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Prime Minister of Fiji and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry and Foreign Affairs

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTION NO. 23 OF 2018

PARLIAMENT

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Hon. Parmod Chand to ask the Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry and Foreign Affairs – Would the Prime Minister inform Parliament of how many foreign nationals by country of origin have obtained Fiji passports or have become Fiji nationals since October 2014.

I thank the Honourable Member for his question.

Madam Speaker, since October 2014 to March 2018, **741** foreign nationals have been issued with Fiji Passports.

The total number of **new** passports issued to foreigners from October 2014 to March 2018 are as follows:

YEAR	TOTAL #
2014 (October)	68
2015	218
2016	213
2017	232
2018 (March	10
TOTAL	741

The total number of passports issued annually by nationality is recorded as follows:

Nationality	Year					TOTAL
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Australia	9	49	49	19	-	126
New Zealand	29	67	71	89	15	271
France	1	5	3	4	-	13
Tonga	1	10	2	3	1	17
Kiribati	-	1	-	-	-	1
Taiwan	1	-	-	1	-	2
Japan	-	1	-	1	-	2
USA	3	22	12	10	-	47
Germany	3	14	4	4	-	25
British	2	8	13	7	3	33
Pakistan	1	-	-	2	-	3

Papua New Guinea	3	2	2	2	-	9
Philippine	1	3	1	-	-	5
India	5	4	6	10	2	27
Vanuatu	-	-	2	2	-	4
Malaysia	1	-	-	1	-	2
Sri Lanka	-	-	2	3	-	5
Korea	3	-	4	6	1	14
China	2	4	25	43	10	84
UAE	-	4	1	-	-	5
Canada	-	5	1	3	-	9
Cambodia	-	-	-	1	-	1
Switzerland	-	1	-	-	-	1
Qatar	-	-	-	1	-	1
Egypt	1	-	-	-	-	1
Nauru	1	2	1	2	-	6
Bangladesh	-	-	1	1	-	2
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	1	1
Nigeria	-	-	-	-	1	1
Madagascar	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hong Kong	-	2	-	1	-	3
Denmark	-	-	-	1	-	1
Netherlands	-	-	1	-	-	1

Mongolia	-	-	-	1	-	1
Samoa	-	2	2		-	4
Kenya	-	-	-	1	1	2
Romania	-	-	-	-	1	1
Vietnam	-	-	-	1	-	1
Marshall Island	-	-	-	1	-	1
Tuvalu	-	-	-	1	-	1
Sweden	-	-	-	2	-	2
South Africa	-	-	1	1	-	2
Hungary	-	1	-	-	-	1
Brazil	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTAL	67	207	205	226	36	741

The foreign nationals have gone through the Registration and Naturalisation processes to be granted Fiji Citizenship which qualify them to apply and be issued with Fiji passports.

Some of those who have been granted Fiji Citizenship have not applied for Fiji passports.

The passport figures do not include children of Fiji Citizens who were born abroad as they are classified as **"Stateless"** since they do not qualify for passport from their country of birth. The Former Citizens are also not included as they were previously issued with Fiji passports before acquiring citizenship of other countries.

The table below shows the top five (5) countries that were issued with passports during the reporting period:

Nationality	Year					TOTAL
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
New Zealand	29	67	71	89	15	271
Australia	9	49	49	19	-	126
China	2	4	25	43	10	84
USA	3	22	12	10	-	47
Great Britain	2	8	13	7	3	33

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Fiji Citizenship Report from 2014 to 2018

1. Since October 2014 to February 2018, a total number of **3815** foreign nationals were granted with Fiji Citizenship.

1.1 Tabulated below is the summary of citizenship granted annually and by nationality:

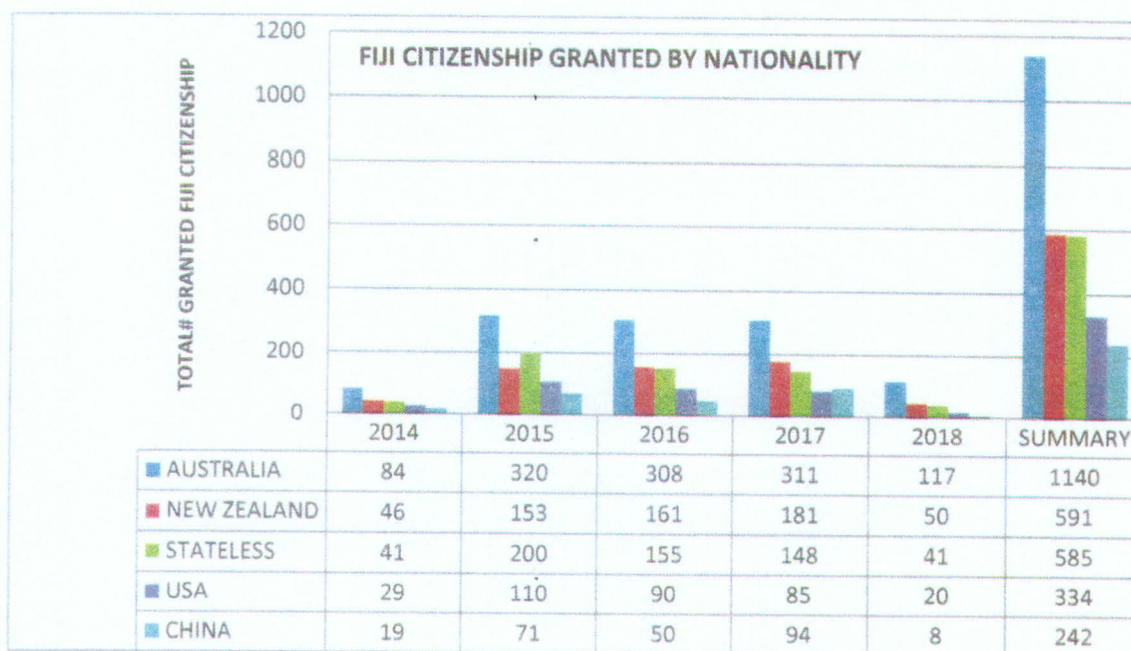
FIJI CITIZENSHIP GRANTED FROM 2014 TO 2018						
NATIONALITY	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
AUSTRALIA	84	320	308	311	117	1140
NEW ZEALAND	46	153	161	181	50	591
STATELESS	41	200	155	148	41	585
USA	29	110	90	85	20	334
CHINA	19	71	50	94	8	242
CANADA	14	55	40	58	8	175
INDIA	8	37	32	80	18	175
GREAT BRITAIN	13	35	27	27	1	103
KOREA	6	20	13	33	10	82
PHILLIPINE	1	10	4	21	2	38
BANGLADESH	1	3	10	11	5	30
TONGA	3	7	3	16	1	30
SRI LANKA	0	4	4	18	3	29
KIRIBATI	0	1	4	7	14	26
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	3	6	4	5	2	20
SOLOMON ISLANDS	1	4	3	9	3	20
SAMOA	0	1	8	7	2	18
PAKISTAN	2		2	13		17
VANUATU	0	3	4	7	2	16
TUVALU	1		3	9	1	14

FRANCE	1	3	3	5	1	13
GERMANY	0	2	5	3	1	11
JAPAN	0	3	3	3	0	9
MALAYSIA	2	2	1	1	3	9
NETHERLANDS	0	2	2	2	3	9
TAIWAN	2	1	0	5	1	9
BELGIUM	0	2	0	3	0	5
GHANA	0			5		5
SOUTH AFRICA	0			5		5
DENMARK	0				4	4
NAURU	0	3	1			4
SWEDEN	1	2	1			4
SWITZERLAND	0		2	2		4
BRAZIL	0		2		1	3
IRELAND	1	-	2	-	-	3
ITALY	0	1		2		3
VIETNAM	0	2		1		3
CHILE	0			2		2
NIGERIA	1			1		2
SINGAPORE	0	1		1		2
THAILAND	1			1		2
UKRAINE	0	1		1		2
AMERICAN SAMOA	0	1				1
CONGO	0			1		1
COOK ISLANDS	0		1			1

CUBA	0			1		1
CZECH REPUBLIC	0			1		1
FEDERATED STATE MICRONESIA	0			1		1
GUATAMALA	0			1		1
HONG KONG	1					1
KYRGYSTAN	0		1			1
LITHUANIA	0			1		1
MALTA	0			1		1
MONGOLIA	0			1		1
PALAU	0				1	1
RUSSIA	0			1		1
TAHITI	0	1				1
TOGO	0			1		1
TUNISIA	0			1		1
TOTAL	282	1067	949	1194	323	3815

2. The top five (5) nationalities recorded were from Australia (1140), New Zealand (591), Stateless (585), USA (334) and China (242).

2.1 The graph below illustrates the top five (5) nationalities that have been granted citizenship during the reporting period:



3. The category of nationality that highlights the “Stateless” figure of **585** shows the children of Fiji Citizens who were born abroad.

4. A large number of Former citizens have regained their citizenship and recorded from the highest (four) 4 countries as follows:

4.1 Out of the **1140** Australian nationals, **763** were Former citizens;

4.2 Out of **591** New Zealand nationals, **342** were Former citizens;

4.3 Out of **334** US nationals, **180** were Former citizens; and

4.4 Out of **172** Canadian nationals, **117** were Former citizens.

5. The graph below illustrates the number of Former citizens who have regained their citizenships:

