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2024 ORAL AND WRITTEN QUESTIONS					
	APRIL				TOTAL
TOTAL ORAL QUESTIONS ASKED	37				37
ORAL QUESTIONS WITHDRAWN/LAPSED/ OMITTED/DEFERRED	2				2
ORAL AND WRITTEN QUESTIONS DROPPED	1				1
TOTAL WRITTEN QUESTIONS ASKED	5				5
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ASKED	85				85

2024 WRITTEN QUESTIONS RESPONSE					
	APRIL				TOTAL
WRITTEN QUESTIONS ASKED	5				5
	1 response received 4 yet to be received				

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15/4/2024	1/2024	1		Hon. Jone Usamate	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress of the re-establishment of the Public Works Department and what it has achieved so far.	3	
15/4/2024	2/2024	2		Hon. Alitia Bainivalu	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on Fiji's Membership of the Assembly of the Global Development Network (GDN).	1	
15/4/2024	3/2024	3		Hon. Sachida Nand	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament of the impact of the reduction of duty from 15% to 0% on imported chicken portions on the local poultry industry.	3	
15/4/2024	4/2024	4		Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on how the proposed MSME Strategic Plan will benefit the MSMEs and increase their contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP).	2	
15/4/2024	5/2024	5		Hon. Joseph Nand	Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Can the Minister inform Parliament on the progress of drainage plans for farmers in Valley Road as nearly all farms were inundated with the recent flash flooding with substantial cash income being lost.	-	
15/4/2024	6/2024	6		Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the forthcoming South Pacific Tourism Exchange (SPTX) 2024 event to be hosted by Fiji.	-	
15/4/2024	7/2024	7		Hon. Viam Pillay	Hon. Charan Singh Minister for Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry	Can the Minister inform Parliament how the Ministry is assisting farmers and cane harvesting co-operatives to prepare their harvesters and personnel for the crushing season.	3	
15/4/2024	8/2024	8		Hon. Sashi Kiran	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the strategic measures that the Ministry is taking to address the issue of outdated education curriculum.	3	
15/4/2024	9/2024		1	Hon. Premila Kumar	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs to provide the following information on official overseas trips taken by Ministers and Assistant Ministers from 24 December 2022 to 31 March 2024 – (a) the total number of trips undertaken; and (b) how much was Government funded.		
15/4/2024	10/2024		2	Hon. Sashi Kiran	Hon. Pio Tikoduadua Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration	Hon. Sashi Kiran asked the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration – (a) how does the Fiji Police Force make an assessment on whether or not to establish a Community Post in an area; (b) what are the basic requirements to establish a Community Post; (c) the total number of Community Posts by District and Division and the year of its establishment; and (d) the total number of applications pending for the establishment of Community Posts by District and Division as at 31 March 2024.		
16/4/2024	11/2024	9		Hon. Aliko Bia	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	Can the Minister inform Parliament of the status and plan to complete the road that was initially developed to connect the southern end of Kadavu from Yawe to Lomati and to Daviqele.	1	
16/4/2024	12/2024	10		Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Australia and Port Infrastructure Services.	2	
16/4/2024	13/2024	11		Hon. Sachida Nand	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	The Minister informed Parliament on 29 March 2023 that the Ministry would be rolling out the Fiji Women's Economic Empowerment Plan (2023-2028) – Can the Minister update Parliament on how and when the plan was developed and how well it has been implemented thus far.	2	
16/4/2024	14/2024	12		Hon. Ilesia Vanawalu	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress of the relocation of Nabavatu Village.	3	
16/4/2024	15/2024	13		Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Can the Minister inform Parliament on when will the upgrade on the road to Valewaqa Settlement in Vunilagi, Cakaudrove commence so that buses and other light PSV can start providing services to the residents.	1	

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16/4/2024	16/2024	14		Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the establishment of the Office of the International Civil Aviation Organisation Pacific Liaison Officer for the Pacific Small Island Developing States.	1	
16/4/2024	17/2024	15		Hon. Viam Pillay	Hon. Charan Singh Minister for Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry	Can the Minister inform Parliament on how the Ministry is ensuring cane access roads are maintained well before harvesting season.	4	
16/4/2024	18/2024	16		Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu	Hon. Agni Singh Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations	Can the Minister update Parliament on the reason(s) why the PALM registration is being suspended.	4	
16/4/2024	19/2024		3	Hon. Premila Kumar	Hon. Pio Tikoduadua Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration	Can the Minister inform Parliament on – (a) the number of overseas workers who have entered the workforce from January 2023 until 31 January 2024, by country and trade/skill sectors; and (b) the number of skilled and professional Fijians who left our shores for work, education or immigration in 2023 to date by sector and professional categories.		
17/4/2024	20/2024	17		Hon. Premila Kumar	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	20/2024 to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament of Fiji Airway's charter policies and procedures they follow when processing charter requests.	3	
17/4/2024	21/2024	18		Hon. Ilesia Vanawalu	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	21/2024 to ask the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the progress of the revived Rural Housing Programme Initiative.	3	
17/4/2024	22/2024	19		Hon. Virendra Lal	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	22/2024 to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services – There is an increase in HIV cases and a contributing factor, amongst others, is the practice of injecting diluted meth into blood streams then sharing the drug-infused blood with other users. Can the Minister inform Parliament on the measures in place to combat the issue.	1	
17/4/2024	23/2024	20		Hon. Sashi Kiran	Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources	23/2024 to ask the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Ministry's plan to balance economic development with environmental conservation in the context of mining and land use policies.	3	
17/4/2024	24/2024	21		Hon. Ioane Naivalurua	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	24/2024 to ask the Minister for Youth and Sports – Given the dismal performance of Team Fiji in the last three Pacific Games, can the Minister inform Parliament on the plans to improve and elevate Fiji's performance in the next Pacific Games.	3	
17/4/2024	25/2024	22		Hon. Jovesa Vocea	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	25/2024 to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the new and innovative approaches to raise funds for MSME businesses.	4	
17/4/2024	26/2024	23		Hon. Hem Chand	Hon. Maciu Nalumisa Minister for Housing and Local Government	26/2024 to ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the selection criteria and tools employed in the appointment of Special Administrators for towns and cities.	3	
17/4/2024	27/2024	24		Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna	Hon. Agni Singh Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations	27/2024 to ask the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations – Can the Minister update Parliament on the investigations conducted by the Labour Standards and Compliance Services on workers' complaints and labour inspections cases lodged with the Ministry from 1st August 2023 to 31st March 2024.	3	
17/4/2024	28/2024		4	Hon. Viliame Naupoto	Hon. Pio Tikoduadua Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration	28/2024 to ask the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration – In light of the changes in our Immigration Law and policy as announced by the Minister, can the Minister inform Parliament on the following – (a) how many that have come to Fiji as Business visitors are now employed and the general sector where they are employed; (b) how many of those non-citizens that are registered in the Vola ni Kawa Bula have entered Fiji through the permit exemption granted under the Immigration (Amendment) Act 2023; and (c) how many foreigners who are descendants of a Fiji Citizen on 10 October 1970 have entered Fiji through the permit exemptions granted under the Immigration (Exemption by Descent) Order 2023.		
17/4/2024	29/2024			Hon. Sashi Kiran	Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	29/2024 to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Waterways – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following – (a) the rationale behind the reinstatement of the Drainage Board; (b) the current status of the appointment of the Drainage Boards for each Division; and (c) the mechanism as to how the Drainage Board will receive complaints and suggestions and submit the same for remedial action to the Ministry of Waterways.		Written Question 29/2024 was dropped from the Order Paper as the Minister had provided response during his Ministerial Statement
18/4/2024	30/2024	25		Hon. Viam Pillay	Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	30/2024 to ask the Minister for Fisheries and Forestry – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance provided to landowners through the Fiji Pine Trust after the devastation caused by TC Yasa.	2	The Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. Joseph Nand to ask Oral Question 30/2024 in the absence of Hon. Viam Pillay
18/4/2024	31/2024	26		Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	Can the Minister update Parliament on Fiji's bid to secure a licence to enter the National Rugby League (NRL) Premiership Competition with men and women rugby league teams in the 18th Extension Franchise.	2	

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18/4/2024	32/2024	27		Hon. Taito Rokomatu	Hon. Charan Singh Minister for Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry	Can the Minister inform Parliament as to where the funding for the 5% pay increase for the FSC staff that was recently announced, will be sourced from.	4	
18/4/2024	33/2024	28		Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Can the Minister update Parliament on how the Ministry through the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), is working with stakeholders to address the issue of flooding due to drainage issues.	2	
18/4/2024	34/2024		1	Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	Can the Minister inform Parliament on how the LTA issued 80 taxi permits whilst PSV permits and licenses were still frozen.		Pursuant to SO44(13), Oral Question 34/2024 was withdrawn
18/4/2024	35/2024	29		Hon. Alitia Bainivalu	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the importance of Fiji's National Standardisation Strategy, its requirement and benefits.	2	
18/4/2024	36/2024	30		Hon. Penioni Ravunawa	Minister for Health and Medical Services	Can the Minister inform Parliament of the strategies in place to address the critical shortage of almost 30 vacancies for Medical Imaging Science Technologies in public hospitals.	-	
18/4/2024	37/2024	31		Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on how the Ministry is aiming to improve Physical Education, Music, Arts and Crafts (PEMAC) in schools throughout Fiji.	3	
18/4/2024	38/2024		5	Hon. Ilesia Vanawalu	Hon. Maciu Nalumisa Minister for Housing and Local Government	Can the Minister inform Parliament of the following – (a) the total number of State Land Sub-divisions for residential purpose that were developed from 2014 to 2022 by Division and District; (b) the total number of State Land Sub-divisions for residential purpose that is currently under development by Division and District; (c) the total number of State Land Leases issued for residential purpose from 2014 to 2022 by Division; (d) the total number of State Land Notices of Approval of Lease issued for residential purpose from 2014 to 2022 by Division; and (e) the total number of applications pending for grant of lease for residential purpose on a State Land Sub-division by Division and District as at 31 March 2024.		Response received on 18 April 2024
19/4/2024	39/2024	32		Hon. Ketan Lal	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the status of the redemption of student bus cards.	3	The Hon. Speaker allowed the Opposition Whip to ask Oral Question 39/2024 in the absence of the Hon. Ketan Lal
19/4/2024	40/2024	33		Hon. Alitia Bainivalu	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on the establishment of the Fiji Public Sector Learning Institute (FPSLI).	1	
19/4/2024	41/2024	34		Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu	Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	With the seaweed farming having huge potential in coastal communities and maritime islands, can the Minister inform Parliament on the current status of the Seaweed Programme.	2	
19/4/2024	42/2024	35		Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Can the Minister update Parliament on how it has progressed with budget implementation, concurrently with managing disaster operations during the course of the current financial year.	2	
19/4/2024	43/2024	36		Hon. Faiyaz Koya	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Considering the skilled labour shortage due to many workers leaving Fiji, can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament on any plans to quickly upskill individuals to fill the vacancies in the tourism industry.	3	The Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. Jone Usamate to ask Oral Question 43/2024 in the absence of the Hon. Faiyaz Koya
19/4/2024	44/2024		2	Hon. Jovesa Vocea	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on what are the regional and national level strategies the Ministry is undertaking to make kava a 0.5 billion dollar industry.		Question 44/2024 to be deferred to a later sitting day
19/4/2024	45/2024	37		Hon. Viliame Naupoto	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament as to whether the Fire Report from the National Fire Authority on the Vatuwaqa Primary School fire in 2022 has been received.	1	
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