



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Tuesday, Twenty-fourth Day of  
September, 2021

1. The House met at 9.30 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.

2. Hon. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

3. MEMBERS PRESENT

All Honourable Members were present except for Hon. Pio Tikoduadua.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu, moved that the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Thursday, 23 September 2021 as previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker welcomed all Honourable Members to the sitting of Parliament and all those watching the live broadcast and the live-streaming of the proceedings.

## 6. QUESTIONS

- 229/2021 Hon. Pio Tikoduadua to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister update Parliament whether the Ministry has considered the impact of Long COVID on COVID-19 survivors.
- 230/2021 Hon. Vijay Nath asked the Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament how the Integrated Human Resources Development Programme (IHRDP) will contribute to rural livelihoods in the 2021-2022 financial year.
- 231/2021 Hon. Peceli Vosanibola asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the reconstruction of the damaged Levuka Wharf.
- 232/2021 Hon. Veena Bhatnagar asked the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress made with regards to the Ministry's 50/50 Village Nutritional Security programme.
- 233/2021 Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau asked the Minister for Defence, National Security and Policing, Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management – Can the Minister update Parliament on Fiji's participation in peacekeeping programmes since 2018.
- 234/2021 Hon. Viam Pillay asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Lal Singh Road Water Project in Rewa.
- 235/2021 Hon. Inosi Kuridrani asked the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment – Can the Minister inform Parliament when will the Ministry of Agriculture annual reports for 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 be tabled in Parliament.
- 236/2021 Hon. Alexander O'Connor asked the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the activities of the Multicultural Centres and how are they facilitating their services during this pandemic.

### **Written Questions**

- 237/2021 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua asked the Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry, Foreign Affairs and Forestry – There are reforestation efforts by villages in Tovulailai, Natauloa, Lawaki, Vutuna and Waitoga in Narai, Lomaiviti. There were 52,579 seedlings and each village had a target of about 10,000 seedlings to raise for

reforestation. Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on –

- (a) the output of the cash incentives granted to Fijians who grow seedlings to be transplanted for planting under the ‘Reforestation of Degraded Forests (RDF) Project’; and
- (b) how many villages have received a payout, and how much have they received, to raise these seedlings.

238/2021 Hon. Jese Saukuru asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the parcels of land under Schedule A and Schedule B that were reverted to the TLTB by the Ministry in the 2020-2021 financial year, in particular –

- (a) the name, location and description of all such parcels of land; and
- (b) the name of the extinct Tokatoka, Mataqali or Yavusa whose land has been reverted and the corresponding details of the Tokatoka, Mataqali or Yavusa to whom these parcels of land are being reverted.

239/2021 Hon. Anare Jale asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on –

- (a) how many citizens and households in rural and maritime communities now have access to clean water by Division annually from 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021; and
- (b) how many citizens and households in rural and maritime communities will be able to access clean water by the end of the 2021-2022 financial year.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were given by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Speaker allowed Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad to ask Oral Question 229/2021. The responses to the Written Questions would be tabled at a later sitting date as permitted under Standing Order 45(3).

## 7. END OF WEEK STATEMENTS

- (a) The Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua delivered her End of Week Statement and the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation the Hon. Rosy Akbar subsequently responded.
- (b) The Hon. Salote Radrodro delivered her End of Week Statement and the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications,

Housing and Community Development the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum subsequently responded.

- (c) The Hon. Alvick Maharaj delivered his End of Week Statement and the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum subsequently responded.
- (d) The Hon. Selai Adimaitoga delivered her End of Week Statement and the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum subsequently responded.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu moved that Parliament stands adjourned until such date and time as would be confirmed by the Business Committee.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions during the sitting week, and declared Parliament adjourned until such date and time as would be confirmed by the Business Committee.

Parliament adjourned at 12.37 p.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.