



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

ORDER PAPER

Monday, 11 September 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

1. Prayer
2. Administration of oath or affirmation
3. Confirmation of Minutes. The Leader of the Government in Parliament to move –

“That the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Friday, 14 July 2023, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.”
4. Communications from the Chair
5. Presentation of papers and certain documents (*see Schedule 1*)
6. Presentation of reports of committees
7. Ministerial Statements
8. Questions (*see Schedule 2*)
9. Consideration of Bills
10. Motions for which notice has been given (*see Schedule 3*)

SCHEDULE 1 — PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND CERTAIN DOCUMENTS

1. Fiji Meat Industry Board Annual Report 2019 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 39 of 2023*)
2. Fiji Meat Industry Board Annual Report 2020 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 40 of 2023*)
3. The Electoral Commission Annual Report 2022 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 100 of 2023*)
4. Accident Compensation Commission Fiji Annual Report 2020 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 31 of 2023*)
5. Accident Compensation Commission Fiji Annual Report 2021 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 74 of 2023*)
6. Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources Annual Report 2020–2021 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 90 of 2023*)
7. Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts Annual Report 2018–2019 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 62 of 2023*)
8. Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts Annual Report 2019–2020 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 63 of 2023*)
9. Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts Annual Report 2020–2021 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 64 of 2023*)
10. Water Authority of Fiji Annual Report January to July 2018 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 28 of 2022*)
11. Water Authority of Fiji Annual Report 2018–2019 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 75 of 2022*)

SCHEDULE 2 — QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 89/2023 Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu to ask the Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts – Can the Minister inform Parliament if there are plans by the Ministry to resolve the ongoing provincial boundary disputes between the two provinces of Ba and Ra.
- 90/2023 Hon. Jovesa Vocea 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 update Parliament on the current arrangement on housing eligibility for Civil Servants.
- 91/2023 Hon. Sachida Nand 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 request made by him during the Forum Economic Ministers Meeting on the proposed visa-free travel for Fijians to New Zealand and Australia.
- 92/2023 Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Ministry’s work plan on the extension of sealing works on roads in Vanua Levu, Ovalau, Taveuni and Kadavu.
- 93/2023 Hon. Faiyaz Koya to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation – Due to the recent increase in the Departure Tax and VAT on tourism related products and services, can the Deputy Prime Minister explain how the Government plans to alleviate the potential burden on local communities and businesses.
- 94/2023 Hon. Sashi Kiran to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament on Government’s plans to ensure the supply, harvest and use of clean water in rural and remote areas where regular piped water supply is not available.
- 95/2023 Hon. Viam Pillay to ask the Minister for Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry – With the recent increase in VAT and other taxes that has raised concerns among sugarcane farmers who are already facing numerous challenges, can the Minister inform Parliament if

an assessment has been conducted to gauge the potential negative impact of these tax hikes on sugarcane farmers.

96/22023 Hon. Esrom Immanuel to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the plans to include specialised religious education teachers in its remuneration and recognition programmes, considering the important role they play in promoting religious and moral education in our school.

Written Questions

97/2023 Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure 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 update Parliament on the number of Civil Servants that are currently on study leave overseas –

- (a) how many are on study leave with pay and how many are on study leave without pay; and
- (b) how many have had their contracts terminated whilst on study leave between 2014 to 2022.

98/2023 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua to ask the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the grant of state land lease for the period 2014 to 2022 for the following–

- (a) the number of applicants being issued Notice of Approval of Lease;
- (b) the number of proper leases issued upon these Notice of Approval of Lease;
- (c) the cause of delay in processing proper leases pending Notice of Approval of Lease;
- (d) what are being taken to accelerate this process for the purpose of ease of doing business and in boosting our resource based sectors; and
- (e) the number of leases being declined (if any) upon the issuance of Notice of Approval of Lease and the reasons for the same.

- 99/2023 Hon. Hem Chand to ask the Minister for Education – As a result of the shortage of qualified teachers in the Early Childhood Education, Primary Schools and Special Needs Schools, can the Minister provide the following information to Parliament –
- (a) total roll of schools for the current year;
 - (b) provide statistics on the number of teachers required per school;
 - (c) number of teachers that resigned; and
 - (d) number of vacancies for Early Childhood Education, Primary Schools and Special Needs Schools.
- 100/2023 Hon. Alipate Tuicolo to ask the Minister for Youth and Sports – With the establishment of the Fiji National Sports Commission Act 2013, can the Minister provide the following –
- (a) how many Communities Sports Associations have been registered with the Fiji National Sports Commission to date;
 - (b) how many Communities Sports Associations are currently active or non-active to date in the Rural, Maritime, Urban and Peri-urban areas;
 - (c) will the Fiji National Sports Commission be introducing any new sports to these communities and will these sports continue to promote equality and inclusivity regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religious backgrounds, and physical abilities; and
 - (d) do the community sports outreach programmes cover all four Divisions.
- 101/2023 Hon. Jone Usamate to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister provide the following –
- (a) a detailed breakdown of the list of projects and programmes that will be implemented to utilise the budget of Water Authority of Fiji for 2023 to 2024; and
 - (b) the targeted cost of each programme and project, together with planned completion dates.

SCHEDULE 3 — MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

1. Hon. Lynda Tabuya to move that in addition to the resolution of Parliament on Wednesday, 12 July 2023, Parliament approves that the Emoluments Committee –
 - (a) reviews the salaries, allowances and benefits of the Members of Parliament, President and Speaker as provided for under the Parliamentary Remunerations Act 2014;
 - (b) reviews the Parliamentary Retirement Allowances Act 1989; and
 - (c) must report back to Parliament at a later sitting.

2. Hon. Lynda Tabuya to move –
 - (a) “That Parliament adopts the following amendment to Part B of the Schedule to the Parliamentary Remunerations Act 2014, for the following positions –
 - (i) Prime Minister
“11. Parliamentary duty allowance – \$10,000 per annum (Not taxable).”
 - (ii) Cabinet Ministers
“9. Parliamentary duty allowance – \$10,000 per annum (Not taxable).”
 - (iii) Assistant Ministers
“9. Parliamentary duty allowance – \$10,000 per annum (Not taxable).”
 - (iv) Leader of the Opposition
“9. Parliamentary duty allowance – \$10,000 per annum (Not taxable).”
 - (v) Members of Parliament (including Deputy Speaker, Government/Opposition Whip and Leader of the Government in Parliament and excluding the Prime Minister, Ministers, Speaker and the Leader of Opposition)
“7. Parliamentary duty allowance – \$10,000 per annum (Not taxable).”
 - (b) That the amendments to Part B of the Schedule to the Parliamentary

Remunerations Act 2014 be adopted as an amendment to the Determination pursuant to section 3 of the Parliamentary Remunerations Act 2014; and

- (c) That this amendment to the Determination to take effect from 1 August 2023 and expire on 31 December 2026.”

3. Hon. Inia Seruiratu to move –

“That Parliament calls on the Prime Minister to reconsider the support for the dumping of nuclear wastewater into the Pacific Ocean by Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan.”

4. Hon. Viliame Naupoto to move –

“That Parliament debates the ‘Review of the Fiji Police Force Annual Report August 2018 – July 2019’ which was tabled on 27 March 2023.”
(Parliamentary Paper No. 64 of 2022)

5. Hon. Alitia Bainivalu to move –

“That Parliament debates the ‘Review of the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji 2020 Annual Report’ which was tabled on 29 March 2023.”
(Parliamentary Paper No. 24 of 2023)