



Parliamentary Response

**Minister for Housing and Local Government,
Honourable Maciu Katamotu Nalumisa**

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**Hon. Ilesa Vanawalu to ask the Minister for
Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister
inform Parliament for 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.
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Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to provide the following response to the Written Question by Hon Vanawalu.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as per information provided by the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, as the custodians of State Land and Ministry of Housing, agency responsible for the

(a) the total number of State Land Sub-divisions for residential purpose that were developed from 2014 to 2022 by Division and District

From 2014 to 2022 a total of 2,336 proper leases have been issued for residential purposes. Proper leases, mean leases that have been surveyed and approved. Of the 2,336 residential leases, the following is the distribution between the Divisions, Central – 499, Northern – 197, and Western – 1,640.

(b) the total number of State Land Sub-divisions for residential purpose that is currently under development by Division and District;

The Ministry of Housing has 4 development leases for development of residential lots. These leases include:

- (i) Sasawira, Nasinu – 146 households;

- (ii) Caubati, Nasinu – 309 households;
- (iii) Cuvu, Sigatoka – 105 households; and
- (iv) River Road, Nasinu – 358 households.

The above-mentioned sites will be developed by the Ministry of Housing, once developed the lots will be demarcated and leases issued to the households.

(c) the total number of State Land Leases issued for residential purpose from 2014 to 2022 by Division.

From 2014 to 2022, a total of 3,412 leases were issued by the Ministry of Lands for residential purposes, this include 746 leases issued in the Central Division, 394 leases in the Northern Division, and 2,272 leases issued in the Western Division.

(d) the total number of State Land Notices of Approval of Lease issued for residential purpose from 2014 to 2022 by Division.

For the period 2014 to 2022 a total of 1,076 Approval Notices issued to lessees. These Notices of Approval for lease are distributed as such in the three divisions:

- Central Eastern – 247
- Northern Division – 197
- Western Division - 632

(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

With regards to the pending grant of lease for residential purposes as at 31 March 2024, the Ministry of Housing this year has 3 projects for issuance of leases. These projects are based in the Western and Central Divisions.

It is expected that 451 sitting tenants are expected to be issued leases in Ledrusasa in Nadi, Cuvu in Sigatoka and Waidamudamu in Nasinu.

In addition, there are 4 ongoing projects in Sakoca in Nasinu, Tavela in Nadi, Tore in Lautoka and Field 4 in Lautoka. The Tore and Tavela projects are expected to be completed this year.

This year, 4 projects, based in the Central, Wester and Northern Divisions, are expected to progress to construction phase, subject to budget allocation. These projects are: Vuniika (Labasa), Valewaquyaya(Ba), Wakanisila(Nasinu) & Delaisaweni(Lautoka).

There are 13 projects at the planning phase with engineering plans being developed for the Department of Town and Country Planning concept this year.