



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

ORDER PAPER

Friday, 15 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 Thursday, 14 September 2023, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.”
3. Communications from the Chair
4. Presentation of papers and certain documents (*see Schedule 1*)
5. Questions (*see Schedule 2*)
6. End of Week Statements (*see Schedule 3*)
7. Adjournment

SCHEDULE 1 — PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND CERTAIN DOCUMENTS

1. Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – 2020 and 2021 Financial Statements of Government and 2020 and 2021 Agency Financial Statements – Ministry of Finance (*Parliamentary Paper No. 91 of 2023*)
2. Ministry of Health and Medical Services – 2016/2017 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 127 of 2018*)
3. Ministry of Health and Medical Services – 2017/2018 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 72 of 2020*)
4. Ministry of Health and Medical Services – 2018/2019 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 47 of 2023*)
5. Ministry of Health and Medical Services – 2019/2020 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 48 of 2023*)
6. Ministry of Health and Medical Services – 2020/2021 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 49 of 2023*)
7. Ministry of Forestry – 2021/2022 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 71 of 2023*)

SCHEDULE 2 — QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 135/2023 Hon. Penioni Ravunawa to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister inform Parliament how the Ministry is addressing the delay in the processing of vacancies for Health officers.
- 136/2023 Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna to ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Extension to the Agreement of Cooperation with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.
- 137/2023 Hon. Sanjay Kirpal to ask the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the reasons for not providing the Sales Data to the Valuer's and Financial Institutes since April 2023 which is essential to Valuer's in determining the Fair Market Values of properties when carrying out valuation.

- 138/2023 Hon. Alitia Bainivalu to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Exchange of Notes on Japan’s Grant Aid to the Ministry Under the Economic and Social Development Programme.
- 139/2023 Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the measures being undertaken by the Ministry and the Land Transport Authority to address the dramatic increase on the number of road accidents and deaths which has set a shocking record of 53 fatalities between January to June 2023 compared to 21 deaths for the same period in 2022.
- 140/2023 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament on the steps being undertaken by the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission to ensure fair price marking for basic food items and other goods and services as a result of the change of VAT as announced in the 2023 to 2024 National Budget.
- 141/2023 Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament how the Ministry intends to stop or regularise those private vehicles involved in illegal PSV activities in order to make their business legal, lawful and safe to the public.
- 142/2023 Hon. Esrom Immanuel to ask the Minister of Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the steps being undertaken by the Ministry to address the quality of education in our schools, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Written Questions

- 143/2023 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua 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 inform Parliament on the following –
- (a) the number of diplomatic missions Fiji had overseas before 5 December 2006;
 - (b) the number of diplomatic missions established by Fiji overseas from 5 December 2006 to 23 December 2022;

- (c) the cost of maintaining Fiji's diplomatic missions overseas each year for the period 2007 to 2022; and
- (d) the number of diplomatic missions Fiji currently has abroad.

144/2023 Hon. Virendra Lal to ask the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration to provide the following –

- (a) how many non-residents have been given work permits since January to July this year; and
- (b) provide data on work permits granted to expatriates by sectors and country of origin.

145/2023 Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following –

- (a) how many children and women have been homeless in towns and cities for the past 10 years; and
- (b) how many single mothers' are receiving welfare assistance and what are their age group.

SCHEDULE 3 — END OF WEEK STATEMENTS

1. Hon. Parveen Bala – Increasing of Minimum Wage Rate

This statement will highlight the increase in cost-of-living and why there is a need to increase the national minimum wage rate.

2. Hon. Jone Usamate – Labour Mobility

This statement will highlight labour mobility.