fiji Annual Report Financial Year 2016/17 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nasarowaqa Joint Farm, Bua 2. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited, Labasa Mill 3. Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited Bulk Loading Terminal, Labasa.
		Reports Tabled in Parliament
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism Annual Report 2015 2. Review of Fiji Broadcasting Corporation 2016 and 2017 Consolidated Annual Report 3. Review of Fiji Electricity Authority 2017 and Energy Fiji Limited 2018 Consolidated Report 4. Review of Fiji Commerce Commission 2016 Annual Report 5. Review of Fiji Development Bank 2018 Annual Report

COMMITTEES AT WORK



Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs and Assistant Minister for Environment and Rural Development, Hon. Viam Pillay with Committee Secretary Ms Sheron Narayan during a submission in October, 2019.



COP 23 secretariat and Ministry of Economy staff presenting to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in September, 2019.



Members of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights with the Chief Executive Officer of Save The Children Fiji, Ms Iris Low-McKenzie in July, 2019.



Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence with the Attorney General, Minister for Environment, Trade and Export Growth of New Zealand Hon. David Parker and the New Zealand's High Commissioner to Fiji, H.E. Jonathan Curr.



Indonesian Parliament Bilateral Technical Group with the Standing Committee on Natural Resources inside the Parliament Chamber in September, 2019.



Members of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs hearing a submission in October, 2019.



Group photo of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs with the Chair of the Real Estate Licensing Board Mr Abdul Hassan and his senior officials in September, 2019.



Members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on a site visit at Nadarivatu Hydro Dam in October, 2019.



Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights receiving a submission from the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem in November, 2019.



Standing Committee on Economic Affairs at the Fiji Sugar Corporation Mill in Labasa in October, 2019.



Standing Committee on Natural Resources, secretariat staff and villagers at Mavana village in Vama Balavu, Lau during the public submission on the petition to provide reliable, safe and affordable shipping services in the Lau Group.



Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence with Senator Hon. Marise Payne (Australia Minister of Foreign Affairs) during their study visit to the Federal Parliament of Australia in Canberra, December 2019.

PARLIAMENT AT WORK



His Excellency the President of the Republic of Fiji Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konusi Konrote officially opening the 2019-2020 session of Parliament.



Group photo of the Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau and some Members of Parliament during their training on Mainstreaming of SDGs in Parliament held at the Inter-Continental Resort & Spa in August, 2019.



HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau meets with Thailand's Minister for Public Health Dr Saem Pringmangkawe during the Asia-Pacific Youth Forum in Thailand in December, 2019.



New Caledonia President of Congress, Hon. Chief Rock Wamytan (centre) with HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau and European Union Head of Delegation Ambassador Sujiro Seam inside Parliament after his courtesy visit in July, 2019.



Australia's Auditor-General Mr Grant Hehir, Secretary-General for Supreme Audit Institutions and Controller and Auditor-General of New Zealand, Mr John Ryan and Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau during the opening of the 22nd Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions Congress in August, 2019.



Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau at the Second Conference of the Polynesian Presidents of Pacific Islands Parliaments at the Assembly of French Polynesia in Papeete, Tahiti in September, 2019.



Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau with the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Hon. Ashneel Sudhakar and Opposition MP Hon. Salote Radrodoro at the 141st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Belgrade, Serbia in October, 2019.



Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau with Opposition MP Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi and Assistant Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Hon. Vijay Nath during the 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference hosted by the CPA Uganda Branch in September, 2019.



Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau at the 50th Annual Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference at the Queensland Parliament in July, 2019.



Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau with Hon. Niko Nawaikula and Hon. Dr Salik Govind at the Second International Forum on Development of Parliamentarism in Moscow, Russia in July, 2019.



Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Assistant Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Hon. Veena Bhatnagar (2nd from left) during a professional development attachment at the Victorian Parliament in August, 2019.



New Zealand's Minister for Trade & Export Growth, Attorney-General, Minister for Economic Development, Minister for Environment and Associate Minister of Finance Hon. David Parker at the Parliament Discovery Centre in October, 2019.

PARLIAMENT EDUCATIONAL VISITS



A group of students and teachers from Australian Circular Head Christian School in Tasmania, October 2019.



Bucalevu Secondary School, July 2019.



DAV Girls College, July 2019.



Jioma Methodist Sunday School group, August 2019.



Nasea Methodist Circuit Sunday School group, August 2019.



Nukui Primary School, August 2019.



Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Sugar Industry Hon. Josia Voreqe Bainimarama with students of Nanuku Sangam School, November 2019.



Students and teachers of St Joseph Primary School with Opposition MP Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa, November 2019.



Students from Akita Junior High School and Shogu Nno Junior High School in Akita, Japan, looking through the Ministerial list during their visit to Parliament in August, 2019.



Students of Burenitua Village school making their way to Parliament in August, 2019.



Tilak High School, July 2019.



Students, teachers and parents of Tavua District School, November 2019.

■ A total of 3,896 people visited Parliament from July to December 2019, as part of the Parliament Tours programme.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

COMMONWEALTH WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS FIJI GROUP ORGANISES FUNDRAISING EVENT TO ASSIST THE FIJI CANCER SOCIETY



Speaker HE Ratu Epeli Nailatikau with his New Zealand counterpart Rt. Hon. Trevor Mallard with members of his delegation and some Fijian women MPs during the fundraising event.

The Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Fiji Group organised a CWP Fiji Pink Ribbon High Tea fundraiser in support of the Fiji Cancer Society Pinktober fundraising month in Parliament on Thursday 31 October 2019.

CWP Fiji Group members include the Deputy Speaker and Assistant Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation the Hon. Veena Bhatnagar (Chair), Hon. Salote Radrodoro (Deputy Chair), Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development, the Hon. Premila Kumar, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, the Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts the Hon. Rosy Akbar, Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa, Assistant Minister for iTaukei Affairs the Hon. Selai Adimaitoga, Hon. Lynda Tabuya, Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua and Hon. Adi Lita Qionibaravi.

awareness and funds for the Fiji Cancer Society to provide for treatment, rehabilitation, counselling and support to cancer patients.

CWP Member Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa said, "The CWP fundraising is to support the tremendous work the Fiji Cancer Society has been doing in their efforts in raising awareness, treatment, counselling and providing support to registered cancer patients and their families."

Also in attendance was the Speaker of the New Zealand Parliament and his delegation which comprised Members of the New Zealand Parliament, High Commissioners of the Governments of Australia and New Zealand in Fiji, the Fijian Speaker and Parliament secretariat staff, representatives from the Fiji Cancer Society, UNDP representatives, Ministers and MPs of the Fijian Parliament, cancer survivors, Civil Society Organisations, Non-Government

Organisations and other invited guests.



(L-R) Hon. Lynda Tabuya, New Zealand MP Joanne Hayes, Hon. Adi Lita Qionibaravi, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, High Commissioner of Australia to Fiji H.E. John Feakes and cancer survivor Yosita Tokalaure.

OBITUARY



Staff members farewell one of their senior colleague, the late Editor of Debates, Ms Loraini Korovusere who passed away on Saturday, 27 July 2019. The late Ms Korovusere only spent two months as Editor of Debates but she was a long-serving staff of Parliament from 1991 to 2007 before she joined the Ministry of Economy from 2007 to 2017. In May 2019, she re-joined Parliament as the Editor of Debates till her demise.

STAFF AWARDS NIGHT - 2019



Best Award for each category-

- Manager of the Year – Vatimosi Delailovu
- Senior Officer of the Year – Sarwesh Narayan
- Professional Support Staff of the Year – Susana Korovou
- Admin Support Staff of the Year – Amit Raj
- Ancillary Support Staff of the Year – Lasaro Raione
- Service Recognition Award – Kalolaini Takape / Wafi Sovea

DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS WOW KIDS INITIATIVE



Department of Legislature staff participated at the Nadi International Volleyball Tournament on 28 September, 2019. The tournament was one of Fiji's largest business house sporting events which attracted a record number of 180 teams from the private and public sectors across the country.

Participating in the annual tournament is part of our Corporate Social Responsibility to support the Walk on Walk Strong initiative. Wow Kids Fiji helping children living with various forms of cancer.