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62/2023 Can the Minister inform Parliament on a complete list of all grid extension projects that Government has paid to the EFL to complete from 2017 onwards-

- (a) the percentage of completion of each project;
- (b) reasons for any delays; and
- (c) how these delays are being addressed.

(a) Percentage of completion of each project

As of March 2023, there are thirty six (36) pending paid projects to be completed from 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2021/2022 [2,046 households]. The breakdown are as follows;

Year	Northern (Pending projects)	Central (Pending projects)	Western (Pending projects)	Total Pending projects
2017/2018	1 (construction in Progress – >50%) Project Name – Mali and Vorovoro	0 (All completed)	3 2 projects construction nearing completion. Construction >50%. Project names: (Nukulau Village, Yawe village, Vunivesi Village and Korolevu village, Keyasi, Sigatoka, Stage 3). Loqi, Drasa and Lelemomo Settlements, Nadi 1 project not yet started because Fiji Pine is currently doing harvesting. (project Name: Rara Village, Ba)	4 (415, households)
2018/2019	3 (2 nearing completion >50%).	1 project yet to start	6 (5 projects nearing completion – construction > 50%).	10 (1,063 households)

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	<p>Project name: Electricity Supply at Naikilikoso, Wainikoro, Labasa.</p> <p>Weilagi to Naselesele Village, Taveuni, Stage 1 (Nailoiloi, Sisila, Mua, Taveuni Research & Development Centre) NA12-13 RA01-18B</p> <p>Project yet to Start - 1 Weilagi to Naselesele Village, Taveuni, Stage 2 (Matei, Naselesele)</p>	<p>(Nabuli Village, Rewa)</p>	<p>Project Name : Navilawa Village, Sabeto, Nadi. Navatusila District, Navosa, Sigatoka, Stage 1, 2, 3 and 4).</p> <p>1 Project not yet started. Supply to Nalawa District, Nasau, Rakiraki Stage 2 (Nasau Village, Nasau Health Centre, Nasau Primary School, Nasau Secondary School, Ovalau, Nubumakita and Nukulau)</p>	
2021/2022	<p>4 (yet to start) – refer Project Matrix</p>	<p>2 Projects (1 projects nearing completion - > 90%. Project name - Waidravia Settlement, Tovata, Naitasiri).</p> <p>(1 project – not yet started) Project name -</p>	<p>16 (yet to start) Project name refer the project Matrix.</p>	<p>22 (568 households)</p>



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Please refer to Project Matrix for detail information.

(b) reason for any delays; and

- Revised tender price from contractors (material and transportation)
- Unavailability of construction materials like transformers and poles.
- Lack of competent electrical contractors.
- Delays in receiving project material and equipment due to global supply chain issues.
- Bad weather
- Land Issues and claim for compensation
- Poor road condition like FSC roads, tropic roads, culvert and poor condition of rural bridges.
- Wayleaves clearance from Tropic woods and Mataqali land.

(c) How these delays are being addressed

- Bulk of Materials are purchased in stock by EFL to mitigate shortage in future.
- Bulk of the work are schedule in dry weather to speed up implementation.
- EFL is doing self-construction to mitigate shortage of contractors and implement projects where contractor face difficulties to construct.
- Continue recruitment and training of required skilled personnel to fill in existing gaps and those resulting from increased labour mobility out of Fiji.
- EFL in the process of seeking alternative suppliers of material/equipment.
- Negotiate with stakeholders like harvesting of matured pine trees to reduce compensation.
- Electrification policy have been reviewed on the land compensation. No compensation is paid to land owners if they are directly benefit of the project.

Thank you.

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