



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Friday, Third day of October 2025

1. The House met at 9.30 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.

2. Hon. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

3. ATTENDANCE

(a) The Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka, Hon. Manoa Kamikamica, Hon. Viliame Gavoka, Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka, Hon. Jese Saukuru, Hon. Ifereimi Vasu, Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua, Hon. Pio Tikoduadua, Hon. Inia Seruiratu, Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure and Hon. Viam Pillay obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for absence from Parliament.

(b) The Hon. Josaia Niudamu and Hon. Alvick Maharaj were absent.

(c) The Hon. Charan Singh had obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for intermittent absence(s) during the sitting of Parliament.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved that the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Thursday, 2 October 2025 as previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Hon. Speaker welcomed all Honourable Members, those seated in the gallery, and those following the proceedings through television and online platforms.

Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that a two-day professional development seminar for Standing Committee and Subcommittee Members on “Bill Review in Committee”, will take place on Tuesday, 7th October and Wednesday, 8th October. The Seminar will be held at the Novotel Hotel in Lami, and in that respect, all Standing Committee and Subcommittee proceedings will be suspended on those two days so that Honourable Members attend the seminar.

6. QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 179/2025 Hon. Premila Kumar asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the ongoing issues with the e-ticketing system and what measures are being taken to address them.
- 180/2025 Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the work undertaken by the Ministry in alignment with the United Nations Convention Against Cybercrime.
- 181/2025 Hon. Faiyaz Koya asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament whether EFL will raise the rates at which it purchases renewable energy from independent power producers (IPP’s), in order to make it viable for landowners who wish to invest in this sector.
- 182/2025 Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications – Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament on the key outcomes of the Pacific-ACP and Forum Trade Ministers Meeting.
- 183/2025 Hon. Joseph Nand asked the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Labasa Bypass Project.
- 184/2025 Hon. Semi Koroilavesau asked the Minister for Fisheries and Forestry – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress of discussions with Tuvalu and Kiribati regarding special arrangements that would allow Fiji’s fishing vessels to fish for abundant tuna resources, specifically Albacore, Yellowfin and Bigeye, in their rich Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs).

- 185/2025 Hon. Inosi Kuridrani asked the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection – Can the Minister update Parliament on the recent socialisation meeting for Fiji’s Women’s Economic Empowerment National Action Plan 2025–2030.
- 186/2025 Hon. Virendra Lal asked the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister update Parliament on what initiatives are being undertaken to rehabilitate drug offenders who are being treated at St Giles Hospital.
- 187/2025 Hon. Alipate Tuicolo asked the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management – Can the Minister update Parliament on the ‘Fiji Deepens Partnership with Saemaul Undong (SMU)’ initiative.

Written Question

- 188/2025 Hon. Premila Kumar asked the Minister for Education – Can the Minister provide Parliament with a yearly breakdown of the total value of scholarship grants given to each local Higher Education Institution for 2023 and 2024.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that the following questions had been deferred: Oral Questions 179/2025, 180/2025, 182/2025 and 187/2025.

The response to Written Question 188/2025 was tabled by the respective Minister.

7. END OF WEEK STATEMENTS

- (a) Hon. Jone Usamate delivered his End of Week Statement, and the Minister for Environment and Climate Change the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau subsequently responded.
- (b) Hon. Penioni Ravunawa delivered her End of Week Statement, and the Minister for Health the Hon. Dr. Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu subsequently responded.
- (c) Hon. Parveen Bala delivered his End of Week Statement, and the Minister for Housing and Local Government the Hon. Maciu Nalumisa subsequently responded.
- (d) Hon. Inosi Kuridrani delivered his End of Week Statement, and the Minister for Agriculture the Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna subsequently responded.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved that Parliament adjourns until Monday, 3 November 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions throughout the week and all those watching the live proceedings.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned Parliament until Monday, 3 November 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 11.43 a.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Deputy Secretary-General to Parliament

3rd October, 2025.