



THE PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

WRITTEN QUESTION

52/2020 **Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the –**

a) details of all rural electrification projects carried out in the Central Division in 2018/2019 fiscal year;

In the last 4 years, government has invested more than \$110M (including both grid and solar) on Rural Electrification. This has benefitted more than 16,000 households. This level of investment hasn't been done by any other government in the past. We have extended the EFL Grid to the remote and interior part of the main islands covering more than 10,000km of transmission line. **Refer Annex 1.**

Some of the major projects that are in progress for the Central Division are;

1. Grid Extension project to Nabukelevu village, Serua benefitting 75 households at the cost of \$930,000 (grid construction in progress)
2. Navunibau to Naraiyawa village, Namosi, Stage 2 benefitting 529 households at the cost of \$2.4M
3. Nasau village and settlements, Wainibuka benefitting 62 households at the cost of \$593,000.
4. Waisere, Naterumai, Waitaqolo, Savurua, Nasama, Waisa and Navulukani village, Navulukani Road, Serea, Naitasiri benefitting 124 households at the cost of \$930,000.

Government works together with EFL for the construction of Grid extension projects. Out of the 34 schemes, 12% have been completed and 78% under construction stage.

The completion of these projects entirely depends on a number of key factors including scope of work, geographical locations and road accessibility. There has been monthly meetings held with all stakeholders (MOE/EFL/MOIT) to discuss on the progress of each and every project.

Solar Home Systems

Out of the 2543 households earmarked with Solar Home Systems, 197 households (8%) were installed in the Central Division with a total budget of \$788,000.

The supply and installation of these systems was awarded to CBS Power Solution; a locally based company. Government has completed 99% of the installation.

- b) **total value of all the rural electrification projects carried in in the Central Division in 2018/2019 fiscal year;**

2018/2019 Rural Electrification Programme

In the 2018/2019 Budget, a total of \$61.2M was allocated for the Rural Electrification Programme. Out of this amount, \$47M was allocated for Grid Extension and housewiring while \$13.8M was for Solar Home System.

Grid Extension Projects

A total of 176 Grid extension schemes (4,120 households) were approved in the 2018/2019 Budget. In the Central Division alone, a total of 34 schemes with 424 households were approved with a total budget of \$3.08M.

No	Province	No. of Households	Cost
1	Tailevu	160	\$1,698,983
2	Rewa	10	\$96,621
3	Serua	21	\$291,337
4	Namosi	186	\$736,132
5	Naitasiri	47	\$266,974
Total		424	\$3.08M

- c) **details of all the rural electrification projects suspended for the Central Division in 2018/2019 fiscal year; and**

Of the 34 projects earmarked in the Central Division only one project had not been suspended but re-programmed to the 2019/2020 budget.

- d) **details of all the rural electrification projects being planned for the Central Division for the year 2019/2020 fiscal year.**

In the 2019/2020 Budget, a total of 17.9M was allocated for the Rural Electrification Programme. Out of this amount, \$12.4M was allocated for Grid Extension and housewiring while \$5.4M was for Solar Home System. These will benefit a total of 2,214 customers.

End

**COMMISSIONED RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS IN CENTRAL DIVISION-
2019**

No.	Scheme No.	Description	Date Commissioned	No. of customers
1	NU07-11	Qiolevu Road Settlement, Sawani, Naitasiri - additional scope	31/01/19	1
2	NU09-18	Supply to Bau Central College at Mokani, Tailevu	09/02/19	1
3	NU04-18	Supply to Autiko of Dravuni Village, Tailevu	17/02/19	1
4	DE03-18	Increased demand for Sai Prema Foundation Spiritual Centre at Rovadrau, Deuba	20/02/19	0
5	NU14-14	Naqiriqirilali Settlement, Loganisebi Road, Tailevu	23/02/19	16
6	C09-16	Ram Autar Road, Nausori	06/04/19	10
7	VU01-12	Supply to Naikasaga Settlement, Naivucini, Naitasiri	13/04/19	1
8	VU03-17	Supply to Naiseva, Wailoa, Naitasiri	30/04/19	1
9	NU09-15	Vucilevu farm, Cautata Road	18/05/19	4
10	VU04-14A	Navunibau to Naraiyawa village, Namosi. Stage 1	25/05/19	529
11	SE01-17	Nakoba Settlement, Galoa, Serua	03/06/19	4
12	VU01-16	Waibalavu Village, Naitasiri	22/06/19	50
13	SE03-17	Yadua Settlement, Navutulevu, Serua	23/06/19	3
14	SU01-17	CMF Church Muaivuso Road, Veisari	24/06/19	1
15	SU05-18	Supply to Timaima Rauqale of Muaivuso Road, Veisari	30/06/19	1
16	VU03-16	Line Extension Nawaqabena to Naduna Village, Naitasiri	26/08/19	47
17	VU03-09 - VU08-09	Supply to Waibau Farming Community, Naitasiri	31/10/19	69
18	NU01-16	Viwa Island - Lemeki residence	02/11/19	1
19	NU04-16	Filimoni Daveta, Kuku Road, Nausori	07/11/19	1
20	TA06-17	Lewa Village, Nadarivatu	09/11/19	12
21	NU04-17	Supply to Ratu Osea Casalusalu & Two Others, Baulevu, Nausori	09/11/19	3

No.	Scheme No.	Description	Date Commissioned	No. of customers
22	VU07-14	Korovou & Narokorokoyawa Village, Wainimala, Naitasiri	17/11/19	101
Total number of Customers:				857