



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Friday, Eighth 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. Josaia Bainimarama, Hon. Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, Hon. Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, Hon. Adi Litia Qionibaravi, Hon. Niko Nawaikula Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad and Hon. Pio Tikoduadua.

The Hon. Alvick Maharaj 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 Thursday, 7 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. QUESTIONS

- 89/2022 Hon. Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the current status of the Rural Electrification Programme implemented by Energy Fiji Limited and funded through an annual Budget allocation.
- 90/2022 Hon. Vijay Nath asked the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment – Can the Minister update Parliament on the coastal protection works currently undertaken and the respective locations.
- 91/2022 Hon. Aseri Radrodro asked the Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Ministry’s programmes to increase the production and export of primary products such as yaqona, dalo, ginger, tavioka and so forth.
- 92/2022 Hon. Rohit Sharma asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress of the renewal and replacement programme for old crossings and bridges.
- 93/2022 Hon. Mitieli Bulanauca to ask the Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry, Foreign Affairs and Forestry – Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on the status of the ‘Say No to Illegal Logging’ initiative recently launched by the Ministry.
- 94/2022 Hon. Dr Salik Govind asked the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government – Can the Minister update Parliament on the rehabilitation work at Lekutu District and Lekutu Secondary schools.
- 95/2022 Hon. Peceli Vosanibola asked the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the current status of the land buyback scheme.
- 96/2022 Hon. Selai Adimaitoga asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on how much has been spent on outsourcing of services to private general and dental practitioners and the plans moving forward.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau to ask Oral Question 89/2022. The Hon. Speaker allowed the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing and Community Development the Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to respond to Oral Question 93/2022.

7. END OF WEEK STATEMENTS

- (a) The Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua delivered her End of Week Statement and the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government the Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded.
- (b) The Hon. Mitieli Bulanauca 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 responded accordingly.
- (c) The Hon. Virendra Lal delivered his End of Week Statement and the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, and Local Government the Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded.
- (d) The Hon. Selai Adimaitoga delivered her End of Week Statement and the Minister for Infrastructure, Meteorological Services, Lands and Mineral Resources the Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Minister for Fisheries the Hon. Semi Koroilavesau moved that Parliament adjourns until Monday, 9 May 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 adjourned Parliament until Monday, 9 May 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 12.41 p.m.

**Speaker of Parliament**

**Secretary-General to Parliament**

8<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.