

| 3RD TERM OF PARLIAMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS | |
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| 1 | 29-3-2023 | Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs | The 8th "Our Ocean Conference" held in Panama 2–3 March 2023 | | The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded |
| 2 | 29-3-2023 | Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation | Fiji Country Gender Assessment | This statement will elaborate on the Fiji Country Gender Assessment | The Hon. Mosese Bultavu subsequently responded |
| | 29-3-2023 | Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications | Digital Television Initiative (Walesi) | The statement will provide a comprehensive overview of the Digital Television Initiative, also known as Walesi. It will cover the establishment of Walesi PTE Ltd, the roadmap for the digital television rollout, the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting, and other projects undertaken by Walesi PTE Ltd The statement will also highlight the need for a detailed investigation to be carried out on Walesi given the significant investments that have been made by the Fiji Government | Withdrawn by Hon. Manoa Kamikamica |
| 3 | 30-3-2023 | Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics | Ministry of Finance Economic Management | | The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded |
| 4 | 30-3-2023 | Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education | Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF) | This statement will explicate Fiji's engagement with the regional education initiative called the Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF) and highlight the outcomes and Ministerial statement of commitment from the 2023 Inaugural Conference of Pacific Education Ministers | The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded |
| 5 | 30-3-2023 | Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways | Current Status for the Green Ginger Market in Fiji | | The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded |
| 6 | 3-4-2023 | Hon. Siromi Turaga Attorney-General and Minister for Justice | Legislative programme for the 2022-2023 Session of Parliament | The statement articulates the legislative programme for the 2022-2023 session of Parliament that will be implemented by the coalition Government. In it, particular focus will be placed on the Government's commitment to initiate extensive consultations with relevant segments of the Fijian population as it embarks on its pledge to review and repeal laws widely held to suppress basic freedoms, in the interests of public consensus and national development | The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded |
| 7 | 3-4-2023 | Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport | Water and the Way Forward | This statement will examine the current water situation and the way forward | The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded |
| 8 | 3-4-2023 | Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry | Strategic Framework for Sandalwood Research and Development | This statement will inform Parliament of the Strategic Framework for Sandalwood Research | The Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded |
| 9 | 3-4-2023 | Hon. Agni Singh Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations | Ministerial visit to Australia – PALMS programme | The primary objective of the Ministerial visit to Australia by the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations was to re-affirm Fiji's commitment under the "Vuvale Partnership Agreement" relating to Labour Mobility and to – (i) to meet Fiji's bilateral partners in Australia and strengthen the relationship between the two countries for a win-win situation under the Pacific Labour Mobility Program(PALM) (ii) support pastoral care for Fijian workers by visiting and hearing directly from them on the ground; (iii) meet with employers and workers union on issues related to our workers and ensure better terms and conditions are provided to our workers. (iv) explore areas of potential growth in labour markets for Fijian workers; (v) through the Vuvale Partnership Program, Government will work closely with the Australian Government to improve opportunities for labour mobility. (vi) the delegations were able to have two bilateral meetings between the Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Hon. Pat Conroy and also the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon. Tony Burke. (vii) Fijian delegation was also able to visit a number of Approved Employers' workplaces under the aged-care sector and the Meat Industry to meet with Fijian workers. The delegations also had to opportunity to update the President of Australian Council of Trade Union (ACTU) and its affiliates union on the progress of the collation government and the action taken for labour law review, restoration of trade union rights, right to strike and collective bargaining and the establishment of a tripartite Employment Relations Advisory Board in line with ILO Convention 144 | The Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded |

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| 10 | 4-4-2023 | Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics | Statement on the Gimit day holiday and how the occasion will be commemorated. | The Government has approved the Gimit Day celebrations to be held on 15 May 2023 including establishment of a National Committee to be headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics. As part of the Gimit Day celebrations, a 2-day Gimit Conference will be held on 12 and 13 May 2023 with major national celebrations on 15 May | The Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded |
| 11 | 4-4-2023 | Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation | Outcomes of the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCS) | The Statement will highlight the Outcomes of the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) that was held in Doha Qatar | The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded |
| 12 | 4-4-2023 | Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation | Commission on the Status of Women | The Minister will update Parliament on the Commission on the Status of Women held in March this year | The Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded |
| 13 | 4-4-2023 | Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services | 100 days achievements | This statement will highlight the Ministry's achievement during the first 100 days | The Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded |
| 14 | 5-4-2023 | Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics | Statement on the 2023 National Economic Summit and update | The Government has approved the 2023 National Economic Summit (NES) be held on 20 and 21 April 2023 after a period of almost a decade. The theme for the 2023 NES is 'Reshaping our Future through Genuine Dialogue and Collaboration'. The aim of the Summit is to bring our people together and create a collective national vision, with adequate sector policies and an implementation framework for the Government's plan to chart a path towards economic success | The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded |
| 15 | 5-4-2023 | Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation | Tourism Sector Performance | Pre-COVID – the Tourism Industry contributed close to one third of Fiji's Gross Domestic Product. Having opened international borders in December 2021, the statement will focus on the current performance of the Fiji Tourism industry | The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded |
| 16 | 5-4-2023 | Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications | Digital Television Initiative (WALESI) | The statement will provide an update on the status of the National Digital network Walesi Pte Limited and the plans of the Ministry | The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded |
| 17 | 5-4-2023 | Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development, and Disaster Management | Progressive and inclusive Rural Development | The statement will focus on the state of the Ministry, its key achievements to-date, and future plans, for easier access of members of the public to the Ministry's services and development assistance programmes through digitisation, and collaboration with key Government agencies' planning and resource mobilisation | The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded |