

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AND TRANSPORT

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Memorandum

To:

Secretary-General to Parliament

From:

Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport

Date:

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Subject: Response to Written Question: Question No. 192 of 2023

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(3), I hereby submit the response to the Written Question 180 of 2023 by Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva below. Please find below the response as provided to the Ministry by the LTA.

"Can the Minister provide Parliament with details on the total funds spent by the Land Transport Authority on Road Safety Education and Awareness Programmes and the breakdown of each activity for the period January to September 2023?"

Expense Categories		Amount (VEP)		MoF Budget VEP		Virement		Revised get VEP	Activities
Community & School visits	\$	35,539.85	\$	16,092.16	\$	19,447.69	\$	35,539.85	Visit villages, communities, settlements, schools, outer-islands, etc
Media Campaign	\$	12,377.98	\$	5,604.65	\$	6,773.33	\$	12,377.98	Print media (e.g. Fiji Sun, Fiji Times, Magazines), Social media (e.g.
									Facebook, TikTok, twitter), TV advertisements (e.g. FBC, Fiji TV, Ma
									TV), Radio (FBC, CFL)
Public Outreach Programs	\$	7,356.02	\$	3,330.75	\$	4,025.27	\$	7,356.02	Awareness booths at festivals, public events, University open day
Road Side Awareness	\$	5,189.55	\$	2,349.79	\$	2,839.76	\$	5,189.55	Awareness of drivers, pedestrians and passengers
Defensive Driving Courses	\$	11,436.07	\$	5,178.16	\$	6,257.91	\$	11,436.07	Conduct DDC courses throughout Fiji
	\$	71,899.47	\$	32,555.51	\$	39,343.96	\$	71,899.47	

The Land Transport Authority (LTA) has spent around \$71,899.47 on Road Safety Education and Awareness Programmes for the period January to September 2023 and the breakdown is as follows:

- \$35,539.85 has been spent on community and school visits. LTA has a dedicated road safety team which visits villages, settlements, communities, schools, outerislands to create road safety awareness.
- Additionally, \$12,377.98 has been spent on media campaigns. This includes print
 media such as Fiji Sun, Fiji Times and popular magazines. LTA has been posting

road safety messages on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and TikTok.

- The Authority has also running road safety advertisements on television platforms such as FBC TV, Fiji TV and Mai TV. LTA has also been carrying out road safety awareness on major radio stations such as FBC and CFL.
- \$7,356.02 has been spent on public outreach programs such as festivals, major public events and University's Open Day.
- \$5,189.55 has been spent on road side awareness programs whereby face to face interactions and road safety flyers are distributed to Drivers, Pedestrians and Passengers.
- \$11,436.07 has been spent on conducting Defensive Driving Courses (DDC)
 throughout Fiji. The funds have been spent on hire of venues to host DDC in
 different towns to meet the demand.
- LTA has spent around \$71,899.47 on Road Safety Education and Awareness
 Programmes for the period January to September 2023.
- Only \$32,555.51 has been provided as budget support for the same period. LTA
 had to carry out an internal *virement of \$39,343.96* from other expense categories
 to carry out its Road Safety Education and Awareness function.

From January to September 2023, the LTA has conducted 307 School Education and Awareness impacting 55,104 people, 102 Public Outreach impacting 21,075 people,250 Office Outreach impacting 8,269 people, 230 Driver Roadside Awareness impacting 14,480 people, 08 Stop, Revive, Survive Campaigns in partnership with Nestle impacting 4,800 people, 164 Passenger Roadside Awareness impacting 34,894 people, 120 Pedestrian Roadside Awareness impacting 13,183 people and 334 Community Outreach Awareness impacting 78,486 people.

Furthermore, the LTA has also been reaching out to the corporate bodies to come on board and join LTA in advocating road safety messages and road safety campaigns.

Around \$50,000 of in-kind assistance have been received from corporate entities. This includes road safety flyers (English, iTaukei and Hindi), bumper stickers, key-tags, etc.

Apart from the above, the LTA Media Team are continuously rolling out road safety messages via the LTA Social Media Platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Tick Tock and mainstream media.



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In conclusion, The safety of our people is non-negotiable, and our commitment to this cause should be reflected in the prudent allocation and effective utilization of funds.

Yours sincerely,

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