

**RESPONSE BY MINISTER OF ITAUKEI AFFAIRS CULTURE  
HERITAGE & ARTS TO WRITTEN QUESTION 334/2025 FROM  
THE ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, HON. INOSI  
KURIDRANI.**

**Can the Minister for iTaukei Affairs Culture, Heritage & Arts advice Parliament as to how many chiefly position/titles are still yet to be registered in each Province.**

**Table 1** below sets out the total number of traditional positions within the country's 14 provinces, clearly portraying the total number of filled and unfilled traditional positions within each province respectively.

**Table : 1**

Provinces	TOTAL TITLES	Filled	Vacant	% Filled	% Vacant
Ba	532	485	47	91%	9%
Bua	391	337	54	86%	14%
Cakaudrove	501	440	61	88%	12%
Kadavu	385	329	56	85%	15%
Lau	314	295	19	94%	6%
Lomaiviti	485	262	223	53%	47%
Macuata	470	413	57	88%	12%
Nadroga/Navosa	443	280	156	65%	35%
Naitasiri	610	523	85	86%	14%
Namosi	103	83	20	81%	19%
Ra	666	539	127	81%	19%
Serua	81	77	4	95%	5%
Rewa	340	320	20	94%	6%
Tailevu	876	772	104	88%	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6205</b>	<b>5164</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>17%</b>

As clearly outlined in the table above, 83% of these total traditional positions are filled while 17% are still vacant.

For the sake of a better portrayal of the Specific Categories of these titles by province, Table 2 (i) sets out the number of the total Turaga ni Vanua (TV) positions within each province, and the respective number of these that are filled and those still vacant.

Table 2 (i)

PROVINCE	TURAGA NI VANUA (TV)		
	TOTAL TV	Filled	Vacant
Ba	21	17	4
Bua	10	9	1
Cakaudrove	20	16	4
Kadavu	15	15	
Lau	12	10	2
Lomiviti	9	6	3
Macuata	15	15	
Nadroga/Navosa	24	17	7
Naitasiri	22	20	2
Namosi	3	1	2
Ra	22	11	11
Serua	2	2	
Rewa	8	8	
Tailevu	29	24	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>41</b>

Further, **Table 2(ii)** sets out the total number of **Turaga ni Yavusa (TNY)** within the country by province, again noting the number of these that are filled and those that remain vacant.

Table 2(ii)

PROVINCE	TURAGA NI YAVUSA (TY)		
	TOTAL TY	Filled	Vacant
Ba	139	130	9
Bua	74	62	12
Cakaudrove	107	98	9
Kadavu	88	73	15
Lau	74	70	4
Lomiviti	119	61	58
Macuata	104	94	10
Nadroga/Navosa	117	82	35
Naitasiri	128	105	23
Namosi	23	18	5
Ra	136	109	27
Serua	20	20	
Rewa	66	63	3
Tailevu	176	155	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>1140</b>	<b>231</b>

Finally, **Table 2(iii)** outlines the total number of the **Turaga ni Mataqali (TM)** within the 14 provinces together with the total of these that are filled and those that remain vacant.

**Table 2 (iii)**

PROVINCE	TURAGA NI MATAQALI (TM )		
	TOTAL TM	Filled	Vacant
Ba	372	338	34
Bua	307	266	41
Cakaudrove	374	327	49
Kadavu	282	241	41
Lau	228	215	13
Lomaiviti	367	195	172
Macuata	351	304	47
Nadroga/Navosa	302	189	113
Naitasiri	458	398	60
Namosi	77	64	13
Ra	508	419	89
Serua	59	55	4
Rewa	266	249	17
Tailevu	671	593	78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4622</b>	<b>3853</b>	<b>771</b>

For information of the members, the only 2 provinces that have not undergone the Leadership Awareness programme are Lomaiviti and Nadroga, hence their high total vacancies as reflected in **Table 1**.

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