



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

1. Prayer
2. Confirmation of Minutes. The Leader of the Government in Parliament to move –

“That the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.”
3. Communications from the Chair
4. Presentation of reports of committees
5. Ministerial Statements
6. Questions (*see Schedule 1*)
7. Consideration of Bills
8. Motions for which notice has been given (*see Schedule 2*)

SCHEDULE 1 — QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 115/2023 Hon. Parveen Bala to ask the Minister for Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry – Can the Minister inform Parliament as to when the Sugar Cane Growers election will be conducted as promised to our cane sector by the Government.
- 116/2023 Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on the EFL Grid Extension work programme for the current financial year.
- 117/2023 Hon. Faiyaz Koya to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection – Can the Minister explain what specific provisions or support systems the Government intends to implement to assist single mothers who might be financially impacted by the recent tax adjustments, especially given their increased responsibility as sole breadwinners.
- 118/2023 Hon. Jovesa Vocea to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications – Can the Deputy Prime Minister provide an update on the 4th Review of Fiji’s Trade Policy at the World Trade Organisation that took place from 19 to 21 July 2023 in Geneva.
- 119/2023 Hon. Taito Rokomatu to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the Ministry’s plans for the construction and extension of Nayavu Health Centre.
- 120/2023 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua to ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the status of the land development works in progress to formalise the informal settlements.
- 121/2023 Hon. Sanjay Kirpal to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Waterways – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the plans in place to provide breeders to sheep, goat and cattle farmers.
- 122/2023 Hon. Sashi Kiran to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the initiatives that the Ministry has undertaken to promote digital literacy and ensure that students have access to technology for remote learning, especially in light of recent disruptions to traditional education due to the pandemic.

Written Questions

123/2023 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua to ask the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following –

- (a) the number of overseas labour recruitment firms registered and operating in Fiji in respect of recruiting seasonal or long term labour for Fiji or overseas;
- (b) the number of seasonal or long term labourers who went away from Fiji to work overseas in the last 12 months and their respective country destinations;
- (c) the number of seasonal or long term labourers who came to work in Fiji in the last 12 months and their nationalities; and
- (d) the number of work permits declined for seasonal or long term labour in Fiji.

124/2023 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 the Land Transport Authority for 2023 to 2024; and
- (b) the targeted cost of each programme and project, together with planned completion dates.

125/2023 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 the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji budget for 2023 to 2024; and
- (b) the targeted cost of each programme and project, together with planned completion dates.

SCHEDULE 2 — MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

1. The Leader of the Government in Parliament to move –

“That Parliament approves the amended Sitting Calendar as previously circulated.”

2. Hon. Sashi Kiran to move –

“That Parliament agrees to the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission by the Government, to facilitate open and free engagement in truth telling and confront fears in view of conflicting statements and utterances regarding motives behind the political upheavals so that closure and healing for Fiji is achieved and permanently put to rest this unfortunate and turbulent chapter of our independent history.”

3. Hon. Alitia Bainivalu to move –

“That Parliament debates the ‘Review of the iTaukei Trust Fund Board Annual Report 2020’ which was tabled on 30 March 2023.”
(Parliamentary Paper No. 27 of 2023)

4. Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure to move –

“That Parliament debates the ‘Review of the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji Annual Report 2017–2018’ which was tabled on 3 April 2023.”
(Parliamentary Paper No. 33 of 2023)