

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AND TRANSPORT

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Written Question 49/2023

Hon Jone Usamate to ask the Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport - can the minister please provide list of individual projects under each of the following categories of Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) Expenditure, their budgeted amount, the forecasted amount committed or spent, and reasons for any underspending as per the end of Quarter 3 Financial Year 2022-2023 -

We will be overspending in total because MoE did not allocate adequate funding for maintenance and there is no funding allocation for emergency works. So, to reduce overspend some projects are being slowed down. From some projects MoF has done redeployment and virement to maintenance

No unsealed road rehabilitation was budgeted for because in our opinion it does not give good return so on routine maintenance for unsealed roads in addition to new unsealed roads which is rural roads.

All rehabilitation work on unsealed roads will end up as an upgrade to seal projects

The reason for any underspending is the force delay in job execution to reduce overspending.