

# MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HON. SIROMI TURAGA MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

## **WRITTEN QUESTION: 165/2025**

#### **PARLIAMENT SITTING**

# Written Question – Wednesday 1st October

165/2025 Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General – Can the Minister provide up-to-date statistics on the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) caseload for the years 2023 to June 2025 for each year as follows –

- (a) the total number of complaints received;
- (b) the number of cases currently under investigation and those at the prosecution stage; and
- (c) the number of successful convictions recorded.

#### Response

## (a) Complaints received

Year	# of Complaints
2023	318
2024	681
2025 (Jan–Jun)	221

(b) Cases under investigation and at prosecution stage

Year	#Cases under investigation and
	those at prosecution stage
2023	173 Substantive cases pending in court
	21 new cases filed
	30 accused charged
2024	195 substantive cases pending on court
	33new cases
	48 accused charged
2025	170 substantive cases pending in court
	10 new cases
	16 accused charged
	As pf 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 152 cases
2	remain under active investigation

### (c) Convictions recorded

Year	# of convictions
2023	9
2024	13
2025 (Jan – June)	7

### **Supplementary Notes**

The increase in complaints during 2024 is attributed to intensified outreach and public awareness programmes. The decline in 2025 reflects the application of stricter filtering processes and referral of non-corruption matters to the Fiji Police Force.

The Commission notes that delays in the hearing of cases across all courts in Fiji are primarily the result of overloaded court diaries. Since the appointment of the new Acting Commissioner, counsel for the Commission have been directed to seek adjournments only in the range of 3 to 10 days. Longer adjournments are not to be

sought unless the court is unable to accommodate shorter dates due to its diary being fully committed.