



MINISTER FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

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Response to Written Question 70/2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection – A total of \$171.3 million was allocated in the current budget for social protection programmes. Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following:-

(a). How much funding has been used to date under eachj of the following programmes – Family Assistance Scheme, Child Care and Protection, Social Pension Scheme, Disability Support and Transport Assistance?

<u>No</u>	<u>Programme</u>	<u>FY24/25 Budgetary Allocation \$</u>	<u>Total Budget Utilized \$</u>
1	Child Protection Allowance	17,486,508.00	11,861,675.00 (68%)
2	Food Allowance for Rural Pregnant Mothers	400,000.00	245,450.00 (61%)
3	Family Assistance Scheme	44,252,030.00	25,937,960.00 (59%)
4	Allowance for Persons with Disability	17,662,592.00	7,577,263.00 (43%)
5	Social Pension Scheme	78,156,000.00	62,009,641.00(79%)
6	Transport Assistance Scheme	13,368,200.00	13,230,573.00 (99%)
Total		\$ 171,325,300.00 (\$171.3m)	120,862,562.00 (70.5%)

(b). How many Fijians have received support under each of these programmes?

<u>No</u>	<u>Programme</u>	<u>No. of Recipients</u>
1	Child Protection Allowance	11,900
2	Food Allowance for Rural Pregnant Mothers	737
3	Family Assistance Scheme	23,967
4	Allowance for Persons with Disability	13,905
5	Social Pension Scheme	56,811

6	Transport Assistance Scheme	TAS Top (SPS &DAS) up- 44,708 E-transport – 30,132
Total		182,160