



**Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka**

**Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster  
Management**

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**Response to Written Question 290/2025**

**– Wednesday 26 November 2025**

290/2025 Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna to ask the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management – **Can the Minister update Parliament on the following –**

- (a) how many District Advisory Councilors are there and their location, per Division; and**
  - (b) what is their prescribed allowances.**
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## **BACKGROUND**

1. The District Advisory Council (DAC) is a key component of Fiji's rural development architecture. It supports the Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management in assessing community needs and addressing development issues in areas located outside traditional village boundaries.
2. A formal Terms of Reference guides the DAC. This document outlines the functions of the Council, as well as the specific roles and responsibilities of DAC Chairpersons and Members.
3. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the District Advisory Councils are responsible for the following:
  - (i) Providing a formal link between communities and the Government, particularly in promoting and facilitating the implementation of Government programmes, capital projects, and disaster operations at the community level;
  - (ii) Facilitating partnerships and multicultural development between state and non-state actors to support inclusive development in their respective areas;

- (iii) Ensuring equitable distribution of Government project benefits, with a focus on inclusion and fairness for all members of the communities they serve; and
- (iv) Providing timely advisory services to both their communities and Government through the District Officers and Provincial Administrators.

### **NUMBER OF DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCILORS**

4. There are currently **302 DAC constituencies** across Fiji's four administrative divisions. The distribution of these constituencies by Division and Province is outlined below:

<b>DAC DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>Sum of No. of Constituencies and Councilors</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>71</b>
Naitasiri	26
Rewa	14
Serua / Namosi	11
Tailevu	20
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>7</b>
Kadavu	2
Lomaiviti	5
<b>Northern</b>	<b>81</b>
Bua	12
Cakaudrove	31
Macuata	38
<b>Western</b>	<b>143</b>
Ba	89
Nadroga/Navosa	30

Ra	24
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>302</b>

5. Each constituency is represented by **one Councilor**, bringing the total number of District Advisory Councilors to **302**.

### **DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCILORS' ALLOWANCES**

6. District Advisory Councilors receive a fixed monthly allowance to support their duties. The current allowance rates are:
- (i) **\$220 per month for Chairpersons**, and
  - (ii) **\$200 per month for Members**.
7. These rates came into effect following the **2023–2024 National Budget Address** and remain applicable at present.
8. Prior to the 2023–2024 budget revision, the previous allowance rates were:
- (i) **\$200 per month for Chairpersons**, and
  - (ii) **\$172.50 per month for Members**.

**END**