



MINISTRY OF FORESTRY

HONOURABLE OSEA NAIQAMU MINISTER FOR FORESTRY

Venue: Parliament

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Written Question - 102/2020

Hon. Mikaele Leawere to ask the Minister for Forestry – Can the Minister inform the Parliament on the following regarding land lease payments for forest reserves –

- (a) what is the total number of Forest Reserves?**
- (b) list of Reserves by total land area and the Provinces where these Reserves are located;**
- (c) formula for calculation of lease payment derived; and**
- (d) whether the allocated amount of \$64,000.00 in the 2019-2020 budget was fully utilized**

Forest protected areas help conserve ecosystems that provide habitat, shelter, food, raw materials, genetic materials, a barrier against disasters, a stable source of resources and many other ecosystem goods and services – and thus can have an important role in helping species, people and countries adapt to climate change.

At present the Ministry of Forestry is paying lease and compensation for 12 forest and nature reserves totalling 13,658.83 hectares. These reserves are located in the provinces of Ba, Cakaudrove, Macuata, Naitasiri and Serua. (refer to ***Appendix 1*** for details)

The lease rental payment rates are determined by the Ministry of Lands and iTaukei Land Trust Board and is based on land area/size and lease purpose.

The 2019-2020 budget allocation of \$67,000 was utilized by the Ministry of Forestry for lease and compensation payments of \$37,644.17 and \$28,781.98 respectively for forest and nature reserves (refer to ***Appendix 2*** for payment details).

Appendix 1

FORESTRY AND NATURE RESERVES - LEASE & COMPENSATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE

FORESTRY LEASES RENT PAID BY FORESTRY DEPT

Province	Lease Name	Mataqali	Area (HA)	Annual Rent
Naitasiri	ColoiSuva			
	1. Maranisaqa 1	Lomanikoro	27.11	
		Naduruvatu	48.16	
	2. Maranisaqa II	Lomanikoro	6.83	\$206.00
	3. Wainiveota 1	Lomanikoro	2.23	\$700.00
	4. Wainiveota II	Matanikorovatu	229.87	\$230.00
		Tuirara	15.36	
		Naulukarowa	124.24	\$1,295.00
	5. Savura	Lomanikoro	42.61	\$80.97
		Nasomosomo	8.9	\$16.92
		Dauninavurevure	94.29	\$179.16
		Naulukarowa	116.55	\$221.45
		Nawavatu	92.27	\$175.31
		Naisagavaki	73.65	\$139.94
	Rokotarotaro	11.33	\$21.53	
6. Wabu	Salia	1,176.42	\$5,293.89	
Serua	7. Galoa	Nakavu Nabukebuke	300.86	\$1,030.00
	8. Vunimaqo	Tacini	2.03	\$5,000.0
Ba	9. Buretolu	Bekasaisai		
		Nakorosobici	1197.87	\$1,402.00
	10. Lololo	Ketenaratu/ Nasolo	8.1	\$1,500.00
Macuata	11. Malau	Ligaulevu	0.15	\$1,000.00
Cakaudrove	12. Taveuni	Valelevu	253	\$480.70
		Valelevu	310	\$589.00
		Lekutu	157	\$1,862.00
		Valelevu	980	\$298.30
		Cakaudrove	73	\$138.70
		Lawaki	49	\$93.10
		Vusaratu	421	\$799.90
		Vuanisaqiwa	5,611	\$10,660.90
		Saumaira	243	\$461.70
		Vusaratu	322	\$611.80
		Naituku	545	\$1,035.50
		Vidawa	132	\$250.80
		Qali	267	\$507.30
	Matakuro	717	\$1,362.30	
TOTAL FORESTRY LEASES RENT			13,658.83	\$37,644.1
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Appendix 2

FORESTRY COMPENSATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Lease Name	Mataqali	Area (HA)	Annual Rent
ColoiSuva			
Savura	Lomanikoro	42.64	\$926.01
	Nasomosomo	8.9	\$193.47
	Dauninavurevure	94.29	\$2,049.00
	Naulukarowa	116.55	\$2,532.68
	Nawavatu	92.27	\$2,005.03
	Naisagavaki	73.65	\$1,600.51
	Rokotarotaro	11.33	\$246.23
Nadarivatu			
Wabu	Salia	1,176.42	\$9,753.85
Taveuni	Valelevu	253	\$237.82
	Valelevu	310	\$291.40
	Lekutu	157	\$921.20
	Valelevu	980	\$147.58
	Cakaudrove	73	\$68.62
	Lawaki	49	\$46.06
	Vusaratu	421	\$395.74
	Vuanisaqiwa	5,611	\$228.42
	Saumaira	243	\$302.68
	Vusaratu	322	\$5,274.34
	Naituku	545	\$512.30
	Vidawa	132	\$124.08
	Qali	267	\$250.98
	Matakuro	717	\$673.98
Total Compensation payment			\$28,781.98
Total Forestry Leases Rent			\$37,644.17
GRAND TOTAL LEASE & COMPENSATION			\$66,426.15