



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND ARTS

**RESPONSE TO THE WRITTEN PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION BY THE HON.
SALOTE RADRODRO**

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Question 136/2020**

Can the Minister provide details (by Institutions) on recipients of Toppers and TELS who have graduated and how many such graduates are in employment since TSLB was established.

I take this opportunity to respond to the written question posted by the Hon. Salote Radrodoro on the National Toppers Scholarship and Tertiary Education Loans Scheme graduates in employment since the establishment of the Tertiary Scholarship Loans Board.

Response

1. A total of 16,304 students have graduated since the inception of the Tertiary Scholarship Loans Board (TSLB) in 2014. Under the National Toppers Scholarship, a total of 1086 students have graduated and 924 have successfully entered the workforce.
2. For the Tertiary Education Loans Scheme (TELS) 14,241 students have graduated since 2014, however, there is no data available in terms of their employment.
3. The Fiji Higher Education Commission is currently conducting the Graduate Outcomes Survey. The intention of this survey and the findings is to improve the information available on the Fijian Graduates on the alignment of Fiji's higher education qualifications with employer's needs. The Ministry, FHEC and TSLB are closing working on this project. This survey will be the first comprehensive picture of career destinations and employment outcomes for graduates from Fiji's Higher Education Institutions. The survey results will provide an important measure of the effectiveness and performance of Fiji's investment in higher education and will provide the critical information on the future policy directions to be undertaken in terms of the Fijian Government's priority areas and investment in the education sector.

4. The table below provides data on the number of graduates by scheme, institutions and year.

Scheme	Institution	Number of Graduates							
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
TELS	Fiji National University	262	515	553	772	793	979	-	3874
	The University of the South Pacific	18	90	182	450	682	986	574	2982
	University of Fiji	5	8	34	110	151	229	104	641
	Sangam College of Nursing and Health Care Education	18	44	90	108	92	108	-	460
	Fulton Adventists University College	1	33	27	25	63	43	-	192
	Corpus Christi Teachers College	3	6	33	31	26	30	-	129
	Technical College of Fiji	-	349	1384	1453	1414	1338	-	5938
	Advanced Aviation Training (Fiji) Ltd	-	-	-	-	9	4	-	13
Pacific Flying School	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	12	
NTS	The University of the South Pacific	-	-	-	53	167	219	208	647
	Fiji National University	-	-	-	107	101	178	-	386
	University of Fiji	-	-	-	2	7	28	7	44
	Sangam College of Nursing and Health Care Education	-	-	-	2	3	3	-	8
	Fulton Adventists University College	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1