



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Monday, Third day of November, 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 following Honourable Members obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for absence from Parliament –

Hon. Hem Chand, Hon. Parveen Bala and Hon. Sanjay Kirpal.
 - (b) The following Honourable Members obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for intermittent absence(s) during the sitting of Parliament –

Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo, Hon. Viam Pillay, Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka, Hon. Ketan Lal and Hon. Inia Seruiratu.
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 Friday, 3 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 to the November sitting period, as well as those seated in the gallery, and those following the proceedings through television and online platforms.

6. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND CERTAIN DOCUMENTS

The 2024 Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji Annual Report was tabled and referred to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

The Minister for Fisheries and Forestry the Hon. Alitia Bainivalu delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau responded.

8. QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

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| 189/2025 | Hon. Vijay Nath asked the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Ministry’s current plans regarding the development and construction of evacuation centres across the country. |
| 190/2025 | Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu asked the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Civil Service and Public Enterprises – Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on the work undertaken by the Ministry in alignment with the United Nations Convention Against Cybercrime. |
| 191/2025 | Hon. Premila Kumar asked the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Civil Service and Public Enterprises – Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on the ongoing issues with the e-ticketing system and what measures are being taken to address them. |
| 192/2025 | Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu asked the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Civil Service and Public Enterprises – Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament on the key outcomes of the Pacific-ACP and Forum Trade Ministers Meeting. |
| 193/2025 | Hon. Semi Koroilavesau asked the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Civil Service and Public Enterprises – Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament on whether the resource-based owners are entitled to the assistance provided by the MSME’s. |

- 194/2025 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.
- 195/2025 Hon. Hem Chand to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister update Parliament on the plans to have online renewal of teacher registration so teachers serving in rural and maritime schools do not have to travel to Suva to renew their registration.
- 196/2025 Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure asked the Minister for Environment and Climate Change – Can the Minister update Parliament on the \$27 million Nature, People and Climate (NPC) investment plan.
- 197/2025 Hon. Faiyaz Koya asked the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament whether there is a current boost to the curriculum in our primary and secondary schools with respect to education on the ills of drugs and the upscaling awareness on HIV.
- 198/2025 Hon. Jovesa Vocea asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the ‘Feasibility Study’ planned for the Yasawa Group to facilitate the efficient movements around it.
- 199/2025 Hon. Jone Usamate asked the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on what plans Government has to repair roads along the Nasinu/Nausori area and in particular the Wainibuku road to Delaidogo.
- 200/2025 Hon. Sachida Nand asked the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister inform Parliament whether the First Home Ownership Initiative will be extended to support families who have been evicted from informal settlements.
- 201/2025 Hon. Inia Seruiratu asked the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament if there are plans to extend the EFL gridline from Dreketi to Nasarowaqa in Vanua Levu.
- 202/2025 Hon. Kalaveti Ravu asked the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Civil Service and Public Enterprises – Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on Fiji’s engagement in relation to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, including progress towards its entry into force and the ongoing negotiation under the second phase of the Agreement.
- 203/2025 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua asked the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress of the \$1.6 billion worth of public infrastructure projects that were recently announced.

Written Questions

204/2025 Hon. Premila Kumar asked the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Civil Service and Public Enterprises – Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament, on a year-by-year basis from 2023 to September 2025 with respect to the following –

- (a) how many civil servants are currently under suspension; and
- (b) the total cost to Government in salaries and benefits paid to them during their suspension periods.

205/2025 Hon. Jovesa Vocea asked the Minister for Agriculture – Can the Minister update Parliament with respect to the following –

- (a) how many farm roads were constructed by Division from 2023 to date; and
- (b) how many farm roads are expected to be constructed per Division in this current financial year

The Hon. Speaker informed Honourable Members that Oral Question 195/2025 would be deferred to Friday's Order Paper. The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers. The response to Written Question 204/2025 would be tabled at a later sitting date. The response to Written Question 205/2025 was tabled by the respective Minister.

9. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that there were no Bills for consideration.

10. SUSPENSION MOTION BY THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved pursuant to Standing Order 6 that so much of Standing Order 23(1) be suspended so as to allow the House to sit beyond 4.30 p.m. to complete the remaining items listed on the Order Paper.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

11. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

- (a) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu moved that Parliament debates the 'Consolidated Review Report on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Fiji Roads Authority Annual Reports' which was tabled on 30 September 2025.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

- (b) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu moved that Parliament debates the 'Consolidated Review Report on the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Land Transport Authority Annual Reports' which was tabled on 30 September 2025.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

The Hon. Speaker informed the Honourable Members that the third motion had been withdrawn by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Tuesday, 4 November 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

3rd November, 2025.