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WRITTEN QUESTION FOR THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

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Hon. Faiyaz Koya to ask the Minister for Justice – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following statistics, from January 2023 to January 2025

Response: From the onset it must be noted that this question is best directed to the AG as he has ministerial assignment over the Judiciary.

(a) The total number of pending cases in the High Court, Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Fiji, categorised by year;

Year	Month	The total number of pending cases in:		
		High Court	Court of Appeal	Supreme Court of Fiji
2023	January to December	3,740	747	134
2024	January to December	3,606	601	69
2025	January	2,819	689	105

(b) A breakdown of pending cases by type (civil, criminal, or other categories), categorised by year; and

SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEAL				
Summary of Pending Cases				
Name of Court	Case Type	2023 [January to December]	2024 [January to December]	2025 [January]
Supreme Court	Criminal	102	47	73
	Civil	32	22	32
	TOTAL	134	69	105
Court of Appeal	Criminal	509	388	439
	Civil	238	213	250

	TOTAL	747	601	689
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HIGH COURT: CRIMINAL & CIVIL				
Summary of Pending Cases from 2023 to 2025				
CASE TYPE	2023 [January to December]			
	SUVA	LAUTOKA	LABASA	NATIONAL TOTAL
Criminal	356	103	355	814
Civil	1,814	168	944	2,926
TOTAL	2,170	271	1,299	3,740
CASE TYPE	2024 [January to December]			
	SUVA	LAUTOKA	LABASA	NATIONAL TOTAL
Criminal	300	105	267	672
Civil	1,573	174	1,187	2,934
TOTAL	1,873	279	1,454	3,606
CASE TYPE	2025 [January]			
	SUVA	LAUTOKA	LABASA	NATIONAL TOTAL
Criminal	336	287	113	736
Civil	697	1,207	179	2,083
TOTAL	1,033	1,494	292	2,819

Response: Additionally at this juncture we cannot provide a detailed breakdown of the pending cases by type. The MoJ is working closely with the Chief Registrar to obtain the breakdown.

(c) The average time taken to dispose of cases in each court.

The Chief Registrar under the guidance of the Chief Justice, in the last 24 months have implemented a system that has worked on the principle as outlined in the Constitution Section 15 (3):

"that every person charged with an offence & every party to a civil disputes, has the right to have their case determined within a reasonable time..."