



# PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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## ORDER PAPER

Friday, 31 March 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

1. Prayer
2. Confirmation of Minutes. The Leader of the Government in Parliament to move –  
  
*“That the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Thursday, 30 March 2023, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.”*
3. Communications from the Chair
4. Questions (*see Schedule 1*)
5. End of Week Statements (*see Schedule 2*)
6. Adjournment

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## SCHEDULE 1 — QUESTIONS

### Oral Questions

- 30/2023 Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva to ask the Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament on how and when will the Government address the deteriorating road condition experienced around the country in place such as Natewa West Roads, Natewa East Roads, Buca Bay and Natewa / Tunuloa Road, Nabalebale to Kubulau Road, Naikawaga Road, the Hibiscus Highway from Labasa to Savusavu and the Nadi to Lautoka highway.
- 31/2023 Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the Business Performance of Fiji Airways Limited post COVID.
- 32/2023 Hon. Jone Usamate to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament how is Government funding the new ministries for which there was no specific budget allocation.
- 33/2023 Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister update Parliament on the bus fare subsidy scheme.
- 34/2023 Hon. Vijay Nath to ask the Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament which responsibilities will be shifted from the FRA to PWD and how this will be financed.
- 35/2023 Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu to ask the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development, and Disaster Management – Can the Minister update Parliament on Government’s intention to revamp the Rural Housing Assistance Programme.
- 36/2023 Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice – Can the Minister inform Parliament whether the Government is still committed to the Yellow Ribbon Programme.
- 37/2023 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua to ask the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration – Can the Minister inform Parliament of the current Border Management Information System (BMIS).

## Written Questions

- 38/2023 Hon. Sashi Kiran to ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Rates are an important source of revenue for Municipal Councils, however over the past years the collections by Councils have been in dire arrears, as reported by the previous Auditor-General’s reports – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following –
- (a) The arrears of annual situation for each Municipal Council spanning the period January 2007 to 23 December 2022; and
  - (b) Current strategies being put in place by the Ministry to improve rates collections, and when the Ministry anticipates seeing some turnaround.
- 39/2023 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua to ask the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration – Can the Minister inform Parliament of the following –
- (a) How many applications were received by former Fiji citizens to obtain Fiji Passports pursuant to section 5 of the 2013 Constitution from the period January 2007 to December 2022;
  - (b) How many Fiji Passport applications have been processed and issued to former Fiji citizens who made such an application under section 5 of the 2013 Constitution;
  - (c) Can the Ministry list the graduation of fees for the issuance of Fiji Passport to former Fiji citizens as per the prescriptions of section 5 of the 2013 Constitution, from the period January 2007 to December 2022;
  - (d) What is the approximate time taken to process an application by a former Fiji citizen in order to obtain a Fiji Passport as provided for by section 5 of the 2013 Constitution; and
  - (e) How many Fiji citizens living in Fiji with a Fiji Passport also possess a second Passport to another country.

## **SCHEDULE 2 — END OF WEEK STATEMENTS**

1. Hon. Sashi Kiran – The Social Pension Scheme

This statement is targeted at elderly persons at the age of 65 years who have no source of income and are NOT recipients of the following schemes: FNPF pension/lump sum beneficiaries, Ex-Serviceman of After Care Funds, Government Pension Poverty Benefit Scheme (PBS).

2. Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu – Preparations for the Ratu Sukuna Day Celebration

This statement will discuss the preparations for the Ratu Sukuna Day celebrations.

3. Hon. Viliame Naupoto – Maintaining Institutional Integrity

This statement will highlight the importance of maintaining institutional integrity.

4. Hon. Jone Usamate – Infrastructure Development Growth

This statement will discuss the importance of infrastructure development growth.