APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Written Evidence Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources 2014 and 2015 Annual Reports



Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources

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MEMORANDUM

- From: The Permanent Secretary for Lands & Mineral Resources
- To: The Chairperson Parliament Standing Committee on Natural Resources
- Date: 14.06.2022

RE: MINISTRY OF LANDS AND MINERAL RESOURCES RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS ON THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

- 1.0 The Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources has been advised by your high office to provide responses to the above subject sent via email on 8 June, 2022.
- 2.0 Accordingly, please find attached is the Ministry responses submitted for your consideration.
- 3.0 We will be glad to provide assistance should you require further clarifications.

Thank you.

Raijeli Taga (Mrs) Permanent Secretary for Lands and Mineral Resources.

MINISTRY OF LANDS & MINERAL RESOURCES ANNUAL REPORT 2014

No.	Question	RESPONSE
1.	In the past there have been foreign companies carrying out oil exploration in Bligh and Bau Waters. The Committee is interested in the outcome of these, in view of the current crisis and the ever increasing price of fuel.	 Traces of hydrocarbons (oil and gas) were found. Geochemical studies of sea-bottom sediments identified that a large pentane anomaly are within the Bligh Waters. Subsequent studies also indicated that this anomaly was due to migration of hydrocarbons from mature source rocks. Consequently, results show and confirm that there has been generation of hydrocarbons within the Fiji Group.
2.	The Committee would like to know the reasons for the delay in submitting the annual report for 2014 when its financials were audited in May 2015.	 During the period, there were a number of reorganization within the ministry which include: re-structure, formulation of its first ever SOP and the re-organization of responsibilities in the compilation of the Annual Reports. Accordingly, the re-structure and the development of the SOP were given a priority, hence the delay in the submission of the Annual Report 2014. Also to be noted were the retirement of the ministry's senior managers, which made the collation of the report a challenge.



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MEMO

From: The Permanent Secretary for Lands & Mineral Resources

To: The Chairperson - Parliament Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Date: 13.04.2022

RE: MINISTRY OF LANDS AND MINERAL RESOURCES RESPONSES TO THE CLARIFICATION OF ISSUES – 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

- 1.0 The Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources has been advised by your high office to provide responses to the above subject sent on 31.03.22
- 2.0 Accordingly, please find attached is the Ministry responses submitted for your consideration.
- 3.0 We will be glad to provide assistance should you require further clarifications.

Thank you.

Raijeli Taga (Mrs) Permanent Secretary for Lands and Mineral Resources. Parliament Standing Committee on Natural Resources

No.	Page Number	Question	Responsible Manager	Response
1.	Pg. 6	 Ministry Overview a) Can the Ministry please provide the years these Acts were enacted? b) Have these Acts been review due to the changes in policies and regulations and Laws in place? 	DL, DMD, PRO	Listed below are the Acts and the years they were enacted; <i>Mining Act 1965</i> <i>Quarries Act 1939</i> <i>Explosives Act 1937</i> <i>Petroleum (Exploration & Exploitation) Act 1978</i> <i>States Lands Act</i> <i>Land Transfer Act 1971</i> <i>Land Use Act 2010</i> <i>Land Use Regulation 2011</i> <i>Land Sales Act 1978</i> <i>Rivers and Streams Act 1985</i> <i>Surveyors Act 1969</i> <i>Subdivision of Land Act 1937</i> <i>Agriculture Landlord and Tenant Act 1967</i> <i>Valuation Registration Act 1986</i> <i>State Acquisition of Lands Act 1940</i> <i>Property Law Act 1978</i>

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		Listor	helow are relevant logislations that have
			d below are relevant Legislations that have
			or currently being reviewed and/or
		amer	nded.
		•	The Mining Act currently undergoing
			review which will also amalgamate the
			Quarries Act. Other statutes will then be
			reviewed once work on the Mining Act
			review is completed.
		•	Land Sales Act was amended in 2014
		•	The Surveyors Act was amended three
			time from the date it was enacted.
			Amendments to the Act were done in
			1975, 1977 and 2016.
		•	It is also to be noted that amendments
			were done to the Regulations which has
			been gazette and now known as the
			Surveyors Regulations 2021.
		•	The Subdivision of Land Act 1937 is being
			reviewed by Department of Town and
			Country Planning (DTCP).

		LUD Challenges & Way forward		There has been approximately 5,000 acres of
2.	Pg. 11	Can the Ministry please advise the	DLU	viable land identified and successfully integrated
		success rate of identifying viable land		into Land Use Designation planning and
		for leasing?		consultation processes.
		GIM Challenges & Way forward		The National Land Register has been established.
				The focus for the National Land Use Master plan
		a) Has the Ministry established the		in the Ministry is the setup of the VanuaGIS
		Land Use Master Plan &		which has been completed. The VanuaGIS is a
3.	Pg. 13	National Land Register?	DGIM	portal that displays various geospatial data sets.
		b) What has become of the Fiji		The FLIS name has now being changed to FGIS
		Land Information System (FLIS)?		and continues to maintain the same functions,
		Are they the same or different		while taking on board additional responsibilities
		with FGIS?		of being the national geospatial information hub.
		Achievements		The administration of iTaukei Leases to State
		From the table under the		involve new lease application, renewals, rental
		achievements on page 17, one of the		reassessments, assessment of premiums and
		activity listed on the table is the		rentals for non - government schools. A total of
4.	Pg. 17	iTaukei Lease to State. The committee	CV	70 were identified to be undertaken.
		appreciated achieving targets but in		Nevertheless, given adhoc requests from line
		this case it is more than double. Can		Ministry's for new leases and assessment of
		the Ministry please explain the reasons		premiums for non-government schools
		why there were exceptional		anticipated targets were surpassed. As this work

		achievements that the targets as		is mandated service of the Ministry, despite
		shown in the table?		targets it had to be done to meet service
				deliverables.
5.	Pg. 19	AchievementsRegularizationofInformal SettlementsCan the Ministry please provide thelocation/siteagainstSchemePlanNumbers (SL)?	SG	 Refer to Department of Town & Country Planning (DTCP) These are not Scheme Plan numbers recorded by the Ministry, but are Surveyed Land (SL) according to the DTCP referencing.
6.	Pg. 23	Summary of boreholes drilled in 2015 The Committee wishes to be briefed on the outcome of borehole numbers 15.18, 15/19 and 15/20.	Geological Services	 BH15/18 (Kavanagasau, Nadroga) – Bore abandoned due to poor water quality. BH15/19 (Narata, Nadroga) – Borehole commissioned by the former PS Malakai Finau in November, 2018. BH 15/20 (Kavanagasau, Nadroga) – Borehole test completed in 2016 with the result showing high electrical conductivity (EC). It was then abandoned due to poor water quality.
7.	Pg. 29	Engineering Geology Section	Geological Survey	• Sporting Complex at Sawaieke Gau – The Geotechnical survey was completed in 2014

The Ministry to provide an update on	on the proposed development site. The
the 4 projects listed below:	report has been completed as well.
a) Sporting Complex at Sawaieke	 Copies of the report was submitted to
Gau	OPM and Ministry of Youth & Sports
b) Relocation program for	as per their request.
Wailotua Village No. 1	\clubsuit A copy of the report is stored in the
c) Hazard Assessment for	Department's Library.
Vunidawa Hospital	Relocation program for Wailotua Village
d) Risk Hazard Assessment for	No. 1 - A preliminary site visit was completed
Sawani to Serea Road	in 2015 to investigate the occurrences of
Improvement Project and the	flooding and to establish grounds for
propose Natovi Development	relocation.
Project	
	A detailed geotechnical assessment was
	conducted on the proposed relocation site in
	2019. The area was deemed unsafe for the
	proposed relocation due to unstable slope-
	ground condition.
	Hazard Assessment for Vunidawa Hospital
	- A preliminary site visit was completed in
	2015 to ascertain the extent of the landslide

				and its potential impact on the nearby infrastructure.
				• Risk Hazard Assessment for Sawani to
				Serea Road Improvement Project - A brief
				risk assessment was conducted in 2015.
				Comments together with a desktop study
				report was provided to the China Gezhouba
				Group of Company Limited.
				• Natovi Development Project: The division
				attended to stakeholder meetings organized
				by the relevant agencies such as the Ministry
				of Fisheries. The team also met with the
				Korean consultancy in 2016 to discuss on the
				feasibility study for the Natovi Multi-Purpose
				Port Development project.
		Mines – Challenges & Wayforward		Under an agreement signed between the
				Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals,
8.	Pg. 36	Can the Ministry provide an update on	Mines	Metals & Sustainable Development (IGF) based
0.		the review of the out of date policies?	IVIITIES	in Canada and the Government of Fiji via the
				Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources, IGF is
				conducting an evaluation of Fiji's current mining

laws and policies using its Mining Policy Framework platform.
The Mining Policy Framework (MPF) assessments involve not just a comprehensive review of the national mining laws, policies, regulations and administrative frameworks but also extensive in- person consultations with key stakeholders from government, private sector and civil society as well as mine operators and mineral exploration licence holders.
This Mining Policy Framework assessment project will also consider the existing draft Mineral Exploitation & Exploration Bill (MEEB), which is in its 11 th draft.
In this regard, a local consultant Mr. Venasio Nasara, has been engaged for the project and he has been carrying out consultation meetings with stakeholders/ organizations in conjunction with key staff members of the Mineral Resources

				Department (MRD). This commenced from
				February and March, and the last consultation for
				the 1 st phase is on the 11 th April. Stakeholders
				are to send their feedback/comments by mid-
				April and IGF is to produce a report on this for
				the Fiji Government by the end of April, 2022.
				Forty three (43) stakeholders has been consulted.
		Audit Financial Report – Statement		The Police had conducted and completed their
		of Losses		Investigation. The former Ministry Staff involved
				in this misappropriation had been sentenced and
9.	Pg. 53	Can the Minister update the	MF	the case has been closed.
9.		committee on the outcome of the	IVIF	
		police investigation carried out on the		
		misappropriation of revenue		
		pertaining to the loss of money?		

Appendix 2 Supplementary Response Ministry of Lands and Minerals 2015 Annual Report



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MEMORANDUM

From: The Permanent Secretary for Lands & Mineral Resources File Ref: PS016/15

To: The Chairperson - Parliament Standing Committee Date:8/06/22 on Natural Resources

RE: MINISTRY OF LANDS AND MINERAL RESOURCES RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOW UP QUESTION TO THE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

- 1.0 In reference to your email dated 1st June 2022, the Ministry would like to provide responses to the questions raised in regards to the Annual Report of 2015.
- 2.0 This is submitted for your consideration and would provide further clarifications where necessary.

Thank you.

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Raijeli Taga (Mrs) Permanent Secretary

2015 Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources

Supplementary Questions

No.	Question	Response
1.	Regularization of Informal settlements - Whilst you have given us Wainibuku – SL4016, would please advise the locations of other SL's as listed on page 19 of the Annual Report?	The ministry was only able to provide the location for SL4016 as per our record. Unfortunately, the ministry does not have the (location) record for the other SL reference which can only be retrieved from Department of Town and Country Planning archive.
2.	Page 23 - Can the Ministry provide an update on the two bore holes in Kavanagasau that were reported as having poor water quality?	 The two boreholes were drilled in late 2020 and early 2021 in response to the request from the community for an alternative water source. The first borehole was drilled to a total depth of 73 m and yields water that is saline in quality, although the groundwater is artesian in nature, meaning water is flowing freely from the borehole. The second borehole was drilled to a depth of 60 m with negligible yield. In consideration of the underlying geology of the area and the conditions encountered during and after drilling, no further groundwater works is recommended for the immediate area within and around the community.
3.	Page 29 – Engineering Geology Section - Hazard Assessment for Vunidawa Hospital - What is the extent of the damage and the result of the assessment and the way forward?	 Two landslides were observed along the true left of the Wainimala adjacent to the Vunidawa Hospital. Geology: The sites are underlain by regolith (unconsolidated rock and soil that sits above a layer of bedrock) that sits on top the ancient river deposits that make up the floodplains in the flat areas surrounding the Wainimala. Site Investigation Results: Geomorphology: the affected areas were along the bank of the Wainimala, the southern-end of the Vunidawa Hospital. Drainage: it was observed that the drainage system ended at the river banks. Landslide 1 was 40m wide and 25m depth which was examined as a slope failure triggered by river bank erosion.

iv.	Landslide 2 (behind the ambulance parking lot) was 22m wide and 15m depth which was examined as a rotation slump as the whole soil mass was displaced without breaking up.
• Trig	gering Mechanism:
i.	Meandering: the hospital is located within the Wainimala meanders where the force of the flowing river is directed to the banks adjacent to the hospital. This caused the scouring and erosion at the toe of the river banks. This is further enforced or strengthened during flooding periods, specifically when the geology of the area is dominated by sedimentary rocks which are prone to erosion. Regolith (a layer of loose material that covers solid rock): the geology of the area is prone to landslides (documented widely along the Wainimala banks). Also, it has been seen that there is a small band of red to dark orange clay or regolith that act as overburden on top of the weathered bed rock around this area that assist in the acceleration of slope failure which eventually leads to major landslide. The regolith zone sometimes can be exposed to 1m in thickness and has a high plasticity rate hence does not allow water to pass through easily and can store considerable amount of water in its pores. However during continuous rainy periods, the pores reach maximum capacity causing breakup and ultimately failures and landslides.
iii.	Drainage: Poor drainage pattern and inconsiderate disposal of waste water were also main triggering factor as drainage outlets from the main hospital building and other supporting buildings was
	observed to be discarded all over the crown of the failure site.
iv.	Slope Angle: it is being suggested that any slope that is more than
	60° is susceptible to slope failure or landslides. Both areas have
	slopes close to near vertical (60° - 90°) which are classified as
	extremely very steep slope.

		v. Geological Structures : A minor fault line was identified at the
		failure site especially in Landslide 2. The fault line strikes 008° to the
		north and dips 67° away from the failure area to the south. The plane
		of the slide positions the same way as this geological structure. As
		witnessed, the weathered material of the bedrock and the fill
		material when failing slip along the surface of the fault line.
		Therefore the fault line could also be a triggering factor to the
		failure.
•		emedial Measures:
	i.	It is strongly recommended that all discarded water from the hospital should be managed well and is to be diverted away from the failure zone.
	ii.	Also, all septic tanks and other water holding units closer to the crown of the landslides should be re-looked at and relocated away from riverbank if possible.
	iii.	In addition, the ambulance parking lot should be vacated at the meantime as the crown of Landslide 2 is very close.
	iv.	Finally, hazard tapes should be erected 20m from the crown of Landslide 1 as the tensional cracks are not found on the landslide crown
		but when closely examined from the toe of the slide, the crown appears protruding hence the body of the slide is further inland. Adding of unnecessary weight at the protruding part of the crown of the landslide can cause the latter to topple over which can be fatal.
	R	ecommendation
		It is strongly recommended that a detail geotechnical survey should be
		carried out in this area to determine the best permanent solution to the
		issue at hand. Acknowledging the current river system and geological condition of the area will be diligently investigated to allow us to create a financially and environmentally friendly perpetual resolution.
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4.	Page 36 – Mines - Challenges and Way Forward	There was a 'change of guard' at IGF from Alec Crawford (Canada) to now Bryan
	- Has there been any outcome of the proposed	Land who is based in London, thus the delayed IGF report. Re-submission of
	IGF report which was due end of April 2022?	certain documentations to Bryan. Stakeholder's consultation completed,
		currently compiling all feedbacks and IGF report expected to be completed by
		end of June early July 2022.

Appendix 3 Annual Report Summary Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources 2014 and 2015 Annual Report



Annual Report Summary – Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources (MLMR) 2014

Standing Committee on Natural Resources

	2014
Vision	Our Lands and Mineral; Smart Management for Growth
Mission	 Implementing the established platforms by: Vigorously implementing government's reforms and policy initiatives on lands, minerals and groundwater resources Provide outstanding administrative and facilitate services to our customers without compromising the relevant legislation and policies Adopting appropriate technological changes and modern approaches to ensure timely and quality services Strengthen revenue information system and improving revenue collection Embracing a corporate culture by adhering to the Service Excellence Award Framework and the Ministry's Service Charter Leading, motivating and developing team leaders and members to be effective and efficient in any formal engagement
	 Developing a sense of societal and environmental responsibility Recruiting, developing, motivating, rewarding and retaining capable personnel through good leadership and conducive working environment
Background	 The Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources administrates all state lands and regulates all mineral resources in Fiji with the aim to ensure that all state lands, minerals and groundwater sector is sustainable. The Ministry through its two departments, namely the Lands Department and Mineral Resources Department ensures that these activities are carried out in an effective and efficient manner.
Acts in place	Details on page 6 of the annual report.
Organization Structure	Details on page 7 of the annual report.
Major Highlights/Achievements	Department of Lands & Survey The department's programmes and activities are designed to provide the administration, development and management of all State Land including the foreshore. The department takes its cue from the targeted outcomes of



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the government of the day's manifesto, namely; the Roadmap for Democracy and Sustainable Socio- Economic Development [RDSSED) 2010 -2014, the People's Charter for Change, Peace and Progress (PCCPP).

<u>Survey Division</u>

- Activities and strategies under this program include:
 - Demarcation and survey of mahogany plantation lease;
 - Establishment of new control marks;
 - Development of state land;
 - Maintenance of Existing Subdivision;
 - o Survey of Government Stations on iTaukei Land; and
 - Survey of approval Notices [by subdivisions]
 - The above activities are distributed amongst the three divisional offices (West, Central Eastern and North) except for the establishment of new control marks which is a role solely carried out by the Control Survey unit.

> Achievements

Project	Target	Achievement
Surveyed Mahogany Plantation	3,000 HA	3,790 HA
Control Marks Established	30	30
Subdivisions - Phase 1 Complete		
Development Of State Land - Completion Of		
Phase Development And Issuance Of Approved	10	3
Survey		
Plan		
Completion Certificates Issued		
Maintenance Of Existing Subdivisions	5	5
Ground Survey Of Government Stations On I		
Taukei Land	14	14
Lodged And Awaiting Approval		
Ground Survey For Subdivision Approval		
Notices	15	15
Lodged And Awaiting Approval		



Valuation Division

- > Activities and strategies under this program include:
 - o iTaukei Land Leases to State;
 - State Land Valuation;
 - \circ $\;$ Land Acquisition for public purposes and Special Valuation; and
 - Statistical Information and Property Research

> Achievements

Project	Target	Achievement
Finalization Of Lease Requests For itaukei		
Land Leases To State		
Requests Comprise Of New Leases,	86	86
Renewals, Rental Reassessment And		
Renewal Of Lease For Non- Government		
Schools		
Ground Rental Assessments & Reassessments		
For State Leases		
State Land Valuation - Number of Lease	247	355
Rentals Assessed And Reassessed By The End		
of 2015		
Properties Acquired For Public Purposes And		
Special Valuation	85	60
Land Acquisition For Public Purposes And		
Special Valuation		
Property Sales Information Collated		
Statistical Information And Property Research	1600	1750

Geospatial Information Management Division

- > Activities and strategies under this program include:
 - Production & upgrading of maps and plans;
 - Development & Updating of National Land Register; and



0	Development a	& updating of National	LandUse Master Plan [NLUMP]
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> Achievements

Project	Target	Achievement
Customized Maps Produced		
Number Of Customized Maps For The	600	652
Production And Upgrade Of Maps And Plans		
Survey Plans Examined		
Number Of Plans Examined For The	180	180
Production And Upgrade Of Maps And Plans		

- Ongoing Development/Update of LandUse/ Developments Development and Update of National Landuse Master Plan.
- > Phase 2 Of The National Land Register Complete Development and Updating of The National Land Register.

• Land Administration Division

- > Activities and strategies under this program include:
 - o Issue of Leases & Licenses & other related legal documents;
 - Development of identified, underutilized, underdeveloped state land/leases;
 - Administration if State Leases on iTaukei Land; and
 - o Identification of un/under-utilized land including 'Tenancy At Will state lands.

> Achievements

Project	Target	Achievement
Leases, Licenses And Legal Documents Issued		
Issue Of Leases, Licenses And Other Related	4000	4869
Legal Documents		
Lots Developed		
Development of Identified, Underutilized,	100	103
Under Developed State Land/Leases		
Identification Of Un/Underutilized State Land	100	103



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Land Use Division

Activities under this program mainly focuses on 'Land Reform' in particular the acquiring and designation of land to the land bank for sustainable productive use.

> Achievements

Project	Target	Achievement
Total Acreage		
Acquire And Designate Land To The Land Bank	1,800 HA	4,377.8095 HA
For Sustainable Productive Use		
Total Number of LOU/PUBLIC AWARENESS	20	26
Total Number of Land Parcels Deposited Into	20	24
Land bank		
Number Of Leases On Designated Land	10	6

> Challenges & Way Forward

Adverse weather conditions and changing	Set up fly camps
weather patterns	• Teams given relevant equipment and camp
	items
Valuation processes require approvals and decisions	Improve networking and relationship with
from other stakeholders and these have impacted	stakeholders
the achievement of certain targets	
Delays in processing of land dealings	Development of Customer Service Charter
	Internal training
Documentation of internal processes	Development of Standard Operating
	Procedures



Department of Mineral Resources

- <u>Geological Services Division</u>
 - The division works towards providing access to available groundwater resources that is present for human consumption and development through, properly conducted hydrogeological investigation and assessment with quality boreholes. In addition, manage groundwater resources to ensure sustainability with minimum impact on the environment.

> Achievements

Project	Target	Achievement
Groundwater Assessment And Investigation		
Conducted	24	24
Consulting Services – Groundwater Borehole &		
Development. Groundwater Assessment And		
Investigation		
Quarterly Report Submissions Of Seismic		
Event Monitoring	4 Reports	4 Reports
Monitoring Of Seismic Events And Timely		
Dissemination Of Earthquakes & Tsunami		
Warning		
Public Awareness Conducted		
Empowering The Resilience Of The Nation	82	82
Through Public Awareness Of The Nature		

Scoundwater Boreholes Developed Providing Access To Clean Water For Communities - 14 Successful

• <u>Geological Survey Division</u>

Role of the division is to provide timely geoscience information to support the sustainable development of mineral (metalliferous and industrial), hydrocarbon and geothermal resources within Fiji and its EEZ and to provide advisories on geo-hazard, aggregate resources and geotechnical assessments for development.



Project	Target	Achievement
Geological Or Geo- Technical Assessments		
Conducted		
Conduct Geological And Or Geotechnical	12	20
Assessment And Provide Advice (Request		
From DTCP, Lands Dept. And Communities)		
Research Reports On Geology Or Mineral		
Findings		
Undertake Research Geological Mapping,	4	4
Mineral Investigation And Consultation With		
Relevant Stakeholders		
Geological Map Produced		
Undertake Geological Mapping Of Two Map	1	1
Sheets On The Viti Levu For Seamless Mapping		
Sheet		

<u>Mines Division</u>

- Mining Division is one of the major divisions that generate revenue for Government. The Mining Division is responsible for using best practice, stronger customer focus to promote, facilitate and maintain a competitive minerals sector for Fiji that is beneficial to all stakeholders through:
 - Ensuring effective and efficient development of Fiji's mineral sector through regulatory framework that exists in the Mining Act, Explosives Act, Quarries Act, Environmental Management Act and Oil & Petroleum Act; and
 - Responsible to formulate, review and offer advice on policies; administer mining tenement; environmental monitoring, protection and social impact assessment liaison.

Achievements

Project	Target	Achievement
Quarterly Monitoring Reports		
Provision Of Explosives, SPL, Mining & Quarry	4	4
Licenses And Monitoring For Compliance		



	Quarterly Reports – Public Awareness On Mining			
0	Conduct Public Awareness On Mining Through	4	4	
0	Community Visitations With Relevant			
9	Stakeholders			
(Quarterly Monitoring Reports			
E	Ensure SPL, Mining Quarry License Holders	4	4	
0	Comply With The Relevant Environmental			
L	Legislations Through Close Monitoring			

Challenges & Way Forward

Lack of technical equipment for field survey works	• Ensure this is included in the PSIP submission
Lack of skilled staff or officers	 Officers recommended for further studies and supported for scholarship application

<u>Corporate Services Division</u>

- The Corporate Services Division provides policy and administrative management support to the ministry. It is also responsible for ensuring that all human resource management and financial services are aligned to the legislations and policies of government. These corporate functions are implemented through the following sub sections;
 - The Human Resource Management/Development and Administration Section is responsible for the activities relating to recruitment and selection, employee relations, customer and secretariat services. OHS and training and registry functions; and
 - The finance unit oversees all financial aspect of the ministry including all ministry projects ensuring compliant to the government's Financial Management system and related policies and guidelines.



Project	Target	Achievement
Structural Realignment		
Strengthening The System & Processes		
Through Structural Re-Alignment	20	19
Decentralization Of Authority To Divisional		
Heads		
Gender Equality Policy Developed		
Gender Equality Policy Developed &	2	8
Coordinated Into The Human Resources		
Policy In Consultation With PSC		
AFS Report Submission		
Annual Report Submission	1	1
Quarterly Report Submitted To MLMR	4	4
Monthly Report Submitted To MLMR	12	12

A highlight of the division this year was the preliminary work facilitated on the review of the organizational restructure and the decentralization of authorities on finance and budget implementation. The division also set up a training unit to coordinate human resource management, and post processing unit to simultaneously review all Job Descriptions and advertised vacancies accordingly.

• Policy & Quality Assurance

- The division provides support to the executive office through performing duties such as policy & research and report monitoring including the execution of 2 projects: Harmonization and State Land Rent Arrears Collection. In line with the Annual Corporate Plan 2014, the division is responsible for the following:
 - Providing policy advice & research;
 - Report monitoring;
 - o Projects; Harmonization and State Land Rent Arrears Collection.



Project	Target	Achievemen
Cabinet Papers Tabled And Noted		
National Land Register		
National Land Use Development Plan		
2013 Groundwater Development Project		
Mineral Investigation Report	20	5
Current Status Of Land Reform Program		
Cabinet Decisions		
Implementation Update		
Cabinet Office		
Report Submissions		
Submitted All SFCCO & QPPR Reports To		
Central Agencies		
Submitted Budget Justification To Manager		
Finance For Onward		
Submitted Annual Work Program For All	7	7
Budgeted Projects		
Submitted OPM Reports		
Submitted PSIP To Central Agencies		
Submitted People's Charter For Change		
Update		
Submitted RDSSED Update		
State Land Leases Harmonized	4000	1146
Harmonization Of State Land Database		
Total Of State Land Rent Arrears Collection	\$15,000,000	14,337,258.2

Lack of training on Cabinet submission, policy development and report monitoring	Relevant training attended by staff
Projects – Outdated and absence/incomplete of relevant data	Setting up of internal data storageProper record keeping



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		Periodic updating of	data
	Absence of standard operating procedures	Formulation of stand	ard operating procedures
Financial Position		2014 \$	2013 \$
	Total Revenue	20,098,096	15,203,586
	Total Operating Expenditure	16,576,727	17,623,178
	Total Capital Expenditure	5,907,214	2,156,356
	Total Expenditure	24,327,302	21,194,954
	Total Receipts – Trust Account	4,943,714	4,774,554
	Total Payments – Trust Account	2,680,821	3,623,604
	Net Surplus	2,262,893	1,150,950
	Balance as at 1 January	5,934,266	4,783,316
	Closing Balance as at 31 December 2015	8,197,159	5,934,266
	 (i) Statement of Receipts and Expenditures; (ii) Appropriation Statement; (iii) Statement of Losses; and (iv) Trust Account Statement of Receipts and Payments. Audit Opinion 		
	 In Auditor's opinion: a) the financial statements present fairly, in acc performance of the Ministry of Lands and Min b) the financial statements give the information required. 	eral Resources for the year ended a	31 December 2014.

Research and Library Services

Gender Analysis	No information on gender provided in the annual report.

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Standing Committee on Natural Resources

	2015
Vision	Vibrant, Equitable, Dynamic Management of our Land & Minerals for a Sustainable Environment and Economic Future.
Mission	 Implementing the established platforms by: Vigorously executing government's reforms and policy initiatives on lands, mineral and groundwater Resources; Providing outstanding administrative and facilitative services to our customers without compromising the relevant legislation and policies; Adopting appropriate technological changes and modern approaches to ensure timely and quality services; Strengthening revenue information system and improving revenue collection; Embracing a corporate culture by adhering to the Service Excellence Framework and the Ministry's Service Charter; Leading, motivating and developing team leaders and members to be effective and efficient in all formal engagements; Developing a sense of societal and environmental responsibility; Recruiting, developing, motivating, rewarding and retaining capable personnel through good leadership and conducive working environment.
Background	 The Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources is made up of two Departments, namely the Department of Lands & Survey and the Department of Mineral Resources. The Department of Lands & Survey is responsible for the effective and efficient administration, development and management of all State land initiatives, and additionally the Land Use unit which coordinates the implementation of Government land reform initiatives to improve socio – economic growth focusing on equitable returns to landowners and the security of tenure for the tenants. The Department of Mineral Resources oversees and facilitates development of the country's mineral sector and groundwater resources.
Acts in place	Details on page 6 of the annual report.



Research and Library Services

Organization Structure	Details on page 7 of the annual report.				
Major	Department of Lands				
Highlights/Achievements					
	The Land Use Act 2010 sets the legal framework for the	ation of iTaukei and State Land			
	administered by the Land Use Division. ➤ <u>Achievements</u>				
	Targeted Outcomes	Achieved	1		
	Total Acreage	3307ha/2000ha	-		
	Total Number of LOU/Public Awareness	26/20	-		
	Total Number of land parcels deposited into the Land Bank	6/20	_		
	Number of Land Capability Studies	16/20	-		
	Number of designated i-Taukei land surveyed	25/20	_		
	Number of Valuations	16/8			
	Number of Designations Utilised	2/2	-		
	Lease Monitoring	16/25			
	 Full details on pages 9 & 10 of the annual report. <u>Capital Projects</u> Vunamasei Residential Subdivision - Awaiting Governamillion additional works. Tender has been completed and TEC recommendation Yako Residential Subdivision - Request to GTB for a Valito 12 lots for Yako Residential Subdivision as per TOR of Ltd has completed Engineering design for 12 lots but received from stakeholders. Delaidamanu Road Construction - Submission to Tender Engineer Estimate FRA had recommended MWH to car discussions and confirmed inability to complete works. 	drawn up. riation endorsement to f CSC 49/2014 Tender t are now awaiting DT er CSC92/2014 quoted p rry out Engineering Des	o facilitate the change from 4 lots Award (CSC 57/2014 (1)). WesEng CP approval after comments are prices which were above 200 % of		



Challenges & Way Forward

Challenges	Way Forward
In-accessible designation and the need to identify	Business plan re-engineering to secure viable land
viable land for leasing.	designated for leasing.
Misconception about the land-bank reform	Increase consultation and awareness; aggressive
Programme.	marketing at all levels; village/Tikina/Marketing
	agencies and overseas missions.

• Geospatial Information Management Division

The division is headed by the Director of Geospatial Information Management who reports directly to the Permanent Secretary for Lands and Mineral Resources on administrative matters whilst to the Director of Lands on technical matters. It is an integral part of the Lands Department with core responsibility of managing geospatial information. The task not only aligns the division with data captured within the division but all that are required for the formulation of a strategic information system. That is incorporating data from the State Land Administration, the Survey Division, Valuation and from other agencies within government and stakeholders.

Output/Strategy	Achieved
Customized Maps	648/700
Topographic Maps	4/9
Charting	199/185
Approved Plans	291/185
Preparation of Sate Land Lease & Land Acquisition Diagrams	1415/1560
Historical Searches & scan old reports	195
IT Support Services : Maintenance of hardware & equipment	1634/1500 logs
Revenue sales and maps	\$97,932.88/\$120,000

> Achievements



Challenges & Way Forward

Challenges	Way Forward	
Accessing and collecting data from data custodians.	Establish network and communication with	
	stakeholders and formalize data sharing through MOUs.	
Identify alternative sources of imagery and relevant	Purchase of satellite imagery and software for	
processing.	processing and analysis.	
Consolidating National Geospatial Information.	Establish the Land Use Master Plan and National Land	
	Register projects.	

• Lands Administration

The Lands Division administers, manages and develops State Lands in accordance with the State Lands Act, Property Law Act, Land Sales Act, Land Transfer Act, Agriculture Land lord and Tenant Act [ALTA]. In facilitating this task, the division is also responsible for the:

- Processing of new or Lease Renewals, License Applications including Foreshore Licenses
- Preparation, Execution, Stamping and Registration of Legal documents

The Lands Administration Division is responsible for the effective and efficient administration and management of all State land in Fiji.

> Achievements

The Division is currently responsible of administering a total of about 15,721 leases all over Fiji.

Total Number of Leases	Total Central/Eastern	Total Northern	Total Western
15,721	6,384	1,840	7,497

Challenges & Way Forward

Challenges	Way Forward
Capacity building.	• Staff to go through induction course of the ministry.
	• Following this, they must also go through technical training for
	the operation of the Division.
Updating of Land Administration System.	Ensure that Land Administration System must be maintained.


• Valuation Division

There are 5 Sections within the Valuation Division namely; Acquisition and Special Valuation, Rating Valuations, Rental and Estates, Native Leases to State and Statistics & Property Market Research Section. Each undertake its duties and responsibilities as follows:

- 1. Acquisitions and Special Valuations
- 2. Rating Valuations
- 3. Rental and Estates Section
- 4. Native Leases to State
- 5. Statistics and Property Market Research
- 6. Secretariat of the Valuers Registration Board

> <u>Achievements</u>

Output	Activity	Target	Achievement
Licensing, Compliance and Monitoring – Survey and Valuation 2015	Facilitate the timely registration of Valuers and Surveyors in accordance with the respective acts	3	2
Land Management	Production of Monthly Sales	160	141
Services – Lease and Valuation and State	iTaukei Leases to State: Administration of State Leases on i-Taukei Land 2015	70	152
Land Management; Land Survey and	Undertake and submit valuation requests for issue of new leases	1735	1216
Developments	Undertake land acquisition for public purposes under the state acquisition of Lands Act cap 135	60	37
	Undertake valuation for municipal councils as per Local Government Act Cap 125-2015	247	Awaiting approval fro Department Local Government

Challenges & Way Forward

Challenges	Way Forward
Valuation processes require approvals and decisions from other	
stakeholders and these have impacted the achievement of	with stakeholders.
certain targets.	

• Survey Division

The Survey Division is one of the major division within the Ministry assigned to attend to survey works requested from various stakeholders. The Division examines all land surveys lodged by Registered Surveyors in accordance with the Surveyor Act Cap. 260 and Surveyors Regulation.

Control Section

The Control Section is earmarked to develop and provide the network of survey control system nation-wide which integrates the many isolated surveys implemented by either government or individual surveyors on behalf of their clients throughout the country.

The control systems established are permanent and are the basis for all development work in Fiji such as engineering surveys, cadastral surveys, topographical surveys, photogrammetric surveys and construction works. All control marks established around Fiji are of high precision and accessible.

• Divisional Sectional Offices

Their task is to carry out survey of land transfer, engineering, topographical, building & engineering set out (where appropriate), mahogany lease surveys in Nukurua and Naboutini and surveys of Government Institutions leasing iTaukei Land. Each three divisional offices have a survey section.

> <u>Achievements</u>

The Division achievements can be seen on page 19 of the annual report.



Challenges & Way Forward

Challenges	Way Forward
Rough terrain and remoteness of the work site.	Proper planning whereby teams depart early and also
	work overtime in the field to complete tasks
Adverse weather conditions and changing weather	Setting up of fly camps and teams are given relevant
patterns.	equipment & camp items.

Department of Mineral Resources

• Geological Services Division

The Geological Services division is tasked with developing groundwater resources of Fiji and provide geological hazard assessment and earthquake / tsunami monitoring. The Division is made up of 4 sections tasked with respective thematic roles namely the Hydrogeological section, Drilling section, Seismology section and Laboratory section. The Division conducts extensive groundwater investigations and assessments at various locations throughout Fiji.

> Achievements

0	Hydrogoo	logy Section	
0	nyurugeu	logy Section	

<u> </u>	
Geophysics Investigation	45
Preliminary/Reconnaissance Visit	21
Total GW Preliminary Assessment and Geophysics Investigations for the year	66

o Drilling

The groundwater borehole development targeted 20 boreholes to drill and develop. Despite its challenges; the Section managed to archive its output of drilling 20 boreholes with a success rate of 80%. From the 20 boreholes, 1 was drilled for commercial purposes at Navutulevu, Serua. A preliminary low rate pump test was conducted with positive indications, but more work is required to confirm such findings. The project benefited 12 rural communities and 3 schools. The provision of boreholes has rippling effects towards combating poverty in the local communities.

	No. of Boreholes Drilled	Abandon Wells
Total	16	4
• The summary table of the boreholes drilled by the Drilling Section for 2015 is on page 23.		



 Well Development The 2 sections (Hydrogeology and Drilling) were able to conduct 14 well developments at various locations with their focus on borehole cleaning / flushing. The Mineral Resources division was directed a new role, that is the reticulation of groundwater developments projects for 2016. The reticulation project was initiated in 2015 at Nakavika Settlement in Sigatoka valley. This was followed by 2 ongoing reticulation projects at Navutu in Nadroga and Delaikamaya in Tovata.
 Laboratory The section was able to analyse 425 water samples out of the 240 targeted. There were 2 major purchases made by the section which amounted to \$337,917.43. The items purchased are: the new AAS Microwave Digester and the upgrade of the geochemical lab. The upgrade of the lab will continue to 2016. Orilling Equipment Purchase
 The purchase of the water well drill rig with related equipment was through Government's budgetary allocation of \$2.6 million. The new multidrill (FRASTE) was commissioned at the Navutulevu drill site. Geological Hazard Assessment And Earthquake Monitoring Services provided by the Seismology Section consisted of routine monitoring for seismic activities and tsunami warning
for detection of seismic events in Fiji. This also included detection of regional events and potential risks it may pose. All detected events for the year are recorded within the Seismology database. Local Events recorded – 302 & Regional Events recorded – 824.
The section was able to conduct awareness for 82 centers out of the 80 targeted for the year. The earthquake and tsunami awareness mainly focused on coastal communities (villages / settlements). The coastal areas covered the coast of Serua province, Kubulau district, and Koro Island, Gau Island, and Nakasaleka district in Kadavu.
There were 21 Reconnaissance Survey and 42 Geophysics Survey conducted. Details on pages 25 & 26 of the annual report. Library
The total Library sales for 2015 were \$1,886.80. These included the sale of geophysical data, digital maps, hard copy maps, memoirs and photocopy publications. A total of 114 customers were served at the library in 2015.



<u>Challenges & Way Forward</u>

Challenges	Way Forward
Non-availability of transport.	Proper planning of projects and field visits.
Poor weather conditions causes delays.	Proper planning and equipment of teams when going out into the field.

• Geological Survey Division

The Division comprises of 3 major sections (Geological Mapping, Engineering Geology & Offshore Geology) whose key roles are to:

1. carry out geological mapping surveys;

2. conduct studies on oceanographic processes to mitigate coastal erosion;

3. provide timely geosciences information to the industry and stakeholders ; and

4. carry out geotechnical assessments on foreshore developments infrastructure developments, landslides, with sand, gravel and aggregate assessments for development purposes.

> <u>Achievements</u>

Activities undertaken for the year include mineral explorations at Nuku Prospect, Naitasiri and Komave Prospect in Nadroga. Navakadadara in Nasarowaqa, Bua and Conua in Sigatoka, Nadroga were included later towards the 2nd half of the financial year.

Fieldwork was carried out on the 4 targeted areas in Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. Geochemical mapping was undertaken to identify potential alteration and mineralization zones for anomalies within these areas based on previous exploration studies. The following field work base maps were digitized for each prospect and these include:

1) Sample location maps (rock chip, stream sediment & ridge sediment samples)

2) Traverse maps

3) Geology & structural maps

4) Alteration and mineralization maps

• Engineering Geology Section

Majority of the projects achieved centered on commercial and community infrastructure development projects, river and coastal assessments, aggregate surveys, and landslide assessments.

Projects achieved for the year included:

1) assessments for the scoping works for the Sporting Complex at Sawaieke, Gau;



for the Ministry of Defense Headquarters; an 4) risk hazard assessment for the Sawani – Se proposed Natovi Development Project.	al and hazard assessment at the Vunidawa Hospital, the new site
During the financial year, the division insp (Nawailevu) and quarries. This is to ensure of Unit of the Mineral Resources Department H realignment exercise carried out in 2015. An a to successfully meet the targets and goals for	uarter3, 2015 has created awareness amongst the regulating officers of on proposed projects. A result of the change in process mentioned is the ans (EMP) to be submitted by exploration companies for proposed work.
 <u>Challenges & Way Forward</u> 	nonment protection measures in the plans.
Challenges	Way Forward
Shortage of resources and staff to conduct the inspection.	Strengthen the unit's role in the EIA process and conducting EIA review's to identify impacts on environment and communities and strategies procedures to minimize pollution.
Lack of monitoring and last minute notification given to companies operating of any breaches to the related Acts or conditions set out for projects licensed and regulated by the Ministry.	Give ample notice to companies of analyses results and recommendations
Ineffective data gathering and interpretation.	Development of a database for monitoring activities and data input and a system that contain records of monitoring data.



• Mines Division

The Mining Division is the regulatory arm of the Mineral Resources Department and regulates the mineral sector, including hydrocarbon and geothermal resources.

Tenement Unit



quality and quantity of mineral resources in site. Details on page 35 of the annual report.

- Inspectorate Unit
 - Mining eight (8) inspection was conducted for the financial year. VGML 3; Wainivesi 1; Nawaileevu 3; Naibulu East – 1.

• Explosives – License to Store and Deal (148).

Challenges & Way Forward

Challenges	Way Forward
Lack of skilled/qualified personnel	Attract specialized technical staffs through remuneration upgrade to
specialized in tenement administration.	equate private companies.
Out of date policies.	Relevant Senior Managers and Policy Team to work towards reviewing policies. Introduce penalties for breaches on tenure conditions. Strengthen networking with stakeholders - Issues to be raised during Council meeting.

• Geoscience Support Service Division

The unit plays an important role in providing Information technology and GIS support services in the department. It ensures proper management of geoscience information both in analog and digital format.

Achievements

Migration To Govnet

The migration to govnet domain was completed during the second quarter whereby all machines were connected to the govnet domain and the migration of email account from zimbra webmail to Microsoft exchange. One of the advantages of migrating to govnet was to reduce the monthly rental charges paid to the Internet Service Provider [ISP]. With the changes made the department was able to save \$14,328 annually. As part of the migration to GOVNET, new equipment was purchased amounting to \$51,923.74.

• Database Development

Two databases were developed, TENEMENT and MRDEMPSTAT database to capture the department's employee detail information.

• Cartographic/GIS Services

The unit oversees the maintenance of spatial database of Mining Tenements on quarterly basis and ensures that SPL boundaries were accurately drawn to demarcate area applied for by the customer. The preparation of thematic map based on request by internal and external customers. Full details on page 38 of the annual report.



Challenges & Way Forward

Challenges	Way Forward
Management of data and storage.	Upgrading of IT infrastructure.
	Purchase of proper data storage to host all datasets.

• Executive Support

• Policy, Planning, Research & Monitoring

The division provides executive support to the Minister, Permanent Secretary and the Deputy Secretary through the provision of Policy Research, Planning, Media Liaison and Customer Advocacy.

> <u>Achievements</u>

Stated on pages 40 & 41 of the annual report.

Challenges & Way Forward

Challenges	Way Forward
Limited resources in terms of human and finances.	 Unit/staffs realignment leading to the establishment of the complaints & media unit. Engagement of Project Officers to work under the 2 Projects: Harmonization and Rental Arrears collection
Lack of succession planning.	 Attend workshops on 'Mentoring' and 'Coaching'. Encourage weekly meetings and informal discussions. Strengthening of team bonding activities.
Absence of proper work-related capacity building e.g. policy development, Cabinet papers, quality assurance, media and customer service.	 Make recommendations and ensure staffs attend relevant workshops and training.
Projects – Irregularities in land information data and various unresolved land-related issue.	 Field reports with recommendations are submitted to divisional land managers for their further action. Enhance and work with Geospatial Information Management to correct and update the land information data.



		 Monitor deployment report through liaising with lands administration division (HQ & divisional offices). 		
	 Corporate Services Division The Corporate Services Division is an internal support service, managing resources for the achievement of the Department's strategies, ensuring compliance with a number of governance obligations and improving corporate policies, procedures and outcomes. The Corporate Services Division is divided into two divisions: Human Resource Management/Development and Administration and the Financial Services. <u>Achievements</u> Human Resource Management & Administration Undertaking of the Ministry Restructure Establishment of a Post Processing Unit Internal Review of MQR for all advertised posts <u>Finance Section</u> In 2015 the Finance Section was tasked with management of a budget of 32,994,412. <u>Challenges & Way Forward</u> 			
	Challenges	Way Forward		
	Advertisement and appointment of vacant posts which was put on hold due to	Establishing of a Post Processing Unit to progress selection and recruitment to vacant posts.		
	restructure.			
	restructure. Appointment of scarce skill professions namely, registered surveyors, registered Valuers, mining engineers and geologists.	Review HODs JD and IWP to be held responsible for ensuring up skilling of staffs in the scarce skilled areas. And implementing a work attachment program for officers to undergo work attachment with private companies to pursue registrations in survey and valuation.		
	Appointment of scarce skill professions namely, registered surveyors, registered	skilling of staffs in the scarce skilled areas. And implementing a work attachment program for officers to undergo work attachment with		
Financial Position	Appointment of scarce skill professions namely, registered surveyors, registered Valuers, mining engineers and geologists. Ensuring that restructure principles are	skilling of staffs in the scarce skilled areas. And implementing a work attachment program for officers to undergo work attachment with private companies to pursue registrations in survey and valuation. Putting in place an implementation plan to monitor restructure plans		



	Total Operating Expenditure	16,895,440	16,576,727
	Total Capital Expenditure	6,654,388	5,907,214
	Total Expenditure	25,353,544	24,327,302
	Total Receipts	5,804,323	4,943,714
	Total Payments	4,406,671	2,680,821
	Net Surplus	1,397,652	2,262,893
	Write Off	(32,050)	-
	Balance as at 1 January	8,197,159	5,830,869
	Closing Balance as at 31 December 2015	9,562,761	8,197,159
	 The Auditor has audited the special purpose financial statements which have been prepared under the cash basis or accounting and Notes 1 to 5 thereon of the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources for the year ended 31 December 2015. The financial statements comprise the following: (i) Statement of Receipts and Expenditures; (ii) Appropriation Statement; (iii) Statement of Losses; and (iv) Trust Account Statement of Receipts and Payments. 		
	 Audit Opinion In Auditor's opinion: a) the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 2, the financial performance of the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources for the year ended 31 December 2015. b) the financial statement give the information required by the Financial Management Act 2004 in the manner s required. 		
Gender Analysis	No information on gender provided in the annual r	eport.	



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