APPENDICES

Appendix I Written Response by the Ministry of Youth and Sports

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION RESPONSE

28 September, 2022

QUESTION

1. How does the ministry conduct training of coaches in rural communities?

RESPONSE

The Ministry of Youth and Sports Statutory body Fiji National Sports Commission conducts coach accreditation in rural communities through its **Train the Trainer program.**

The Train the Trainer Program is a five day sports accreditation program conducted in rural communities by National Sporting Organisations for coaches, referees, umpires and administrators. Additional OSEP Programs including Sports in Community Administrators (SiC) Course and Community Coach and Official (CC&O) Course are programs aimed at developing basic sports administration and coaching skills. The program presents coaching, officiating and administration pathways for participants who wish to take up coaching refereeing or sports administration to a higher level in a sport they are interested in. of their choice.

The program practicing coaches, administrators and technical officials, as well as those aspiring to coach referee or administer in sport.

The skill sets of the program include;

- 1. Accredit community leaders through NSO coaching and refereeing accreditations
- 2. Set participants up on coaching, officiating or administration pathways
- 3. Develop skills relating to establishing and managing community multi-sports clubs
- 4. Develop events organization skills
- 5. Design club structures, constitutions and codes of ethics for club stakeholders The program content includes; Sports Specific Coaching Topics, Sport Specific Refereeing and Umpiring Topics, Sports Physiotherapy, Diet and Nutrition, Non-Communicable Diseases Awareness and Prevention, Fitness Leaders – Aerobics Instructions and movement mechanics. In addition, two programs from OSEP(Oceania Sports Education Programs) SiC (Sports In Community Administration Course) and CC&O(Community Coaching and Officiating Course)are added to enhance the skills of participants accredited in the program

The Train the Trainer program involves the identification and training of practicing or potential coaches without a formal accreditation to attain a community level sport specific accreditation and place them into their respective sports coaching pathways.

Following this initial training, the Fiji National Sports Commission works closely with the sports federation to track the progress of performing coaching to the higher levels of their sports specific coaching pathways.

2. Provide a list of all grounds developed by the Ministry in 2019-2020, who is responsible for their maintenance and names of grounds pending development and detail of works done to them up until present time.

Response – no ground was developed in the year 2019 and 2020.

Hard Court Development 2019 - 2020

Ground	Location	Responsible for Maintenance
Volleyball Court	JP Maharaj Street, Nakasi, Nausori	Nausori Town Council
	Malawai, Nadi	Malawai Community Youth.

Pending Development

Ground	Location	Detail of Work
Rugby Sports Ground	Navutulevu Village, Serua	- The five sports ground
	Sawanikula Village	had already visited by
	Wainimala, Naitasiri	the HLK consultant
	Lomolomo Primary School,	and the company had
	Nadi	also conducted
	Liwativale Primary School,	consultancy works for
	Nawairuku, Ra	the five ground.
	Wainimakutu Secondary	- Pending development.
	School, Namosi	
	Wainiyavu Primary School,	- This five still pending
	Wainiyavu, Namosi	site visitation and
	Vatoa Village, Bau Tailevu	consultation work.
	Waqavuka Rugby Club,	- Pending Development
	Vatukalo Village, Ovalau	
	Balevuto Village, Ba	
	Solevu Secondary School,	
	Solevu, Bua.	

3. Page 14 of Annual Report (Specific Skills Training)-Apart from the courses offered in different Youth Training Centres, are there plans for the Ministry to diversify courses offered in line with the current market demand as noted that the Ministry conducted training need analysis to community targeting skills sets that offer sustainable livelihood opportunities for youth?

In early 2022, the Ministry of Youth and Sports signed a Grant Agreement worth One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty Five US Dollars (US\$115, 125) with the Embassy of Japan.

This funding is being used to provide an additional learning space to the current facility at the Nasau Youth Training Centre for the new program on 'Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation-Certificate 1 in Resilience'. Nasau is also looking into introduction of TVET Skilled programmes such as plumbing, Tile laying, Basic electrical house wiring etc. This will commence as part of the new strategic plan beginning year 2023. Also to note that the Ministry has commenced with the certificate of Attainment for any short courses offered at YTC's.

Furthermore, Youth Training Centres in Naleba and Naqere based in the Northern Division have introduced courses in SRHR and Sports .In partnership with the Ministry of Fisheries and Ministry of Agriculture, currently working towards introducing courses in Fish Farming and Prawn Farming.

Valelevu Youth Training centre based in the Central Division, looking towards to the introduction of courses in Automotive, Screen-Printing and Hairdressing.

Divisional Managers have been encouraged to continue innovating ways and explore opportunities with stakeholders to diversify the courses offered at the current facilities.

4. Page 15 of Annual Report (Mobile Skills Training) – On training conducted targeting rural communities, inform us on the accreditation of the training programmes.

5. Provide us with data on the total number of youth enrolled in different YTC's and those who have completed their prescribed courses. For those youth who did not complete their courses, what is the Ministry doing to ensure course completion. What are the reasons for students dropping out of their programmes?

Batch 2019 - 2022

Youth Centre	Batch Year	No of Trainees (Intake)	After COVID19	Graduated/Pass out
Valelevu	2019 / 2022	61	-	42
Naleba	2019 / 2022	35		15
Naqere	2019 / 2022	28		22
Nasau	2019 / 2022	95		51

Reasons for Dropout at YTC Centers

- Financial constraints.
- Peer pressure.
- Lack of intrinsic motivation
- Home Sick.
- Disciplinary issues.

MOBILE SKILLS TRAINING			
Program	Institutional Offering Program	Accredited	Remarks
Beauty and Massage Therapy	SPA Academy Fiji	Yes	Training is offered by Spa Academy Fiji, mostly for mobile skills training in the Western Division.
Hair Dressing /Barber Therapy	Fiji National University	Yes	Training is offered by the Fiji National University, mostly for mobile skills training in the Western Division.
House Keeping/ Food and Beverages Training	Fiji National University	Yes	Training is offered by the Fiji National University.
Boat Masters and Class 6 License	Maritime Authority of Fiji	Yes	Stakeholder, Maritime Authority of Fiji offers training for this programme for youths in all Divisions.
Small Engine Repairs	Technical College under FNU	Yes	Stakeholder, Technical College under FNU offers training for this program for youths in all Divisions
Screen Printing and Signage	Ministry of Women, Poverty and Alleviation	No	The training is usually conducted by of women who underwent training by the Ministry of Women, Poverty and Alleviation. These graduating women are then appointed by MWPA to conduct mobile skills training for our Youth. To validate and check with Ministry
Sewing	Ministry of Women, Poverty and Alleviation	No	The Ministry through its collaboration with Ministry of Women, Poverty and Alleviation would request their trainer to conduct trainings for our youth based on this programme. To validate and check with Ministry
Forklift Operator	N/A	N/A	Was not Implemented
Basic Care Giving	Fiji National University	Yes	The training is conducted by FNU for youth in all Divisions
Basics Computer Skills Way Forward	Fiji National University /NZPTC	Yes	The training is conducted by FNU/NZPTC for youth in all Divisions

Way Forward

The Ministry is working on the following measures;

- The Ministry has included parent's day at YTCs in its operational plan to promote the program and strengthen the parental support.
- Having collaborative approach with the NGO to address peer pressure while providing guidance to youth and trainees and continuous monitoring from respective divisions is ongoing.
- Ministry will be having partnership approach with its stakeholder example MOU with ITAB for respective provisional councils to support with youth development.

- Ministry have also included programs such as leadership training by having guest speakers at YTCs to provide guidance and inspire youths to become successful through the programs offered.
- Ministry is also allowing for a second chance to the school drop out for course completion in future.

6. Page 22 of Annual Report (Review of Youth Training Centre Valelevu) – Based on the recommendation from the review to appoint a long term Manager to administer staff and provide leadership. Inform us on whether this position has been filled.

The appointment of Manager at the Youth Training Centre at Valelevu has been successfully filled to overall look at concerns and provide leadership directions for the Ministry.

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 July 2020

7. Page 39 of Annual Report – As stipulated in the table provided, we note that a total of \$1008.31 was recorded as a loss of money for the 2020 financial year. Inform us of what the Ministry is doing to address the loss of revenue in the three areas identified?

In addressing the loss of money, the Ministry has put in place controls to ensure loss is minimized.

- i. Loss incurred due to overpayment of salary Short Notice of Resignation;
 - New appointees go through an induction training during the recruitment process and whereby the resignation process is also communicated;
 - Officers are reminded of the PSC Code of Conduct and their ethical obligations during their employment and also stated in their Employment Contracts;
 - The payroll department is to be informed as soon as possible of the resignation so necessary actions can be taken to minimize loss of money;
 - Human Resource (HR) department will liaise with Officer concerning the amount to be recovered and the recovery approach to be taken.
- ii. Loss incurred due to overpayment of salary Error and Retirement from Service;
 - The payroll officer is to obtain confirmation and reconcile the birth dates of officers from Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF);
 - Human Resource (HR) department to be well informed of Officers retiring in the financial year and advise Finance department in advance.
- iii. Loss incurred due to rotten ration items (Potatoes) No proper storage facility.
 - Ordering process of food ration has been strengthened so as to ensure minimum wastage;

- Done on a requirement basis subject to the following:
 Perishability; ٠

 - \circ Lead time;
 - Secure storage.

Appendix II Verbatim Report on the Ministry of Youth and Sports

[VERBATIM REPORT]

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS

ANNUAL REPORTS

1. Ministry of Youth and Sports 2019-2020 Annual Report

<u>SUBMISSION</u>: (1) Ministry of Youth and Sports

VENUE: Small Committee Room (West Wing)

<u>DATE</u>: Tuesday, 4th October, 2022

MR. R. NAYACALEVU.- Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Question No. 1

How does the Ministry conduct training of coaches in rural communities?

As we have indicated in our response, Mr. Chairman, and I am sure that honourable Members have copies of that response, that the training of coaches in rural communities is a role that is designated to the Fiji National Sports Commission. They have seven programmes in total that deal with youth sports development programmes in the regions and these are:

- 1. Our Sports Outreach Programmes;
- 2. Train the Trainer Programme which is the specific programme that deals with the question that we are going to discuss this afternoon;
- 3. Educator Programme;
- 4. Kids in Community Sports Programme;
- 5. Inclusive Sports Programme;
- 6. Wellness Programme; and
- 7. Fitness Leaders Programme.

Mr. Chairman, very briefly, sports communities through the Train the Trainers Programme have indicated there, that it is a five days sports accreditation programme conducted in the rural communities by our National Sporting Organisation for coaches, referees, umpires and administrators. It is linked to the OSRP Programmes which includes Sports in Community Administrators Course and Community Coach and Official Course which are programmes aimed at developing basic sports administration and coaching skills.

The programme presents coaching, officiating and administration pathways for participants, who wish to take up coaching and refereeing or sports administration to a higher level in a sport that they are interested in of their choice. This is done with the respective NSOs so when we go out and do the programmes we have representatives from rugby, for instance, soccer, badminton and the whole lot of other sports that are termed as majority sports in Fiji and also minor sports.

In terms of the outlook and outreach programmes, it becomes a very comprehensive programme allowing us to certify administrator, coaches, referees and technical officials for the programmes that we run in the communities as per the question that is posed before us today.

Again, as I have said, it is a very intensive programme that the team at the Sports Commission and sometimes it is also accompanied by the Youth Development Team in our outreach process. Normally, we carry out this programme after we go into communities and conduct specific needs and take in the requests from the respective youth groups in the communities in terms of what they need to be run in their respective communities.

Question No. 2

Provide a list of all grounds developed by the Ministry in 2019-2020, who is responsible for their maintenance and names of grounds pending development and detail of works done to them up until present time?

Very briefly, Mr. Chairman, no ground was developed in the financial year 2019-2020. However, the Ministry had gone into a programme of building hard court facilities. In 2019-2020, we built a volleyball court facility at Nakasi and responsible entity for that in terms of the upkeep is the Nausori Town Council. We also did one at Malawai, Nadi, and the responsibility for that is through the Malawai Youth Community.

In terms of pending development, Sir, the rugby sports grounds, we note for your information, there is a need to continue to develop sporting facilities. There is a genuine lack of facilities and we know and understand that, but in terms of the work that was carried out in the financial year 2019-2020, we identified a couple of facilities which is at Navutulevu Village in Serua, Sawanikula Village in Wainimala, Naitasiri, Lomolomo Primary School in Nadi, Liwativale Primary School in Nawairuku, Ra and Wainimakutu Secondary School in Namosi.

In terms of progress, we have indicated that the five sports ground had already been visited by the HLK Consultant and the company had also conducted consultancy works for the five grounds. Now, it is the pending development. We will continue to seek Government's facilitation or funding to be able to take this work to the next stage.

The other five are Wainiyavu Primary School in Namosi, Vatoa Village in Bau, Tailevu, Waqavuka Rugby Club in Vatukalo in Ovalau, Balevuto Village in Ba and Solevu Secondary School in Bua. The status of these five facilities is still pending site visitation and consultation work and it is pending development.

Normally, when we go out into the communities and the needs are identified, the first step which is the consultation, allows us to determine ownership of land and the availability of land, and having to go through the process with the respective authorities before we put together a proposal for recommendation to Cabinet in terms of start a programme. That, Sir, very briefly is where we are.

Currently in 2022, we have noted over the last couple of years that there is a genuine need for sports ground development work to be done. That will continue to be the focus. We are continuing to work with respective agencies, MOIT, and the team at the Ministry of Economy, in terms of quantifying, making the final assessment and putting together the costs to be able to carry out these works.

Question No. 3

Page 14 of the Annual Report (Specific Skills Training), apart from the courses offered in different Youth Training Centres, are there plans for the Ministry to diversify courses offered in line with the current market demand as noted that the Ministry conducted training need analysis to community targeting skills sets that offer sustainable livelihood opportunities for youth?

In our response, Sir, we have indicated that in early 2022, we have done an MOU with the Japanese Embassy in terms of development works and renovation works to be carried out at Nasau, to allow us to increase the base of the programmes that we currently conduct at Nasau. This one is being used to provide an additional learning space to the current facility for a new programme on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Certificate I in Resilience.

Nasau is also looking into the introduction of TVET skills programmes such as plumbing, tile laying and basic electrical house wiring, and this will commence as part of the new strategic plan beginning at 2023. You will also note that the Ministry has commenced with a Certificate of Attainment in any short course offered at our Youth Training Centres (YTCs).

As we evaluate the programmes that are run at our YTCs, we see the need to be able to build a lot more into the current programmes that were running, especially at Nasau which was only looking at carpentry and farming - organic farming that we partner with Organisation for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) on.

In terms of carpentry, again, as indicated, we were trying to build a lot because you have to remember, Sir, that we are dealing with young people who dropped out of the normal educational sector. These are people that are part of youth programmes that we run and it is already a task to take them away from where they are and try to build skills to allow them to be able to build their own respective pathways after our one-year tenure at the respective YTCs.

Sir, further to that Naleba and Naqere based in the Northern Division have introduced courses in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and sports. In partnership with the Ministry of Fisheries and Ministry of Agriculture, we are currently working towards introducing courses in fish farming and prawn farming. This is in addition to what we currently do at their respective Centres, Sir.

At Valelevu Youth Training Centre which is the Centre for music, we are looking towards the introduction of courses in automotive, screen printing and hairdressing. Divisional Managers have continued to be encouraged to look at innovative ways and explore opportunities with stakeholders to diversify the current courses that we run at the facility.

Just saying out loud, Sir, we have been having discussions and we are probably looking at the facility. At the moment, it has tentative plans but there is a lot of linkages to what we are currently thinking of at the moment, to align that to the recovery process in terms of some courses that relate to tourism. It would be good that as we put together some of these thoughts, to put together a paper for submission that will look at reviving some of the skills around cultures and traditions to be facilitated at Valelevu and given that we are already running a youth music facility for our youth band, that it could be tailor-made to become a one-stop shop, that visitors into Suva are able to come directly into Valelevu after we do the work that we are currently planning, Sir.

Question No. 4

Page 15 of the Annual Report on Mobile Skills Training, the question is on training conducted targeting rural communities, inform us on the accreditation of the training programmes.

We have given you, Sir, a response that indicates the programmes that we run through the training centres and whether it is accredited or not, is basically identified in the list that we have provided to the Committee. I am more than happy, Sir, to be able to discuss a bit further at the end of this response.

Question No. 5

Provide us with data on the total number of youth enrolled in the different YTCs and those who have completed their prescribed courses. For those youth who did not complete their courses, what is the Ministry doing to ensure completion and what are the reasons for students dropping out of their programmes?

Very briefly, we have given you some numbers over that financial year, Sir, out of our training centres and you will see the number of those who commenced the programme and those who had

graduated. A lot of dropouts across the four facilities that we run and the reasons are there, Sir, especially in three of our Training Centres in Naleba, Naqere and Nasau offer accommodation and meals at no cost to all participants for a period of 12 months until they attain their certification. The only one that we do not provide accommodation at the moment is at Valelevu. But the issues continue to be the same, Sir, as we deal with young people who have been out of the school system for a while, sometimes boredom does come in because they are already farmers. For them it becomes probably unproductive time just sitting there and going through something that they already know, and peer pressure amongst so many other reasons that we have indicated.

As the way forward, we are already doing a couple of measures, I think, from where 2019-2020 was to where we are now. We are engaging a lot with young people to try and ensure that young people that we identify to be taken into the programme have a more than 90 percent opportunity to complete and graduate from the courses so that we are not at the stage that we were at in 2019-2020.

Question No. 6

On page 22 of Annual Report (Review of Youth Training Centre Valelevu) – Based on the recommendation from the review to appoint a long term Manager to administer staff and provide leadership, inform us on whether this position has been filled.

After a lengthy process, Sir, we are happy to indicate that, yes, we have filled that position and we are starting with some of the discussions that I had alluded to earlier in terms of some of the programmes that we are really looking at to include into Valelevu, apart from what we currently do at the Centre at the moment.

Question No. 7

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st July, 2020: Page 39 of Annual Report – As stipulated in the table provided, we note that a total of \$1,008.31 was recorded as a loss of money for the 2020 financial year. Inform us of what the Ministry is doing to address the loss of revenue in the three areas identified?

We have basically summarised what we have done, Sir, and I am happy to add that the Annual Reports for 2019 and 2020, even prior to that, and 2021, we have got an unqualified Audit Report, which means that basically our processes are in control and these issues that are identified have been rectified by the time this report gets tabled to Parliament. *Vinaka Vakalevu*, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN.- Thank you, PS, for the responses. I now give the opportunity to our honourable Members for their questions starting from honourable Dr. Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu.

HON. DR. RATU A.R. LALABALAVU.- Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir, and Mr. Nayacalevu and to the members of your Team for that brief presentation and the response to the queries from the Committee. I know this is one of the common questions that you get asked a lot with regards to grant. For the benefit of the Committee and also the viewers in terms of the process, if a group or community wants to be developed with hardcourt, how does one go about in reaching out to the Ministry probably with regards to the development of their hardcourt or ground?

MR. R. NAYACALEVU.- Thank you for that question, honourable Member. Basically, a request is formalised and sent to the Ministry. Normally, it is directed to the Office or sometimes, it gets directed to the honourable Minister but it normally comes through the channel that we use

operationally, which is through the offices that look after respective communities. The request comes through that and we review the request based on a couple of things, one is funding availability and secondly, the population of young people in that area.

We prioritise the establishment of hardcourts based importantly on whatever facilities that are already available in the respective areas. That is why if you see the hardcourt facilities that we are constructing, it is mostly around peri-rural urban areas because these are areas that actually have more access to any facilities at the moment.

We work together and collaborate with a lot of other Government authorities and stakeholders through the Fiji Police Force Community Policing Programmes and the Rural Development Teams in terms of identify and prioritising areas that we need to build sporting facilities in based on funding availability and, again, as I have said, the number of young people who are in and around those communities and probably, problematic areas that are identified by the Fiji Police Force, whom we have partnered with in some of these programmes.

HON. RATU T. NAVURELEVU.- The question is about the programme of Training of Trainers which has been conducted in rural areas a few years back. Is there any follow-up programme with the Ministry now and then?

MR. R. NAYACALEVU.- Mr. Chairman, through you, yes, we conduct that on a daily basis. That is done in the evaluation of some of these programmes and follow-ups, not only with the Sports Commission that had initially run the programme but also through our Youth Development Programmes.

When we go out to the communities, feedbacks that we get point back to some of the programmes that are run on how effective they are and we liaise with the team at Sports Commission in terms of what else needs to be included and what needs to be taken out, to improve some of the areas that the communities have identified that they need more assistance in.

HON. G. VEGNATHAN.- Mr. Chairman, through you, PS and the Team, thank you very much for being here this afternoon.

My question is on pending developments that you have mentioned on rugby sports ground, I believe these grounds would be developed for those communities and schools and the responsibility will go back to them to look after and maintain?

MR. R. NAYACALEVU.- Mr. Chairman, through you, yes, that is one of the hardest thing to be done. I want to share this with the Committee. One of the things that we continue to identify is lack of sporting facilities but, again, the other important aspect that a lot of us continue to miss is, who gets to look after those facilities. The facilities we have now are at this stage that it has because no one takes ownership and responsibility for them.

We, at the moment, probably have three facilities at international standard but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to allow us to fully tap into the potential that is available only through sports. Sports is an enabler for a lot of things, Sir, but we are already ahead of time in terms of trying to push this through the system to be considered as part of Government funding for some of these works.

HON. G. VEGNATHAN.- The second question, I think it is not from your presentation but directly from the Report. I noted that 2019-2020 period under review has been a challenging year

for the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The measles outbreak in the later part of 2019 and the global COVID-19 pandemic affected the implementation of your several programmes.

However, despite those challenges, you managed to implement some successful programmes, such as the Youth Farm Initiatives, Youth Coast Care Club at Korotogo, Nadroga, to enable youths to rehabilitate and restore their coastal zone. Looking at the success of such programmes, what is the Ministry's future plan?

MR. R. NAYACALEVU.- Mr. Chairman, again, COVID-19 in the 2019-2020 financial year has been a very interesting and tough time, as we all understand. We have come out of that financial year, strong and resilient in terms of what we have been able to achieve as indicated by the honourable Member, Sir.

The Ministry, moving forward, has taken some of the learnings because some of those works that was successful as indicated in the Report has allowed us to build resilience in some of our youth communities. The indications of that is what agriculture is currently reporting - the number of farmers and availability of food that have been able to sustain us during that difficult time when everything was closed.

We are continuing to build on that, Sir. Our Youth Farming Initiative Programme continues to be taken out to the communities, and we are continuing to fine tune the programme that it does not only look at farming equipment, it also looks at what youth groups in the communities really need. It is not always about forks and knives, Sir, sometimes the needs are water pumps, et cetera. We ensure that we are flexible enough to be able to meet exact needs of the young people that are out in the communities. *Vinaka*, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN.- Thank you, PS. That concludes our meeting with Mr. Nayacalevu and his Team. On behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, I would like to thank you for your presence here and express my appreciation for the assistance provided towards the Committee's scrutiny. Should we need any further queries, PS, our Secretariat will be touch with you. Do you have any final comments to make?

MR. R. NAYACALEVU.- Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity, Sir, on behalf of the Team and the honourable Minister to thank the Committee for the deliberations on the 2019-2020 Report. The Report actually provides an overview of what the Ministry has been able to achieve, but also builds the foundation and blocks for us moving into the future in terms of what else and what more is needed in the work that we do. *Vinaka*, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN.- Thank you, PS, and thank you, honourable Members. This completes our evidence session for today and we will now suspend proceedings until tomorrow at 9.00 am.

The Committee adjourned at 3.22 p.m.

Appendix III Supplementary Response

Tevita W. Tuivanuavou

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То:	Tevita W. Tuivanuavou	
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Subject:	FW: Clarification of Issues - Ministry of Youth and Sports 2019-2020 Annual Report	
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Good afternoon Te,

Ministries response is as noted below FYI.

Vinaka

"To ensure productivity and achievement of goals and objectives, there are **control measures** and **monitoring mechanisms** established to **evaluate the progress of budget utilization** and **execution of programs**.

How effective was the Ministry's monitoring mechanism in ensuring the resources allocated for planned programs were executed in 2019-2020?

The Ministry's monitoring mechanism was quite effective as it was able to utilize 95% of the Ministry's annual appropriation in this 2019-2020 financial year.

Were there challenges?"

The COVID-19 global pandemic and the unprecedented uncertainty in the sporting and economic environment were the main challenges faced in this financial year in terms of resource allocation. Planned programs were affected, however, due to effective monitoring and proper planning, this allowed an opportunity for the Ministry to adjust our plans and action accordingly.

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Subject: Clarification of Issues - Ministry of Youth and Sports 2019-2020 Annual Report

Good afternoon Sir,

The Standing Committee on Social Affairs is currently deliberating findings on the Ministry of Youth and Sports 2019-2020 Annul Report, the committee would like clarification on the questions shown below;

1

"To ensure productivity and achievement of goals and objectives, there are control measures and monitoring mechanisms established to evaluate the progress of budget utilization and execution of programs. How effective was the Ministry's monitoring mechanism in ensuring the resources allocated for planned programs were executed in 2019-2020? Were there challenges?"

Sir, we hope to receive your response at your earliest by Thursday 13 April 2023 by 12:00 midday. We hope that this email be kindly considered and the Ministry to facilitate The Standing Committee's humble request.

Sir, Respectfully submitted for your kind furtherance, please.

Tevita Secretary to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs