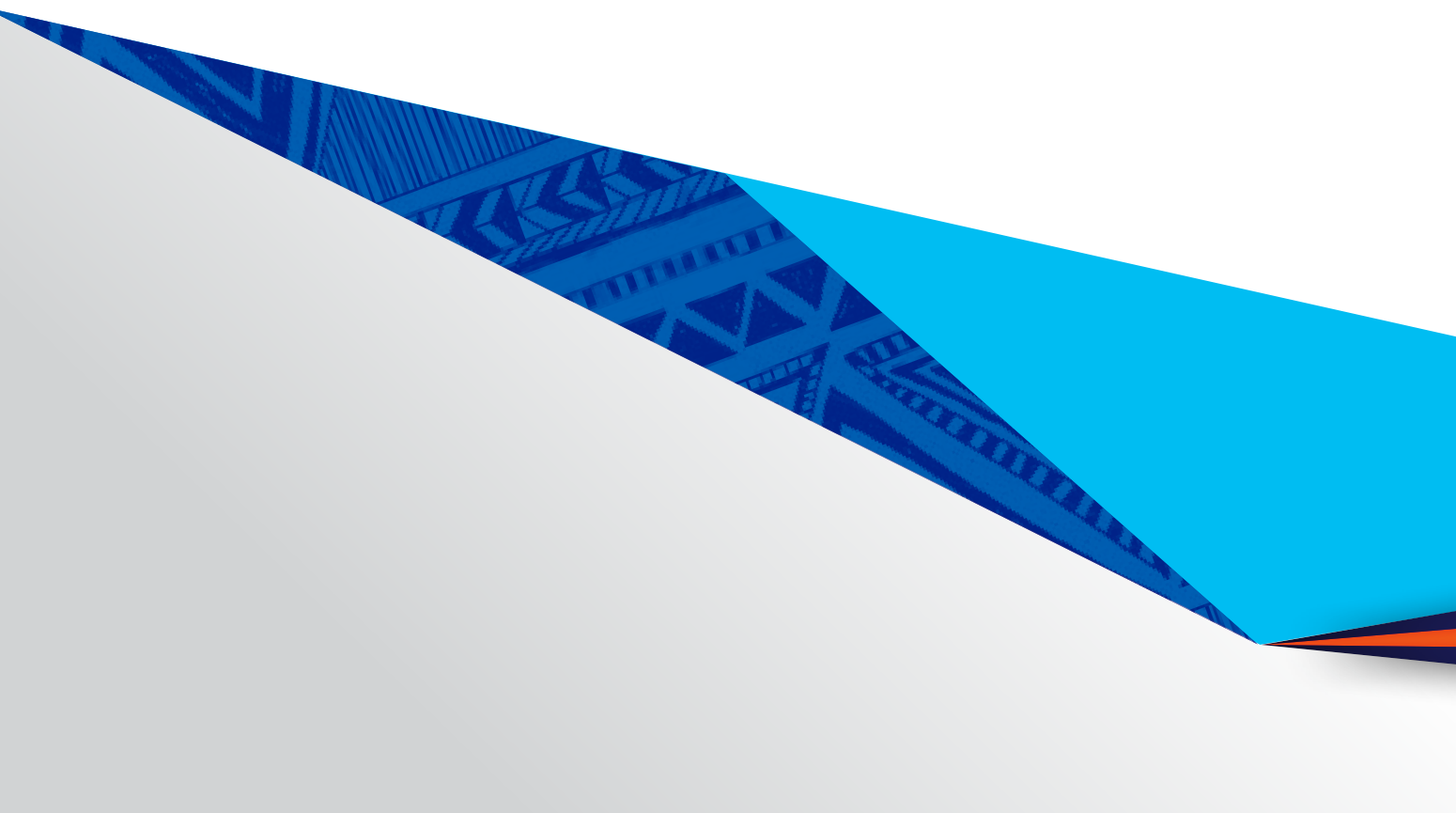


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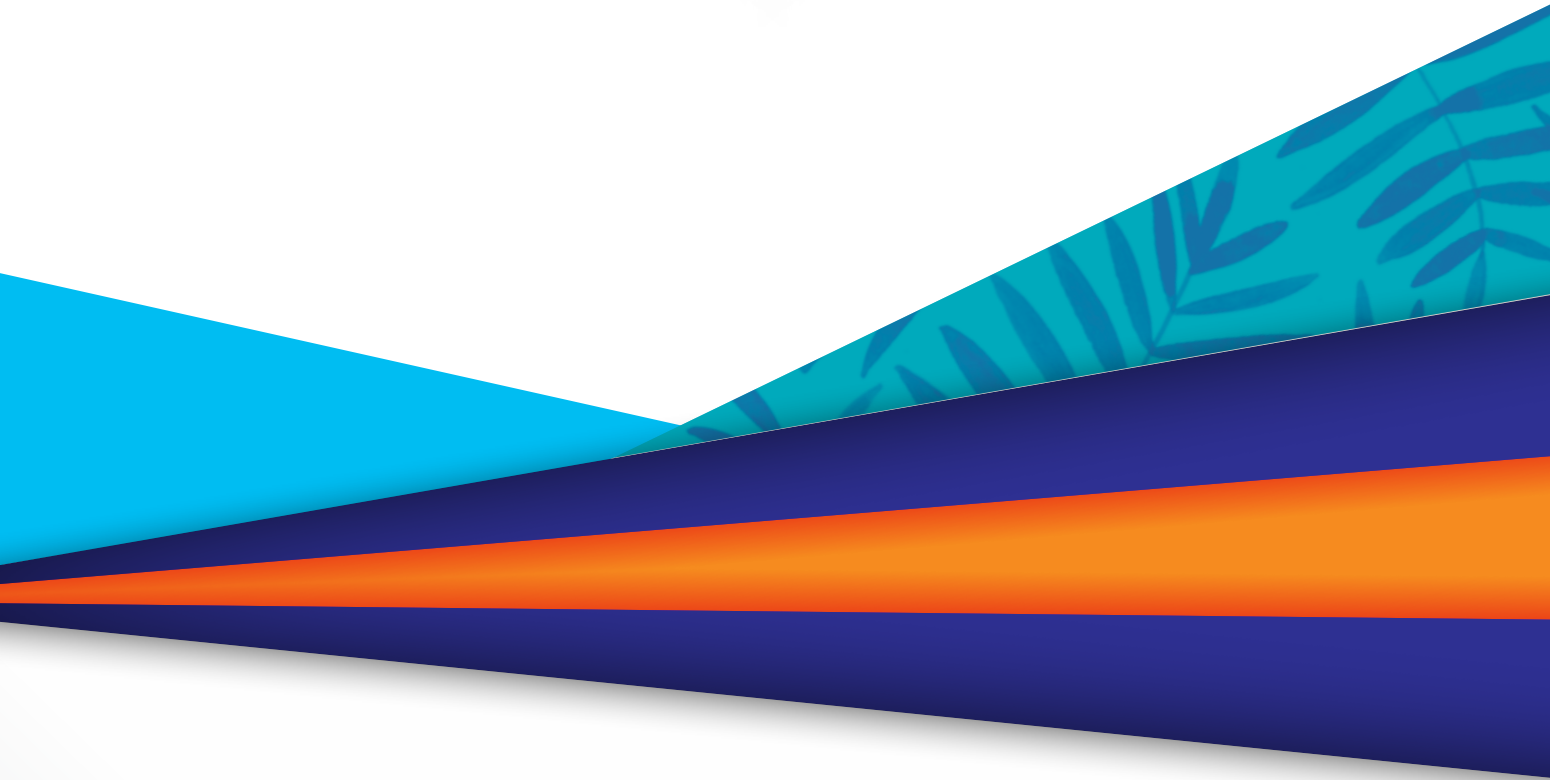


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FOREWORD



It is my great privilege to deliver the 2018 Annual Report of the Electoral Commission in accordance with Section 75 (4) of the Constitution.

The year of 2018 was a year of real progress for the Commission towards creating more transparency and voter ownership in the system of the Fijian Elections.

The Electoral Commission Secretariat performed very well in the support provided to the Commissioners throughout the year.

The Electoral Commission familiarised itself with the conduct of elections, took charge and reformed some salient features of voting. Some urgent and important tasks required to be performed by the Commission under the legal framework were attended to without delay.

The Commission also boosted the moral and momentum in terms of election preparations and adopted the theme "*A Platform for Fijians to express their Will with Confidence, Security and Freedom*".

Whilst details are listed in the report, I wish to take this opportunity to thank my Commissioners, Supervisor of Elections and the staff of the Fijian Elections Office for their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm in ensuring that the 2018 General Election was successful, free, fair and credible election.

Suresh Chandra
Chairperson

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- (i) Pursuant to section 75(4) of the Constitution, The Electoral Commission is required to submit a report of its activities to H.E. the President and a copy is to be submitted to Parliament.
- (ii) This report is for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 to make it in line with the calendar year.
- (iii) The Electoral Commission received considerable support from development partners and visits to Korea, Indonesia and New Zealand Electoral Commissions to observe their respective electoral operations which were instructive and beneficial.
- (iv) The Electoral Commission developed the roadmap to the 2018 General Election, monitored Pre-Poll and Polling venues, reviewed the Result Management Information System (RMIS), Electoral Management System (EMS), oversaw the secure storage of the Election materials including Ballot Papers, and monitored the electoral process from 1 October through to the *Return of Writ* on 18 November 2018.
- (v) Key activities of the Electoral Commission for 2018 included the following:
 - a. Electoral Commission Meetings
 - b. Attending to Media Interviews
 - c. Opening of various Voter Service Centres (VSC) all over Fiji
 - d. Attending the Electoral Justice Toolkit Piloting conference in Jakarta, Indonesia – Chairperson Mr Suresh Chandra
 - e. Attending the AWEB Executive Board Dinner
 - f. Participation in the Election Simulation Plan – February MOCK Exercise
 - g. Attending the Know your Election Awareness Drive all over Fiji
 - h. Attending the Risk Identification and Aversion Workshop
 - i. Attending the Election Communication Mock Exercise Plan
 - j. Attending the Knowledge Exchange to NZ by-election in Northcote, Auckland, New Zealand - Commissioner Simone Naiduki
 - k. Attending the 7th Local Elections in the Republic of Korea - Commissioner Kavita Raniga
 - l. Attending the Joint International IDEA – FEO – HRADC Forum on Electoral Processes
 - m. Attending the Signing of the Multinational Observer Group (MOG) Term of Reference (Australia, Indonesia and India)
 - n. Attending the EC Retreat Workshop on Communication hosted by the New Zealand Electoral Commission at Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort, Natadola, Fiji Islands
 - o. Attending the Election Visitor Program (EVP) Dinner at Thurston Garden, Suva
 - p. Attending the opening of the 20th Attorney General's Conference at Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort, Natadola, Fiji Islands

- q. Meetings with Political Parties
 - r. Meeting with various Stakeholders – EDAWG, ESAG, MIDA, CSO, MOG & Diplomatic Corp
 - s. Attending to the confirmation of Pre-Poll Venues for the 2018 General Election
 - t. Preparation for the 2018 General Election including the following;
 - i. Issue of the *Writ*
 - ii. Nomination of Candidates
 - iii. Withdrawal of Nominations
 - iv. Objections
 - v. Appeals
 - vi. Notice of Pre-Poll and Poll
 - vii. Candidate Ball Draw
 - viii. Other works for the 2018 General Election
 - ix. Pre-Poll Site Visits
 - x. Election Day and adjournment of Polling for flooded Affected Polling Stations
 - xi. Final National Results Tally, Declaration of Results and Allocation of Seat
 - xii. Return of *Writ*
 - xiii. Complaints during the 2018 General Election
 - xiv. Meeting with various stakeholders for the 2018 General Election
 - xv. Attending the Post-Election Activities Workshop
 - u. Dealing with various correspondence, media enquiries and FEO reports
 - v. Electoral Commission Decisions
- (vi) The Electoral Commission was sufficiently funded to ensure it was able to meet its responsibilities as per the legal framework

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The current Commission was appointed by His Excellency, the President on 3 February 2017. This Commission is the second under the Constitution. The Previous Commission had been appointed in 2014 and their terms concluded in January 2017 at the end of 3 years.

The following members were appointed:

Suresh Chandra	Chairperson
Simione Naiduki	Commissioner
Ratu Paula Halaiwalu	Commissioner
Grahame Bruce Southwick	Commissioner
Jawahar Lal	Commissioner
Margot Marie Jenkins	Commissioner
Kavita Raniga	Commissioner

The Commission has the responsibility for the registration of voters and the conduct of free and fair elections in accordance with the written law governing elections and any other relevant law, and in particular for the registration of citizens as voters, and the regular revision of the Register of Voters; voter education; the registration of candidates for election; the settlement of electoral disputes, including disputes relating to or arising from nominations, but excluding election petitions and disputes subsequent to the declaration of election results; and monitoring and enforcing compliance with any written law governing elections and political parties.

The February 2017 amendments to the Electoral Act also appointed the Supervisor of Elections, Mohammed Saneem, as the Secretary to the Commission.

The previous Commission is acknowledged for the work they did in achieving a free, fair and credible election in 2014. The handing over was done through the secretariat that was maintained at the FEO.

The year 2017 began with one full-time personal assistant who was employed by FEO. In May, the Commission had a secretariat with three full time staff following the approval of the revised organization structure for the staffing of the EC Secretariat. The Electoral Commission also received technical support from Australia in terms of a full time Technical Advisor.

The Secretariat also underwent training by Technical Consultants from New Zealand particularly in terms of streamlining the correspondence and complaints mechanisms. The Secretariat also revised a majority of the forms that were used by the Commission to enable effective information gathering and transfer.

The Commission approved the re-branding of some of the Commission's letterheads and other publicity materials. This became necessary to align the Commission's publication materials with the legal provisions.

The Secretariat also established various registers as per the requirements of the Electoral Act to ensure that information is recorded properly and as per good practice. A proper registry was also established for Commission documents.

Reporting Structure



CHAIRPERSON OF THE
ELECTORAL COMMISSION
Mr. Suresh Chandra



COMMISSIONER
**Ratu Paula
Halaiwalu**



COMMISSIONER
**Mr. Simone
Naiduki**



COMMISSIONER
**Mr. Grahame
Southwick**



COMMISSIONER
Mr. Jawahar Lal



COMMISSIONER
**Mrs. Margot
M. Jenkins**



COMMISSIONER
**Mrs. Kavita
Raniga**



SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS/ SECRETARY
TO THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION
Mr. Mohammed Saneem



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY- EC
Ms. Zubbi Kutti



PERSONAL ASSISTANT-EC
Ms. Katalaini T. Nimati



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Mr. Ashnil Chand

2.0 INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

2.1 Secretariat

During the year the Commission established the secretariat with three full time staff.

The Commission has undertaken to write its own reports and other correspondence.

The Secretariat has since then developed various internal operational guidelines and procedures to ensure that the Electoral Commissioners are able to discharge their functions effectively.

The Secretariat has also finalized a proper Electoral Commission Meeting Calendar as well as proper meeting paper templates for matters to be considered by the Commission. The Commission Meetings were also handled through a proper minute recording system and practice.

The Secretariat also established various registers as per the requirements of the Electoral Act to ensure that information is recorded properly and as per good practice. A proper registry was also established for Commission documents.

2.2 Budget

The Secretary to the Commission prepared a budget paper for the Commission which was approved by the Commission for the Secretary to include in the Fijian Elections Office budget.

The Secretary proposed the Business Paper for the 2017 – 2018 FEO Election Budget to the Electoral Commission in its EC Board meeting number 02/2017 on 7 March 2017.

Table below shows the Electoral Commission Budget & Expenditure for January 2018 – December 2018;

Activities	Budget	Expenditure
Electoral Commission Allowance	185,000.00	205,278.26
Legal fees	25,000.00	18,974.51
Marketing Costs	54,949.00	27,987.79
FNPF Contribution	16,590.00	2,000.00
Freight	100.00	7.80
Office Administration Expense	67,320.00	41,475.09
Telecommunication Expenses	12,300.00	12,300.00
Travel and Accommodation Expense	83,706.00	42,905.24
EC and Office Meeting Expense	29,600.00	9,987.94
Tax Expenses	3,794.00	2,403.38
Total EC Operating Budget and Expenses	478,359.00	363,320.01

2.3 Commissioner's Allowances

All Electoral Commissioners are part time and are remunerated with a sitting allowance of \$500 per meeting and also for work undertaken on behalf of Electoral Commission as and when required. Preparing a roadmap to the 2018 General Elections, meetings with political parties, the media, civil society organisations and other government agencies including the Fiji Police, dealing with complaints, appeals, reviews and monitoring and other correspondence. In addition, each Commissioner is allowed a meal allowance of \$50 per day for each meeting. In practice, they do not collect this allowance and instead opt for the FEO to arrange and pay for their meals.

3.0 THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION'S WORK IN 2018

The Electoral Commission met 22 times in 2018. Its work included:

3.1 Electoral Commission Meetings

- The Electoral Commission held 12 meetings from January 2018 – December 2018
- This was the monthly EC meeting which was to discuss the general matters and correspondence of the Commission
- The Electoral Commission held ten (10) Election Mode meeting from October 2018 – November 2018
- This meeting was to discuss all matters relating to the 2018 General Election including complaints and correspondence relating to the 2018 General Election.

3.2 Statements by Chairperson and Commissioners - Media Engagements

No.	Date	Activity
1.	11 January 2018	Launch of "Year 10 – Introduction to Elections" curriculum. Media statement delivered by the Chairperson of the EC
2.	18 January 2018	Launch of FEO Publications
3.	19 January 2018	"4 the Record" talk back show recording with the Chairperson of the EC
4.	23 January 2018	Opening of Rakiraki Voter Services Centre by Commissioner Simone Naiduki
5.	8 February 2018	Launch of "1500 SMS Polling Venue Locator". Media statement delivered by the Chairperson of the EC
6.	23 February 2018	Interview with FBC regarding the 51st seat in the parliament
7.	5 March 2018	Launch of "Know Your Election" Awareness Drive. Media statement by the Chairperson of the EC
8.	9 March 2018	Voting Screen Handover by the New Zealand Electoral Commission. Media statement by the Chairperson of the EC
9.	14 March 2018	"Know Your Election" Awareness Drive at Grand Pacific Hotel
10.	15 March 2018	"Know Your Election" Awareness Drive at Natabua High School. Media statement delivered by Commissioner Kavita Raniga
11.	15 March 2018	"Know Your Election" Awareness Drive at Marist Brothers High School. Media statement delivered by the Chairperson of the EC

12.	15 March 2018	"Know Your Election" Awareness Drive in the Northern Division. This was attended by Commissioner Simone Naiduki
13.	5 April 2018	Media statement by the Chairperson of the EC to Civil Society Organizations
14.	10 April 2018	Vote of Thanks delivered by Commissioner Simone Naiduki at the Indelible Ink Handover Ceremony
15.	6 May 2018	Media Statement by the Chairperson of the EC at the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission Brochure Launch
16.	7 May 2018	Vote of Thanks by the Chairperson of the EC at the Vehicle Handover Ceremony
17.	10 June 2018	Media Statement by the Chairperson of the EC at the FEO Results App Launch
18.	25 June 2018	Statement by the Chairperson of the EC during the President's Visit to the Fijian Elections Office. Media Release sent to the media outlets.
19.	17 September 2018	"Know Your Election" Awareness Drive Launch in Suva
20.	1 October 2018	Media Statement by the Chairperson of the EC during the Issue of <i>Writ</i> for the 2018 General Election
21.	2 October 2018	Media Statement by the Chairperson of the EC on the Notice of Nominations
22.	6 October 2018	Media Release by EC on its Decision on Electoral Activities during Public Holidays
23.	16 October 2018	Media Release by EC on upholding Appeal
24.	17 October 2018	Media Statement by the Chairperson of the EC on Objections and Appeals Decision
25.	2 November 2018	Media Statement by the Chairperson of the EC on announcement of Pre-Poll
26.	5 November 2018	Media Statement by the Chairperson of the EC at the Launch of Pre-Poll voting for the 2018 General Election
28.	10 November 2018	Media Statement by the Chairperson of the EC at the close of Pre-Poll voting for the 2018 General Election
29.	18 November 2018	Declaration of Results and Seat Allocation
30.	5 December 2018	Statement by the Chairperson of the EC at the FEO Staff Awards night

3.3 Various Events attended by the Commissioners;

No.	Date	Activity
1.	10 January 2018	Year 10- Introduction to Election Curriculum Launch, Suvavou House
2.	18 January 2018	EC Events Launch
3.	22 January 2018	Opening of the Voter Service Centre in Nadi
4.	22 January 2018	Opening of the Voter Service Centre in Rakiraki
5.	23 January 2018 to 26 January 2018	Video production for FEO Jingle – Commissioner Margot Jenkins and FEO Communications Department
6.	6 February 2018 to 16 February 2018	Participation in Election Simulation Exercise
7.	8 February 2018	Launch of 1500 SMS platform, FEO Headquarters
8.	23 February 2018	FEO Final Planning Workshop at Holiday Inn
9.	27 February 2018	FEO Content Creator Workshop at Holiday Inn– attended by Commissioner Margot Jenkins
10.	9 March 2018	New Zealand Electoral Commission handover ceremony for cardboard voting screens, FEO Headquarters
11.	14 March 2018 to 24 March 2018	“Know your Election” Awareness Drive
12.	26 March 2018	AWEB Executive Board Dinner at West Inn Hotel, Denarau
13.	27 April 2018	Full scale Appeals and Objections workshop, FEO Headquarters
14.	30 April 2018 to 3 May 2018	Electoral Justice Toolkit Piloting conference, Jakarta, Indonesia, attended by the EC Chairperson and FEO Public Relations Officer
15.	2 May 2018 to 3 May 2018	Risk Identification and Aversion Workshop
16.	4 June 2018 to 15 June 2018	Participation in the Communications Election Simulation Exercise
17.	6 June 2018 to 10 June 2018	Knowledge Exchange Program to attend NZ by-election in Northcote, Auckland – Commissioner Simone Naiduki, Executive Assistant, Stakeholder Engagement and Awareness Officer and Public Relations Officer

18.	7 June 2018 to 14 June 2018	7 th Local Elections in the Republic of Korea attended by Commissioner Kavita Raniga and Manager Procurement and Assets
19.	7 June 2018	Vehicle Handover Ceremony by Indian High Commission
20.	4 July 2018	Joint International IDEA – FEO – HRADC Forum on Electoral Processes, Holiday Inn, Suva
21.	6 July 2018	Launch for the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission (FHRADC) Brochure on Elections, FEO Headquarters
22.	10 July 2018	Launch of the FEO Results App
23.	25 July 2018	Welcome ceremony of His Excellency the President, Major General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote, FEO Headquarters
24.	8 August 2018	EC Election Readiness workshop, FEO Headquarters
25.	24 August 2018	EC Election Preparation workshop, FEO Headquarters
26.	4 September 2018	Signing of the Multinational Observer Group (MOG) Term of Reference (Australia, Indonesia and India), Suvavou House
27.	21 September 2018 to 23 September 2018	EC Retreat Workshop on Communication– hosted by the New Zealand Electoral Commission at Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort, Natadola, Fiji Islands
28.	13 November 2018	Election Visitor Program
29.	5 December 2018	Post-Election Activities workshop, Holiday Inn, Suva
30.	5 December 2018	FEO core staff Awards night, Tanoa Plaza, Suva
31.	7 December 2018	Opening of the 20 th Attorney General's conference, Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa, Natadola

3.4 Meeting with Political Parties

The EC and the FEO held meetings with Political Parties in its effort to discuss Election-related matters. Details of the meetings are as follows:

- EC and FEO meeting with Political Parties- 1 May 2018 at the Southern Cross Hotel;
- EC and FEO meeting with Political Parties- 9 August 2018 at the FEO Conference Room;
- Press Conference with SoE at FEO Ground Floor Conference room – Joint Political Parties statement on 16 August 2018 and
- EC meeting with Leader of Unity Fiji Mr Savenaca Narube - 6 September 2018 at the EC Conference Room (HQ).

3.5 Meeting with various Stakeholders

The EC conducted various meetings with external stakeholders such as EDAWG, MIDA, FICAC, CSO's and Diplomatic Corps in preparation for the 2018 General Election.

The list of meetings with stakeholders are as follows:

No.	Date	Activity
1.	1 February 2018 to 2 February 2018	Pocket meeting for the Provisional Voter List verification at Tailevu Provincial Office. This was attended by Commissioner Simone Naiduki.
2.	6 February 2018	Meeting with the Election Disability Access Working Group [EDAWG]
3.	17 April 2018	Meeting with the EU Ambassador, Ms Julian Wilson and the Deputy Supervisor of Elections
4.	19 April 2018	Meeting with the Citizens Constitutional Forum and Rainbow Pride Foundation
5.	30 April 2018	Meeting with the Diplomatic Corp – addressed by the Supervisor of Elections
6.	24 May 2018	Opening of the meeting with Civil Society Organizations
7.	5 June 2018	Meeting with Mosese Saitala, Chief Electoral Officer, Solomon Island Electoral Commission
8.	23 July 2018	Meeting with Ms Deidre Brooks, Manager Corporate Legal, New Zealand Electoral Commission and the Supervisor of Elections
9.	13 August 2018	Meeting with Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption [FICAC] Commissioner, the Supervisor of Elections and the FEO Review and Compliance team.

3.6 Overseas Visitors Program Participation

Three Invitations for overseas visitors' programs on electoral matters were received.

The first event was the Electoral Justice Toolkit Piloting conference in Jakarta, Indonesia from 30 April 2018 till 3 May 2018 attended by the Chairperson of the EC and the Public Relations Officer of the FEO.

The second event was New Zealand Electoral Commission overseas visitor program. This was held from 6 June 2018 till 10 June 2018. The event was attended by Commissioner Simone Naiduki along with the Executive Assistant, Stakeholder Engagement and Awareness Officer and the Public Relations Officer of the FEO.

The third event was the 7th Local Elections in the Republic of Korea from 7 June 2018 till 14 June 2018. This was attended by Commissioner Kavita Raniga and the Manager Procurement and Assets of the FEO.

Note: All costs for the participants were funded by the National Election Commission of Indonesia, National Election Commission of the Republic of Korea, and the New Zealand Electoral Commission.

3.7 The Electoral Commission Decisions for 2018

The Electoral Commission made nine (9) Decisions during their meeting from January 2018 to November 2018

- i. **EC Meeting #01/18;** **Decision #01/2018**
Removal of the Number "666" from the 2018 General Election Ballot Paper
- ii. **EC Meeting #03/18;** **Decision #02/2018**
Decision of Electoral Commission - Award of vacant seat in Parliament to Mrs Mere Tuisalalo Samisoni
- iii. **EC Meeting #05/18;** **Decision #03/2018**
Decision of Electoral Commission - Award of vacant seat in Parliament to Ratu Tevita Navurelevu Niumataiwalu
- iv. **EC Meeting #06/18;** **Decision #04/2018**
Approval of the rules with respect to an Appeal against the decision of the Supervisor of Elections to reject a nomination to be a candidate and rules with respect to an Objection to the nomination of a candidate.
- v. **EC Meeting #07/18;** **Decision#05/2018**
Approved of the following:
 - 1) Guidelines for Application under s115 of the Electoral Act, 2014;
 - 2) Appeals to the Electoral Commission;
 - 3) Application Form for Approval under s115 of Electoral Act, 2014;
 - 4) Appeal Form on Application for Approval under s115 of Electoral Act, 2014.
- vi. **EC Meeting #09/18;** **Decision #06/2018**
Approval of the Procedures on Voting by persons with Disability for the 2018 General Election.
- vii. **EC Meeting EM #03/2018;** **Decision#07/2018** **Approval of the following;**
 - 1) Delegation of powers to Commissioners Simone Naiduki and Kavita Raniga respectively to receive the Appeals and Objections to Nomination of Candidates for the 2018 General Election
 - 2) Approves the Notice(s) of Poll and Pre-Poll and allows the Supervisor of Election to amend or adjust the Pre-Poll schedules to suit operational needs on the ground during the Pre-Poll voting period
 - 3) The Supervisor of Election to advice the Electoral Commission within 12 hours of making any changes to the Pre-Poll polling time.
- viii. **EC Meeting EM #04/2018;** **Decision#08/2018**
Adjournment of polling for flood affected polling stations
- ix. **EC Meeting EM #05/2018;** **Decision#09/2018**
Names of Candidates elected as members of Parliament

4.0 THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

4.1 Issue of the Writ

The *Writ* for the 2018 General Election was issued by the President of the Republic of Fiji, His Excellency, (Retired) Major-General Jioji Konrote to the Chairperson of the EC, Mr Suresh Chandra at the Grand Pacific Hotel on 1 October 2018 at 10am.

4.2 Nomination of Candidates

Following the issuance of the *Writ*, candidate nomination commenced on 2 October 2018 and closed at 12 noon on 15 October 2018. The FEO received 235 nominations from six registered political parties.

All nominating Political Parties were required to submit their nominations in the approved form, accompanied with a deposit of \$1,000 per candidate. They were also required to submit one recent passport size photo as well as a digital copy in JPEG or PNG format of 300ppi.

After receiving the completed nomination forms, the details of each candidate were verified with the Chief Registrar's Office, Crime Records Office, Department of Immigration and the Official Receiver's Office. Once each candidate was cleared from all the four agencies, their nomination was deemed accepted.

During the period of nominations, four Political Parties submitted their applications on the second week between 8 and 12 of October 2018. On the last day of nominations, two Political Parties submitted their applications. The nomination process is governed by section 26 of the Electoral Act 2014 and the eligibility requirements are outlined in section 56 of the Constitution.

Summary of Nomination Forms Received

Political Party	No. of Nominations received	No. Rejected	No. Approved
FijiFirst	51	1 (1 replaced)	51
SODELPA	51	1 (1 replaced)	51
NFP	51	1 (1 replaced)	51
FLP	25	3 (3 replaced)	25
Unity Fiji	31	3 (1 appealed)	29
HOPE	28	-	28
Total	237	9 (7 replaced)	235

4.3 Withdrawal of Nominations

The deadline for withdrawal of nominations was 12 noon on 16 October 2018 and there was no withdrawal received from any candidate.

4.4 Objections

Objections were received from the public against the nomination of a candidate. The objection period closed at 4pm on 16 October 2018 and was handled by the EC.

Seven objections to candidate nomination were received and the details are provided as follows;

No	Candidate	Party	Objector	Party/Other	EC Decision
O01/2018	Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum	FijiFirst	Mikaele Radrodoro	Private	Dismissed
O02/2018	All HOPE candidates	HOPE	Bimal Prasad Chaudhry	Private	Dismissed
O03/2018	Sachida Nand	FijiFirst	Uma Ready	Private	Dismissed
O04/2018	Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama	FijiFirst	Jone Dakuvula	Unity Fiji	Dismissed
O05/2018	Faiyaz Koya	FijiFirst	Jone Dakuvula	Unity Fiji	Dismissed
O06/2018	Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum	FijiFirst	Jone Dakuvula	Unity Fiji	Dismissed
O07/2018	Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum	FijiFirst	Jone Dakuvula	Unity Fiji	Dismissed

4.5 Appeals

Appeals were received from candidates whose nominations were rejected by the SoE. The appeal period closed at 4pm on 16 October 2018 and was handled by the EC.

The EC had three days to make a decision after the close of the appeal period.

There was one appeal received and details are provided as follows;

No	Candidate	Party	EC Decision
A01/2018	Laitia Matalomani	Unity Fiji	Allowed

4.6 Notice of Poll

▪ Pre-Poll

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Electoral Commission under Section 82(3) of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission hereby publishes the venues where pre-poll voting shall take place and the dates and hours upon which the Fijian Elections Office will attend at those venues for the conduct of pre-poll voting

▪ Poll

Following the conclusion of the Nominations process, the Electoral Commission has noted that the number of Candidates nominated for the General Election is greater than the number of seats in Parliament and therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Electoral Commission under Section 35 (1) of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission hereby publishes the following:

- (i) Name, residential address, occupation and voter number of each candidate for the 2018 General Election;
- (ii) Addresses of all polling stations and venues established for the purpose of taking votes during polling; and
- (iii) Polling on Election Day, 14 November 2018, to commence at 7:30am until 6pm or any other time as specified by the Fijian Elections Office.

4.7 Candidate Ball Draw

On 15 May 2017, the EC conducted a barrel draw on live television and approved 508 as the first number on the ballot paper for the 2018 General Election. This was to ensure compliance with section 36(7) of the Electoral Act 2014 which required that the three (3) digit number used in the previous election must not be used in the next election.

The National Candidates List Draw was held on 18 October, 2018 at the Grand Pacific Hotel. This venue was central and sufficiently large enough to cater for the expected number of guests. Pursuant to section 36 of the Electoral Act 2014, it was done in the presence of the public including the media, international observers and political parties. The draw was also broadcasted live on FBC, Fiji One television and on social media.

Two hundred and thirty-five (235) white table tennis balls (equal to the number of Candidates whose nominations were accepted) were numbered from 508 to 743 and placed inside a specially designed barrel. The number '666' had been excluded by the EC from the series as agreed to by political parties.

The names of Candidates were announced in alphabetical order with the last name appearing before the first name as required in section 36 of the Electoral Act 2014. The SoE called out the number drawn for that announced Candidate name. The entire process was repeated until the numbers had been allocated to every Candidate.

The National Candidates List showed the Candidates number, their name and their photograph. The National Candidates List was prepared and published in the Gazette and the daily newspapers the following day, as well as broadcast on radio and social media. Copies of the National Candidates List were provided to the EC, registered Political Parties and their Candidates as well as copies displayed at all FEO sub-offices for public viewing. The National Candidates List was also displayed on billboards and standees placed around the country.

The Voter Instruction Booklet contained the National Candidate List and was widely distributed to all the voters.

4.8 Other works for the 2018 General Election

- Attended the 1st run of printing of Ballot Papers for the 2018 General Election on 17 October 2018
- Attended the Postal Voting Office, Printing press to observe the Ballot Paper printing and visit the Warehouse to see the storage of sensitive materials on 24 October 2018
- Attended the Packing of the sensitive materials for Pre-Poll on 29 October 2018

4.9 Pre-Poll Site Visits

The members of the Electoral Commission went individually to observe the voting at various Pre-Poll venues starting from Monday 5 November 2018 till 9 November 2018, this included the Central and the Western Divisions.

There were 582 pre-polling venues and 587 pre-polling stations identified for the 2018 General Election.

4.10 Election Day and Adjournment of Polling for Flood Affected Polling Stations

On 14 November 2018, the members of the EC went individually to observe at various polling stations throughout Fiji, except for the Eastern division which had been largely covered by Pre-Poll. Majority of the Polling Stations began operations at 7:30am and closed at 6pm to begin counting. Polling Agents and International Observers were permitted into the Polling Stations. The FEO ensured that the maximum number of voters at any Polling Station was 500. Voters were assigned to a Polling Station closest to their residential address.

It was observed that many voters took the opportunity to vote early. Some voters arrived at polling stations with voter identification cards but discovered their names were not on the Voter List in that particular station even though they were apparently assigned to that particular polling station and upon confirmation with the SoE, they were allowed to vote.

A total of 854 Polling Venues were assigned for Election Day. However, due to accessibility issues caused by bad weather, 22 Polling Venues had to have voting adjourned to 17 November 2018 and those who had voted on 14 November in those venues were required by law to re-vote for their votes to be counted. A total of 4,853 voters voted on 17 November 2018.

All the election materials required for polling including Voter Lists and ballot papers were delivered to Presiding Officers at their Polling Stations either on Tuesday 13 November or early morning on Wednesday, 14 November. Polling Day Workers who were recruited and had signed their contract were required to attend a briefing at an allocated time with their Presiding Officer.

All votes taken on Election Day were counted at the respective Polling Stations. The results from the Count were transmitted by Presiding Officers to a toll free dedicated number at the National Results Centre.

The Presiding Officers were required to paste the pink copy of the Protocol of Results (POR) outside the polling station before sending the original copy of POR to the National Results Centre. The EC witnessed this process as well.

On completion of the Count, all election materials were packed and collected by the Hub Leaders. These materials were then transported to the various Area Offices under the escort of the Fiji Police Force Officers.

All sensitive election materials collected on November 14 were securely stored at the FEO warehouse in Suva by 17 November 2018. For those Polling Venues which were adjourned due to adverse weather conditions and flooding, their materials were in storage in Suva by 18 November 2018.

The presence of Police Officers at all Polling Stations during the delivery and collection of election materials demonstrated to the general public that the process was secure and safe at all times.

The turnout for the 2018 General Election was 458,532 out of 637,527 registered voters making up 71.9%. The total number of invalid votes was 4,197 out of the 458,532 amounting to 0.92%.

4.11 Final National Results Tally, Declaration of Results and Allocation of Seats

From the night of 14 November, the FEO employed staff to count all votes including pre-poll and postal votes. The EC observed this process.

As the count progressed, the provisional results were progressively made available on the FEO Apps. However, the posting of the provisional results was terminated and the Final National Results Tally began, based on the original protocols of results from each polling station.

On Sunday 18 November 2018 at 3pm, the EC received the Final National Results Tally from the SoE in accordance with Section 103 of the Electoral Act 2014.

It proceeded to allocate the seats of Parliament in accordance with the Electoral Act, 2014 and by 4pm was able to announce the names of the 51 candidates elected to Parliament.

Enclosed copy of the Allocation of Seat Form and Declaration of Results (Appendix)

4.12 Return of Writ

The Writ for the 2018 General Election was returned by the Chairperson of the EC, Mr Suresh Chandra, to the President of Fiji, H.E. (Retired) Major General Jioji Konrote, at 5pm on 18 November 2018 at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

Enclosed copy of the Return of the Writ (Appendix)

4.13 Complaints during the 2018 General Election (Appendix)

4.14 Meeting with various Stakeholders for the 2018 General Election

- 1st Meeting with the MOG Team on 6 October 2018
- 2nd Meeting with the MOG Team on 12 October 2018
- 3rd Meeting with the MOG Team on 24 October 2018

- 4th Meeting with MET office on 2 November 2018
- 5th Meeting with the MOG Team on 16 November 2018

4.15 Legal Challenges

At the conclusion of the 2018 General Election, the EC and the FEO were served with three different Petitions from different individuals challenging the 2018 election results.

The Petitions are titled as follows:

1. HBM 140 of 2018 Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka & Biman Prasad –v- Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama & ORS
2. HBM 141 of 2018 Jone Dakuvula –v- Supervisor of Elections & ORS
3. HBM 142 of 2018 Satish Kumar –v- Salik Ram Govind & ORS

In the case HBM 141 of 2018, the EC was named as one of the Respondents. The other 2 cases HBM 140 and 142 of 2018, the Commission made an application to join in the cases by intervener applications. The Commission engaged the services of a local Law Firm and in all the three actions and it stated its own position clearly against the three Petitioners.

All the three (3) Elections Petitions were called in Court on 19 December 2018 and upon hearing interlocutory applications from the Petitioners and upon rulings thereafter the Petitioners sought leave to withdraw the Petitions in Court one by one. Leave was granted by the Court and all the three Petitions were withdrawn and dismissed

4.16 Beyond 2018 General Election

The Electoral Commission continues to assess and monitor its responsibilities in the key areas of active electoral management, efficient polling services and some targeted education and public awareness programs.

During the coming year, as we move towards the next general election and our first opportunity to publically demonstrate progress, the Electoral Commission will continue to focus on improving the processes that guide our service delivery, monitoring our performance, ensuring acceptability of the election processes.

5.0 EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I express my sincere gratitude to New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia and South Korea for providing me and the Commissioners direct exposure to elections at an opportune time and Australia's, New Zealand's and India's support in preparation for our election.

The Commission would like to acknowledge the training and assistance provided by Technical Consultant Mr Gordon Webster from Australia particularly in terms of streamlining the correspondence and complaints mechanisms.

The Commission is very grateful to the Supervisor of Elections who, having the "sea of knowledge", provided the Commission his motivated unconditional and dedicated support as the Secretary.

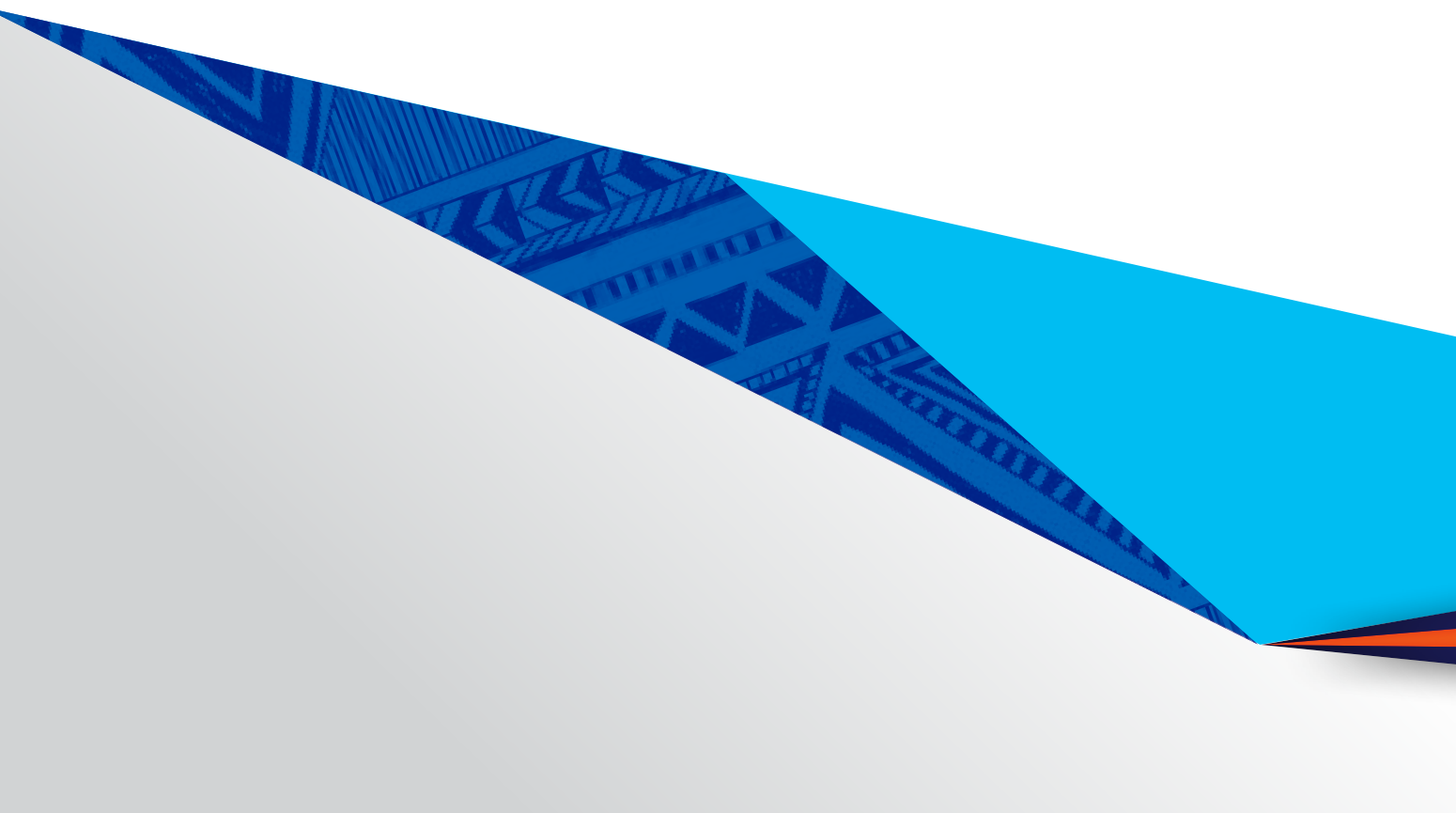
The Commission also appreciates that all political parties generally accepted the law and procedures involved in the 2018 General Election.

Dated this 17 day of July 2019



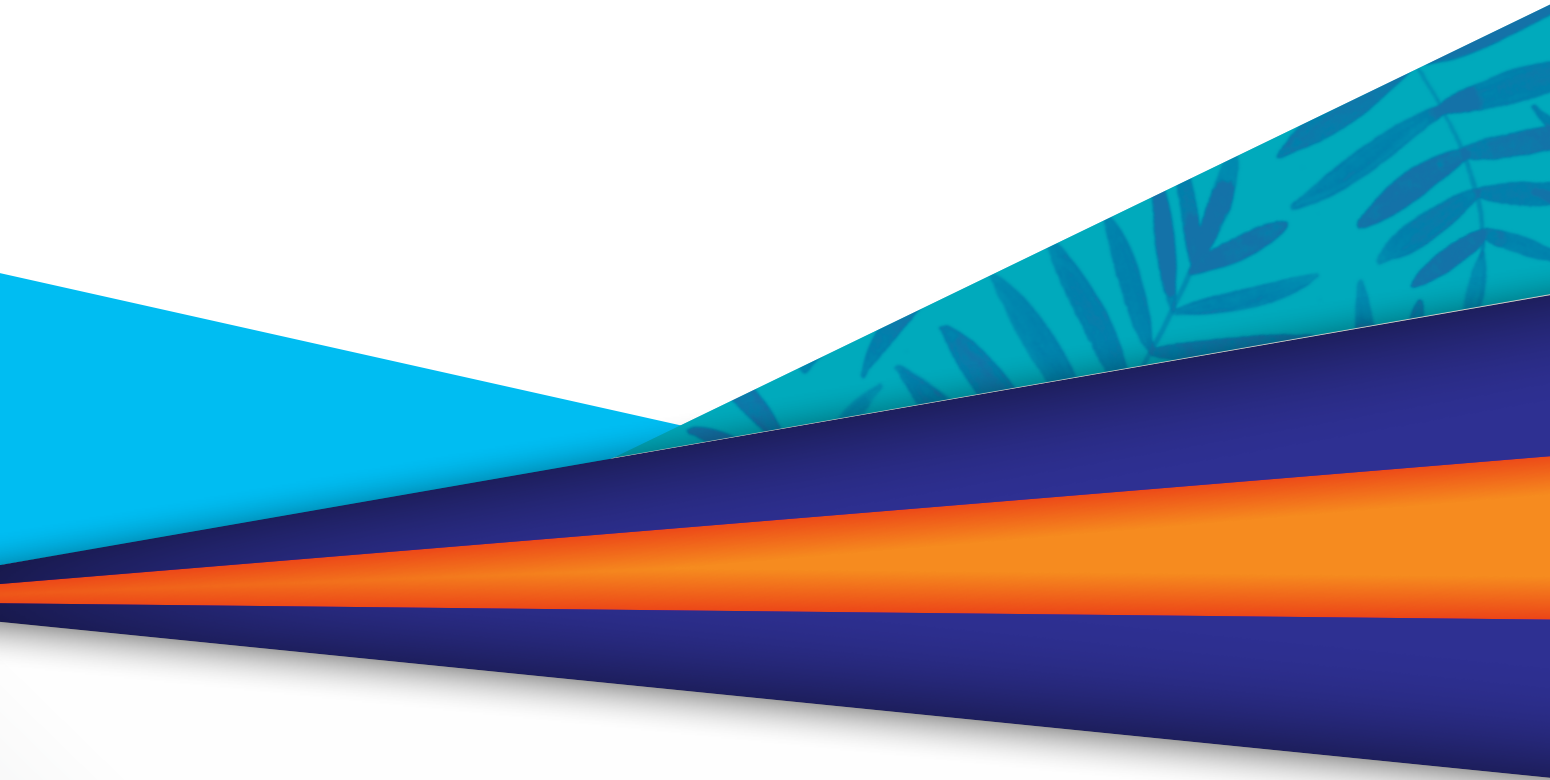
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*Ref: Meeting Number 01/18
Decision Numbers 01/2018*

REMOVAL OF THE NUMBER “666” FROM THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT PAPER

The Electoral Commission having held a meeting on 18 January 2018, following consultation with all registered Political Parties, has deliberated and unanimously approved that the number “666” be removed from the Ballot Paper for the 2018 General Election.

The Supervisor of Elections is hereby instructed to effect the same.

Dated this 18th day of January 2018.



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*Ref: Meeting Number 03/18
Decision Number 02/2018*

DECISION OF ELECTORAL COMMISSION – AWARD OF SEAT IN PARLIAMENT

The Electoral Commission, having held a meeting on 05 March 2018 have resolved the followings:

1. As per section 64(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji 2013, Mrs. Mere Tuisalalo Samisoni, candidate number 197, having secured 1,855 votes in the 2014 General Election is the highest ranked out of the candidates of the Social Democratic Liberal Party who did not get elected to Parliament but is still available to serve.
2. The Electoral Commission approves the awarding of the vacant parliamentary seat to Mrs. Mere Tuisalalo Samisoni of 3 Qeleya Road in Lami.

Dated this 05th day of March 2018



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*Ref: Meeting Number 05/18
Decision Number 03/2018*

DECISION OF ELECTORAL COMMISSION – AWARD OF SEAT IN PARLIAMENT

The Electoral Commission, having held a meeting on 12 April 2018 have resolved the followings:

1. As per section 64(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji 2013, Ratu Tevita Navurelevu Niumataiwalu, candidate number 172, having secured 1,833 votes in the 2014 General Election is the highest ranked out of the candidates of the Social Democratic Liberal Party who did not get elected to Parliament but is still available to serve.
2. The Electoral Commission approves the awarding of the vacant parliamentary seat to Ratu Tevita Navurelevu Niumataiwalu of Visoqo, Namuka in Macuata.

Dated this 13th day of April 2018



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*Ref: Meeting Number 06/2018
Decision Number 04/2018*

The Electoral Commission, having held a meeting on 27th April 2018 has approved the following:-

- 1) In accordance with s.155 of the Electoral Act 2014 the Electoral Commission makes the following rules with respect to an Appeal against the decision of the Supervisor of Elections to reject a nomination to be a candidate.
- 2) In accordance with s.155 of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission makes the following rules with respect to an Objection to the nomination of a candidate.

Dated this 27th day of April 2018



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The Electoral Commission

In accordance with s.155 of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission makes the following rules with respect to an Appeal against the decision of the Supervisor of Elections to reject a nomination to be a candidate:

Appeal Rules

(1) Only a person who has applied for nomination as a candidate, and whose application was not accepted by the Supervisor of Elections can appeal under s.31 of the Electoral Act.

(2) The Appeal to the Electoral Commission under s.31 (2) of the Act must be in writing, in the format for an Appeal. An Appeal must be lodged no later than 4pm on the day following the close of nominations for the election. The application form for an Appeal is attached and marked as Attachment A.

(3) The ground(s) for an Appeal must directly relate to the decision of the Supervisor and to no other matter. The Appeal ground(s) must be clearly stated to the Electoral Commission in the application for Appeal. The appellant may provide such statements or materials as they wish, but these must directly relate to the decision of the Supervisor.

(4) The Electoral Commission will decide the Appeal within three (3) days of the receipt of the application for Appeal. The decision of the Commission will be notified to both the appellant and the Supervisor of Elections as soon as possible but no later than 12pm on the day following its decision.

(5) The decision of the Electoral Commission will be in writing.

(6) The decision of the Electoral Commission shall be final (s.31 (6))

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The Electoral Commission

In accordance with s.155 of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission makes the following rules with respect to an Objection to the nomination of a candidate:

Objection Rules

(1) Only a person who is a registered voter may object to the nomination of a candidate in accordance with s.30 (1) of the Electoral Act.

(2) The Objection must be in writing to the Electoral Commission and the objector must set out exactly how or why the candidate:

(a) Is not qualified to be nominated; or

(b) The nomination as either an independent candidate or as a party candidate does not comply with the requirements of the Constitution or the Electoral Act.

(3) An Objection must be in the form prescribed in Attachment B to these rules. An Objection must be lodged by no later than 4pm on the day following the close of nominations for the election.

(4) The ground(s) for the Objection, together with the facts giving rise to the grounds must be directly related to criteria set out at (2) above and to no other matter. The Objector can provide such statements or materials as they wish, but these must directly relate to the grounds and the facts.

(4) The Electoral Commission will decide the Objection within three (3) days of its receipt and payment of the lodgment fee. The decision of the Electoral Commission will be notified to the Objector, the Candidate and Supervisor of Elections.

(5) The decision of the Electoral Commission will be in writing.

(6) The decision of the Electoral Commission shall be final (s.30 (7))

(7) A lodgment fee of \$100 VIP applies to each Objection and the fee must accompany the Objection. The fee will be refunded to the Objector should the Electoral Commission uphold the Objection.

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*Ref: Meeting Number 07/2018
Decision Number 05/2018*

The Electoral Commission, having held a meeting on 17th May 2018 has approved the following:-

- 1) Guidelines for Application under s115 of the Electoral Act, 2014
- 2) Appeals to the Electoral Commission
- 3) Application Form for Approval under s115 of Electoral Act, 2014
- 4) Appeal Form on Application for Approval under s115 of Electoral Act, 2014

Dated this 17th day of May 2018



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Guidelines for Applications under s115 of the Electoral Act

1. Pursuant to section 115 of the Electoral Act 2014, any person, entity or organization (including any person employed or engaged by any such person, entity or organization) [**'Applicant'**] that receives any funding or assistance from a foreign government, inter-governmental or non governmental organization or multilateral agency to engage in, participate in or conduct any campaign (including organizing debates, public forum, meetings, interviews, panel discussions, or publishing any material) [**'Activity'**] that is related to the election or any election issue or matter will be required to seek approval from the Supervisor of Elections prior to undertaking the Activity.
2. Applicants must submit a completed 'Application for Approval under s115 of the Electoral Act Form' to the Fijian Elections Office [**'FEO'**] no later than 14 days before the proposed commencement of the Activity.
3. Application forms must accompany any content/ material or prop and particulars of the Activity in sufficient quantity and form to allow the FEO to make the necessary compliance checks prior to granting approval.
4. The FEO may peruse materials submitted to it, and in-order to facilitate approval, may require for revision or amendment of particular portions of the materials in the case of publications.
5. The FEO will give regard to the accuracy of the description of election procedures explained in the materials to be utilized in the Activity when considering approvals. Depending on the nature of the materials submitted to the FEO, decisions will ideally be made known to the Applicant within 24 hours of the receipt of the application.
6. Applications can be submitted by Email to csoinfo@feo.org.fj or Hand delivered to: Fijian Elections Office, 59-63 High Street, Toorak, Suva.

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Appeals to the Electoral Commission

In accordance with section 155 of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission makes the following rules with respect to an Appeal against the decision of the Supervisor of Elections [**SoE**] to reject an Application for Approval under section 115 of the Electoral Act, 2014.

Appeal Rules

- 1) An Applicant who had applied for approval and whose application was not approved by the SoE can appeal to the Electoral Commission.
- 2) The Appeal to the Electoral Commission must be made using the Appeal Form. An Appeal must be lodged within 24 hours of receipt of rejection of Application decision by the SoE.
- 3) The ground(s) for an Appeal must directly relate to the decision of the SoE and to no other matter. The appellant may provide such statements or materials as they wish, but this must directly relate to the decision of the SoE.
- 4) The Electoral Commission will decide the Appeal within three (3) days of the receipt of the application for Appeal.
- 5) The decision of the Commission will be notified to both the appellant and the Supervisor of Elections as soon as possible but no later than 12.00pm on the day following its decision.

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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 115 OF ELECTORAL ACT 2014

Instructions

- Use a tick (✓) where appropriate
- Use **BLOCK LETTERS** to complete the form
- Use Black or Blue pen **ONLY**
- Approvals only required following announcement of Election date.

PART A: DETAILS OF APPLICANT

Name of Organisation:

Source of Funding:

☐ Foreign Government ☐ Inter-Governmental ☐ Non-Governmental Organisation ☐ Multilateral Organisation

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(Name of Source)

Address of the Organisation:

Name of Liaison Officer: Designation:

Phone Contact of Liaison Officer:

Email Address of Liaison Officer:

PART B: ACTIVITY DETAILS

The Applicant is organising the following activity:

☐ Debate ☐ Public Forum ☐ Meeting ☐ Interview
☐ Panel Discussion ☐ Publication of Materials ☐ Others

Please explain briefly details about your activity. *Use extra sheet if necessary*

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NOTE: Supporting documents to be attached to this form. (Please refer to instructions)

Name of Liaison Officer: Signed: Date:

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Date of Application:

Application Number:

Form Completed:

Supporting Documents Submitted:

Decision Provided:

INSTRUCTIONS

1. How to Apply

To apply you need to submit the following to us:

- A completed form.
- Supporting document of proposed activity. Please refer to table below:

Detail of Activity	Supporting Documents
Debate	☐ Participants resume ☐ Topic to be debated ☐ Program
Public Forum/Panel Discussion	☐ Speakers resume ☐ Topic to be discussed ☐ Program
Meeting	☐ Participants resume ☐ Agenda
Interview	☐ Interviewer's resume ☐ Interviewee's resume ☐ Interview questions ☐ Date, Time and Venue of Interview
Publication of Materials	☐ Copy of the materials to be published ☐ Brief summary of publishing the materials

2. When to submit

Once the Election Date is announced you are required to apply to FEO when organising the activity that you have specified in this form.

The form is to be submitted no later than fourteen (14) days before the initial date of the activity that has been specified in this form.

3. Where to submit

This form can submitted to the following:

Email: csoinfo@feo.org.fj

Hand Delivered: 59-63 High Street Toorak, Suva.

For any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Melvish Kumar on 3316225 or email to csoinfo@feo.org.fj

**To the Electoral Commission
59-63 High Street
TOORAK**

INSTRUCTION

1. Write in **BLOCK LETTERS**
2. Place a tick (✓) in a box when required

Appeal on Application for Approval under Section 115 of Electoral Act 2014

I appeal against the decision of the Supervisor of Elections to not approve our application.

1. Details of Decision

2. In support of our appeal we provide the following information and or documents (if insufficient space attach additional pages):

Appellant's Details

Name of Organisation	
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Address of the Organisation: _____

Name of Liaison Officer: _____ Designation: _____

Phone Contact: _____ Email Address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/20____ Time: _____

For Official Use Only:

Date & Time Received by Commission	Date Appeal Determined	Appeal Decision	Date Candidate / SOE Advised

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*Ref: Meeting Number 09/18
Decision Number 06/2018*

DECISION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

The Electoral Commission has resolved the following:

1. In accordance with section 3(1)(h) of the Electoral Act, the Electoral Commission approves the attached Procedures on Voting by persons with Disability for the 2018 General Election.

Dated this 06th day of August, 2018.



SURESH CHANDRA
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Voting by Persons with Disability

1. What is disability?

Article 1 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities states:

Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

2. Proper Terms of Addressing Persons with Disabilities:

Say:	Do <u>NOT</u> Say:
People with disabilities	Special needs, PWD, handicapped
Wheelchair user	Confined to a wheelchair, crippled, bed ridden
Physical disability	Crippled, abnormal, handicapped
Hearing impaired	Deaf
Speech impaired	Dumb
Visually impaired	Blind
Psychosocial disability	Mentally retarded, mentally challenged, mad, stupid, idiot, nut, off, snap

3. Types of Disabilities

3.1 Physical Disability

A physical disability is a limitation on a persons physical mobility. Examples of physical disabilities includes wheelchair user or those that use other mobility devices.

If the Presiding Officer notice a person with physical disabilities entering their Polling Station alone, they will ask them if they need assistance. If so, the Presiding Officer together with their Assistant Presiding Officer or any other Polling Day Worker can assist the Voter.

However, if the Voter prefers to be assisted by a person of their choice, the Presiding Officer will request the person providing assistance to show their VoterCard to confirm that they are a registered Voter. The person providing assistance should not provide assistance to more than two (2) Voters per Polling Station.

If they are not, the Presiding Officer will advise the Voter that the person of their choice is not a registered Voter and will not be allowed to provide assistance. Instead, only the Presiding Officer and their Assistant Presiding Officer or any other Polling Day Worker will be providing assistance.

The Presiding Officer will write the name and Voter number of every assisted Voter on section 2.9 "Assisted Voters Details" in the Presiding Officer Record Book and ensure that they write down the type of assistances provided.

But, if the person providing assistance is confirmed to be a registered Voter, the Presiding Officer will allow them to provide assistance and this will be witnessed by the Presiding Officer and details of assistance will be recorded on section 2.9 "Assisted Voters Details" in the Presiding Officer Record Book.

Voters who do not require assistance can continue with the voting process.

For Voters that come alone and needs the Presiding Officer's assistance:

Voter who is a wheelchair user	Amputee
• The Presiding Officer will introduce himself and inform the Voter that they will provide assistance and this will be witnessed by the Assistant Presiding Officer or any other Polling Day Worker. • The Presiding Officer will guide the Voter into the Polling Station and assist them during the checking of their VoterCard against the Voter List, issue of one (1) Ballot Paper and signing of Voter List. • For marking of Ballot Paper the Presiding Officer will bring the portable voting screen to the Voter and allow them to vote in secrecy. • The Presiding Officer will remove the portable voting screen once the Voter has marked their Ballot Paper and continue assisting the Voter to the Ballot Box. Once the Voter places the Ballot Paper inside the Ballot Box the Presiding Officer will assist the Voter to the exit of the Polling Station.	• The Presiding Officer will introduce himself and inform the Voter that they will provide assistance and this will be witnessed by the Assistant Presiding Officer or any other Polling Day Worker. • The Presiding Officer will guide the Voter into the Polling Station and assist them during the checking of their VoterCard against the Voter List, issue of one (1) Ballot Paper and signing of Voter List. • For marking of Ballot Paper the Presiding Officer will accompany the Voter to the voting screen together with the Assistant Presiding Officer or any other Polling Day Worker who is available to assist. • The Presiding Officer will explain to the Voter that they will be marking the Voter's Ballot Paper according to the Voter's choice. • The Presiding Officer will continue to assist the Voter to the Ballot Box. Once the Voter places the Ballot Paper inside the Ballot Box the Presiding Officer will assist the Voter to the exit of the Polling Station.

3.2 Hearing/Speech Impairment

If the Voter is accompanied by any person, the Presiding Officer will inform the Voter that the person of their choice could only provide assistance if they are a registered Voter. The person providing assistance should not provide assistance to more than two (2) Voters per Polling Station.

If they are not, the Presiding Officer will advise the Voter that the person of their choice is not a registered Voter and will not be allowed to provide assistance. Instead, only the Presiding Officer and their Assistant Presiding Officer or any other Polling Day Worker will be providing assistance.

The Presiding Officer will then refer to the *"Assisted Voting Steps Diagram"* and make sure that the Voter understands it before continuing with the voting process.

The Presiding Officer will write the name and Voter number of every assisted Voter on section 2.9 *"Assisted Voters Details"* in the Presiding Officer Record Book and ensure that the detail of assistances is recorded.

But, if the person providing assistance is confirmed to be a registered Voter, the Presiding Officer will allow them to provide assistance and this will be witnessed by the Presiding Officer who will record the detail of assistance on section 2.9 *"Assisted Voters Details"* in the Presiding Officer Record Book.

The Presiding Officer will **ONLY** provide assistance if required by the Voter.

3.3 Visually Impaired

If the Voter is accompanied by any person, the Presiding Officer must inform the Voter that the person of their choice could only provide assistance if they are a registered Voter. The person providing assistance should not provide assistance to more than two (2) Voters per Polling Station.

If they are not, the Presiding Officer will advise the Voter that the person of their choice is not a registered Voter and will not be allowed to provide assistance. Instead, only the Presiding Officer and their Assistant Presiding Officer or any other Polling Day Worker will be providing assistance.

The Presiding Officer will then guide the Voter into the Polling Station and assist them during the checking of their VoterCard against the Voter List, issue of one (1) Ballot Paper and signing of Voter List. The Presiding Officer will then accompany the Voter to the voting screen together with their Assistant Presiding Officer or any other Polling Day Worker who is available to assist.

The Presiding Officer will explain to the Voter that they will be marking the Voter's Ballot Paper according to the Voter's choice. The Presiding Officer will continue to assist the Voter to the Ballot Box. Once the Voter places the Ballot Paper inside the Ballot Box the Presiding Officer will assist the Voter to the exit of the Polling Station.

The Presiding Officer will write the name and Voter number of every assisted Voter on section 2.9 *"Assisted Voters Details"* in the Presiding Officer Record Book and ensure that the detail of assistances is recorded.

But, if the person providing assistance is confirmed to be a registered Voter, the Presiding Officer will allow them to provide assistance and this will be witnessed by the Presiding Officer who will record the detail of assistance on section 2.9 *"Assisted Voters Details"* in the Presiding Officer Record Book.

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*Ref: Meeting Number EM 03/18
Decision Number 07/2018*

DECISION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

The Electoral Commission, having held a meeting on 15th October 2018 has resolved the followings:

1. Pursuant to section 3(1) (f) of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission approves the delegation of powers to Commissioner Simone Naiduki and Kavita Raniga respectively to receive the Appeals and Objections to Nomination of Candidates for the 2018 General Election and also sign the acknowledgement letters on behalf of the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission.
2. In accordance to section 35 (1) and section 82 (3) of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission approves the Notice(s) of Poll and Pre-Poll and allows the Supervisor of Elections to amend or adjust Pre-Poll schedules to suit operational needs on the ground during the Pre-Poll voting period.
3. The Supervisor of Elections to advise the Electoral Commission within twelve (12) hours of making any changes to the Pre-Poll polling time.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2018.



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THE ELECTORAL ACT, 2014

ADJOURNMENT OF POLLING FOR FLOOD AFFECTED POLLING STATIONS

The Electoral Commission, having held a meeting on 15 November 2018 have resolved the following:

1. In accordance with section 47 (8) of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission approves the adjournment of Polling for the affected Polling Stations due to flooding
2. The Electoral Commission under subsection (7) in consultation with the Supervisor of Elections, determined that the new Election date for the affected Polling Stations will be on Saturday, 17 November 2018 from 7.30am to 6.00pm.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2018.



SURESH CHANDRA
Chairperson of the Electoral Commission

All correspondence to be addressed to the Chairperson

SEAT ALLOCATION

Name of Political Party	FijiFirst	SODELPA	NFP	UNITY FIJI	HOPE	Fiji Labour Party	Total Invalid Votes	Total Votes
Total No. Votes received	227241	181072	33515	6896	2811	2800	4197	458532
Candidates	51	51	51	29	28	25	Total Valid Votes	
1	227241	181072	33515				454335	
2	113621	90536	16758				Threshold	Rounded Threshold
3	75747	60357	11172				22926.6	22927
4	56810	45268	8379					
5	45448	36214	6703					
6	37874	30179	5586					
7	32463	25867	4788					
8	28405	22634	4189					
9	25249	20119	3724					
10	22724	18107	3352					
11	20658	16461	3047					
12	18937	15089	2793					
13	17480	13929	2578					
14	16232	12934	2394					
15	15149	12071	2234					
16	14203	11317	2095					
17	13367	10651	1971					
18	12625	10060	1862					
19	11960	9530	1764					
20	11362	9054	1676					
21	10821	8622	1596					
22	10329	8231	1523					

23	9880	7873	1457			
24	9468	7545	1396			
25	9090	7243	1341			
26	8740	6964	1289			
27	8416	6706	1241			
28	8116	6467	1197			
29	7836	6244	1156			
30	7575	6036	1117			
31	7330	5841	1081			
32	7101	5659	1047			
33	6886	5487	1016			
34	6684	5326	986			
35	6493	5173	958			
36	6312	5030	931			
37	6142	4894	906			
38	5980	4765	882			
39	5827	4643	859			
40	5681	4527	838			
41	5542	4416	817			
42	5411	4311	798			
43	5285	4211	779			
44	5165	4115	762			
45	5050	4024	745			
46	4940	3936	729			
47	4835	3853	713			
48	4734	3772	698			
49	4638	3695	684			
50	4545	3621	670			
51	4456	3550	657			
Seats Won		27	21	3		

GENERAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

2018

NAMES OF CANDIDATES ELECTED AS MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

(Section 106(1) (b) of the Electoral Act 2014)

IN accordance with section 106(1) (b) of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission hereby declares that the following candidates have been elected to be members of the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji:

Adimaitoga, Selai
Akbar, Rosy Sofia
Bainimarama, Josaia Voreqe
Bala, Parveen Kumar
Bhatnagar, Veena Kumar
Bulanauca, Mitieli
Bulitavu, Mosese Drecala
Gavoka, Viliame Rogoibulu
Govind, Salik Ram
Jale, Anare
Kepa, Teimumu Vuikaba
Kirpal, Sanjay Salend
Koroilavesau, Semi Tuleca
Kumar, Premila Devi
Kuridrani, Inosi
Lalabalavu, Atonio Rabici
Lalabalavu, Naiqama
Leawere, Mikaele Rokosova
Maharaj, Alvick Avhikrit
Matanitobua, Ratu Suliano
Naiqamu, Osea
Nagata, Alipate Tuicolo
Nand, Joseph Nitya
Nath, Vijay
Navurelevu, Tevita
Nawaikula, Niko

O'Connor, Alexander David
Pillay, Viam
Prakash, Vijendra
Prasad, Biman Chand
Qereqeretabua, Lenora Salusalu
Qionibaravi, Adi Litia
Rabuka, Sitiveni Ligamamada
Radrodro, Aseri Masivou
Radrodro, Salote Vuibureta
Rasova, Simione Rokomalo
Reddy, Mahendra
Saukuru, Jese
Sayed-Khaiyum, Aiyaz
Seruiratu, Inia Batikoto
Sharma, Rohit Ritesh
Sigarara, Jale
Sudhakar, Ashneel
Tabuya, Lynda Diseru
Tikoduadua, Pio
Tuisawau, Filipe
Usamate, Jone
Vegnathan, George
Vosanibola, Peceli Waqairatu
Vuniwaqa, Mereseini Rakuira
Waqainabete, Ifereimi

Dated this 18th day of November 2018



SURESH CHANDRA

Chairperson of the Electoral Commission

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI
GENERAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT
2018

RETURN OF WRIT FOR ELECTION

[Section 106(2) of the Electoral Act 2014]

President of the Republic of Fiji

IN accordance with section 106(2) of the Electoral Act 2014, the Electoral Commission hereby returns unto you the names of those persons elected on 18th November 2018 to be members of the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

Names of candidates elected as members of the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji:

Adimaitoga, Selai
Akbar, Rosy Sofia
Bainimarama, Josaia Voreqe
Bala, Parveen Kumar
Bhatnagar, Veena Kumar
Bulanauca, Mitieli
Bulitavu, Moses Drecala
Gavoka, Viliame Rogoibulu
Govind, Salik Ram
Jale, Anare
Kepa, Teimumu Vuikaba
Kirpal, Sanjay Salend
Koroilavesau, Semi Tuleca
Kumar, Premila Devi
Kuridrani, Inosi
Lalabalavu, Atonio Rabici
Lalabalavu, Naiqama
Leawere, Mikaele Rokosova
Maharaj, Alvick Avhikrit
Matanitobua, Ratu Suliano
Naiqamu, Osea
Nagata, Alipate Tuicolo
Nand, Joseph Nitya
Nath, Vijay
Navurelevu, Tevita
Nawaikula, Niko

O'Connor, Alexander David
Pillay, Viam
Prakash, Vijendra
Prasad, Biman Chand
Qereqeretabua, Lenora Salusalu
Qionibaravi, Adi Litia
Rabuka, Sitiveni Ligamamada
Radrodro, Aseri Masivou
Radrodro, Salote Vuibureta
Rasova, Simione Rokomalo
Reddy, Mahendra
Saukuru, Jese
Sayed-Khaiyum, Aiyaz
Seruiratu, Inia Batikoto
Sharma, Rohit Ritesh
Sigarara, Jale
Sudhakar, Ashneel
Tabuya, Lynda Diseru
Tikoduadua, Pio
Tuisawau, Filipe
Usamate, Jone
Vegnathan, George
Vosanibola, Peceli Waqairatu
Vuniwaqa, Mereseini Rakuita
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Dated this 18th day of November 2018



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COMPLAINTS REGISTER 2018

Electoral Act 2014: Transparency in election administration

Section 14 (d) - "A database of complaint and appeals lodged with the Electoral Commission must be maintained by the Fijian Elections Office, and the database must include a synopsis of the complaints, appeals, resulting actions and decisions."

Electoral Complaints directed to the EC before Election Day

No.	Date Received	Details of Complainant	Nature of Complaint	Outcome
1.	8 January 2018	Mr Dalip Kumar [Registered Officer, National Federation Party]	Purported Breach of Electoral Act by FijiFirst	A letter was provided to the FijiFirst with an attachment of the NFP complaint on 10.01.18 and EC responded to NFP via letter dated 18.01.18 providing its decision which stated that EC found no merit in the complaint and dismisses the same.
2.	5 February 2018	Ms Pearlance Antonio [General Secretary, People's Democratic Party]	Complaint – People's Democratic Party Facebook Page	EC responded to PDP and acknowledged receipt of their letter on 06.02.18. A letter was also written to Mr Aman Singh on the same date to provide response on this complaint. EC responded to PDP via letter on 23.02.18 providing its decision that since no campaign has been declared, the EC does not find this is, a breach of any provision in the Electoral Act, 2014. Thus they were at liberty to proceed with their own legal action.

Electoral Complaints directed to EC after Election Day

No .	Date Received	Details of Complainant	Nature of Complaint	Outcome
1.	8 November 2018	Mr Ganesh Chand	Breach of Law - FijiFirst Donations	EC wrote to the Supervisor of Elections (SoE) to furnish the Commission with all relevant information with regards to the complaint received on 09.11.18. The SoE wrote to the EC with all the necessary information on 11.11.18. EC responded to Mr Ganesh Chand on 10.11.18 via letter and email providing their decision that following confirmation from the SoE (refer to attachment) the EC is satisfied that there is no merit in their complaint and therefore dismisses the same.
2.	9 November 2018 [via email]	Mr Laryan Grvis Parvarish Verma [Voter ID No.: 0538 075 01537]	Query on your complaints against FijiFirst and its Secretary Khaiyum and Kanas Peka	EC responded to Mr Laryan Grvis Parvarish Verma via letter and email on 12.11.18 providing its decision: "The EC considered your complaint and we are in the view that you may seek to pursue legal action against FijiFirst as you feel aggrieved"; "The EC does not wish to interfere in campaigning by any party unless it specifically breaches any Electoral Law. You have not identified any purported breach" "On the second complaint regarding a Facebook profile, we write to advice that the EC does not have jurisdiction in this matter. We therefore dismiss the complaints"
3.	12 November 2018 [via email]	Mr Rajjat Chaudhary [One world flight Centre]	Breach and Violation of Media Blackout period	EC responded to Mr Rajjat Chaudhary via letter and email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The EC was advised all matters reported after that time were referred to FICAC" "Under these circumstances the EC does not intend taking any further action"

No .	Date Received	Details of Complainant	Nature of Complaint	Outcome
4.	13 November 2018 [Via email]	Mr Savenaca Narube [Leader of Unity Fiji Party]	Objections to the Conduct of the 2018 Election	EC responded to Mr Savenaca Narube via letter and email on the 16.11.18 providing its decision: "EC has no specific authority under the Electoral Act to authorize the recounting of any ballot box" "The SoE is empowered under S89 (6) of the Act to conduct a recount of any ballot box"
5.	13 November 2018 [via email]	Mr Ganesh Chand	Breach of Law - FijiFirst	EC responded to Mr Ganesh Chand via letter and email on the 18.11.18 providing its decisions: "The reporting period is until 31 December each year, with a requirement that the information is provided within 30 days of the end of the financial year" "As such, no information is available about the source of funds for 2018. Once the information has been provided, it will be published as required by the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, funding and Disclosures) Act"
6.	14 November 2018 [via email]	Mr Ganesh Chand	Breach of law - FBC	EC respond to Mr Ganesh Chand via letter and email on the 17.11.18 providing its decisions: "Under S118 of the Electoral Act it is the responsibility of the Media Industry Development Authority to ensure compliance with that section" "The EC has no jurisdiction in this matter"

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7.	15 November 2018 [via email]	Mr Sitiveni Rabuka [Leader - SODELPA]; Dr Biman Prasad [Leader - NFP]; Mr Mahendra P. Chaudhry [Leader - FLP]; Mr Savenaca Narube [Leader - UFP]	Joint Opposition Letter- Election - Re: Tabulation and Declaration of Results 2018 General Elections	EC responded to the Registered Officer, FLP via letter and email on the 15.11.18 providing its decision: "All activities conducted at the National Results Centre were able to be observed as is required by s 101 (2)" "Whilst the Act does not define a "provisional" result the process the FEO uses has been dealt with in other correspondence i.e. our letter of 30 July 2018; "At no time did the SoE "suspend the dissemination of all information". At all times on Wednesday night/ Thursday morning, results received from Polling Stations and the National Count Centre were available at the National Result Centre and on the FEO's electronic platforms" "The Polling Stations, affected by the adjourned polling will open on Saturday 17 November 2018 as per normal polling arrangements" "The campaign prohibition period - the blackout extends "until the close of polling at all polling stations". Hence, this will be as soon as polling closes at all polling stations on 17 November 2018" "The EC is unsure as to why S107 is mentioned. This section does not come into play until 24 hours after the receipt of the original PoRs from all polling stations. Because of the adjourned polling this is unlikely to occur before Sunday 18 November 2018"

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8.	15 November 2018 [via email]	Mr Jagannath Sami [General Secretary, NFP]	Breach of Electoral Regulations during extended Blackout Period	EC responded to Mr[Jagannath Sami via letter and email on the 15.11.18 providing its decision: "The NFP has been invited to provide the EC with the probable Electoral Laws that are likely to have been breached as per your complaint" "Any other information that will help the EC in ascertaining whether to report this matter to FICAC under section 18 of the Electoral Act, 2014"
9.	15 November 2018 [via email]	Mr Savenaca Narube [Leader of Unity Fiji Party]	Objections to the Election Processes and Results	EC responded to Mr Savenaca Narube via letter and email on the 16.11.18 providing its decision: "The EC has no specific authority under the Electoral Act to authorize the recounting of any ballot box" "The SoE is empowered under S89 (6) of the Act to conduct a recount of any ballot box"
10.	16 November 2018	Mr Kamal K. Iyer [NFP HQ, 124 Princess Road, Suva]	Breach of section 118 of the Electoral Act by Fiji Sun newspaper	EC respond to Mr Kamal K. Iyer via letter and email on the 17.11.18 providing its decisions: Under S118 of the Electoral Act it is the responsibility of the Media Industry Development Authority to ensure compliance with that section" "The EC has no jurisdiction in this matter"
11.	16 November 2018	Mr Jagannath Sami [General Secretary, NFP]	Breach of Electoral Act 2014 - Provision 118 (1)	EC respond to Mr Jagannath Sami via letter and email on the 17.11.18 providing its decisions: "Under S118 of the Electoral Act it is the responsibility of the Media Industry Development Authority to ensure compliance with that section" "The EC has no jurisdiction in this matter"

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12.	16 November 2018	Adi Litia Qionibaravi [General Secretary - SODELPA]	Increase in number of polling stations to 2173 from 2170	EC responded to Adi Litia Qionibaravi via letter and email on the 17.11.18 providing its decisions: "Postal Votes are counted in batches of 500 and each batch is treated as a Polling Station for results purposes. At the time the provisional results were being published, a number of postal votes were still undergoing the verification process. On completion of the verification process, a further 3 ballot boxes of postal ballot papers were available to count. These were subsequently included in the total number of polling stations, hence the number increased from 2170 to 2173."
13.	16 November 2018	Mr Saimoni Vuetaki [Voter ID - 0244 122 00550]	Missing Votes - Christian Mission Fellowship Primary School CPE150140	EC respond to Mr Saimoni Vuetakivia email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
14.	16 November 2018	Ms Riddhi Damodar	Missing Votes - FNU Derrick Campus, Samabula	EC respond to Ms Riddhi Damodar via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
15.	17 November 2018	Ms Rajneesh Lata Charan [Voter ID No. : 039908801011]	Anomaly in results/ Missing Votes - WPE0808001, Natabua High School, Station Number 01	EC respond to Ms Raneesh Lata Charan via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"

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16.	17 November 2018	Mr Mahendra Kumar [EVR: 0009 607 01375]	Status of vote [his vote]	EC respond to Mr Mahendra Kumar via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
17.	17 November 2018	Ms Rajneesh Lata Charan [Voter ID No. : 039908801011]	Anomaly in results - Postal Ballot	EC respond to Ms Raneesh Lata Charan via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
18.	17 November 2018	Mr Aman Abhishek Nath [NFP Candidate - Voter ID No.: 2281 835 00814]	Missing Votes	EC respond to Mr Aman Abhishek Nath via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
19.	17 November 2018	Ms Crystal Katy Edwina Chute [Voter ID No.: 0023 150 01149]	Vote not Registered - Crystal Katy Edwina Chute	EC respond to Ms Crystal Katy Edwina Chute via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
20.	17 November 2018	Ms Valerie Grace Chute [Voter Id No.: 2264 532 00835]	Vote not Registered - Valerie Grace Chute	EC respond to Ms. Valerie Grace Chute via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"

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21.	17 November 2018	Mr Harry Delano Chute [Voter ID No.: 0022 168 00403]	Vote not Registered - Harry Delano Chute	EC respond to Mr. Harry Delano Chute via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
22.	17 November 2018	Ms Rosa Marie Tuivanualevu Chute [Voter ID No.: 0022 168 02599]	Formal Complaint - Vote not Reflected	EC respond to Ms Rosa Marie Tuivanualevu Chute via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
23.	17 November 2018	Mr Ilaija Bavadra	Formal Complaint	EC respond to Mr Ilaija Bavadra via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
24.	17 November 2018	Mr Sheikh Al-Zan [Voter ID No.: 0402 059 00936]	Missing Votes - Polling Venue Name: Raviravi Sangam School and Polling Venue Number: WPE06035	EC respond to Mr Sheikh Al-Zain via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
25.	17 November 2018	Mr Sheik Alziyad	Missing Votes: - Polling Venue: Karavi Public School	EC respond to Mr Sheik Alziyad via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"

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26.	17 November 2018	Ms Camari Delai	Missing Vote Query - WPE08140, WPE08072	EC respond to Ms Camari Delai via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
27.	17 November 2018	Ms Farisha Farnaz Begum [Voter ID No.: 0596 036 00605] and Mr. Rizwan Ali [Voter ID No.: 0596 278 01202]	Missing Votes - Kulukulu Public School - Polling station #2	EC respond to Ms Farisha Farnaz Begum via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"
28.	17 November 2018	Mr Opetai Ravai [Voter ID No.: 0025 178 00603]	Individual Candidate Results at International Secondary School, CPE1504305	EC respond to Mr Opetai Ravai via email on the 17.11.18 providing its decision: "The entire statistics have not been entered into the system yet. Please continue to follow the updates on the FEO App for progressive statistics as and when they are entered into the system"

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29.	17 November 2018	Mr Sitiveni Rabuka [Leader - SODELPA]; Dr Biman Prasad [Leader - NFP]; Mr Mahendra P. Chaudhry [Leader - FLP]; Mr Savenaca Narube [Leader - UFP]	Request for Ruling: Breach of FEO Procedure at National Results Centre	EC respond to Adi Litia Qionibaravi via letter and email on the 17.11.18 providing its decisions: "The SoE has dealt with the issue regarding the supply of copies of the Protocol of Results and RMIS data input records and the other matters you raised about the publications of results" "The alleged anomaly in respect of the Namosi Village Community Hall is of concern. This venue was a Pre-poll Polling Station and as such the count, under Division 7 of the Electoral Act was conducted at the National Result Centre. The count was conducted by trained staff and party agents were on hand to observe. The PoRs for Namosi Village Community Hall was prepared, witnessed and displayed at the National Count Centre. In the absence of information about the source of your record, I can make no further comment" "The EC dismisses your complaint and will be taking no further action"

No .	Date Received	Details of Complainant	Nature of Complaint	Outcome
30.	17 November 2018	Mr Savenaca Narube [Leader of Unity Fiji Party]	Objections to the Election Processes and Results	EC responded to Mr Savenaca Narube via letter and email on the 16.11.18 providing its decisions using the same paragraph numbering as the letter: "There is no action that the EC can take at this time" "This matter has been dealt with by the SoE and in other correspondence you have received from the EC" "The EC has been advised that Mr Aiyaz-Sayed Khaiyum was present at the Result Centre as were other candidates, which is permitted by S101 (2) of the Electoral Act" "In view of the above there is no further action required at this time; It would be inappropriate for the EC to make any comment without a detailed analysis of any survey on the matter." "The decision to recount any ballot boxes rests with the SoE and the EC will not be making any direction at this time"

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