



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Friday, Eleventh day of February, 2022

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 the Hon. Josaia Bainimarama, Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi and Hon. Niko Nawaikula.

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, 10 February 2022 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 as well as those watching the live broadcast and the live streaming of the proceedings from the comfort of their home, office and the use of electronic device.

6. QUESTIONS

- 37/2022 Hon. Selai Adimaitoga asked the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Transformative Institutional Capacity Development initiative.
- 43/2022 Hon. Pio Tikoduadua asked the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment – Can the Minister inform Parliament about the Ministry’s plans to address the frequent flooding in Wailotua Village, Tailevu.
- 44/2022 Hon. Alipate Nagata asked the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Given the high level of NCD cases in Fiji, can the Minister update Parliament on the Ministry’s efforts to promote healthy lifestyles and diets.
- 45/2022 Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau asked the Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress made by the tourism industry since borders re-opened.
- 46/2022 Hon. Joseph Nand asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on the First Home Buyers Programme.
- 47/2022 Hon. Mikaele Leaware asked the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government – Can the Minister update Parliament on the protocols in place to ensure the safety of children and teachers in schools.
- 48/2022 Hon. Selai Adimaitoga asked the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government – Can the Minister update Parliament on the student turnout after the reopening of schools.
- 49/2022 Hon. Ro Teimumu Kepa asked the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government – Can the Minister update Parliament on the amended curriculum to ensure that students do not lose out in achieving the minimum standard to advance further.
- 50/2022 Hon. George Vegnathan asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development – Can the Minister inform Parliament of the civil service reforms in place to improve services to members of the public.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were given by the respective Ministers.

7. END OF WEEK STATEMENTS

- (a) The Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad delivered his End of Week Statement and the Acting Prime Minister, and Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum subsequently responded.
- (b) The Hon. Mikaele Leawere delivered his End of Week Statement and the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government the Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded.
- (c) The Hon. Viam Pillay delivered his End of Week Statement and the Minister for Employment, Productivity, Industrial Relations, Youth and Sports the Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded.
- (d) The Hon. Alvick Maharaj delivered his End of Week Statement and the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources the Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Inia Seruiratu moved that Parliament stands adjourned until Monday, 7 March 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

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 Monday, 7 March 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 12.47 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

11th February, 2022.