



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 22 November 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, 21 November 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

- 172/2023 Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection – There are some reports that have linked the increase in sexual related crimes to pornography. Can the Minister inform Parliament if there are plans to ban or regulate pornographic sites in Fiji.
- 173/2023 Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection – Can the Minister update Parliament on the changes to the Bus Fare Programme as announced in the 2023–2024 budget.
- 174/2023 Hon. Alipate Tuicolo to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications – Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament on the Government’s plans to assist farmers in the rural communities by establishing roadside stalls to help them sell their farm produce.
- 175/2023 Hon. Alitia Bainivalu to ask the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Agreement between the Ministry and the Volunteer Service Abroad of New Zealand.
- 176/2023 Hon. Taito Rokomatu to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament what policies are in place when bus companies stop service delivery to the public for any particular route.
- 177/2023 Hon. Esrom Immanuel to ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister update Parliament on whether the Town and City Councils will be given the authority to process and issue Business Licences under their municipality.
- 178/2023 Hon. Sachida Nand to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Waterways – In the 2023-2024 budget, the dairy industry was allocated \$5million. Can the Minister update Parliament on how has the budget been utilised and what activities are being funded.

179/2023 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua to ask the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations – Can the Minister update Parliament on Labour Reforms consistent to the ideals and principles of the labour law as required and set out by the International Labour Organisation.

Written Questions

180/2023 Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on the following –

- (a) how many Traffic Infringement Notices were issued within the last 10 months to PSV related offences; and
- (b) how many PSV Driver license were placed on warning, final warning, suspended or cancelled because of being habitual offenders within the last 10 months.

181/2023 Hon. Ilesia Vanawalu to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Waterways – Can the Minister update Parliament on the following –

- (a) how many farm roads were constructed and completed in the past eight years i.e. 2014 to 2022 by Province; and
- (b) how many farm roads are earmarked to be constructed in the current financial year by Province.

182/2023 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua to ask the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following –

- (a) the number of reports received by the Fiji Police on alleged acts of sacrilege and the breakdown of the same by year and division for the period 2007 to 2022;
- (b) the number of persons who were charged for committing the alleged acts of sacrilege and presented to any Court of law in the period 2007 to 2022 and the breakdown of the same by year and division;
- (c) the number of charged persons who were successfully convicted and sentenced for committing acts of sacrilege in the period 2007 to 2022 and the breakdown of the same by year and division;
- (d) the total number of cases still pending before the Judiciary pertaining to persons charged with committing alleged acts of sacrilege in the period 2007 to 2022; and
- (e) the total number of suspects and reports still under investigation pertaining to alleged acts of sacrilege in the period 2007 to 2022 and the breakdown of the same by year and division.

SCHEDULE 2 — MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

1. Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs to move –
 - (a) “That pursuant to section 13 of the Parliamentary Remunerations Act 2014, Parliament makes a determination to reduce the rates payable for Overseas Travelling Allowances of the following positions by amendments to Part B of the Schedule to the Parliamentary Remunerations Act 2014, as set out below –
 - (i) Prime Minister
“9. Overseas Travelling Allowance – UNDP subsistence allowance plus 100%.”
 - (ii) Cabinet Ministers
“8. Overseas Travelling Allowance – UNDP subsistence allowance plus 50%.”
 - (iii) Assistant Ministers
“8. Overseas Travelling Allowance – UNDP subsistence allowance plus 25%.”
 - (iv) Leader of the Opposition
“8. Overseas Travelling Allowance – UNDP subsistence allowance plus 50%.”
 - (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)
“6. Overseas Travelling Allowance – UNDP subsistence allowance plus 25%.”; and
 - (b) That this amendment to the Determination to take effect from 1 December 2023 until such time that the Emoluments Committee tables its report in Parliament and the subsequent debate and vote has taken place.”

2. Hon. Viliame Naupoto to move –

“That Parliament debates the ‘Review Report of the Ministry of Defence and National Security 2017–2018 Annual Report’ which was tabled on 14 July 2023.” (*Parliamentary Paper No. 75 of 2023*).

3. Hon. Inia Seruiratu to move —

“That Parliament debates the ‘Consolidated Annual Review Report of the Ministry of Fisheries for the Years 2018–2019, 2019–2020 and 2020–2021’ which was tabled on 14 July 2023.” (*Parliamentary Paper No. 66 of 2023*).

4. Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure to move –

“That Parliament debates the ‘Consolidated Review Report of the Ministry of Civil Service 2016, 2016–2017, 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 Annual Reports’ which was tabled on 14 July 2023.” (*Parliamentary Paper No. 83 of 2023*).

5. Hon. Alitia Bainivalu to move –

“That Parliament debates the ‘Review of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Annual Report 2019–2020’ which was tabled on 11 September 2023.” (*Parliamentary Paper No. 42 of 2023*).

6. Hon. Alitia Bainivalu to move –

“That Parliament debates the ‘Review of the Fiji Sports Council 2017–2018 Annual Report’ which was tabled on 11 September 2023.” (*Parliamentary Paper No. 43 of 2023*).