



**THE MINISTER YOUTH AND SPORTS  
HONOURABLE JESE SAUKURU**

Parliamentary Response Monday (11/09/23)

**100/2023 Hon. Alipate Tuicolo to ask the Minister for Youth & Sports – with the establishment of the Fiji National Sports Commission Act 2013, can the minister provide the following –**

- (a) how many Community Sports Associations have been registered with the Fiji National Sports Commission to Date;**
- (b) how many Community Sports Association are currently Active or Non Active to date in the Rural, Maritime, Urban and Per-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, inclusivity regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religious backgrounds, and physical abilities; and**
- (d) do the community sports outreach programmes cover all four divisions.**

**Hon. Speaker,** reference to the questions raised by the Honorable Member,

Ans (a): The Fiji National Sports Commission has registered 68 Community Sports Associations, 118 Clubs and 36 Union Associations.

Ans (b): **Hon Speaker,** currently all Community Sports Associations, Sports Clubs and Union Associations are Active. They continue to run their own programs in their divisions, allowing the continuance of active physical participation for all.

- The Central Rural Division has 14 Community Sports Associations, 6 Sports Clubs and 3 Sports Union Associations;
- Central Urban: SUVA (Lami to Nausori) has 2 Community Sports Associations, 57 Sports clubs and 2 Sports Union Associations;
- Eastern Division – Outer islands including the Tailevu Provisional Boundaries, 23 Community Sports Associations, 7 Sports Clubs and 17 Union Associations;
- Western Division has 18 Community Sports Associations, 29 Sports Clubs and 11 Sports Union Associations;
- The Northern Division has 11 Community Sports Associations, 19 Sports Clubs and 3 Union Associations.

Each Community association, sports club or union association is expected to ensure they have undertaken the requirements for registration criteria to be eligible for their sustainability in their community. A toolkit requirement criteria is packaged towards having good governance procedures and processes to ensure they are well equipped to conduct their own village and Tikina sports competitions and in the Urban and Pre-Urban areas the same through their Sports networks.

In addition to this requirement, the Community sports associations and sports clubs, themselves get affiliated to National Sporting Organisations allow greater grassroot development and create talent pathways for individuals (All Fijians) to aspire too.

Ans (c): **Hon Speaker**, all communities can request the sports they would like for their community. Traditionally and in a typical situation, requests are for RUGBY, RUGBY LEAGUE, NETBALL and VOLLEYBALL, however many of the villages and communities, both rural and urban have begun to request for other sports such as Badminton, Boxing, Weightlifting, Futsal, Swimming, Outrigger canoeing, Australian Football (Aussie Rules), Judo, Fitness Leaders for Zumber and aerobics, Cricket, and squash and this is an ongoing request for many This also does not limit them to learning a new sport, it also allows them to be taught to be community coaches, Trainers, Technical officials, and players of the sports of their choice and excel to national level accreditation through their international sporting federation.

All Sports promote equality and equity, inclusivity regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religious backgrounds, and physical abilities.

Ans (d): **Hon Speaker**, the Fiji National Sports Commission has 5 Divisions, and yes, it does have Community Sports outreach programmes in all five. The Five Divisions are Western Division, Northern Division, Eastern Division, Central Rural Division and central Urban Division.

**Thank you, Hon Speaker.**