



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Tuesday, Fifth day of April, 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. Adi Litia Qionibaravi, Hon. Salote Radrodro, Hon. Niko Nawaikula and Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad.

The Hon. Alvick Maharaj and Hon. Selai Adimaitoga joined the Parliament sitting virtually.

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 Monday, 4 April 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 to the sitting, those in the public gallery and those watching the live broadcast of the proceedings.

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) Standing Committee on Public Accounts

The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Joseph Nand tabled the Committee's Report of the Auditor-General on the 2016-2017 Audit Report on the Financial Statements of Government and the 2016-2017 Agency Financial Statements of the Ministry of Economy.

The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts moved a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 121(5) that a debate on the content of the report is initiated at a future sitting. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker informed that there were no Ministerial Statements.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Hon. Speaker informed that there were no Bills for consideration.

9. QUESTIONS

61/2022 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua asked the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister inform Parliament of the reasons that led to the malfunction and in-operational status of the Cath lab equipment and Angiogram at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital.

62/2022 Hon. Jale Sigarara asked the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government – Can the Minister inform Parliament how rural and maritime teachers will benefit from the Revised 2021-2022 Budget.

63/2022 Hon. Mikaele Leawere asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on the status of the Service Level Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding with the Information, Technology and Computing Services (ITC) regarding the Fiji Education Management Information System.

64/2022 Hon. George Vegnathan asked the Minister for Defence, National Security and Policing, Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management – Can the Minister inform Parliament how Government investments in the rural areas since 2018 have improved living standards in rural and maritime communities.

- 65/2022 Hon. Dr Atonio Lalabalavu asked the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment – Can the Minister update Parliament on the status of the Food and Nutrition Security and the Fiji Plan of Action for Food and Nutrition Security.
- 66/2022 Hon. Alipate Nagata asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the impact of recent cyclones and other natural disasters on groundwater usage and consumption.
- 67/2022 Hon. Simione Rasova asked the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the eligibility requirements of the insurance scheme for social welfare recipients through Fiji Care Limited.
- 68/2022 Hon. Sanjay Kirpal asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on measures that the Fijian Government has adopted to ease inflationary pressures emanating from rising international food and fuel prices.

Written Question

- 69/2022 Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad to ask the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development – Can the Minister answer the following in respect of the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption –
- (a) the number of cases/complaints processed by FICAC in respect of each year from 2018 to 2021; and
 - (b) the number of cases where charges were laid and prosecutions completed in respect of each year from 2018 to 2021.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. Pio Tikoduadua to ask Written Question 69/2022. The response to the Written Question would be tabled at a later sitting date as permitted under Standing Order 45(3).

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Wednesday, 6 April 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 12.22 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

5th April, 2022.