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REPUBLIC OF FIJI

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

This Annual Report highlights the results of targeted Parliament activities contributing to the achievement of our strategic objectives over the 2020-2022 reporting period. This is benchmarked against the targets published in our Operational Plan and Strategic Plan 2018–2022.

This report including the financial statements and audit report is available on the Parliament’s website at www.parliament.gov.fj.

REFERRAL LETTER

Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka
Prime Minister & Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs
Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Sir,

RE: 2020–2022 ANNUAL REPORT

I have pleasure in tabling with your good office, the Annual Report (**‘Report’**) on the operations of the Parliament of Fiji (**‘Parliament’**) for the period 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2022.

The Report highlights the Parliament’s performance and achievement in delivering services to the Honourable Speaker of Parliament, the Honourable Members of Parliament and the Fijian people, as reflected in the Parliament’s 2020–2021 and 2021–2022 Operational Plans and 2018–2022 Strategic Plan.

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Management Act 2004 and encapsulates the commitment and diligence of all Parliament staff.

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Jeanette Emberson (Mrs)
Secretary-General to Parliament



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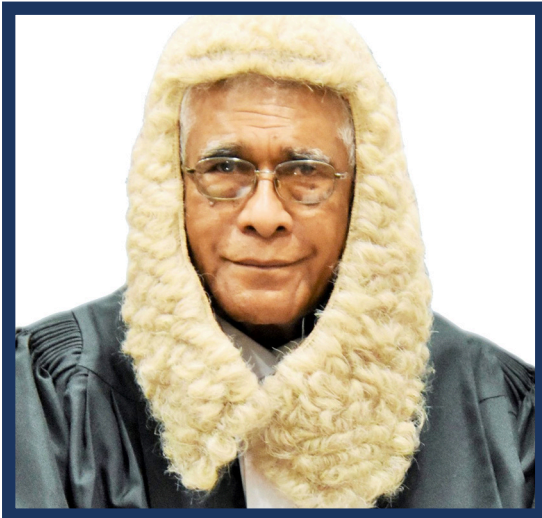


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FOREWORD : HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT



As we reflect on this reporting period in our annual report, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment in our organisation's journey. Navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic has tested our resilience and adaptability, yet it has also provided us with invaluable lessons and opportunities for growth. In this report, we celebrate the strides we have made in transitioning to the new normal, one where innovation and community connection have become paramount.

Our commitment to connecting with our community through robust Information Communication Technology ('ICT') infrastructure has never been stronger. We have harnessed technology not only to maintain essential services but also to foster a sense of togetherness in an era of physical distancing. This investment in our digital capabilities has empowered us to reach more individuals, ensuring that vital information and support are accessible to all.

Maintaining the confidence of our staff and stakeholders has been a cornerstone of our approach. We recognise that trust is built through transparency and engagement. In this reporting period, we have prioritised open communication, actively listening to feedback and involving our community in decision-making processes.

Social media has emerged as a powerful tool for enhancing civic education, allowing us to engage a wider audience and disseminate critical information quickly and effectively. By leveraging these platforms, we have not only informed but also inspired civic participation, creating a more informed and engaged community.

Moreover, our commitment to strengthening hybrid sessions has allowed us to bridge the gap between in-person and virtual engagement. This approach has ensured that everyone, regardless of their circumstances, can participate in discussions that shape our community's future. We have seen remarkable participation, and the feedback has reinforced our belief in the importance of inclusive dialogue.

As we move forward, let us carry the lessons of this reporting period into the future. Together, we will continue to build a resilient, connected and engaged community. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our shared vision.

Hon. Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu
Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji



STATEMENT : SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PARLIAMENT



I am pleased to submit this consolidated report for the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji.

During the operational period of 2020 to 2022, our organisation faced unprecedented challenges yet emerged stronger through the dedication of our staff and the resilience of our ICT infrastructure. As we navigated the complexities of the pandemic and adapted to the ‘new normal,’ these key elements were instrumental in maintaining our operations and connecting with our community.

Our commitment to ensuring that the voices of the people were heard was recognised by both national and international stakeholders. Through our efforts, we actively facilitated civic engagement, ensuring that the perspectives of our community were reflected in national decision-making processes. We worked diligently to ensure that our laws remained relevant and responsive during these trying times, reinforcing the importance of adaptability and responsiveness in governance.

SDGs Component

During this reporting period, the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent restrictions significantly impacted the implementation of the SDGs around the world. The pandemic created setbacks and challenges across all the SDGs from health to climate change, including the ability of Parliaments to maintain scrutiny and oversight of the national implementation of the goals. The Fijian Parliament nevertheless continued to undertake SDG-related activities against the backdrop of the pandemic.

- Standing Committees continued to include the SDGs in their oversight and scrutiny and reporting of the annual reports of Government ministries and other state agencies, with research and information support from the secretariat.

- Parliament maintained its engagement with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (‘IPU’), Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (‘CPA’) and other inter-parliamentary forums on SDG themes such as climate change, gender and health. Many of these were undertaken through virtual meetings and conferences, until the lifting of COVID-19 travel restrictions towards mid-2022. Some examples of these virtual engagements were the Climate Parliament



IPU virtual meeting in 2020

– Virtual Parliamentary Roundtables 2020 (series of virtual workshops) on climate health, renewable energy, sustainable transportation and other climate-related issues; and the Asia-Pacific Parliamentarian Forum on Global Health (‘APPF-GH’) virtual conferences on COVID-19 response and recovery, and post-pandemic re-building, in October 2020 and November 2021.



‘Plant a Tree’ programme

- In 2020, the Speaker and staff participated in the ‘Plant a Tree’ programme which also commemorated Fiji’s 50th years of Independence. It was a demonstration of passion and stand on climate change mitigating and adaptation through tree planting.
- A capacity-building virtual workshop on cross-Government budget analysis on gender and climate change was attended by the Research and Committee staff in June 2021. The workshop was aimed at strengthening staff capacity on climate change financing and gender budgeting, which is essential for their continuing support towards MPs’ scrutiny and debate on national budget policies and oversight of Government agencies.
- On 3 December 2021, the Parliament held the first-ever Parliament Open Day for Persons with Disabilities with support from the CPA Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disability Network (**‘CPwD’**). This is in line with the inclusion principle for persons with disabilities across multiple SDGs and the Fijian Parliament is strongly committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities participate fully in our legislative processes. They are amongst the key stakeholders that Parliament, through our Standing Committees consult or seek submission from, during the review of legislation or oversight of Government.



Parliament Open Day for Persons with Disabilities in 2021

Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our exceptional staff, who went above and beyond, often risking their health to ensure minimal disruptions to our operations. Their unwavering commitment and resilience have been the backbone of our organisation, enabling us to serve our community effectively.

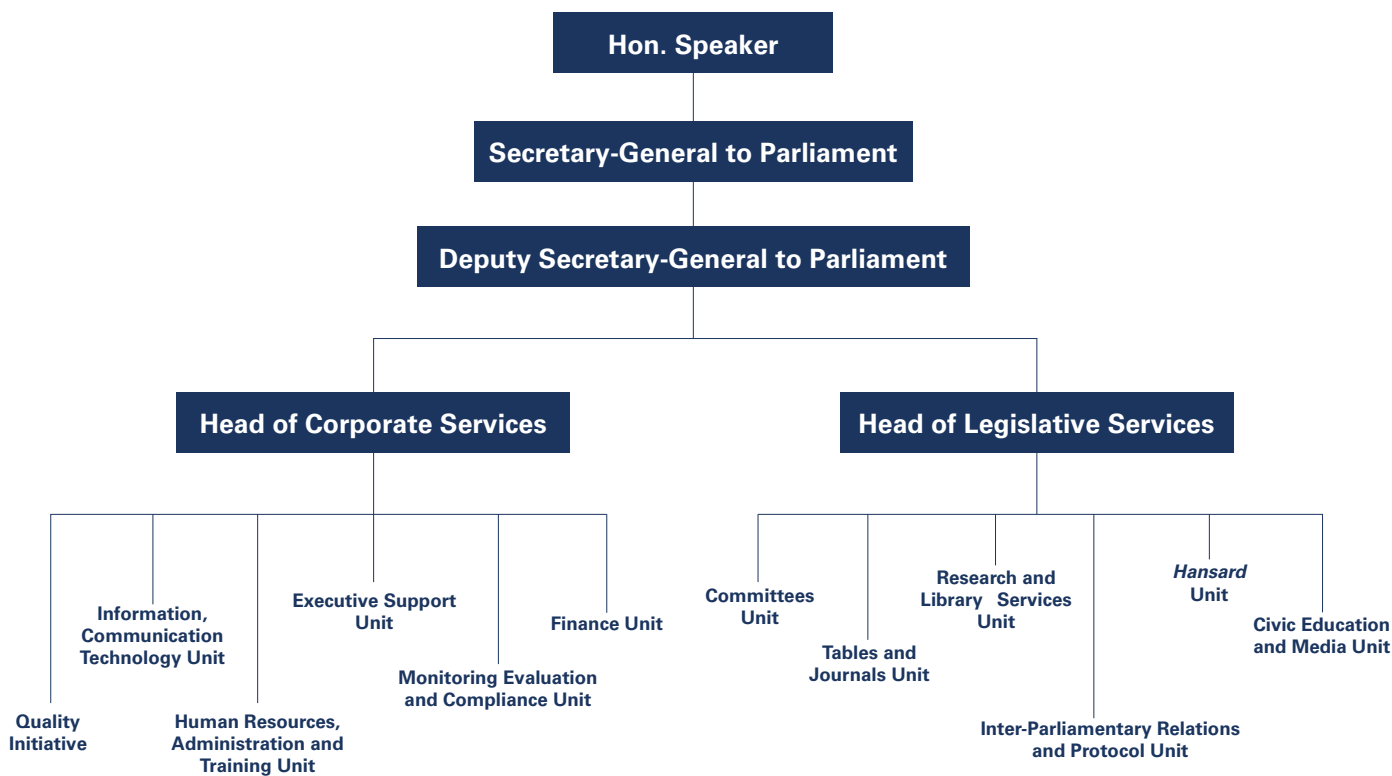
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our stakeholders for their assistance and understanding throughout this journey. Your support has been vital as we collectively faced these challenges. Together, we have laid a solid foundation for a brighter and more inclusive future.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust.

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 Jeanette Emberson (Mrs)
Secretary-General to Parliament



ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



Gender Composition

Our data on gender component reflects that we have a higher percentage of female to male employees and is evident throughout the staff structure. The difference in total male to female staff is not that wide but complements each other throughout the structure. The gender composition of Parliament staff for this reporting period is as follows –

TOTAL	As at July 2021				As at July 2022			
	Male	37 (46%)	Female	43 (54%)	Male	36 (46%)	Female	42 (54%)



Who we are

The Parliament of the Republic of Fiji is a unicameral legislature comprising 51 members (after the 2018 general election and 55 members after the 2022 general election). The members are elected by an open-list proportional representation in one multi-member nationwide constituency. Parliament is mandated with the following functions – oversight and scrutiny of Government; representation; and law-making.

Parliament is supported by staff who provide procedural support and advice to Members along with a wide range of essential services that facilitate the work of the Parliament. The Secretary-General is the head of the Parliament secretariat and is responsible to the Speaker for the efficient, effective and economical management of Parliament.

Our Vision

“A Resilient Parliament responsive to the needs of the people and driven by the ideal of a better quality of life for all Fijians.”

Our Mission

To provide and sustain Members of Parliament with professional parliamentary support and services to enable efficiency and effectiveness of Parliament’s constitutional functions.

What we do

The Parliament secretariat supports our democratic process in many ways by delivering on activities to –

- ensure the effective functioning of Parliament and its Committees;
- support Members in fulfilling all their parliamentary roles; and
- facilitate access to the Parliament precincts and information about the role and function of Parliament.

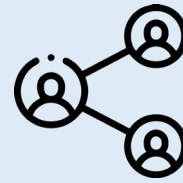
In doing so, the Parliament secretariat performs the following key functions –

- provide support and expert advice to Honourable Members, members of the public and stakeholders;
- provide support through legal, policy and procedural advice to the Speaker and Members;
- provide *Hansard* support to Members;
- establish and strengthen relations with other Parliaments;
- undertake awareness on the role of Parliament;
- liaise closely with Permanent Secretaries with respect to questions, motions and other matters raised during Parliament proceedings; and
- increase the institutional capacity of the secretariat in its service delivery.



Parliament's Strategic Priorities

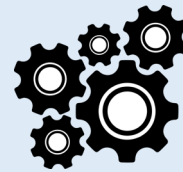
1 Respect for the relevance and independence of Parliament



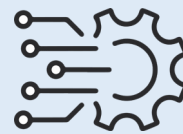
2 An effective Parliament with exceptionally capable people



3 Sustainable service delivery through operational excellence



4 ICT to facilitate the services of Parliament



5 Extensive engagement and effective communication



Strategic Priority 1. Respect for the relevance and independence of Parliament

Ensuring the smooth running of the plenary

The Tables and Journals Unit plays a critical role in supporting the work of the Parliament through the Select Committees and pre and during sitting weeks. The Unit also provides high-level support to the Members of Parliament, Government Ministries and the Executive Management of the Parliament. This service aligns towards the achievement of the vision and mission of the institution. The Unit is responsible for preparing Order Papers and other official documentation before, during, and after Parliament sittings. In this reporting period, the Unit facilitated 43 Business Committee meetings and instructions.

In 2020, during the first wave of the pandemic, Parliament continued its sittings with full adherence to all the COVID-19 health directives and social distancing measures in place, and this included the 2 meters distance seating for MPs and the public gallery was closed. The Unit also promoted e-parliament through the tabling of Committee Reports and correspondences in electronic format.

In 2021, Fiji was fronted with the third wave of COVID-19, resulting in disruptions to Parliament sittings. Sittings were deferred in April and commenced in May through a Hybrid mode – a few MPs attended in-person whilst the remaining MPs attended virtually. Despite the unprecedented challenges, the Unit completed pending Committee Reports for debate and facilitated the passage of the national budget in July 2021. The Unit also played a key role in the appointment of the President of the Republic of Fiji, ensuring the full participation of all MPs.

During this reporting period, the Unit processed and recorded a total of 310 Oral Questions and 43 Written Questions.



The enactment of laws is a one of the fundamental core functions of Parliament, with 108 Acts gazetted during this reporting period. This demonstrates the commitment of Parliament in not only fulfilling its legislative function but also its representative, oversight and scrutiny functions.

Plenary		
	August 2020–July 2021	August 2021–July 2022
	35 Sitting Days	40 Sitting Days
	115 Oral Questions 15 Written Questions	195 Oral Questions 28 Written Questions
	49 Acts	59 Acts
	100% Delivery of <i>Hansard</i> Reports for all sitting days	100% Delivery of <i>Hansard</i> Reports for all sitting days
Standing Committees Statistics		
	August 2020–July 2021	August 2021–July 2022
	307 Committee Meetings	546 Committee Meetings
	216 Virtual Meetings 91 Face-to-face Meetings	326 Virtual Meetings 213 Face-to-face Meetings 7 Hybrid Meetings
	47 Committee Reports Tabled	45 Committee Reports Tabled



Challenging and improving Government policy through Committee scrutiny

During the reporting period, the standing committees in Parliament made significant strides in challenging and improving government policy through rigorous committee scrutiny. The committees convened an impressive total of 570 meetings, which included 400 virtual sessions, demonstrating their commitment to transparency and accountability even amidst the constraints of the pandemic. These meetings provided a platform for in-depth discussions, allowing committee members to delve into the intricacies of government policies and proposed legislation, ensuring that diverse perspectives were considered in the decision-making process.

The outcome of these efforts is evident in the 59 reports tabled during this period, each representing a thorough examination of various government initiatives and legislative measures. By scrutinizing 59 Acts, the committees were able to provide critical recommendations aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and relevance of policies. This level of engagement not only reflects the committees' dedication to their oversight responsibilities but also underscores the importance of parliamentary scrutiny in shaping policies that serve the public interest. The insights garnered from these discussions have proven essential in identifying gaps and areas for improvement, ultimately fostering a more accountable governance framework.

Key to this success has been the capacity building of staff, particularly through advancements in ICT infrastructure and the transition to Office 365. These enhancements enabled a more flexible and efficient working environment, facilitating “work on the go” and ensuring that the work of Parliament remained relevant and responsive to the needs of the community. By embracing digital tools, committees were able to maintain continuity in their operations, adapt to changing circumstances, and effectively engage with stakeholders. This strategic investment in technology not only bolstered the efficiency of committee functions but also ensured that the scrutiny of government policies could continue unabated, reinforcing the essential role of Parliament in upholding democratic principles.

Active participation in inter-parliamentary networks

The Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Protocol Unit is tasked with managing inter-parliamentary memberships, and co-ordinating the international interests and travel of the Speaker and Members of Parliament. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, numerous inter-parliamentary activities that would normally occur in person have been transitioned to online platforms. Notwithstanding the challenges presented by this shift, parliamentarians and staff have continued to share best practices and innovative ideas, with the aim of ensuring continued and the essential scrutiny function of Parliament.

The Fijian Parliament has continued to participate in several inter-parliamentary meetings and conferences including the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, Asia-Pacific Parliamentarian Forum on Global Health, and so forth. The Speaker has played a leading role in ensuring that the Parliament is represented and visible in these meetings and conferences, updating these forums on Fiji's progress during the pandemic.

Strategic Priority 2. An effective Parliament with exceptionally capable people

An effective and diverse workforce

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the working conditions at Parliament had undergone significant changes. To ensure continued service delivery, the Parliament adopted a hybrid working environment that involved remote working. Some staff were required to work-from-home while essential staff were onsite to undertake safety and security matters. The Parliament had to develop new strategies, programmes and procedures to keep up with the rapidly evolving workforce. To effectively manage and keep employees safe, supervisors were provided with laptops for remote work and relevant training was given to develop new skills.

In the 2020–2021 financial year, a total of 12 staff contracts were renewed for three-year contract terms: two (2) new appointments; three (3) retirements; one (1) resignation; and one (1) death were recorded during this period. In addition, one (1) staff went on Military Leave to serve on an overseas mission, and three (3) staff were seconded to United Nations Development Programme ('UNDP') for a short-term basis to assist the Nauru Parliament.



One of the significant challenges faced by the Parliament is performance management. Performance management is a continuous process of identifying, measuring, and developing the performance of individuals and aligning performance with the strategic goals of the Parliament. It was difficult to measure employees' performance while they worked from home. Measuring performance during the COVID-19 pandemic was challenging considering the modified working conditions. Workplace isolation, lack of communication, family distractions, role overload and occupational stress factors significantly affected employees' performance, mainly among those working-from-home. This was unanticipated. However, the new performance management framework, coaching and relevant training for employees was envisaged to help overcome this challenge.

During the 2021–2022 financial year, the Fijian Parliament successfully advertised and filled twelve (12) positions. Eleven (11) interns were also recruited under the Parliament's Support Programme.

Parliament had to keep up with fast-changing health guidance and requirements during the pandemic. As a result, all had to quickly learn how to implement and adhere to advisories from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services on sanitisation, social distancing and vaccinations. This resulted in 100% of the staff being fully vaccinated and the Parliament ensured that those recruited were also fully vaccinated.

The Human Resources and Training Unit encountered significant challenges pertaining to inadequate resourcing during this reporting period, and this was exacerbated by the whole-of-Government ITC server crash in April 2021. This resulted in the delay of monthly report submissions.

To address this setback, the Parliament secretariat were committed to compile data for the past 2–3 years to upload onto the shared drive. The staff made every effort to ensure that the data was accurate, complete and up-to-date, as this would enable the Parliament to fulfil its reporting obligations within the stipulated timelines.

Strategic Priority 3. Sustainable service delivery through operational excellence

Strengthening governance and accountability at all levels

2020–2021 Status:

A few months after the first wave of COVID-19, the Monitoring, Evaluation and Compliance Unit activities picked up pace. Despite restrictions on gatherings, the Unit was able to achieve its targets for the Knowledge Management Initiative ('KMI') and Staff Forum sessions. This was an additional task for the Unit and a significant achievement for this reporting period. The Unit organised 19 Staff forums (79%) and 58 KMI sessions. These sessions provide staff with a safe space to discuss policy and HR matters, receive instructions from Executive Management and consult on various issues. The KMI sessions allowed staff the opportunity to share their learnings from local and overseas trainings, fulfilling their corporate requirement.

Additionally, the Unit facilitated three client feedback surveys, which was a joint initiative with the Research and Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Protocol Units. This initiative allowed Parliament to receive feedback from clients, MPs, and staff and identify opportunities for improvement. It also helped Parliament establish a proper way forward regarding needs, both of MPs and staff.

As part of the transition period following the COVID-19 pandemic, the Unit's primary responsibility was to review Parliament's policies and procedures. The Unit based this review on feedback from implementing units, who identified gaps and shortcomings that needed to be addressed in the post-COVID processes. Our aim was to ensure that the Fijian Parliament remained relevant and complied with any changes to legislation, regulations, and Civil Service policies that Parliament policies are benchmarked against.

Facilitating the Manager's forum was crucial for effective decision-making in the organisation, as it was the only governance forum that was still active. To reactivate communication and information sharing after returning to work onsite, the Unit proposed changes to the Staff Forum processes, allowing all units to host their own. With these implemented changes, each of the respective units hosted two staff forums with activities that enabled high-quality information sharing.



Financial Prudence and Compliance

2020–2021 Status:

During the 2020–2021 financial year, Parliament’s budget allocation stood at \$8,611,163, reflecting a decrease of \$142,520 from the previous year. This was primarily due to the reduction in the travel and communication votes. At the close of accounts in July 2021, the actual expenditure totaled \$7,759,011, which reflected a budget utilisation rate of 90.10%. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitated a realignment of our strategic plans, and together with our collective efforts, remained steadfast to our service delivery ensuring that our daily operations remained uninterrupted.

The COVID-19 pandemic posed unprecedented challenges to the adherence of measures implemented by the Parliament to mitigate the transmission of the virus. The team encountered difficulties in maintaining physical distancing while performing their duties. This resulted in staff having to work from home, with some facing intermittent internet connectivity, which caused difficulty to access the financial management system. However, the skeleton staff on site took on full responsibilities to facilitate all financial requests, ensuring no disruption to daily operations. The team leveraged available apps to communicate daily to ensure timely completion of tasks despite the limitations and restrictions.

2021–2022 Status:

Parliament’s budget allocation for the financial year from August 2021 to July 2022 was \$7,063,600. In March 2022, a supplementary budget was announced and our budget was increased by \$45,000 to \$7,108,600. The increase was to accommodate for overtime payments, which were reinstated in the supplementary budget.

The Finance Unit, adapted smoothly and positively to the COVID-19 protocols and advisories. Parliament provided technology and equipment, which played a vital role in our successful delivery of outputs as requested.

For the financial year ending in July 2022, our budget utilisation rate was 98% and we were able to deliver the outputs of the Parliament. However, we did face some challenges, including changes made by the centralised ministry (Ministry of Economy) regarding online submission and requirements. For instance, the request for the release of donor funding now required donors to provide all supporting documents or deal with the vendors directly.

Provision of timely research and information to Members

The COVID-19 global pandemic greatly impacted workplace operations and forged an overhaul in how work was conducted. The Research and Library Services Unit managed to adapt well to the changing circumstances arising from COVID-19. For this reporting period, the Unit accomplished its goals and targets despite the challenges to operations due to COVID-19.

The team achieved the unit targets of supporting Members of Parliament, the Executive Management and the Parliament secretariat through the provision of research and library services. Research services include the provision of timely and quality information briefs, budget briefs, annual report summaries, inter-parliamentary surveys, speaking notes and committee support. While the senior research officers were able to work from home during the lockdown period, the senior librarian was among the essential services staff that had to work from the office due to the nature of the work in the library. Thus, library services continued with normal operations pre and post-COVID-19, maintaining a high standard of library services.

Support to the Standing Committees was a priority for the team with the timely submissions of annual report summaries to the Committees. A total of 108 annual report summaries were produced for the Standing Committees during this reporting period; 49 in 2020–2021 and 59 in 2021–2022. The annual report summaries were prepared to assist Members in the review of Government ministries and statutory bodies’ annual reports that were tabled in Parliament.

In addition, the Unit produced a total of 4 speaking notes, 6 information briefs and 8 Bill summaries during this reporting period. The COVID-19 restrictions reduced MPs’ inter-parliamentary and other engagements during this period, hence the reduction in speaking notes and information briefs produced.



Innovative budget analysis

A key achievement for the team was the annual budget briefings for Members of Parliament. The team, together with researchers from the Australian Federal Parliament, Legislative Assembly of Tonga and other Fijian Parliament staff produced budget briefs to assist Members of Parliament in their scrutiny of and debate on the National Budget for the two financial years of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. A total of 107 budget briefs were produced; 54 in 2020–2021 and 53 in 2021–2022. These included thematic area briefings on Climate Change and Gender. Furthermore, the team conducted a budget information workshop for the Civil Society Organisations ('**CSOs**') on 22 July 2022. The team also continued to provide support to the other Pacific Parliaments through the UNDP Pacific Floating Budget Office in their review of the national budget. In the 2020-2022 reporting period, budget analysis support was rendered to the Parliament of Vanuatu in November 2021, the National Parliament of the Solomon Islands in March 2022 and the Legislative Assembly of Tonga in May 2022.

During the COVID-19 lockdown from April 2021, staff had to work from home with limited resources. Our capacity to adapt and innovate despite the challenges assisted us in carrying out our Unit deliverables. In light of this, it was the first time ever that the Unit managed to accomplish preparing the budget briefings for the 2021–2022 National Budget by working from home in July 2021.

The researchers from the Parliaments of Victoria and New Zealand together with our colleagues from other Units provided support in successfully completing the Fiji budget analysis exercise. The team also prepared thematic area briefings on Climate Change, Gender and Health, with a focus on COVID-19. The budget team conducted a budget information workshop virtually for the CSOs on 23 July 2021. This was a milestone for the Unit since such an immense and crucial exercise was carried out from our respective homes during lockdown.

A significant capacity-building programme for the team was a virtual workshop supported by the UNDP FPSP and facilitated by UNDP Consultants Mr Jeremy Hills and Ms Swapna Bist-Joshi on 30 June and 1 July 2021. The workshop was attended by the Senior Research Officers and two staff from the Committees Unit who were additional co-focal points for Gender and Climate Change respectively. The workshop focused on cross-government budget analysis, with special consideration of climate change and gender budgeting. The objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacities of the Parliament staff on climate change financing and gender budgeting concepts and the practical use of the knowledge to unravel budget data to prepare quality climate change and gender thematic briefs for MPs and CSOs.

The staff from the Research and Library Services Unit are focal points for key thematic areas in Gender, Climate Change and Health. Additionally, senior researchers are lead researchers for the Commonwealth Women's Parliamentarians ('**CWP**') Fiji Group and the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities.

The CWP Fiji Group was established in May 2019 and consists of all women Members of Parliament. There were 10 women Members in the Fijian Parliament out of the 51 Members. This accounted for 19.6 percent of the Members of the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji. The role of the CWP Fiji Group is to promote common issues for women Parliamentarians' with a particular focus on mainstreaming gender equality into the work of Parliamentary Committees and of Parliament as a whole.

A major highlight of the CWP Fiji Group in the 2021–2022 financial year was the one-day hybrid mentoring workshop for aspiring women politicians, funded through the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association CWP Regional Strengthening Funds. It was the first activity of the CWP Fiji Group that involved engagement with women from across Fiji. The workshop was held in a hybrid format where participants joined either virtually or in-person. There were three centres for in-person attendance and these were held at the civic centres in the Northern, Central and the Western divisions. A total of 192 women joined the hybrid workshop.

The workshop included four sessions where the CWP Fiji Members shared their personal experiences and challenges faced. Topics included the things to consider when becoming an MP, the Power of Social



Media and Tackling Online Abuse, Communications and building relationships between Members and the community. There was also a session by the Fijian Elections Office ('FEO') on the Candidates Handbook 2022. The FEO officers highlighted the requirements to become a candidate and the process involved in the nomination for elections.

The Fijian Parliament became a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities in November 2020, where the Hon. Viam Pillay was appointed as the CPwD Pacific Regional Champion.

One of the major highlights for the CPwD for the year 2021–2022 was when the Fijian Parliament hosted its first-ever 'Fijian Parliament Open Day for Persons with Disabilities in Fiji' on 3 December 2021. This event coincided with the International Day for Persons with Disabilities. The event was funded through the CPwD Capital Investment Fund. The event was organised in partnership with two key national actors, namely, the Fiji Association of the Deaf ('FAD') and the Fiji Disabled People's Federation recognising that partnerships with CSOs and relevant stakeholders provides the impetus for greater awareness and success. Apart from creating a space for discussion and knowledge sharing, a key highlight of this event was to hand-over the newly purchased high-end headphones to the FAD by His Excellency Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, the Speaker of the Fijian Parliament.

The CPwD Pacific Regional Champion provided his contribution to the 4th issue of 'The Parliamentarian 2021' published by the CPA. The article theme was 'How can Parliaments be more accessible to persons with disabilities?' It provided a good opportunity to exhibit the first-ever Fijian Parliament Open Day for Persons with Disabilities in Fiji and the Fijian Parliament's achievements with respect to disability enhancement.

Strategic Priority 4. ICT to facilitate the services of Parliament

Enhancing digital access to Parliamentary information and records

To address the challenges posed by the pandemic, Parliament resorted to virtual meetings through the Microsoft Office 365 E1, a cloud-based application that Microsoft had rolled out to facilitate remote work. The Fijian Parliament leveraged the technology made available by Microsoft to encourage as many people as possible to work-from-home and keep staff connected, thus promoting distancing and ensuring public health and safety. Members of Parliament and committee clerks within the Suva lockdown zone underwent training on the use of Microsoft Teams and Cisco Webex cloud applications, culminating in minimal disruptions to Parliament business as work on further improving Parliament business processes accelerated.

The Hybrid Parliament project was funded by the UNDP, with the integration of the Parliament's Television broadcasting and video conferencing awarded to Gencom Technology Limited in Auckland, New Zealand. The same vendor was responsible for designing, supplying, integrating, and installing the Parliament's Television Broadcasting system. Data#3, a software vendor based in Suva, procured the licensed cloud-based Microsoft Office 365.

Permanent solutions for virtual committee meetings; broadcasting of virtual meetings and hybrid Parliament sittings were completed in October 2020, with full verification tests also conducted and endorsed. This accomplishment marked another milestone achievement for the Parliament and the ICT unit.

Strategic Priority 5. Extensive engagement and effective communication

Communications and public engagement

The Civic Education and Media Unit had effectively executed its operations and achieved the goals set out in the Operational Plan. The Unit utilised mainstream media and social media platforms to engage with the public and proficiently communicate about Parliament. The Parliament Facebook page was the most utilised means of social media communication. For this reporting period, Parliament sittings and Committee meetings were broadcast live on the Parliament Channel on free-to-air TV and also live-streamed on the Parliament's Facebook page.


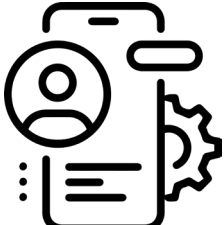



Despite the COVID-19 restrictions in place, particularly the complete lockdown from April 2021, the Civic Education and Media Unit continued to perform its duties and provide services. Physical engagement was minimised, and the Unit relied heavily on mainstream media and social media platforms to inform the public and educate them on the roles and functions of Parliament. Parliament events and activities were regularly reported through mainstream media and social media platforms. The Parliament website was frequently updated with educational information, and social media posts were increased. The International Day of Parliamentarism and the International Day of Democracy were marked using mainstream media and social media platforms.

In March 2021, the Unit commenced live broadcasting of the Standing Committee public consultations in the Western and Northern divisions. However, COVID-19 restrictions led to the cessation of all the Unit’s outreach programmes, which included physical contact with the public. The ‘Parliament Bus’ Programme, Speaker’s Debates and Tours to Parliament were all affected. This was the major challenge, and as a result, the team had to seek alternative means to educate and keep the public updated on Parliamentary development. The provision of IT gadgets helped to regularly update our social media platforms and keep people informed on Parliament’s activities.

Face-to-face public engagement resumed in March 2022, and the number of visitors and tours to Parliament gradually increased. Schools and tertiary institutions resumed Parliamentary Education tours in May. Parliament sitting weeks were busier with tour groups and the general public as opposed to non-sitting weeks. Some 273 visitors came to Parliament between March and July 2022. The Unit continued to monitor the public gallery during Parliament sitting weeks, with the assistance of the Committees staff. Other public engagement programmes remained suspended during this period.

Following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in February 2022, staff resumed the face-to-face public engagement programme – Parliament Education Tours. Leveraging both social and mainstream media, we gradually raised awareness and participation in this programme which saw an increase in the number of individual and group tours to Parliament.

Mainstream media and social media engagements and reach		
	August 2020–July 2021	August 2021–July 2022
	More than 20,000 active users on the Parliament Website	More than 35,000 active users on the Parliament Website
	145,000 Engagements on the Parliament social media platforms	Over 300,000 Engagements on the Parliament social media platforms
	37 Press Releases 2 Newsletters	22 Press Releases 4 Newsletters



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements of the Parliament of Fiji

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Parliament of Fiji which comprise the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, Appropriation Statement and Statement of Losses for the financial year ended 31 July 2021, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Parliament of Fiji are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Financial Management Act 2004 and Finance Instructions 2010.

Basis for Opinion

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Parliament of Fiji in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Fiji and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Management and Those Charged with Governance for Financial Statements

The Management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Management Act 2004 and Finance Instructions 2010, and for such internal control as the Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Parliament of Fiji's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

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Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parliament of Fiji’s internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management of Parliament of Fiji.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Sainusi Dukuna
ACTING AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
19 September 2022



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

We certify that these financial statements:

- (a) fairly reflect the financial operations and performance of Parliament of Fiji for the year ended 31 July 2021; and
- (b) have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Management Act 2004 and Finance Instructions 2010.

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Jeanette Emberson
Secretary-General to Parliament

Handwritten signature of Miriama Vereivalu in blue ink.

Miriama Vereivalu
Manager Finance

Date: 30/08/2022



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

	Note	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)
RECEIPTS			
State Revenue – Operating Revenue		1,714	10,743
Agency Revenue – Miscellaneous Revenue		23,326	241
TOTAL REVENUE	3 (a)	25,040	10,984
EXPENDITURE			
Established Staff	3 (b)	3,899,858	4,327,251
Government Wage Earners	3 (c)	161,713	230,055
Travel & Communication	3 (d)	464,105	1,767,492
Maintenance & Operations	3 (e)	475,639	684,119
Purchase of Goods & Services	3 (f)	596,759	350,479
Operating Grants & Transfers	3 (g)	1,530,000	315,000
Special Expenditure	3 (h)	521,723	618,802
Total Operating Expenditure		7,649,797	8,293,198
Value Added Tax		109,214	175,398
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		7,759,011	8,468,596



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
APPROPRIATION STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

SEG	Item	Budget Estimate (\$)	Appropriation Changes (\$)	Revised Estimate (\$)	Actual Expenditure (\$)	Carry-Over (\$)	Lapsed Appropriation (\$) Note 4
1	Established Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Government Wage Earners	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Travel & Communication	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Maintenance & Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Purchase of Goods & Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Operating Grants & Transfers	8,611,163	-	8,611,163	7,759,011	-	852,152
7	Special Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Operating Expenditure	8,611,163	-	8,611,163	7,759,011	-	852,152
8	Capital Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Capital Purchase	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Capital Grants & Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Value Added Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,611,163	-	8,611,163	7,759,011	-	852,152



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

Losses of Money

There was no loss of money recorded for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Losses of Revenue

There was no loss of revenue recorded during the financial period 31 July 2021.

Losses of Assets (Other than Money)

There was no reported loss (other than money) recorded for the year ended 31 July 2021. However, following the 2021 Board of Survey, the following were approved by the Permanent Secretary for Economy:

- Assets approved to be disposed through donations worth \$5,280
- Write-off obsolete and unserviceable items valued at \$2,370

Category	Cost (\$)
Office Equipment - Chair	5,280
Office Equipment – Recorders	2,370
TOTAL	7,650



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

NOTE 1 REPORTING ENTITY

The primary function of the Parliament is provided for under Section 46(1) of the Fijian Constitution, which states that, “the authority and power to make laws for the State is vested in Parliament”. The Parliament is the voice of the Fijian people, and it is responsible for ensuring representative government, openly debating relevant issues and providing oversight of government activities.

As an Independent Office, the Parliament Office Budget is reflected as a one-line item and this is administered by the Secretary-General as stated in the Finance (Amendment) Instructions 2017. Hence, the disclosure of expenditures according to Standard Expenditure Groups (SEGs) in the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures are done voluntarily by the Office.

NOTE 2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

In accordance with Government accounting policies, the financial statements of the Parliament of Fiji are prepared under the cash basis of accounting. All payments related to purchases of fixed assets have been expensed.

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the Financial Management Act and the requirements of Section 71(1) of the Finance Instructions 2010. The preparation and presentation of a Statement of Assets and Liabilities is not required under the current Government policies.

b) Accounting for Value Added Tax (VAT)

All expenses are VAT exclusive. The Parliament of Fiji on a monthly basis takes out VAT output on total money received for expenditure from Ministry of Economy. VAT input on the other hand is claimed on payments made to the suppliers and sub-contractors for expenses incurred.

c) Comparative Figures

Where necessary, amounts relating to prior years have been reclassified to facilitate comparison and achieve consistency in disclosure with current year amounts.

d) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised when the actual cash is received by the Parliament of Fiji.

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS

- a) Total revenue increased by \$14,056 or 128% in 2021 financial year compared to 2020. The increase was due to revenue earned from the 2019 TPAF Levy grant, which was refunded by the Fiji National University to the Department. Other operating revenue includes commission chargers, loan recoveries to lending institutions/insurance companies and revenue interest earned from former Members of Parliament superannuation funds established since 2006.



PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued...)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS (Continued...)

- b) Established staff expenditure decreased by \$427,393 or 10% in 2021 financial year compared to 2020. The decrease was due to huge reduction in FNPF employer's contribution compared to the 2019/2020 financial year. During the financial year, Imdad Hussain [Library Assistant] passed on, Priya Chand [Assistant Committee Officer] resigned and Wati Sovea [Hansard Reporter] retired. The former Acting Secretary-General to Parliament Mrs Viniana Namosimalua's term in office came to an end in January 2021. The Deputy Secretary-General Mrs Jeanette Emberson assumed the role and acted on the position till the end of the financial year with a payment of 95% acting allowance. In addition, the resignation of two Cabinet Ministers who were paid by their respective Ministry, increased Members of Parliament establishment payroll from 28 to 30 at the end of the financial year.
- c) Government Wage Earners expenditure decreased by \$68,342 or 30% in 2021 financial year compared to 2020. The decrease was due to huge reduction in FNPF employer's contribution in comparison to the 2019/2020 financial year. Penijamini Valenibuli proceeded on military leave tour without pay and Lavenia Ledua retired in July. Overtime payment ceased following COVID-19 cost-cutting strategies implemented by the Government and Parliament to reduce operating expenses.
- d) Travel and Communications expenditure decreased by \$1,303,387 or 74% in 2021 financial year compared 2020. The decrease was due to no overseas travel undertaken due to the pandemic and the travel ban restrictions in place.
- e) Maintenance and Operations expenditure decreased by \$208,480 or 30% in 2021 financial year compared to 2020. The decrease was due to decreases in power supply consumption, no major minor building improvements carried out during the financial year and incidental expenses for Members of Parliament with no provision of lunch during Parliament sittings.
- f) Purchase of Good and Services expenditure increased by \$246,280 or 70% in 2021 financial year compared to 2020. This was due to outstanding bill of \$307,143.48 for broadcasting of Parliament and Committee sitting since 2016, was paid to the Fiji Broadcasting Commission Ltd from budgetary savings. Payment was cleared with the provision of a signed Memorandum of Understanding. Also, laptops provided to the two new Members of Parliament, Hansard reporters and Senior Officers as working tools during the onslaught of the pandemic.
- g) The Operating Grants and Transfers expenditure increased by \$1,215,000 or 386% in 2021 financial year compared to 2020. The increase was due to budget of \$765,000 approved for the payment of Party Office staffing grant. Increased spending of \$1,530,000 in grant payment during 2020/2021 financial year in comparison to \$315,000 in 2019/2020. With availability of savings this financial year, the Executive Management approved advance payment of the 2021/2022 Party Office grant of \$765,000. The advance payment was discussed with the Budget team during the 2021/2022 budget consultation which subsequently resulted in the grant budget not required in the new financial year.



PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued...)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS (Continued...)

- h) Special Expenditure decreased by \$97,079 or 16% in 2020/2021 compared to 2019/2020. The major decrease is the non-provision of the one-off APPFGH budget given in 2019/2020 to co-host the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum on Global Health with WHO.

NOTE 4 REASONS FOR SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS

Total expenditure decreased by 8% compared to 2019/2020 that accounted a saving of \$852,152. The decrease was due to measures put in place during COVID-19 restrictions and lockdown. Virtual Parliament sitting was held from May to September and the face to face Committee sitting suspended. The virtual meetings enabled Members to connect from the comfort of their homes instead of travelling to the meeting venue. On-line meeting platform reduced spending in travelling both local and overseas, accommodation, catering and other related expenses. Most staff worked from home whilst skeleton staff manned the office to carry out essential corporate services.

NOTE 5 DONOR ASSISTANCE

UNDP provided on-going support for capacity building to Members of Parliament and secretariat staff during the financial year.

- Three staff including the Manager Human Resources and Admin Training, Manager Finance and Senior Finance Officer were seconded to UNDP during the month of March to July. The Fijian Parliament team provided assistance to the Parliament of Nauru secretariat in the enactment of its Parliamentary Services Act 2020. Assistance included the provision of administrative and financial support services for the operation of Nauru Parliament. These functions provided a framework for employment, leadership, financial and budgetary mechanisms, and management of its employees and administration of its office.
- The Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights public consultations to the West and North on the various Bills, were supported by UNDP through the partnership programme. However, UNDP was unable to refund funds used by the Department before July 2021. Therefore, UNDP will fund programmes to be undertaken in the new financial year.

NOTE 6 UNDERLINE ACCOUNT – SLG 84

CPA Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) funding of \$2,715 provided to the CWP Fiji Group, to fund the provision of sanitary kits to the Fiji Red Cross Society. This was to meet basic needs for women and young girls impacted by Tropical Cyclone Harold and the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOTE 7 ON-GOING CASE OF FALSIFICATION OF ADDRESS

Members of Parliament accommodation allowances – FICAC case still on-going before the court at the end of 2020/2021 financial year.



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In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Parliament of Fiji are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Financial Management Act 2004 and Finance Instructions 2010.

Basis for Opinion

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Parliament of Fiji in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Fiji and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

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Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Parliament of Fiji's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parliament of Fiji's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management of Parliament of Fiji.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sairusi Dukuno'.

Sairusi Dukuno
ACTING AUDITOR-GENERAL



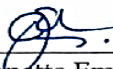
Suva, Fiji
13 February 2023



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

We certify that these financial statements:

- (a) fairly reflect the financial operations and performance of Parliament of Fiji for the year ended 31 July 2022; and
- (b) have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Management Act 2004 and Finance Instructions 2010.



Jeanette Emberson
Secretary-General to Parliament



Sarwesh Narayan
Manager Finance

Date: 03/02/2023



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

	Notes	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)
RECEIPTS			
State Revenue – Operating Revenue		8,835	1,714
Agency Revenue – Miscellaneous Revenue		170	23,326
TOTAL REVENUE	3 (a)	9,005	25,040
EXPENDITURE			
Established Staff	3 (b)	3,943,831	3,899,858
Government Wage Earners	3 (c)	168,297	161,713
Travel & Communication	3 (d)	765,238	464,105
Maintenance & Operations	3 (e)	712,892	475,639
Purchase of Goods & Services	3 (f)	469,516	596,759
Operating Grants & Transfers	3 (g)	125,000	1,530,000
Special Expenditure	3 (h)	638,027	521,723
Total Operating Expenditure		6,822,801	7,649,797
Value Added Tax		148,243	109,214
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		6,971,044	7,759,011



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
APPROPRIATION STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

SEG	Item	Budget Estimate (\$)	Appropriation Changes (\$)	Revised Estimate (\$)	Actual Expenditure (\$)	Carry- Over (\$)	Lapsed Appropriation (\$) Note 4
1	Established Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Government Wage Earners	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Travel & Communication	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Maintenance & Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Purchase of Goods & Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Operating Grants & Transfers	7,108,642	-	7,108,642	6,971,044	-	137,598
7	Special Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Operating Expenditure	7,108,642	-	7,108,642	6,971,044	-	137,598
8	Capital Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Capital Purchase	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Capital Grants & Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Value Added Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,108,642	-	7,108,642	6,971,044	-	137,598



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

Losses of Money

There was no loss of money recorded for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Losses of Revenue

There was no loss of revenue recorded during the financial year ended 31 July 2022.

Losses of Assets (Other than Money)

There was no reported loss (other than money) recorded for the year ending 31 July 2022. However, following the 2022 Board of Survey, the following were approved by the Permanent Secretary for Economy;

- Assets were approved to be disposed through Auction or Dump worth \$1,200.00
- Write - off obsolete and unserviceable items valued at \$5,609.00

Category	Cost (\$)
Office Equipment - Chair	2,280.00
Office Equipment - Machine	2,134.00
Office Equipment - Electrical	2,395.00
TOTAL	6,809.00



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

NOTE 1 REPORTING ENTITY

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NOTE 2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

In accordance with Government accounting policies, the financial statements of the Parliament of Fiji are prepared under the cash basis of accounting. All payments related to purchases of fixed assets have been expensed.

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the Financial Management Act 2004 and the requirements of Section 71(1) of the Finance Instructions 2010. The preparation and presentation of a Statement of Assets and Liabilities is not required under the current Government policies.

b) Accounting for Value Added Tax (VAT)

All expenses are VAT exclusive. The Parliament of Fiji on a monthly basis takes out VAT output on total money received for expenditure from Ministry of Economy. VAT input on the other hand is claimed on payments made to the suppliers and sub-contractors for expenses incurred.

c) Comparative Figures

Where necessary, amounts relating to prior year have been reclassified to facilitate comparison and achieve consistency in disclosure with current year amounts.

d) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised when the actual cash is received by the Parliament of Fiji.



PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (*Continued...*)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS

- a) Total revenue decreased by \$16,035 or 64% in 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021 financial year. For the financial year 2021/2022 no TPAF Levy was refunded as compared to the 2020/2021. Salary refund and late arrival made up the state revenue. Other operating revenue includes commission chargers, loan recoveries to lending institutions/ insurance companies and revenue interest earned.
- b) Established staff expenditure increased by \$43,973 or 1% in 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021 financial year. The following movements were noted in the establish staff payroll;
- There were four new appointments of Members of Parliament (Honourable Sachida Nand, Honourable Jone Seniloli, Honourable Howard Politini and Honourable Mere Samisoni)
 - Two new appointment of staff (Secretary General of Parliament - Jeanette Emberson and Personal Assistant to Deputy Secretary General - Alumita Cabealawa).
 - Two staff promoted to Executive officer level (Anare Vugakoto and Varanisesse Lewakeli)
 - Three acting appointment (Head of Corporate- Abele Sakulu, Manager Finance - Sarwesh Narayan and Committee Officer - Darolin Vinisha).
 - Two resignations: One Member of Parliament (Lynda Tabuya) and Manager Civic (Vatimosi Delailovu).
 - One Member of Parliament passed away (late Osea Naiqamu).
 - Three terminations: one staff (Atelaite Leba), and two Members of Parliament (Ratu Suliano Matanitobua and Nikolau Tuiqamea)
 - Two leave without pay (Shalu Sharma and Jale Ratudo).
- c) Government Wage Earners expenditure increased by \$6,584 or 4% in 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021 financial year. There were no major movements in our GWE staff, however the endorsement for the overtime to be reverted back as announced in the budget supplement on 24th March 2022 effective 1st April 2022 thus overtime paid to the GWE staff. One staff Penijamini Valebuli applied for leave without pay.
- d) Travel and Communications expenditure increased by \$301,133 or 65% in 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021 financial year. With the ease of COVID 19 restriction and our borders opening the following overseas meeting were attended;
- i. 41st Session of ACP-EU France from 29th March to 4th April.
 - ii. 51st Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference (POCC) in Melbourne, Australia from 4-8th August 2022.
 - iii. Air fare for 65th Commonwealth Parliament Conference (CPC) in Halifax Canada.
 - iv. Australian Council of Public Accounts Meeting 21-22 July - Wellington
 - v. Airfare 6th Asia Pacific Parliamentarian Forum on Global Health 24- 26 August.



PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (*Continued...*)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

The Speaker also directed all committees upon easing of COVID restriction to meeting face to face thus an increase in Members of Parliament travel and subsistence allowance. The following Committees conducted public consultation;

- i. Standing Committee on Justice Law and Human Rights - Heritage Bill and Investment Bill, Levuka from 27th to 31st January 2022, Northern from 13th to 22nd February 2022 and Western from 23rd February to 01st March 2022.

The Following Committees conducted site visits;

- i. Standing Committee on Social Affairs - Site visit all the Municipal Council around Viti Levu from 01st to 3rd March 2022 and around Vanua Levu from 27th to 29th March 2022;
 - ii. Standing Committee on Natural Resources - Site Visit Northern Division from 11th to 14th April 2022.
- e) Maintenance and Operations expenditure increased by \$237,253 or 50% in 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021 financial year. With workflow returning to normal, fuel and oil utilisation also increased also the global increase in fuel price.

Consultation, designing and adding additional four seat in parliament chamber was completed together with ICT equipment's and network installation, work was also carried out on building parliament generator shed. With our ageing heritage building, ongoing repair and maintenance work continued such as water proofing, electrical and joinery work. Judicial Department vacated level 3 office and it was allocated to Parliament. The office required extensive renovation thus an increase in minor improvements of building. Catering cost also increase during this financial year due to increase in VAT from 9 to 15%. The speaker through SGP approved for lunch to be served in-house to the members of parliament during parliament sitting days.

- f) Purchase of Good and Services expenditure decreased by \$127,243 or 21% in 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021 financial year. This was due to, for the last financial year we paid our outstanding bill to Fijian Broadcasting Commission.

Procurement of ICT parts and equipment to prepare for the new term of parliament as most of the ICT equipment after serving two term needs upgrading or replacement. Exploring the cloud applications is mostly suited for staff working remotely thus upgrading the Microsoft 365 plan from E1 to business premium level.

- g) The Operating Grants and Transfers expenditure decreased by \$1,405,000 or 92% in 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021 financial year. The department utilised its saving from 2020/2021 financial year and paid the three political parties its annual grant in advance thus no budget was allocated in 2021/2022 financial year.



**PARLIAMENT OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued...)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

For the financial year 2021/2022 the department again utilised its saving and paid two months grant (August & September 2022) to the three political parties.

- h) The Special Expenditure increase by \$116,304 or 22% in 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021 financial year. Committees are requesting for additional days sitting per week to complete their reports.

For the reporting years there was no budgetary allocation for Annual Parliamentary Subscription however saving was sourced from within to pay membership payment.

NOTE 4 REASONS FOR SAVINGS

Total expenditure decreased by 10% compared to 2020/2021 that accounted a saving of \$137,598 or 2%. Our Budget utilisation rate was 98%. The saving was from Established Staff, Government Wage Earners, Travel and Communications and Value Added Tax. Established Staff and Government Wage Earners were from the vacant position and Travel and Communication due to COVID, limited overseas travel was planned.

NOTE 5 DONOR ASSISTANCE - SLG 84

The UNDP Fiji Parliament Support Program phase two had allocated a sum \$137,468 to the parliament. Due to COVID safety measures and protocols, the standing committee were not able to fully undertake public consultations thus these funds were re-allocated in agreement (Letter of Agreement) with UNDP to include Parliament Professional Development trainings and Parliament Internship.

The Commonwealth Parliament with Disabilities (CPwD) through its Capital Investment Fund provided a funding of \$5,821.85. This was based on the proposal made by Parliament to CPwD to host the Parliament open day for person with disabilities to commemorate the International Day of Disability.

The Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians through the Commonwealth Parliamentarians Associations (CPA) provided a funding of \$18,110 for a mentoring workshop for aspiring women politicians. A one-day virtual hybrid format workshop was held at the same time at three centres Labasa Civic Centre, Suva Civic Centre and Nadi Civic Centre on the 18th of May 2022.

NOTE 6 ON-GOING CASES OF FALSIFICATION OF ADDRESS

Members of Parliament accommodation allowances – FICAC case still on-going before the court at the end of 2021/2022 financial year.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BILLS PASSED IN PARLIAMENT – AUGUST 2020–JULY 2021

NO.	ACT NO.	SHORT TITLE	LONG TITLE	HISTORY	COMMENCEMENT DATE
1	30 of 2020	Public Health (Amendment) (No. 2)	An Act to amend the Public Health Act 1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>31 August 2020</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 September 2020</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
2	31 of 2020	Pharmacy Profession (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Pharmacy Profession Act 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>31 August 2020</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 September 2020</u> 	Comes into force on the date of publication in the Gazette
3	32 of 2020	Television (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Television Act 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>31 August 2020</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 September 2020</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
4	33 of 2020	Companies (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Companies Act 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>31 August 2020</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 September 2020</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
5	34 of 2020	Immigration (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Immigration Act 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>31 August 2020</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 September 2020</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
6	35 of 2020	Citizenship of Fiji (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Citizenship of Fiji Act 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>31 August 2020</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 September 2020</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
7	36 of 2020	Passports (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Passports Act 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>31 August 2020</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 September 2020</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette

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NO.	ACT NO.	SHORT TITLE	LONG TITLE	HISTORY	COMMENCEMENT DATE
8	37 of 2020	Adoption	An Act to provide for local and intercountry Adoption of Children and access to Information Regarding Adoption and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved under SO84(1) on 30 November 2018 Under consideration of the Committee of Whole of Parliament, the Bill was voted upon in Parts on <u>3 September 2020</u> TR – Pursuant to SO88 the Bill was read a third time, passed and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 September 2020</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
9	38 of 2020	Income Tax (Amendment) (No. 3)	An Act to amend the Income Tax Act 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>9 December 2020</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>11 December 2020</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
10	39 of 2020	Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service Act 1998		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
11	40 of 2020	Ozone Depleting Substances (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Ozone Depleting Substances Act 1998		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
12	41 of 2020	Telecommunications (Amendment) (No. 2)	An Act to amend the Telecommunications Act 2008		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
13	42 of 2020	Environment Management (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Environment Management Act 2005		1 January 2021
14	43 of 2020	COVID-19 Response (Home Loan Assistance)	An Act to provide for Home Loan Assistance for the Payment of Mortgage Monies and for Related Matters		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
15	44 of 2020	Customs Tariff (Amendment) (No. 3)	An Act to amend the Customs Tariff Act 1986		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
16	1 of 2021	High Court (Amendment)	An Act to amend the High Court Act 1875	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>8 February 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>11 February 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
17	2 of 2021	Criminal Procedure (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Act 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>8 February 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>11 February 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.



NO.	ACT NO.	SHORT TITLE	LONG TITLE	HISTORY	COMMENCEMENT DATE
18	3 of 2021	Cybercrime	An Act to address Cybercrime by prescribing computer-related and content-related offences, providing procedural requirements including the collection of electronic evidence and international cooperation, providing the remedies in relation to Cybercrime and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>26 May 2020</u> Pursuant to SO 97, the Bill was restored to the Order Paper on 8 December 2020 The Committee Report was tabled on <u>9 February 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>11 February 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
19	4 of 2021	National Payment System	An Act to provide for the establishment of the National Payment System and for its regulation, oversight and supervision by the reserve bank of Fiji and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>11 December 2020</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>9 February 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>11 February 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
20	5 of 2021	Investment	An Act to establish legal, social and economic principles for the development of investment activity in Fiji, define the rights, duties and responsibilities of domestic and foreign investors and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>11 December 2020</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>27 May 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 June 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
21	6 of 2021	Public Health (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Public Health Act 1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>3 June 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>3 June 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
22	7 of 2021	Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>3 June 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>4 June 2021</u> 	4 June 2021 (LN 40 of 2021)
23	8 of 2021	Customs Tariff (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Customs Tariff Act 1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>3 June 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>4 June 2021</u> 	4 June 2021 (LN 41 of 2021)



NO.	ACT NO.	SHORT TITLE	LONG TITLE	HISTORY	COMMENCEMENT DATE
24	9 of 2021	Electoral (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Electoral Act 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>11 December 2020</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>5 June 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>7 June 2021</u> 	7 June 2021 (LN 42 of 2021)
25	10 of 2021	Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Electoral (Registration of Voters) Act 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>11 December 2020</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>5 June 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>7 June 2021</u> 	7 June 2021 (LN 43 of 2021)
26	11 of 2021	Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding And Disclosures) Act 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>11 December 2020</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>5 June 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>7 June 2021</u> 	7 June 2021 (LN 44 of 2021)
27	12 of 2021	2021–2022 Appropriation	An Act to appropriate a sum of three billion, two hundred and sixty six million, six hundred and ninety nine thousand, seven hundred and twenty seven dollars for the ordinary services of government for the year ending 31 July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved under SO84(1) and 99 on <u>16 July 2021</u> SR – <u>26 July 2021</u> TR – <u>29 July 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>29 July 2021</u> 	Comes into force on 1 August 2021
28	13 of 2021	Customs (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Customs Act 1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>16 July 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>30 July 2021</u> 	Comes into force on 17 July 2021
29	14 of 2021	Customs Tariff (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Customs Tariff Act 1986		Comes into force on 17 July 2021, except for section 6 of this Act which comes into force on 31 August 2022
30	15 of 2021	Value Added Tax (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act 1991		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
31	16 of 2021	Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy Act 2015		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
32	17 of 2021	Gambling Turnover Tax (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Gambling Turnover Tax Act 1991		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
33	18 of 2021	Fiji National Provident Fund (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Fiji National Provident Fund Act 2011		Comes into force on 1 August 2021 except for sections 3 and 4 which come into force on 1 January 2022
34	19 of 2021	Employment Relations (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Employment Relations Act 2007		Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette

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35	20 of 2021	Tertiary Scholarship and Loans (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Tertiary Scholarship and Loans Act 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>16 July 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>30 July 2021</u> 	Comes into force on 1 August 2021
36	21 of 2021	State Lands (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the State Lands Act 1945		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
37	22 of 2021	iTaukei Land Trust (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the iTaukei Land Trust Act 1940		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
38	23 of 2021	Biosecurity (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Biosecurity Act 2008		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
39	24 of 2021	Fruit Export and Marketing (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Fruit Export and Marketing Act 1906		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
40	25 of 2021	Medicinal Products (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Medicinal Products Act 2011		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
41	26 of 2021	International Financial Organisations (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the International Financial Organisations Act 1971		Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
42	27 of 2021	Tax Administration (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Tax Administration Act 2009		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
43	28 of 2021	Income Tax (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Income Tax Act 2015		Comes into force on 1 August 2021
44	29 of 2021	Reserve Bank of Fiji (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Reserve Bank of Fiji Act 1983		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>28 July 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>30 July 2021</u>
45	30 of 2021	Fair Reporting of Credit (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Fair Reporting of Credit Act 2016	Comes into force on 1 August 2021	
46	31 of 2021	Maritime Transport (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Maritime Transport Act 2013	Comes into force on 1 August 2021	
47	32 of 2021	Offshore Fisheries Management (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Offshore Fisheries Management Act 2012	Comes into force on 1 August 2021	
48	33 of 2021	Land Transport (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Land Transport Act 1998	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
49	34 of 2021	Financial Management (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Financial Management Act 2004	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette, except for section 35 which comes into force 2 years after the enactment of this Act	



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NO.	ACT NO.	SHORT TITLE	LONG TITLE	HISTORY	COMMENCEMENT DATE
1	35 of 2021	Income Tax (Amendment) (No. 2)	An Act to amend the Income Tax Act 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>17 August 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>19 August 2021</u> 	Comes into force on the date of publication in the Gazette except for section 2 which is deemed to have come into force on 1 August 2021
2	36 of 2021	Trademarks	An Act to provide for the registration of trademarks in Fiji and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>11 December 2020</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>18 August 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>19 August 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
3	37 of 2021	Patents	An Act to provide for Patents of inventions and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>11 December 2020</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>16 August 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>19 August 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
4	38 of 2021	Designs	An Act to provide for the registration of Designs in Fiji and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>11 December 2020</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>17 August 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>19 August 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
5	39 of 2021	Registration of Sex Offenders	An Act to provide for the establishment of a Register of Sex Offenders, the Registration and Reporting Obligations of Sex Offenders and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved under SO84(1) on 30 November 2018 Pursuant to SO 97, the Bill was restored to the Order Paper on 8 December 2020 The Committee Report was tabled on 21 November 2019 Under consideration of the Committee of Whole of Parliament, the Bill was voted upon in Parts on <u>21 September 2021</u> TR – The Bill was read a third time, passed and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>21 September 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette



NO.	ACT NO.	SHORT TITLE	LONG TITLE	HISTORY	COMMENCEMENT DATE
6	40 of 2021	Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) (No.2)	An Act to amend the Electoral (Registration of Voters) Act 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>20 September 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>22 September 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
7	41 of 2021	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>20 September 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>22 September 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
8	42 of 2021	Interpretation (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Interpretation Act 1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>20 September 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>22 September 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
9	43 of 2021	Climate Change	An Act to establish a comprehensive response to climate change, to provide for the regulation and governance of the national response to climate change, to introduce a system for the measurement, reporting and verification of greenhouse gas emissions and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>19 August 2021</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>22 September 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>23 September 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
10	44 of 2021	Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants	An Act to continue the Fiji Institute of Accountants as the Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants, provide for the registration of chartered accountants, regulation of the practice of accountancy and for related matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>22 October 2021</u> Pursuant to SO 97, the Bill was restored to the Order Paper on 30 November 2021 The Committee Report was tabled on <u>1 December 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>2 December 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
11	45 of 2021	Customs Tariff (Amendment) (No. 3)	An Act to amend the Customs Tariff Act 1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>29 November 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>2 December 2021</u> 	Comes into force on 1 January 2022
12	46 of 2021	Hotels and Guest Houses (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Hotels and Guest Houses Act 1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>29 November 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>2 December 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette



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13	47 of 2021	Medicinal Products (Amendment) (No. 2)	An Act to amend the Medicinal Products Act 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>29 November 2021</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>2 December 2021</u> 	Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
14	1 of 2022	Liquor (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Liquor Act 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>9 February 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>10 February 2022</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
15	2 of 2022	Tobacco Control (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Tobacco Control Act 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>9 February 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>10 February 2022</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
16	3 of 2022	Fiji National University (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Fiji National University Act 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>9 February 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>10 February 2022</u> 	Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
17	4 of 2022	Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment)	An Act to amend the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1946	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>9 February 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>10 February 2022</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
18	5 of 2022	Revised 2021–2022 Appropriation	An Act to appropriate a sum of three billion, three hundred and two million, nine hundred and fifty six thousand, one hundred and eighty seven dollars for the ordinary services of government for the year ending 31 July 2022		Comes into force on 28 March 2022
19	6 of 2022	Tax Administration (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Tax Administration Act 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>24 March 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>25 March 2022</u> 	Comes into force on 1 April 2022
20	7 of 2022	Income Tax (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Income Tax Act 2015		Comes into force on 1 April 2022
21	8 of 2022	Value Added Tax (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act 1991		Comes into force on 1 April 2022
22	9 of 2022	Airport Departure Tax (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Airport Departure Tax Act 1986		Comes into force on 1 April 2022
23	10 of 2022	Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy Act 2015		Comes into force on 1 April 2022
24	11 of 2022	Customs (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Customs Act 1986		Comes into force on 1 April 2022



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25	12 of 2022	Customs Tariff (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Customs Tariff Act 1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>24 March 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>25 March 2022</u> 	Comes into force on 25 March 2022, except for section 3 of this Act which comes into force on 1 April 2022	
26	13 of 2022	Financial Management (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Financial Management Act 2004		Comes into force on 1 April 2022	
27	14 of 2022	Employment Relations (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Employment Relations Act 2007		Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
28	15 of 2022	Citizenship of Fiji (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Citizenship of Fiji Act 2009		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
29	16 of 2022	Surveyors (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Surveyors Act 1969		Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
30	17 of 2022	Real Estate Agents (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Real Estate Agents Act 2006		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
31	18 of 2022	Town Planning (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Town Planning Act 1946		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
32	19 of 2022	Lagilagi Housing Development	An Act to provide for the refund of monies paid for housing units constructed under the Lagilagi Housing Development Project and for related matters		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
33	20 of 2022	Medical and Dental Practitioner (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Medical And Dental Practitioner Act 2010		Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
34	21 of 2022	Development of Informal Settlements	An Act to provide for the Development of Informal Settlements in Fiji and for related matters		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
35	22 of 2022	Land Transport (Revised Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Land Transport Act 1998		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
36	23 of 2022	Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2)	An Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act 1991		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>4 April 2022</u> 	Come into force on 1 April 2022
37	24 of 2022	Customs Tariff (Amendment) (No. 2)	An Act to amend the Customs Tariff Act 1986		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>4 April 2022</u> 	Come into force on 1 April 2022
38	25 of 2022	Investment Fiji	An Act to continue the Investment Fiji board as investment Fiji for the purpose of promoting and facilitating investment and export in Fiji and for related matters		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>10 February 2022</u> The Committee Report was tabled on <u>4 April 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>7 April 2022</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette



NO.	ACT NO.	SHORT TITLE	LONG TITLE	HISTORY	COMMENCEMENT DATE
39	26 of 2022	State Lands (Amendment)	An Act to amend the State Lands Act 1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>11 May 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>12 May 2022</u> 	Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
40	27 of 2022	2022–2023 Appropriation	An Act to appropriate a sum of three billion, three hundred twenty million, two thousand, one hundred eighty four dollars for the ordinary services of government for the year ending 31 July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved under SO84(1) and 99 on <u>15 July 2022</u> SR – <u>25 July 2022</u> TR – <u>28 July 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>28 July 2022</u> 	Comes into force on 1 August 2022
41	28 of 2022	Tax Administration (Budget Amendment) (No. 2)	An Act to amend the Tax Administration Act 2009		Comes into force on 1 August 2022 except for section 3(a) which comes into effect on 1 January 2023
42	29 of 2022	Income Tax (Budget Amendment) (No. 2)	An Act to amend the Income Tax Act 2015		Comes into force on 1 August 2022 except for section 3 which comes into force on 1 January 2023
43	30 of 2022	Value Added Tax (Budget Amendment) (No. 3)	An Act to amend the Value Added Tax Act 1991		Comes into force on 1 August 2022
44	31 of 2022	Customs (Budget Amendment) (No. 2)	An Act to amend the Customs Act 1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>15 July 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>29 July 2022</u> 	Comes into force on 1 August 2022
45	32 of 2022	Customs Tariff (Budget Amendment) (No. 3)	An Act to amend the Customs Tariff Act 1986		Comes into force on 16 July 2022
46	33 of 2022	Excise (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Excise Act 1986		Comes into force on 1 August 2022
47	34 of 2022	Superyacht Charter (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Superyacht Charter Act 2010		Comes into force on 1 August 2022
48	35 of 2022	Tertiary Scholarships and Loans (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Act 2014		Comes into force on 1 August 2022
49	36 of 2022	Insurance (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Insurance Act 1998		Comes into force on 1 August 2022
50	37 of 2022	Veterinary Surgeons (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1956		Comes into force on 1 August 2022
51	38 of 2022	Fisheries (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Fisheries Act 1941		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
52	39 of 2022	Television (Cross-Carriage of Designated Events) (Repeal)	An Act to repeal the Television (Cross-Carriage of Designated Events) Act 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>25 July 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>29 July 2022</u> 	Comes into force on 1 August 2022



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53	40 of 2022	Telecommunications (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Telecommunications Act 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>25 July 2022</u> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>29 July 2022</u> 	Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
54	41 of 2022	Illicit Drugs Control (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Illicit Drugs Control Act 2004		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
55	42 of 2022	Fiji National Provident Fund (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Fiji National Provident Fund Act 2011		Comes into force on 1 August 2022 except for section 5 which comes into force on 1 November 2022 and sections 3 and 4 which come into force on 1 January 2023	
56	43 of 2022	Pharmacy Profession (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Pharmacy Profession Act 2011		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
57	44 of 2022	Medicinal Products (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Medicinal Products Act 2011		Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette	
58	45 of 2022	Media Industry Development (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Media Industry Development Act 2010		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FR – The Bill was moved pursuant to SO51 on <u>26 July 2022</u> 	Comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette
59	46 of 2022	Water Authority of Fiji (Budget Amendment)	An Act to amend the Water Authority of Fiji Act 2007		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bill was moved, debated, voted upon and enacted by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji on <u>29 July 2022</u> 	Comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette

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YEAR	ANNUAL REPORTS	BILLS	TREATIES	PETITIONS	TOTAL COMMITTEE REPORTS TABLED
August 2020–July 2021	33	7	6	1	47
August 2021–July 2022	39	6	–	–	45
Total	72	13	6	1	92



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ANNUAL REPORTS	
1	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 31 August 2020— “Review of the 2019 Annual Report Office of the Auditor General of the Republic of Fiji” PP 146 of 2020
2	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 31 August 2020— “Review Report of the Office of the Prime Minister 2016-2017 Annual Report” PP 194 of 2020
3	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 1 September 2020— “Review of the Office of the Prime Minister 2017-2018 Annual Report” PP 195 of 2020
4	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 1 September 2020— “Consolidated Report on the Review of Sugar Research Institute of Fiji 2008–2015 Annual Report” PP 160 of 2020
5	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 1 September 2020— “Review of the Performance Audit Report on:- · Audit on Management of the Workers Compensation Trust Fund · Audit of Social Welfare Scheme · Audit of Fiji Procurement Office and the Construction Implementation Unit” PP 56 of 2020
6	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 2 September 2020— “Review of the Fiji Airports 2017 Annual Report” PP 162 of 2019
7	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 2 September 2020— “Review of the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission Annual Report 2017” PP 192 of 2020
8	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 2 September 2020— “Consolidated Report on the Review of Sugar Industry Tribunal 2011–2015 Annual Report” PP 189 of 2020
9	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 2 September 2020— “Review of Fiji Museum 2016-17 Annual Report Fiji Museum January – July 2016 Annual Report Fiji Museum 2015 Annual Report” PP 26 of 2020
10	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 2 September 2020— “Review of the Performance Audit Reports on Management of Rural Electrification Program and Progress of Implementation of Policies and Strategies in the Fiji Forest Policy Statement 2007” PP 57 of 2020
11	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 2 September 2020— “Review of Fiji National Sports Commission 2017-2018 Annual Report” PP 25 of 2020
12	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 3 September 2020— “Review of Ministry of Youth and Sports 2017-2018 Annual Report” PP 23 of 2020
13	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 3 September 2020— “Review of the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission Annual Report 2018” PP 193 of 2020
14	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources tabled the review report of the Committee on 3 September 2020— “Review of the Consolidated Annual Reports for Ministry of Agriculture 2014 and 2015” PP 64 of 2020
15	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 3 September 2020— “Review of National Fire Authority 2013 Annual Report” PP 21 of 2020
16	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 3 September 2020— “Review of the Audit Report on Provincial Councils, Volume 2” PP 246 of 2020
17	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 10 December 2020— “Review of the Fijian Electoral Commission Annual Report 2017” PP 280 of 2020
18	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 10 December 2020— “Consolidated Report on the Review of Sugar Cane Growers Council 2007 – 2018 Annual Reports” PP 279 of 2020
19	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 8 February 2021— “Review of the Audit Report on Social Services Sector – Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the period 2016-2017 Financial Year” PP 10 of 2021
20	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 9 February 2021— “Review of the Audit Report on Infrastructure Sector – Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the period 2016-2017 Financial Year” PP 11 of 2021
21	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 10 February 2021— “Review of the Audit Report on Economic Services Sector – Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the period 2016-2017 Financial Year” PP 09 of 2021
22	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources tabled the review report of the Committee on 10 February 2021— “Review of the Water Authority of Fiji Annual Report 2016” PP 65 of 2020
23	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 11 February 2021— “Review of the Audit Report on General Administration Sector – Audits of Government Ministries and Departments for the period 2016-2017 Financial Year” PP 08 of 2021



24	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 11 February 2021— “Consolidated Report on the Review of Sugar Cane Growers Fund 2009–2018 Annual Reports”	PP 04 of 2021
25	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources tabled the review report of the Committee on 23 March 2021— “Review Report of the Consolidated 2014 and 2015 Department of Forestry Annual Reports”	PP 177 of 2020
26	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 23 March 2021— “Review of the Audit Report on Provincial Councils – Volume 3”	PP 30 of 2021
27	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 23 March 2021— “Review of the Consumer Council of Fiji 2017–2018 Annual Report”	PP 163 of 2020
28	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 24 March 2021— “Consolidated Report on the Review of Tourism Fiji 2013 and 2014 Annual Reports”	PP 29 of 2021
29	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 24 March 2021— “Review of the Performance Audit Report on Management of Traffic Congestion”	PP 147 of 2020
30	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 25 March 2021— “Review of the Performance Audit Report on the Administrative and Management of the Bus Fare Assistance through E-Ticketing for School Children, Disabled and the Elderly”	PP 31 of 2021
31	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources tabled the review report of the Committee on 25 March 2021— “Review Report of the Consolidated 2011, 2012 & 2013 Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources Annual Report”	PP 32 of 2021
32	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 25 March 2021— “Consolidated Report on the Review of Fiji Sugar Corporation 2007 – 2019 Annual Reports”	PP 28 of 2021
33	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 26 May 2021— “Review of the 2018 General Election Joint Report by the Electoral Commission and the Supervisor of Elections”	
BILLS		
1	The Chairperson of the Committee tabled the review report of the Committee on 1 September 2020— “Report on the Adoption Bill (Bill No. 32 of 2018)”	PP 15 of 2020
2	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 9 February 2021— “Review Report on the Cybercrime Bill 2020 (Bill No. 11 of 2020)”	PP 06 of 2021
3	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 9 February 2021— “Review Report on the National Payment System Bill 2020 – Bill No. 48 of 2020”	PP 05 of 2021
4	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 27 May 2021— “Report on the Review of the Investment Bill 2020 (Bill No. 49 of 2020)”	
5	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 5 June 2021— “Report on the Review of the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 50 of 2020)”	
6	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 5 June 2021— “Report on the Review of the Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 51 of 2020)”	
7	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 5 June 2021— “Report on the Review of the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) (Amendment) Bill 2020 (Bill No. 52 of 2020)”	
TREATIES		
1	The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence report was tabled back to Parliament on 31 August 2020— “Consolidated Review Report on the: (a) Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks 1981 (Madrid Agreement); (b) Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement (Madrid Protocol), (together known as the Madrid System); and (c) Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.”	PP 66 of 2020
2	The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence report was tabled back to Parliament on 31 August 2020— “Review Report on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict”	PP 67 of 2020
3	The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence report was tabled back to Parliament on 8 December 2020— “Review Report on the Agreement between the Republic of Fiji and Solomon Islands Concerning their Maritime Boundary”	PP 250 of 2020
4	The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence report was tabled back to Parliament on 8 December 2020— “Review Report on the Amendments to the Framework Agreement of the Paris Declaration on the International Solar Alliance of 30th November 2015”	PP 251 of 2020
5	The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence report was tabled back to Parliament on 8 December 2020— “Review Report to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography”	PP 252 of 2020
6	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 23 March 2021— “Review Report on the 2005 Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum”	PP 20 of 2021
PETITIONS		
1	The Committee Report was tabled on Wednesday 2 September 2020 by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources— “Review Report on the Petition for Government to Provide Reliable Safe and Affordable Shipping Services for the Lau Group”	PP 132 of 2019



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ANNUAL REPORTS	
1	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 16 August 2021— “Review of the Performance Audit on the Access for Persons with Disabilities to Public Offices and Public Transport” PP 56 of 2021
2	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 17 August 2021— “Review of the 2018 Audit Report on Government Commercial Companies, Commercial Statutory Authorities and Other Entities” PP 145 of 2020
3	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 17 August 2021— “Review of Fiji Development Bank 2019 Annual Report” PP 73 of 2021
4	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources tabled the review report of the Committee on 17 August 2021— “Review of the Consolidated Annual Reports for Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources August 2016 – July 2017 and August 2017 – July 2018 ” PP 33 of 2021
5	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources tabled the review report of the Committee on 17 August 2021— “Review of the Ministry of Fisheries Annual Report 2017 – 2018” PP 17 of 2021
6	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 18 August 2021— “Consolidated Report on the Review of Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism 2016/17 and 2017/18 Annual Reports” PP 72 of 2021
7	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 18 August 2021— “Review of the 2017–2018 Audit Report on Statutory Authorities” PP 148 of 2020
8	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 19 August 2021— “Consolidated Report on the Review of Investment Fiji 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 Annual Report” PP 75 of 2021
9	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 20 September 2021— “Review of the Fiji National University 2019 Annual Report” PP 66 of 2021
10	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 20 September 2021— “Review of the Fiji Airports 2018–2019 Annual Report” PP 67 of 2021
11	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 20 September 2021— “Review of the Fiji National Sports Commission August 2018–July 2019 Annual Report” PP 68 of 2021
12	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 21 September 2021— “Review of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport 2016/2017 Consolidated and 2015 Annual Reports” PP 162 of 2020
13	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 21 September 2021— “Review of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Annual Report 2018–2019 Annual Report” PP 69 of 2021
14	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 21 September 2021— “Review of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation 2017 – 2018 Annual Report” PP 70 of 2021
15	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 21 September 2021— “Consolidated Review Report of Fiji Financial Intelligence Unit 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports” PP 74 of 2021
16	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence tabled the review report of the Committee on 21 September 2021— “Consolidated Review Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Annual Reports 2017–2018 and 2018–2019” PP 60 of 2021
17	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 21 September 2021— “Review of the Performance Audit on the Management of Environment Impact Assessment” PP 57 of 2021
18	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources tabled the review report of the Committee on 22 September 2021— “Review of the Ministry of Agriculture Annual Report for the Period 1st January to 31st July 2016” PP 90 of 2021
19	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources tabled the review report of the Committee on 22 September 2021— “Review of the Department of Forestry Annual Report for the Period 1st January to 31st July 2016” PP 79 of 2021
20	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 8 February 2022— “Consolidated Review Report of the Fiji Commerce Commission 2016-17 and Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission 2017-18 Annual Reports” PP 3 of 2022
21	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 8 February 2022— “Review of the 2017-2018 Whole of Government Audit Reports Consolidated Report” PP 5 of 2022
22	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 9 February 2022— “Review of the Office of the Auditor General’s (OAG) 2020 Annual Report and Assessing the Office of the Auditor-General’s – Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) Performance Measurement Framework (Consolidated Report)” PP 6 of 2022
23	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 10 February 2022— “Review of the 2018-2019 Audit Report on Government Commercial Companies, Commercial Statutory Authorities and Other Entities and the 2018-2019 Audit Report on Statutory Authorities (Consolidated Report)” PP 7 of 2022



24	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 4 April 2022— “Review of the Fiji Higher Education Commission August 2016–July 2017 Annual Report”	PP 15 of 2022
25	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 4 April 2022— “Review of the Fiji Ports Corporation Limited 2018 and 2019 Annual Report”	PP 16 of 2022
26	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 4 April 2022— “Review of the Fiji National Sports Commission August 2019–July 2020 Annual Report”	PP 20 of 2022
27	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 5 April 2022— “Review of 2016–2017 Financial Statements of Government & 2016–2017 Agency Financial Statements of the Ministry of Economy”	PP 22 of 2022
28	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 6 April 2022— “Consolidated Review Report of the Reserve Bank of Fiji 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 Annual Reports”	PP 17 of 2022
29	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 6 April 2022— “Review of the Audit Report on Follow up of High Risk Ministries/Departments”	PP 23 of 2022
30	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 7 April 2022— “Consolidated Review Report of the Energy Fiji Limited 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports”	PP 5 of 2022
31	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled the review report of the Committee on 7 April 2022— “Review of the Compliance Audit Report”	PP 24 of 2022
32	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 10 May 2022— “Review of the Fiji National Provident Fund 2019, 2020 and 2021 Annual Report”	PP 32 of 2022
33	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 10 May 2022— “Review of the Film Fiji 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 and Film Fiji 1 January to 31 July 2016 Annual Report”	PP 33 of 2022
34	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 10 May 2022— “Review of the Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Environment Annual Report 2015, 2016, 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 Annual Report”	PP 34 of 2022
35	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 11 May 2022— “Review of the National Fire Authority 2015 Annual Report”	PP 35 of 2022
36	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 11 May 2022— “Review of the Suva City Council 2006–2015 Annual Reports; Ba Town Council 2006–2018 Annual Reports; Nadi Town Council 2004–2015 Annual Reports; Tavua Town Council 2006–2014 Annual Reports; Nausori Town Council 2005–2014 Annual Reports; Rakiraki Town Council 2011–2018 Annual Reports; Lautoka City Council 2006–2014 Annual Reports; Sigatoka Town Council 2005–2019 Annual Reports; Savusavu Town Council 2005–2010 Annual Reports; Lami Town Council 2004–2014 Annual Reports; Levuka Town Council 2005–2011 Annual Reports; Nasinu Town Council 2009–2010 Annual Reports; and Labasa Town Council 2004–2017 Annual Reports”	PP 36 of 2022
37	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 11 May 2022— “Review of the Fiji Roads Authority 2017/2018 and 2016/2017 Annual Report”	PP 37 of 2022
38	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources tabled the review report of the Committee on 11 May 2022— “Review Report of the Consolidated 2016–2017, 2017–2018, 2018–2019 Ministry of Forestry Annual Reports”	PP 91 of 2021
39	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs tabled the review report of the Committee on 11 May 2022— “Consolidated Review Report of the Reserve Bank of Fiji Insurance 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports”	PP 40 of 2022
BILLS		
1	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 16 August 2021— “Review Report on the Patents Bill 2020 (Bill No.46 of 2020)”	PP 84 of 2021
2	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 17 August 2021— “Review Report on the Designs Bill 2020 (Bill No.47 of 2020)”	PP 85 of 2021
3	The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 18 August 2021— “Review Report on the Trademarks Bill 2020 (Bill No. 45 of 2020)”	PP 83 of 2021
4	The Chairperson of the Committee tabled the review report of the Committee on 22 September 2021— “Report on the Review of the Climate Change Bill 2021 (Bill No. 31 of 2021)”	PP 94 of 2021
5	The Chairperson of the Committee tabled the review report of the Committee on 1 December 2021— “Report on the Review of the Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants Bill 2021 (Bill No. 35 of 2021)”	PP 110 of 2021
6	The Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, Law and Human Rights tabled the review report of the Committee on 4 April 2022— “Report on the Review of the Investment Fiji Bill 2022 (Bill No. 5 of 2022)”	PP 21 of 2022



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