

3RD TERM OF PARLIAMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS	
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1	29-3-2023	<b>Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka</b> Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	The 8th "Our Ocean Conference" held in Panama 2–3 March 2023		The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
2	29-3-2023	<b>Hon. Lynda Tabuya</b> Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation	Fiji Country Gender Assessment	This statement will elaborate on the Fiji Country Gender Assessment	The Hon. Mosese Bilitavu subsequently responded
	29-3-2023	<b>Hon. Manoa Kamikamica</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications	Digital Television Initiative (Walesi)	The statement will provide a comprehensive overview of the Digital Television Initiative, also known as Walesi. It will cover the establishment of Walesi PTE Ltd, the roadmap for the digital television rollout, the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting, and other projects undertaken by Walesi PTE Ltd  The statement will also highlight the need for a detailed investigation to be carried out on Walesi given the significant investments that have been made by the Fiji Government	Withdrawn by Hon. Manoa Kamikamica
3	30-3-2023	<b>Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Ministry of Finance Economic Management	Ministerial Statement on economic management	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
4	30-3-2023	<b>Hon. Aseri Radrodro</b> Minister for Education	Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF)	This statement will explicate Fiji's engagement with the regional education initiative called the Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF) and highlight the outcomes and Ministerial statement of commitment from the 2023 Inaugural Conference of Pacific Education Ministers	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
5	30-3-2023	<b>Hon. Vatimi Rayalu</b> Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Current Status for the Green Ginger Market in Fiji	Statement on the current status of the Green Ginger Market in Fiji,	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
6	3-4-2023	<b>Hon. Siromi Turaga</b> Attorney-General and Minister for Justice	Legislative programme for the 2022-2023 Session of Parliament	The statement articulates the legislative programme for the 2022-2023 session of Parliament that will be implemented by the coalition Government. In it, particular focus will be placed on the Government's commitment to initiate extensive consultations with relevant segments of the Fijian population as it embarks on its pledge to review and repeal laws widely held to suppress basic freedoms, in the interests of public consensus and national development	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
7	3-4-2023	<b>Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau</b> Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport	Water and the Way Forward	This statement will examine the current water situation and the way forward	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
8	3-4-2023	<b>Hon. Kalaveti Ravu</b> Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Strategic Framework for Sandalwood Research and Development	This statement will inform Parliament of the Strategic Framework for Sandalwood Research	The Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
9	3-4-2023	<b>Hon. Agni Singh</b> Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations	Ministerial visit to Australia – PALMS programme	The primary objective of the Ministerial visit to Australia by the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations was to re-affirm Fiji's commitment under the "Vuvale Partnership Agreement" relating to Labour Mobility and to – (i) to meet Fiji's bilateral partners in Australia and strengthen the relationship between the two countries for a win-win situation under the Pacific Labour Mobility Program(PALM) (ii) support pastoral care for Fijian workers by visiting and hearing directly from them on the ground; (iii) meet with employers and workers union on issues related to our workers and ensure better terms and conditions are provided to our workers. (iv) explore areas of potential growth in labour markets for Fijian workers; (v) through the Vuvale Partnership Program, Government will work closely with the Australian Government to improve opportunities for labour mobility. (vi) the delegations were able to have two bilateral meetings between the Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Hon. Pat Conroy and also the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon. Tony Burke. (vii) Fijian delegation was also able to visit a number of Approved Employers' workplaces under the aged-care sector and the Meat Industry to meet with Fijian workers. The delegations also had to opportunity to update the President of Australian Council of Trade Union (ACTU) and its affiliates union on the progress of the collation government and the action taken for labour law review, restoration of trade union rights, right to strike and collective bargaining and the establishment of a tripartite Employment Relations Advisory Board in line with ILO Convention 144	The Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded
10	4-4-2023	<b>Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Statement on the Gimit day holiday and how the occasion will be commemorated.	The Government has approved the Gimit Day celebrations to be held on 15 May 2023 including establishment of a National Committee to be headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics. As part of the Gimit Day celebrations, a 2-day Gimit Conference will be held on 12 and 13 May 2023 with major national celebrations on 15 May	The Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded
11	4-4-2023	<b>Hon. Viliame Gavoka</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Outcomes of the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCS)	The Statement will highlight the Outcomes of the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) that was held in Doha Qatar	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
12	4-4-2023	<b>Hon. Lynda Tabuya</b> Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation	Commission on the Status of Women	The Minister will update Parliament on the Commission on the Status of Women held in March this year	The Hon. Mosese Bilitavu subsequently responded

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13	4-4-2023	<b>Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu</b> Minister for Health and Medical Services	100 days achievements	This statement will highlight the Ministry's achievement during the first 100 days	The Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
14	5-4-2023	<b>Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Statement on the 2023 National Economic Summit and update	The Government has approved the 2023 National Economic Summit (NES) be held on 20 and 21 April 2023 after a period of almost a decade. The theme for the 2023 NES is 'Reshaping our Future through Genuine Dialogue and Collaboration'. The aim of the Summit is to bring our people together and create a collective national vision, with adequate sector policies and an implementation framework for the Government's plan to chart a path towards economic success	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
15	5-4-2023	<b>Hon. Viliame Gavoka</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Tourism Sector Performance	Pre-COVID – the Tourism Industry contributed close to one third of Fiji's Gross Domestic Product. Having opened international borders in December 2021, the statement will focus on the current performance of the Fiji Tourism industry	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
16	5-4-2023	<b>Hon. Manoa Kamikamica</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications	Digital Television Initiative (WALESI)	The statement will provide an update on the status of the National Digital network Walesi Pte Limited and the plans of the Ministry	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
17	5-4-2023	<b>Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka</b> Minister for Rural and Maritime Development, and Disaster Management	Progressive and inclusive Rural Development	The statement will focus on the state of the Ministry, its key achievements to-date, and future plans, for easier access of members of the public to the Ministry's services and development assistance programmes through digitisation, and collaboration with key Government agencies' planning and resource mobilisation	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
18	11-9-2023	<b>Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka</b> Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Release of treated water from Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant by Japan		The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
19	11-9-2023	<b>Hon. Aseri Radrodro</b> Minister for Education	Fiji National Education Summit to be held from 20th September		The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
20	12-9-2023	<b>Hon. Viliame Gavoka</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	National Sustainable Tourism Framework	In August 2022, the Fiji Government, through the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, began consultation on the development of a National Sustainable Tourism Framework (NSTF) or Framework using a two phased approach. The NSTF intends to articulate the tourism sector's strategic direction and provide blueprint for an inclusive and sustainable Fiji tourism industry.  The statement will therefore focus on the progress of the development of the framework.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
21	13-9-2023	<b>Hon. Lynda Tabuya</b> Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Violence Against Children in Fiji	Violence Against Children in Fiji and the Government's commitment to addressing them	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
22	13-9-2023	<b>Hon. Vatimi Rayalu</b> Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Livestock Breeding Programme for Farmers in Fiji	Current breeding programmes being carried out for sheep, goat and cattle	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
23	13-9-2023	<b>Hon. Jese Saukuru</b> Minister for Youth and Sports	2023 International Youth Day Celebration	International Youth Day 2023 celebrations with the theme 'Green Skills for Youth Towards a Sustainable World'	The Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded.
24	14-9-2023	<b>Hon. Vatimi Rayalu</b> Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Dredging and Engineering Works	Dredging and Engineering Works on major rivers and creeks in Fiji, to control flooding and obtain low value minerals and/ or for construction works	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
25	20-11-2023	<b>Hon. Kalaveti Ravu</b> Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Overplanted Pine by Fiji Pine Limited	The Coalition Government's stance through the Ministry of Forestry on the issue of overplanted pine area which were transferred to the Fiji Pine Corporation Ltd and later Fiji Pine Limited (FPL)	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
26	20-11-2023	<b>Hon. Ifereimi Vasu</b> Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	Update on the Great Council of Chiefs	The Minister for iTaukei Affairs' Ministerial statement highlights the disestablishment of the GCC and the Coalition Government's decision to reinstate it. The Minister will highlight the appointment of the GCC Review Team and the work it undertook with its recommendations highlighted	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
27	21-11-2023	<b>Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka</b> Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs			The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
28	21-11-2023	<b>Hon. Manoa Kamikamica</b> Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications	Google South Pacific Connect initiative and Google's Investment in Fiji	The statement will update the August House on Google's Connecting Fiji: The opportunity for growth and prosperity from this subsea cable and diverse landing station investment	The Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
29	21-11-2023	<b>Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka</b> Minister for Rural and Maritime Development, and Disaster Management	Update on the National State of Preparedness by the National Disaster Management Office	An update by the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, on the national state of preparedness by the NDMO in Fiji to mitigate the effects of natural disasters. The statement will make comparisons of historical weather data against current and future projections and the compulsion that obligates the government to respond accordingly. The statement also details the developments within the ministry that learns from past experiences and prepares itself for the future	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded

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30	21-11-2023	<b>Hon. Vatimi Rayalu</b> Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Self-Income Generating Agro based projects	This Ministerial Statement sets out the vision of the Ministry on the direction that the Agriculture sector should take on Agro processing, as part of the Agriculture diversification process. It involves taking good care of any surplus in agriculture production and trying as much as possible to avoid wastage especially when in season	The Hon. Sachida Nand subsequently responded
31	22-11-2023	<b>Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka</b> Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	30th APEC and IPEF Leaders' Meeting	The statement will highlight the outcomes of the two meetings	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
32	22-11-2023	<b>Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu</b> Minister for Health and Medical Services	Climate Change and Health	The statement will cover the impacts of climate change and the actions taken globally and locally. The statement will emphasise how the Ministry of Health and Medical Services is taking up the challenge to address the issues relating to the impact of climate change on health in a sustainable manner. The statement will also outline future actions that will be taken based on the plans made during the preparatory phase	The Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
33	22-11-2023	<b>Hon. Ifereimi Vasu</b> Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	iTaukei Land Trust Board	The statement will highlight the major developments of the iTaukei Land Trust Board in 2023	The Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu subsequently responded
34	22-11-2023	<b>Hon. Aseri Radrodro</b> Minister for Education	Appointment of the Review Committee	The statement will discuss the appointment of the Review Committee by the Higher Education Commission of Fiji	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
35	22-11-2023	<b>Hon. Jese Saukuru</b> Minister for Youth and Sports	National Anti-Doping Organisation	The statement will provide an update on the establishment of the National Anti-Doping Organisation	The Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded.
36	22-11-2023	<b>Hon. Vatimi Rayalu</b> Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Dairy Industry in Fiji is a Critical Agro-based Industry	The statement will discuss that the dairy industry in Fiji is a critical agro-based industry which supports a significant number of the rural population that produce milk both on a small and large scale. It is therefore important that Government continues to support the industry through the Fiji Cooperative Dairy Company Limited	The Hon. Sachida Nand subsequently responded
37	23-11-2023	<b>Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu</b> Minister for Health and Medical Services		Colonial War Memorial Centennial Celebration	The Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
38	23-11-2023	<b>Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka</b> Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management		Update on Development Programme for the Rural and Maritime Communities and Support from Development Partners	The Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
39	23-11-2023	<b>Hon. Agni Singh</b> Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations		Update on the Second Australian Ministerial Visit under the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme	The Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded
40	23-11-2023	<b>Hon. Kalaveti Ravu</b> Minister for Fisheries and Forestry		Update on the Sea Cucumber Fishery in Fiji – Current Development and Way Forward	The Hon. Semi Koroiavesau subsequently responded