



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 5 April 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 Tuesday, 4 April 2023, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.”
3. Communications from the Chair
4. Presentation of reports of committees
5. Ministerial Statements
6. Consideration of Bills
7. Motions for which notice has been given (*see Schedule 1*)
8. Questions (*see Schedule 2*)

SCHEDULE 1 — MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications the Hon. Manoa Kamikamica to move that Parliament –

“(a) supports the Forum Leaders desire to secure our Pacific Oceans future and condemns any action that will threaten it; and

(b) calls on our partner Governments, including international agencies to ensure the protection of our oceans and its resources.”

2. Hon. Esrom Immanuel to move –

“That Parliament debates the ‘Review of the Auditor-General’s Report on COVID–19 Compliance Audits – Management of Unemployment Benefits, Management of Concessional Loan Package to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)’ which was tabled on 1 September 2022.”
(*Parliamentary Paper No. 85 of 2022*)

SCHEDULE 2 — QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 65/2023 Hon. Aliko Bia to ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government — Can the Minister inform Parliament on how Government is dealing with the formalisation of the 47 informal settlements that the previous Government had begun processing.
- 66/2023 Hon. Alitia Bainivalu 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 one-off \$200 per child back to school support payment to all students from early childhood education (ECE) to Year 12.
- 67/2023 Hon. Alipate Tuicolo to ask the Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts – Can the Minister inform Parliament whether Government will continue with the equal distribution of lease money that was implemented by the previous Government.

- 68/2023 Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Waterways – Can the Minister update Parliament on the 16th Session of the Codex Committee North America and South West Pacific (CCNASWP) which met from 30 January to 3 February 2023.
- 69/2023 Hon. Sanjay Kirpal to ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs – Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament on what guideline was used in the recent appointments of Chairs of respective Government Statutory Boards.
- 70/2023 Hon. Jovesa Vocea to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the Ministry's plans to incentivise rural communities and use mediums such as Cooperatives for encouraging entrepreneurship.
- 71/2023 Hon. Faiyaz Koya to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister confirm as to how many new planes Fiji Airways is planning to buy over the immediate future and what are the plans with regards to new routes.
- 72/2023 Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the Code of Conduct for Tourism Providers.

Written Questions

- 73/2023 Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament on the name, fees, claims and entitlements for Board Directors of FRCS for the period 2014 to 23 December 2022.
- 74/2023 Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu to ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs – Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament of the following –

- (a) How long was the firm Vatis Communications managing the social media platforms of various ministries' through the Department of Information;
- (b) What was the duration of every contract between the Department of Information and Vatis Communications;
- (c) What was the monetary value of every contract between the Department of Information and Vatis Communications;
- (d) Was the company Vatis Communications awarded the contract and formed before or after the publication of the first tender advertisement or expression of interest published (but not before the Tender or Expression of Interest officially closed);
- (e) Whether or not the company complied with the Expression of Interest or Tender provision of being "highly experienced and motivated;
- (f) Whether or not the two main personnel of Vatis Communications were closely connected to a political party and in charge of the party's social media platforms; and
- (g) The total amount of public funds paid to Vatis Communications by the Department of Information until the termination of their contract earlier this year.

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Hon. Jone Usamate to ask the Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on the list of all the projects under the various components of Water Authority of Fiji (WAF) Capital and Maintenance budget below to include –

- (a) the budget for each project;
- (b) the amount committed and sent as per the end of Quarter 2 for the Financial Year 2022/2023;
- (c) percentage completion of the work undertaken; and
- (d) reasons for any delays and how WAF will be addressing problem areas to the following –
 - (i) Water sources and water treatment plant;
 - (ii) Water distribution;
 - (iii) Integrated water meter management;
 - (iv) Non-revenue water;
 - (v) Water catchment management process;
 - (vi) Wastewater treatment;
 - (vii) Improvement and upgrade of wastewater distribution system;
 - (viii) Rural water supply systems;

- (ix) Relocation of existing wastewater and water pipeline;
- (x) Electrical Upgrading works; and
- (xi) ICT Infrastructure upgrades.

76/2023 Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation – The Government funds the National Domestic Violence Helpline run by the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre. Can the Minister update Parliament on the monthly statistics from 2019 till March 2023 on the nature of violence against women.

77/2023 Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask the Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on the list of projects that were completed under the rural electrification programme since its inception until to date and the breakdown through divisions and the cost of individual projects.