

## Honorable Ro Filipe Tuisawau

# Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services & Transport

#### 194/2024 Parliamentary Written Questions

Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament on –

- (a) the number of road accidents and fatalities from January to July 2024;
- (b) the number of infringement notices issued during the same period; and
- (c) the number of driver license holders given final warning, suspended or cancelled as a consequence of continuous infringement.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank Hon Naisa Tuinaceva for raising these important questions on the update of the crucial issues of road safety and traffic management in Fiji for the period from January to July 2024.

## a) Road Accidents and Fatalities.

The Land Transport Authority from January to July 2024, has unfortunately experienced a concerning number of road accidents. There has been a total of **30** reported road accidents during this period. Regrettably, these incidents have resulted in **31** fatalities.

There were 2 fatalities on 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. As for same period last year, Fiji recorded 57 fatalities. This stat is 54% less compared to same period last year. These statistics underscore the need for enhanced road safety measures and continued public awareness campaigns. The Ministry of Transport, in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, is actively working on strategies to address this issue, including improved road infrastructure, increased patrols, and educational programs on road safety.

AUDIO SE UN SE DE LA COMPANION	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Speeding	12	36	43	24	31	32	22	24	15	14	34	12
Drunk & Drive	6	2	1	2	12	15	3	1	2	6	4	3
Dangerous Driving	2	2	0	11	3	4	4	5	1	1	12	1
Careless Driving	2	0	1	3	3	5	7	2	0	6	3	1
Pedestrian at Fault	13	4	5	2	7	6	7	1	0	4	9	4
Drunkard Pedestrian	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	1	3	3	1
Improper Overtaking	0	0	6	1	1	0	4	5	2	2	3	2
Driver's Fatigue	1	1	3	4	1	4	7	0	0	4	6	2
Improper Turning	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Neglect of Parents	0	0	0	3	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	
Defective Brake	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Passenger at Fault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mechanical Defect	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Hit & Run	2	2	2	9	2	1	3	3	1	3	3	4
Hit Animal	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Total	41	49	65	60	65	70	63	45	25	44	78	31

There has been a total of 31 Fatalities for the year 2024 compared to 57 for the same period last year. The above table shows that Speeding, Driver Fatigue & Pedestrian at Fault are still the main causes of Fatalities on our roads.

### b) Traffic Infringement Notices.

The TIN issued by the Land Transport Authority and Police totals up to **182,615** Traffic Infringement Notices from January to July 2024. This includes TINS issued by LTA enforcement, LTA Red light speed camera infringements and Police TINs.

A total of **2,868** TINs have been issued for E- Ticketing offense.

A total of **376** overloading TINs have been issued.

A total **179,371** TINs have been issued for General Offenses (speeding, Redlight speed camera, Police TINs, driver behavior)

These figures reflect the ongoing enforcement of traffic laws and regulations aimed at curbing unsafe driving practices. It is imperative that we continue to strengthen our enforcement mechanisms and ensure that all drivers adhere to the traffic rules to reduce accidents, fatalities and promote road safety.

Category	Count of TIN
E-ticketing	2,868
General	179,371
Overloading	376
<b>Grand Total</b>	182,615

#### c) Driver License Actions

In relation to continuous infringements, A total of 106 drivers has been show-caused. The Land Transport Authority carried out show cause for 76 drivers in central division, 18 drivers in West and 12 drivers in North.

- 49 driver licenses have been cancelled.
- 9 driver licenses have been suspended.
- 47 drivers have been given warning letters.
- 1 driver has been counselled.

These actions demonstrate Land Transport Authority's commitment to maintaining high standards of road safety and ensuring that individuals who repeatedly disregard traffic laws are held accountable.

The Government remains committed to improving road safety through a multi-faceted approach, including legislative reforms, public education, and rigorous enforcement of traffic regulations. We encourage all Fijians to adhere to traffic laws and practice safe driving to protect themselves and others on our roads.

JAN - JUL 24 SHOWCAUSE DATA							
	Central Eastern	West	North	Grand Total			
Counselled	1	-	_	1			
Warning	44	3		47			
Suspend	1	8	-	9			
Cancelled	30	7	12	49			
<b>Grand Total</b>	76	18	12	106			

Thank you.