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PARLIAMENT WELCOMES 2018-2019 BUDGET ALLOCATION



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum announcing the 2018-2019 National Budget in Parliament on June 28.

Capacity-building for Members of Parliament will be a focus area during the new term of Parliament.

With the allocation of \$10.8 million for the Department of Legislature this new financial year, Secretary-General to Parliament Mrs Viniana Namosimalua said such activity was important to empower MPs.

The new allocation was announced by the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during the 2018-2019 National Budget announcement on June 28.

"While we are very grateful to be given the

\$10.8 million allocation, we will set aside funds for the purpose of capacity-building for MPs," she said.

"This is to ensure that the necessary equipment and resources are in place to effectively prepare MPs to fulfil their Constitutional roles, in particular the new ones, who have never had any Parliament experience before."

At the same time, Mrs Namosimalua said the Department would also work on improving its data storage facilities.

"We also want to improve our data storage facilities and upgrade our conference systems so they are in line with ensuring that

the public, as partakers in decision-making, have access to proceedings when Standing Committee meetings are in session."



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum being interviewed by the media after the 2018-2019 Budget announcement.

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PARLIAMENT ENGAGEMENTS



Speaker Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni with Members of Parliament and the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre Coordinator Ms Shamima Ali at a Domestic Violence training for MPs at the Warwick Resort in May, this year.



Minister for Youth and Sports Hon. Laisenia Tuitubou (close to camera) speaking at the Youth forum during the 138th IPU Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland in March, this year.



Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa and Assistant Minister for Local Government, Housing and Environment Hon. Lorna Eden during the International Women's Day at Parliament in March, this year.



Opposition Members of Parliament Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua (close to camera) and Hon. Ratu Tevita Niumatiaivalu making their way to the Parliament chambers during the May sitting.



Government Whip Hon. Ashneel Sudhakar during the ACP Committee on Political Affairs meeting in Brussels, Belgium in June, this year.



Speaker Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni with some women Members of Parliament during a special meeting in January, this year.



Assistant Minister for Rural and Maritime Development, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Hon. Joeli Cawaki (left) and Hon. Mataiasi Niumatiaivalu wore purple ribbons during the March Parliament sitting to celebrate the International Women's Day, along with the other MPs.



Minister for Defence and National Security, Hon. Ratu Inoke Kubuabola meeting Vice President of the National Assembly of Vietnam, H.E. Madam Tong Thi Phon at the first plenary session of APPF26 in January.



Speaker Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni with the Speaker of the Cook Islands Parliament, Hon. Nikki Rattle during her visit in January, this year.



Minister for Youth and Sports Hon. Laisenia Tuitubou and Hon. Mohammed Dean with Camari Adi Lasaga of Wainibuka Secondary School and her principal Ms. Merewalesi Tuiloma during the school's visit to Parliament in April. Camari won the 1500 meters inter-girls gold medal during the 2018 Coke Games.

SPEAKER RECEIVES TOP DENTISTRY AWARD



All smiles....Speaker Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni with her honorary fellowship certificate in her office.

Speaker Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni has yet again created history.

Apart from being the first woman dentist and the Speaker for the country's august house, Hon. Dr Luveni is one of only three women alongside the Princess of Wales, the late Lady Diana Spencer and New Zealand Paediatric Dental Specialist, Professor Bernadette Drummond, to have been conferred the honorary fellowship award from the Council of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons.

While it may have come as a surprise, the Speaker said she was honoured to be a recipient alongside Lady Diana. "I can't believe this. This is a great honour for me and I owe it to the current serving dentists," she said. "Dentistry was the foundation of my career path and I hold it dear to my heart. When I started my career, I took dental health out of the clinic.

"At that time in the 1970s, dental health awareness was most needed as a lot of people didn't take good care of their teeth. There was more emphasis needed on tooth decay prevention so I made it my business to include dental care in the public health service.

"Whenever the public health team reach out to the communities, I also tagged along to create awareness about dentistry."

For the love of dentistry, Hon. Dr Luveni added she facilitated the oral health survey in 1985 in a bid to keep records of dental health.

"I am thankful that the Dental Department is continuing with this data record initiative. I also initiated the National Tooth-brushing Competition and this was sponsored by Colgate. All these initiatives, among others, were contributing factors to my passion towards dentistry. "Even though I switched my career path, it didn't change the way I felt about dentistry as it's a part of me. This award has brought dentistry yet again to the limelight and I'm happy to continue this legacy."

The award, Hon. Dr Luveni said would now be a motivating and inspiring factor to present to aspiring dentists.

"I would also like to encourage them (dentists and students) to always make use of every career opportunity coming their way for the purpose of further developing dentistry."

In a congratulatory letter, the council representative Professor Geoffrey Borlase said it was most appropriate that the dental profession recognised Hon. Dr Luveni with the highest accolade.

"The Madam Speaker deserves this award and surely has earned recognition at the highest level for her service to the dental profession," Prof. Borlase said.

OBITUARY-LATE HON. RATU SELA NANOVO



(L-R): Hon. Ratu Suliano Matanitobua, Hon. Jilila Kumar, Hon. Aseri Radrodoro, Mrs Nanovo and Hon. Mikaele Leawere at the burial site for the late Hon. Ratu Sela Nanovo early this year.

In February this year, the late Hon. Ratu Sela Nanovo passed away and he was a SODELPA Member of Parliament since 2014 and also member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts until his demise.



The family members of the late Hon. Ratu Sela Nanovo during his funeral in March, this year.

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PARLIAMENT COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAMMES : JANUARY-JULY, 2018

The Fijian Parliament, through the Civic Education and Media Unit, continues to reach out to the communities, schools and villages to educate the people about Parliament. The outreach initiatives is aimed at informing the people about the roles and functions of Parliament, its works and how Fijians can engage with Parliament. Schools, community groups and individuals have been visiting Parliament to learn more.



Villagers of Nabukaluka in Naitasiri during a community outreach programme in their village in January, this year.



Students of Nasinu Muslim College collecting Parliament factsheets during the 'Parliament Bus' programme in their school in February, this year.



Speaker Hon. Dr. Jiko Luveni with villagers of Nasiriti in Naitasiri during the 'Meet the Speaker' programme in February, this year.



Villagers of Wema in Nadroga-Navosa collecting Parliament factsheets during the 'Parliament Bus' programme in the village in April, this year.



Students and teachers of Tailevu North College with the Speaker Hon. Dr. Jiko Luveni after the 'Meet the Speaker' outreach programme in February, this year.



Senior Civic Education Officer Mrs. Masilina Raumakita presenting to students and teachers of Dawasamu Secondary School in Tailevu during the 'Parliament Bus' programme in March, this year.



Deputy Secretary-General to Parliament, Mrs. Jeanette Emberson during the 'Parliament Bus' outreach programme at Saqani Secondary School.



Villagers of Nalutu in Ba with the Secretary-General to Parliament Mrs. Viniana Namosimalua and staff after the 'Parliament Bus' programme in June, this year.



Students and teachers of Malahaha Primary School in Rotuma listening during the 'Parliament Bus' programme in their May this year.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



Speaker Hon. Dr. Jiko Luveni uses the 2018 Coke Games torch that was carried around Fiji to light the Coke Games Cauldron at the ANZ Stadium in Suva.



Secretary-General to Parliament Mrs. Viniana Namosimalua planting a tree during the International Day of Forests at Boron House in March, this year.



Some Members of Parliament with staff participating at the Easter Service in March, this year.



Parliament staff busy preparing for the 2018-2019 National Budget Announcement on June 28, this year.



Parliament staff presenting their i-reguregu to the late Hon. Ratu Sela Nanovo early this year.

JAPAN CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR FIJIAN PARLIAMENT THROUGH UNDP



(L-R) Speaker Hon. Dr. Jiko Luveni, Country Director and Head of Pacific Regional Programme and Policy for the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji, Bakhodir Burkhanov and Embassy of Japan Charge d' Affaires ad interim, Mr Tsuguyoshi Hada during the signing of the agreement.

The Government of Japan signed a US-D\$5.2m agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in March, this year which will allow its current parliamentary development work to be scaled up and replicated to support six Pacific Parliaments.

The Strengthening Legislatures in Pacific Island Countries Project will run from 2018 for three years.

As one of the recipients for the project and in delivering her welcome remarks, the Honourable Speaker for the Fiji Parliament, Dr Jiko Luveni was excited about the prospects this would have for the Fiji Parliament as well as its Secretariat staff.

"We are very grateful to the Government of Japan for this support," said Hon. Luveni.

"Our Honourable Members and our Parliament staff have benefitted greatly from previous and existing partnerships with UNDP and the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and again, Japan."

"This has allowed our Honourable Members to build their capacity in examining, dissecting and appropriately addressing national

development issues from the broad regional and global context, facilitated through south-south exchanges and technical expertise."

The focus of the programme will include capacity building for Legislators and Parliament staff, support to build the capacity and effectiveness of Parliament Committees, and activities to mainstream the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the work of the Parliaments.

"We are delighted to sign this agreement with UNDP," said Embassy of Japan Charge d' Affaires ad interim, Mr Tsuguyoshi Hada.

"The Government of Japan provided funding to UNDP to support the Fiji Parliament in 2014-2017, and we are now able to announce that we will not only provide funding to UNDP's project of support to the Fiji Parliament but also assistance to five other Pacific Parliaments."

The programme will allow UNDP to provide new support to the Parliaments of Samoa, Republic of Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, and significantly up-scale ongoing support to the Parliaments of

the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji.

Country Director and Head of Pacific Regional Programme and Policy for the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji, Bakhodir Burkhanov said Japan has been a key supporter of UNDP's governance work in the Pacific countries – and in Fiji particularly – having supported the first phase of the Fiji Parliament Support Project, and currently supporting the REACH project that helps provide access to government services for many Fijians across this country.

The project titled, Strengthening Legislators Capacity in the Pacific Island Countries, seeks to provide support to Parliaments to become more effective and efficient through strengthening the work of their committees related to legislation and oversight, especially with regard to key development issues, building the capacities of legislators and professionalism of staff and improving the budget process and financial oversight capacity of the legislatures.

An additional key focus area within the programme will be technical assistance and activities to improve the budget scrutiny and financial oversight role of Parliaments.

SUSTAINING PEACE - A VEHICLE FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Fiji delegation at the 138th IPU Assembly in Geneva – Speaker, Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Opposition MP Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad, Minister for Youth and Sports, Hon. Laisenia Tuitubou and the Assistant Minister for Rural & Maritime Development, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Hon. Joeli Cawaki.

Strengthening the parliamentary contribution to the global compact for migration, sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development and tackling women's under-representation in politics were the topics of discussions at the 138th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) from 24-28 March, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland.

A Fijian delegation, led by the Speaker Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni was part of the meeting of 740 Parliamentarians, including 75 Speakers of Parliaments and 216 women parliamentarians from over 137 countries.

Parliamentarians also identified and agreed upon parliamentary inputs to the UN-led reforms on the rights and protection of migrants and refugees.

The meeting ensured that the interests of the 6.5 billion people represented in the meet were part of the global negotiations on the new migration regime.

Also at the meeting, MPs looked in detail at their contribution to ensuring domestic enforcement of the two related Global Compacts expected to be adopted by the UN community later this year.

The Assembly featured a high-level interactive panel on Sunday, 25 March, 2018 with the Director General of the International Organization for Migration; William Lacy Swing, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein and UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi.

They provided insights on the current plight of

migrants and refugees and their vision for addressing this humanitarian challenge over the next decade.

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) remained a core subject and delegates also adopted a resolution on sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development. This resolution affirmed the link between effective implementation of the SDGs and conflict prevention and sustaining peace by building strong and effective institutions, such as parliaments.

A second resolution was also adopted on engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy. This resolution was expected to call upon parliaments to facilitate private investment in sustainable development, especially renewable energy, by setting up public-private finance mechanisms, fostering a business climate conducive to research and development investment and to creating legal incentives to attract private-sector investors.

Meanwhile, the Fiji delegation included the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Minister for Youth and Sports, Hon. Laisenia Tuitubou, Assistant Minister for Rural & Maritime Development and National Disaster Management Hon. Joeli Cawaki and Opposition MP Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad.

PAC MEMBERS LAUNCH REVAMPED WEBSITE



The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and the Office of the Auditor-General have always shared a sound professional relationship in terms of provision of assistance to Members in the scrutiny process of our parliamentary role, says committee Deputy Chairperson Hon. Mohammed Dean.

He made the comment while officiating at the launch of the AOG's revamped website at Ratu Sukuna House on June 13.

Hon. Dean said the role of PAC was complementary to that of the Audit Office in relying significantly on the detailed examination of its reports and objectives by the office.

"It is important that the Office of the Auditor-General foster inclusive dialogue processes and active engagement with its clients and key stakeholders," he said.

"These are very important strategic objectives towards the on-going process of strengthening governance in Fiji and building a resilient institution such as OAG."

"We need to inform citizens not just about the role of the Auditor-General but also about the actual processes involved in exercising its constitutional mandate in carrying out their duties and responsibilities as Auditors of Government."

Hon. Dean also spoke about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 16 which is Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

The event was also attended by the Members of the Public Accounts Committee namely Hon. Aseri Radrodoro and Hon. Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY VISITATIONS JANUARY - JULY, 2018

COURTESY CALLS TO THE SPEAKER OF THE FIJIAN PARLIAMENT

NO.	DELEGATION	NO. OF DELEGATES	DATES
1	Members of the National Assembly of Korea led by Vice Speaker Hon. SHIM Jae-Cheol	12	25/01/18
2	Fiji's Honorary Consul in Hong Kong, Mr Desmond Lee with members of the Fiji Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong	7	31/01/18
3	Farewell Call - The outgoing USA Ambassador to Fiji, H.E Judith B. Cefkin	2	05/02/18
4	The new Ambassador of the Peoples' Republic of China to Fiji, H.E Qian Bo	4	07/02/18
5	The new Resident High Commissioner of Australia to Fiji, H.E John Mathew Feakes	3	09/02/18
6	Chinese Delegation visiting Fiji	7	09/02/18
7	H.E Zeid bin Ra'ad Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	6	12/02/18
8	The new French Ambassador to Fiji H.E Sujiro SEAM	2	14/02/18
9	Non-Resident Ambassador of Georgia to Fiji, H.E George Dolidze	3	14/03/18
10	UNAIDS Country Director, Ms Renata Ram	2	06/04/18
11	The new Ambassador of Korea to Fiji – H.E Shin'hee CHO	2	09/04/18
12	The new New Zealand High Commissioner to Fiji – H.E Jonathan Curr	2	03/05/18
13	The new Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Fiji H.E Raden Mohammad Benyamin Scott Carnadi	5	08/06/18
14	H.E Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Former Minister of Health, Labour & Welfare Dr Takeshi Kasai – Candidate for the Regional Director of the WHO Western Pacific Region Dr Hiroki Nakatani – Advisor for International Affairs to the Minister of Health, Labour & Welfare Dr Chieko Ikeda – Senior Assistant Minister for Global Health, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour & Welfare	4	04/07/18

VISITS TO THE FIJIAN PARLIAMENT

NO.	NAME	COUNTRY	DATES
1.	Mr Craig Mynott, Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London	United Kingdom	14/02/18
2.	Hon. Niki Rattle, Speaker of the Parliament of Cook Islands	Cook Islands	14 - 16/03/18
3.	Delegation from the United Peace Federation (UPF)	Members were from various countries	15/05/18

MPs OVERSEAS MEETINGS

NO	CONFERENCE	COUNTRY	DATES	DELEGATION
1	24 th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth	Seychelles	08 - 13/01/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Mr Sakiusa Rakai
2	Meeting with Speaker of UAE Parliament	United Arab Emirates	15/01/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Mr Sakiusa Rakai

3	26 th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF)	Vietnam	18 - 21/01/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Hon. Ratu Inoke Kubuabola 3. Hon. Laisenia Tuitubou 4. Hon. Alexander O'Connor 5. Hon. Samuela Vunivalu 6. Hon. Semesa Karavaki 7. Hon. Niko Nawaikula 8. Mrs Viniana Namosimalua 9. Mr Sakiusa Rakai 10. Mr Josua Namoce 11. Ms Ruci Mafi (Hon. Kubuabola's Special Assistant)
4	International Leadership Conference (ILC)	South Korea	18 - 22/02/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Ms Ane Navunivere
5	International Women's Conference (ILC)	India	23 - 25/02/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Ms Ane Navunivere
6	Commonwealth Parliamentarians Forum 2018	England	26/02/18 - 01/03/18	1. Hon. Dr Mahendra Reddy 2. Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa 3. Mr Niko Rasei
7	Induction Training for Committee Chairs/ Deputies of PNG National Parliament	Papua New Guinea	27 - 28/02/18	1. Hon. Netani Rika
8	9th Session of the ACP PA and Inter-Sessional Meetings of the ACP-EU JPA	Belgium	20 - 22/03/18	1. Hon. Ashneel Sudhakar
9	138 th IPU Assembly and related meetings	Switzerland	24 - 28/03/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Hon. Laisenia Tuitubou 3. Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa 4. Hon. Joweli Cawaki 5. Hon. Prof Biman Prasad 6. Mrs Kalo Galuvakadua 7. Mr Senitili Wainiu 8. Ms Ane Navunivere
10	President Bula Seminar and Hong Kong Legislative Council	China (Hong Kong)	02 - 03/04/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa 3. Hon. Joeli Cawaki 4. Mrs Kalo Galuvakadua 5. Mr Senitili Wainiu 6. Ms Ane Navunivere
11	2018 Pacific Islands Parliamentary Workshop	New Zealand	12 - 14/04/18	1. Hon. Jilila Kumar 2. Hon. Parmod Chand 3. Ms Susana Korovou
12	12 th Summit of Women Speakers	Bolivia	25 - 26/04/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Mrs Jeanette Emberson 3. Mr Alipate Tuwai
13	International Conference Toward Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity: The Role of Religious Leaders and Parliamentarians.	Austria	28 - 30/04/18	1. Mrs Viniana Namosimalua 2. Mrs Lois Vakarau
14	Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) Regional Pacific Islands States Parliamentary Workshop	Samoa	26 - 27/04/18	1. Hon. Netani Rika
15	50th session of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly and 35th Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly	Brussels	13 - 20/06/18	1. Hon. Ashneel Sudhakar
16	2018 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and related IPU activities - New York, US	United States	16 - 18/07/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Hon. Osea Naiqamu 3. Hon. Jone Usamate 4. Hon. Kiniviliame Kiliraki 5. Mr Vatomosi Delailovu 6. Mrs Rukalisi Dilega 7. Mr Alipate Tuwai
17	Pacific Parliamentary Partnership on Human Development and Maritime Sustainability	Indonesia	23 - 24/07/18	1. Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni 2. Hon. Joeli Cawaki 3. Hon. Dr Mere Samisoni 4. Mr Senitili Wainiu 5. Mr Alipate Tuwai

MEETINGS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT JANUARY-JULY, 2018

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Number of Meetings	Issues Before The Committee			
	Annual Reports	Bills	Petitions	Site Visits
56	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Report on the Unit Trust of Fiji 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 2. Review Report on the Public Rental Board 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 3. Review Report on the Consumer Council of Fiji 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 4. Committee Report on the Fiji Higher Education Commission's 2014 Annual Report-Tabled 5. Review Report on the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee (FASANOC) 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 6. Consolidated Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations 2004 to 2009 Annual Report-Tabled 7. Committee Report on the Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 8. Consolidated Review Report on iTaukei Trust Fund Board 2013 and 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 9. Committee's Review Report on the University of the South Pacific's (USP) 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 10. Committees Review Report of the Fiji National University (FNU) 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 11. Review Report on the Fiji Ports Corporation Limited 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 12. Review Report of the Committee on Fiji Higher Education Commission's 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 13. Fiji Public Trustee Corporation Limited (FPTCL) 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 14. Review Report on the Ministry of Youth and Sports 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 15. Review Report on the Ministry of Local Government, Urban Development, Housing and Environment's 2012, 2013 and 2014 Annual Reports-Tabled 16. Review Report on the Fiji National University 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 17. Review Report on the Airports Fiji Limited (AFL) 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 18. Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts Annual Report January- July 2016 - Pending 19. Review Report of the Committee on the Fiji Higher Education Commission's 2015 Annual Report - Tabled 20. Review Report on the Fiji National Provident Fund's 2017 Annual Report - Tabled 21. Committee Consolidated Review report on the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relation and Employment 2010 - 2013 Annual Reports - Tabled 22. Review Report on the Fiji Public Trustee Corporation Limited (FPTCL) 2016 Annual Report - Tabled 23. Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation 2014 Annual Report - Pending 24. Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation 2015 Annual Report - Pending 25. Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation 1 January to 31 July 2016 Annual Report - Pending 26. Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 Annual Report - Pending 27. Fiji National Sports Commission January - July 2016 Annual Report - Pending 28. Review Report on the Consumer Council of Fiji Jan - July 2016 Annual Report - Tabled 29. Review Report on the Fiji Ports Corporation Limited (FPCL) 2016 Annual Report - Tabled 30. Review Report on the Ministry of Health and Medical Services January - July 2016 Annual Report - Tabled 31. Review Report on the Unit Trust of Fiji 2016 Annual Report - Tabled 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rotuma Bill No.6 of 2015 - Pending 2. Rotuma Lands Bill No.7 of 2015 - Pending 3. Heritage Bill No.10 of 2016 - Pending 4. Committee Report on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill (Bill No. 12 of 2016)" PP 31 of 2018-Tabled 	None	None

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Number of Meetings	Issues Before The Committee			
	Annual Reports	Bills	Petitions	Site Visits
9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Agriculture 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 Annual Reports 2. Consolidated Committee Report on the Department of Forestry Annual Reports 2014 and 2015-Tabled 3. Consolidated Committee Report on the 2014, 2015, 2016 Ministry of Employment, Productivity, Industrial & Relations - Tabled 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meteorological and Hydrological Services Bill No. 4 of 2016-Pending 2. Forest Bill No. 13 of 2016-Pending 3. Land and Water Resources Management Bill No. 7 of 2016-Pending 4. Aquaculture Bill No. 9 of 2016-Pending 5. Kava Bill (Bill No. 24 of 2016)-Tabled 	None	None

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Number of Meetings	Issues Before The Committee				
	Annual Reports	Bills	Petitions:	Treaties/Conventions:	Consultations:
69	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption Annual Report 1 January—31 July 2016-Pending 2. Department of Legislature Annual Report 2014–2015-Pending 3. The Independent Legal Services Commission Annual Report 2016-Pending 4. Office of the President Annual Reports 2011,2012 and 2013-Pending 5. Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption Annual Report 1 August 2016—31 July 2017-Pending 6. Fijian Electoral Commission Annual Reports 2014 and 2016-Pending 7. Office of the Prime Minister Annual Reports 2013,2014, 2015-Pending 8. Public Service Commission Annual Report 2014-Pending 9. Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption Annual Reports 2014 and 2015-Pending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-Based Corrections Bill, No. 33 of 2016- Tabled • Information Bill, No. 34 of 2016-Tabled • Online Safety Bill, No. 7 of 2018-Tabled • Adoption Bill, No. 21 of 2016-Pending • Code of Conduct Bill, No. 22 of 2016-Pending • Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Bill, No. 28 of 2016-Pending • Registration of Sex Offenders Bill, No. 6 of 2018-Pending 	None	None	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Vanua Levu - Labasa (Food & Nutrition Training Room) -Consultation on Bills No. 6 and No. 7 of 2018 2 Lautoka-(Lautoka City Council Chamber) -Consultation on Bills No. 6 and No. 7 of 2018

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE

Number of Meetings	Issues Before The Committee				
	Annual Reports	Bills	Petitions:	Treaties/Conventions:	Consultations:
63	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiji Police Force January-June 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 2. Review Report of the Committee on the Fiji Corrections Service 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 3. Review Report of the Committee on the Ministry of Defence, National Security and Immigration 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 4. Review Report of the Committee on the Fiji Corrections Service 01 January - 31 July 2016 Report-Tabled 	None	<p>Report on the Public Petition to Review and Redress the Vast Anomaly Present in the Recent Police Back-Pay Out of 2015 - Tabled</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products-Tabled 2 Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal and Unregulated Fishing- Tabled 3 Report on International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Report on International - Tabled 4 Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights -Tabled 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Lautoka City Council- Mayoral Chamber - Petition on the review and redress the vast anomaly present in the recent police back-payout of 2015 2 Vanua Levu- Nabouwalu (Naulumatua House), Seaqaqa (DO's Conference Room), Savusavu (DO's Conference Room) and Labasa (Friendly North Inn)-Petition on the review and redress the vast anomaly present in the recent police back-payout of 2015

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Number of Meetings	Issues Before The Committee			
	Annual Reports	Bills	Petitions	Site Visits
40	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RBF Jan- July 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 2. FIU 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 3. FIU 2014 Annual Report-Tabled 4. Reserve Bank of Fiji Insurance Annual Report 2016-Tabled 5. PAFCO 2015 Annual Report-Tabled 6. PAFCO 2016 Annual Report-Tabled 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bill 19 of 2016-Reform of Sugar Cane Industry-Pending 2. Bill 20 of 2016 - A Bill for an Act to amend the Sugar Cane Growers Fund Act (Cap. 207)-Pending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Petition for Parliament to urgently look into the ill-treatment faced by staff and former staff of the Grand Pacific Hotel 	None

MEETINGS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF PARLIAMENT JANUARY-JULY, 2018

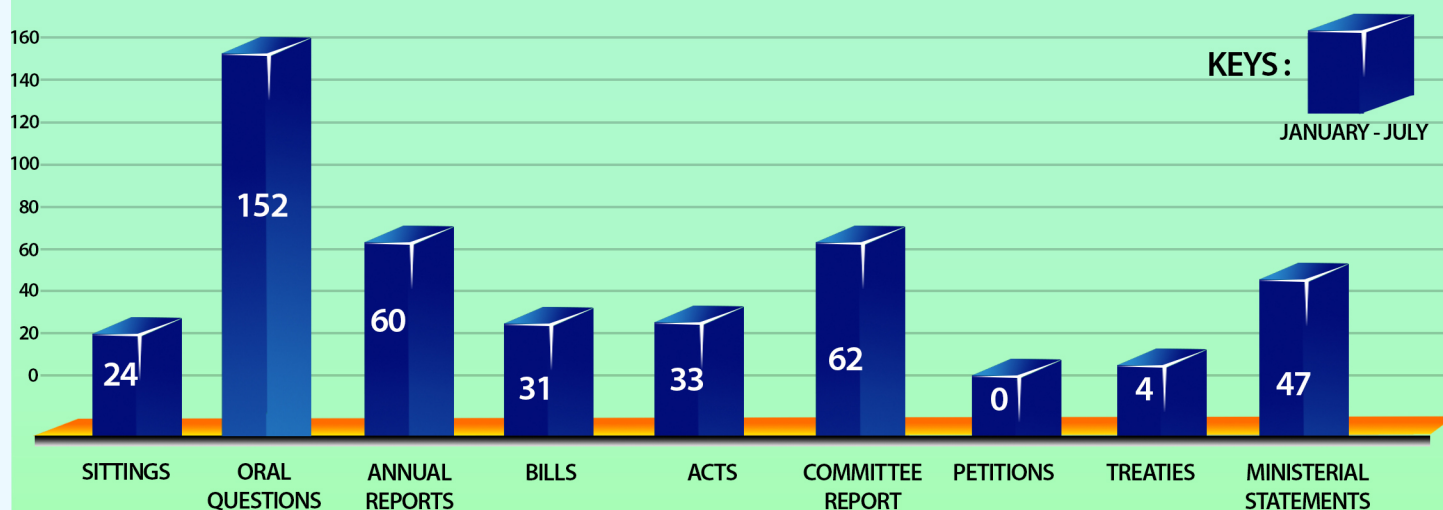
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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	7. Consolidated Fiji Commerce Commission 2014 and 2015 Annual Reports- Tabled 8. Fiji Revenue and Customs Services 2016-2017 Annual Reports- Tabled 9. MITT 2014 Annual Report- Tabled 10. Reserve Bank of Fiji August 2016-July 2017 Annual Reports- Tabled 11. FBC Annual Reports 2010-2015- Tabled			

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Number of Meetings	Issues Before The Committee		
	COMMITTEE REPORTS:	Audit Reports	Annual Reports
61	1. Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the year ended 31st December, 2014 (Volume 1-4) - Tabled 2. Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the year ended 31st December, 2015 (Volume 1-4) - Tabled 3. Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Performance Audits for the year ended 31st December 2014 (Volume 1) - Tabled 4. Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Performance Audits for the year ended 31st December 2014 (Volume 2) - Tabled 5. Consolidated Report on the Office of the Auditor General's 2014 and 2016 & 2017 Annual Report - Tabled 6. Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audits of Municipal Councils for the year ended 31st December, 2014 - Tabled 7. Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Special Projects for the year ended 31st December 2014 - Tabled	1. 2016 Audit Report on Accounts and Finance of Government (Volume 1)- Pending 2. 2016 Audit Report on the General Administration Sector (Volume 2) - Pending 3. 2016 Audit Report on the Social Services Sector (Volume 3) - Pending 4. 2016 Audit Report on the Economic Services and Infrastructure Sector (Volume 4) - Pending 5. 2015 Audit Report on State-Owned Entities & Statutory Authorities- Pending 6. Audit Reports on : 1. Management of Duty Concession Scheme 2. Management of Prisoners, Employees, and Assets Management System - Pending 7. Audit Report on : Pending 1. Procurement of Biochemical Equipment - Ministry of Health & Medical Services 2. Audit of Rural Postal Offices Quaterly Returns	1. COP23 Presidency Trust Fund: First Semi-Annual Report- Pending 2. 2015 Annual Report – Office of the Auditor General- Pending

PARLIAMENT SITTINGS-JANUARY TO JULY, 2018



COMMITTEES AT WORK



Members of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs hearing submissions from the Fijian Competition & Consumer Commission in January, this year.



Members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts hearing submissions in January from the Water Authority of Fiji.



Hon. Salote Radrodro and Hon. Ruveni Nadalo during a Fiji National Provident Fund submission to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs in March, this year.



Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights Hon. Mataiasi Niumataivalu during a Fiji Women's Rights Movement submission in April, this year.



Hon. Viliame Gavoka during Fiji Revenue and Customs Services submission to the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs in April. Next to him is Hon. Alvick Maharaj.



Standing Committee on Natural Resources deliberations, Hon. Samuela Vunivalu (left) and Hon. Jiosefa Dulakiverata (right).



Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence Chairperson Hon. Netani Rika addressing the submitters from the South Pacific Commission before their submission in May, this year.



Group photo – Members of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights with the senior executives of the Department of Legislature.



Members of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs hearing submissions from the Consumer Council of Fiji in May, this year.



Deliberations on the Online Safety Bill by the Members of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Right in May, this year.



Members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts with the Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem (second from right) after the Fijian Elections Office submission in June, this year.



Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence hearing submissions in June from Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials.

PARLIAMENT AT WORK



Committee-of-the-Whole Parliament during the March Parliament sitting.



(L-R) Mr Dixon Seeto, Hon. Jilila Kumar, Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry and Foreign Affairs Hon. Voreqe Bainimarama and Biosecurity Authority of Fiji CEO, Mr Hillary Kumwenda after the 2018-2019 National Budget announcement on June 28, this year.



Speaker Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni with her special guests after the 2018-2019 National Budget announcement on June 28, this year.



New SODELPA Member of Parliament Hon. Dr Mere Samisoni taking her oath during the March sitting, this year. Hon. Mere Samisoni replaced the late Hon. Ratu Sela Nanovo.



(L-R) Opposition MP Hon. Viliame Gavoka, Assistant Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Hon. Veena Bhatnagar and Opposition MPs Hon. Dr Mere Samisoni and Hon. Jiosefa Dulakiverata after the 2018-2019 National Budget announcement on June 28, this year.



New SODELPA Member of Parliament Hon. Ratu Tevita Niumataivalu taking his oath during the April sitting, this year. Hon. Ratu Tevita Niumataivalu replaced Hon. Mosese Bulitavu.



Prime Minister Hon. Voreqe Bainimarama and Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum making their way out of Parliament during this year's March Parliament sitting.



Government Member of Parliament Hon. Jilila Kumar and Minister for Agriculture, Rural & Maritime Development, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Hon. Inia Seruiratu sharing a light moment during one of the lunch breaks in the March sitting, this year.



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications, Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum with Assistant Minister for Youth and Sports Hon. Iliesa Delana making their way out of Parliament during the May sitting, this year.



Opposition Member of Parliament Hon. Mikaele Leawere and Leader of the Opposition Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa making their way to Parliament in May, this year.