

PARLIAMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION
THURSDAY 25 MAY 2017

174/2017 Hon. Aseri Radrodro to ask the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications – Can the Minister provide to this House an update of the 200% Employment Taxation Scheme.

- (a) How many employers have benefitted from the 200% taxation scheme since it was introduced;**
- (b) How many people have benefitted from the taxation programme;**
- (c) How many private sector employers have benefitted from this programme; and**
- (d) The total amount of tax rebate paid out to employers.**

RESPONSE

The Employment Taxation Scheme ('ETS') was introduced on 01 January 1997. Since its inception in 1997 until 2016 the tax rate was set at 150%. The ETS was increased from 150% to 200% in 2016/2017 Budget.

(a) How many employers have benefitted from the 200% taxation scheme since it was introduced?

- As of 31 August 2017, the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority ('FRCA') has received applications from 60 employers claiming the 200% tax deduction.

(b) How many people have benefitted from the taxation programme?

- 60 employers

(c) How many private sector employers have benefitted from this programme?

- 60 employers

(d) The total amount of tax rebate paid out to employers.

- Under the ETS, employers are not granted tax rebates but instead granted tax deductions which reduces the chargeable income and subsequently the tax payable amount.

Thank you.