



PARLIAMENT RESPONSE - WRITTEN QUESTION

(Tuesday 26th May 2026)

96/2026 Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following with respect to the redeployment of the FJ\$56 million –

- (a) A detailed breakdown of each redeployment, including the originating Ministry, Head Number, Programme, Activity and Standard Expenditure Group (SEG) from which the funds were withdrawn, together with the specific projects, programmes or outputs affected;**
- (b) The basis and justification for selecting these allocations for redeployment, including whether the funds were under utilised, deferred, rephased or cancelled; and**
- (c) The anticipated impact of these redeployments on the original projects and service delivery, including any delays, cancellations, scaling down of activities, or reduction in project scope.**

1. The total sum of \$56,000,000 (VIP) was sourced from the various expenditure allocations of the 2025-2026 Budget to meet the additional funding requests stated above. The breakdown of the details by Ministry, Head Number, Programme, Activity, SEG and Projects/Programmes affected is attached as **Annex 1**.

2. Savings identified under these expenditure allocations are due to the delayed

implementation of the new and ongoing projects which has resulted in the slow utilization of funds thus unutilised funding incurred within line agencies.

3. Due to slow implementation progress, the utilisation of allocated funds has been lower than anticipated. As a result, identified funds were redeployed to support other priority areas that were affected by the global fuel crisis. However, recognising the importance and continuation of these projects and programmes, the Ministry of Finance has allocated a similar level of funding in the 2026 -2027 Budget to ensure their ongoing implementation and delivery of intended outcomes.

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SUMMARY

Sector	Revised Estimate 2025-2026	Proposed Cut	Revised Proposed Estimate 2025-2026
General Administration Sector	4,891,305	4,000,000	891,305
Social Services Sector	16,107,996	2,709,000	13,398,996
Economic Services Sector	68,564,500	20,063,850	48,500,650
Infrastructure Services Sector	59,818,789	15,227,150	44,791,639
Head 50 Miscellaneous Services	26,739,130	14,000,000	12,739,130
Total	176,121,720	56,000,000	120,321,720

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SECTOR

H	P	A	S	Project/Programme	Revised Estimate 2025-2026	Proposed Cut	Revised Proposed Estimate 2025-2026	Remarks
36	1	1	10	Ship Building Revival Project	4,891,305	4,000,000	891,305	Ongoing Feasibility Study. Full Funding is used to support the Bus Operators to address the fuel crisis
				Total Cut recommended	4,891,305	4,000,000	891,305	

SOCIAL SERVICES SECTOR

H	P	A	S	Project/Programme	Revised Estimate 2025-2026	Proposed Cut	Revised Proposed Estimate 2025-2026	Remarks
23	2	1	8	Formalisation of Informal Settlements - (ISUP)	14,640,605	2,000,000	12,640,605	Low utilisation (17.46%), Forecast plans to utilise all funding but based on expenditure trend there are usually savings. Ministry has agreed to this cut. To support the social welfare recipients
25	2	1	8	Upgrade of Sports Grounds	1,467,391	709,000	758,391	Low utilisation at 19.11% and reallocation to OPEX by MYS. To support the social welfare recipients
				Total Cut recommended	16,107,996	2,709,000	13,398,996	

ECONOMIC SERVICES SECTOR

H	P	A	S	Project/Programme	Revised Estimate 2025-2026	Proposed Cut	Revised Proposed Estimate 2025-2026	Remarks
30	1	2	10	Commercial Agriculture Development Programme	2,500,000	500,000	2,000,000	36% utilisation as at 18/3/26. Ministry has agreed to cut \$500,000. To support the social welfare recipients
30	4	1	8	Dredging Works - Denarau	6,610,300	300,000	6,310,300	No utilisation as at 18/3/26 .Tender has just been finalised. Contract cost is \$5.8million. Ministry has agreed to cut \$300,000. To support the social welfare recipients
30	4	1	8	Acquisition - Dreketi Irrigation Pond	1,125,000	300,000	825,000	No utilisation as at 18/3/26 and no progress to date. Ministry has agreed to cut \$300,000. To support the social welfare recipients
31	2	6	8	Food Security Programme	1,125,000	375,000	750,000	Ministry has agreed to cut list. To support the social welfare recipients
32	2	6	8	Species Farming Programme	2,812,500	750,000	2,062,500	Utilisation rate at 49.8% with only 3 months left for end FY. Ministry has agreed to cut list. To support the social welfare recipients
33	3	5	6	Freehold Land Buy Bank Scheme	5,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000	\$440 has been utilised to date. Ministry has agreed to cut list. Ministry has agreed to cut list. To support the social welfare recipients
34	4	1	6	Yasawa Tourism Marketing Co-operative Limited Grant	10,000,000	3,031,850	6,968,150	The Ministry is still working on the Framework. To date, 0% utilisation rate. To support the social welfare recipients
37	1	2	10	Western Division Dumpsite Remediation	2,543,400	600,000	1,943,400	International funding to be utilised first as per terms of agreement. Ministry has agreed to cut \$600,000. To support the social welfare recipients
37	2	1	5	Municipalities Master Plan - Singapore Cooperation Enterprise	1,957,000	1,207,000	750,000	Project forecasted to commence in the next FY. Ministry has agreed to cut \$1,207,000. To support the social welfare recipients.
37	2	1	8	New Town Development	4,891,300	1,000,000	3,891,300	Project can save \$1.5m since Ministry will not be able to utilise full amount in this FY. Ministry has agreed to cut \$1,000,000. To support the social welfare recipients
38	1	1	10	Fiji Tourism Development in Vanua Levu	30,000,000	10,000,000	20,000,000	Utilisation is \$6.7 million. Ministry has agreed to cut list. To support the social welfare recipients
				Total Cut recommended	68,564,500	20,063,850	48,500,650	

INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR

H	P	A	S	Project/Programme	Revised Estimate 2025-2026	Proposed Cut	Revised Proposed Estimate 2025-2026	Remarks
19	1	1	8	FOB North (Forward Base at Malau)	225,000	100,000	125,000	As of date \$0 is utilised with \$0 commitments. The balance of \$125,000 is sufficient for RFMF to start of with the civil works for the remaining periods of the financial year. To support the social welfare recipients
19	1	1	8	Upgrade and Enhancement - Building	1,878,261	50,000	1,828,261	Delay in the Tender process for the three projects. To support the social welfare recipients
19	1	5	7	Maritime Surveillance Centre	1,687,500	250,000	1,437,500	The Proposed cut is on the current utilisation of 28%, which leaves a remaining balance after commitment of \$921,397.98. The balance after proposed cut should be sufficient for the remaining periods of the financial year. To support the social welfare recipients
20	1	9	5	Protection Gear and Clothing	1,125,000	100,000	1,025,000	Of the \$1.13 million budget, only \$0.13 million has been used by Quarter 2. This is 11.50% of the expenditure. The low spending is because raw materials for Police uniforms are imported from overseas. Delays happen during the holiday and festive seasons, which slow down services. This budget is ongoing and is provided every year. To support the social welfare recipients
20	1	9	5	Clothing and Uniform	1,687,500	687,500	1,000,000	Of the \$1.69 million budget, only \$0.04 million has been used by Quarter 2, this is 2.43% of expenditure. The low spending is because raw materials for Police uniforms are imported from overseas. Delays happen during the holiday and festive seasons, which slow down services. This budget is ongoing and is provided every year. To support the social welfare recipients
20	1	1	9	Purchase of Equipment - Radio & Electronics	450,000	150,000	300,000	Of the \$450,000 only \$15,336.20 is utilised which is 5.88% of expenditure. The balance of \$273,529.95 is sufficient to cater for the two remaining quarter. To support the social welfare recipients and sugar cane price top up payment for 2025 season.
40	2	2	8	Construction of Met and Disaster Awareness Regional Centre	1,125,000	700,000	425,000	High probability that it will be a roll-over into the next FY. As of quarter 2 reporting, land lease from Fiji airports is yet to be approved, hence, the delay. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
40	3	1	8	Feasibility Study-Yasawa Island Airport Facility	250,000	250,000	0	Nothing has been utilised till date. Duplicate budget allocation is with Ministry of Trade and Civil Aviation. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
40	3	3	9	Procurement of Generators for the Rural Government Stations	1,687,500	500,000	1,187,500	The allocation is only \$500,000 utilised. The utilisation is for Operating expenditure; therefore, this should be journalised to the operating expenditure vote. Upon journaling the expenditure, the allocation will have a balance of \$1.1m which should be sufficient for the next four months. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
40	4	1	10	Housewiring for completed Grid Extension Projects	2,000,000	700,000	1,500,000	Of the \$2.0m only \$330,000 is utilised. Therefore, after reducing \$700,000, the Ministry will still have sufficient balance to cater for the four months. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
40	4	1	10	Solar Home System Programme	2,000,000	500,000	1,500,000	Of the \$2.0m only \$543,890 is utilised. Therefore, after reducing \$500,000, the Ministry will still have sufficient balance to cater for the four months. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.

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40	7	1	8	Upgrade and Enhancement - Government shipping vessels	2,250,000	500,000	1,750,000	of the \$2.25m, the remaining balance is \$1.3m. \$500,000 is vired to the R & M Vessel allocation. Therefore, upon reducing \$500,000, a sum of \$800,000 is sufficient to cater for the four months. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
40	1	1	10	Direct Payment: Critical Bridges Resilience Project (ADB)	31,695,150	8,739,650	22,955,500	Delay in the procurement process leading to the rebidding which has impacted the commencement date of the project. Hence, the available balance is sufficient. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
40	1	1	10	Direct Payment: Critical Bridges Resilience Project (World Bank)	11,757,878	2,000,000	9,757,878	Delay in the procurement process leading to the rebidding which has impacted the commencement date of the project. Hence, the available balance is sufficient. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
Total Cut recommended					59,818,789	15,227,150	44,791,639	

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

H	P	A	S	Project/Programme	Revised Estimate 2025-2026	Proposed Cut	Revised Proposed Estimate 2025-2026	Remarks
50	1	1	1	Salary Contingency	5,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000	UR as at 17.03.26 is 5% (\$255,860). To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
50	1	1	6	Lease Premium Subsidy	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	UR as at 07.04.26 is 0%. Framework is yet to be finalised. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
50	1	1	6	COVID-19 Credit Guarantee Facility Subsidy	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	UR as at 07.04.26 is 0%. RBF still has a balance of around \$1.3 million from the funds released in 2021. While RBF forecasted that more funds is required to meet the claims in this FY, they are still working on the acquittals and other necessary supporting documents for the release of funds allocated in this FY. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
50	1	1	8	Ongoing Rehabilitation and Construction of Schools and Public Buildings	3,913,043	2,000,000	1,913,043	UR as at 07.04.26 is 0%. The project was handed over to the Ministry of Education by the Office Accommodation Unit. However, the Ministry has not progressed much. Lately, the Ministry had a meeting with Office Accommodation Unit requesting for assistance. However, there was no formal request received till to date. The Ministry of Education had tendered the project; however, no progress in terms of actual construction and rehabilitation works undertaken given that the schools are still following up on rehabilitation works. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
50	1	1	10	Community Development Grant	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	UR as at 07.04.26 is 0%.To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
50	1	1	6	Fiji Carbon Fund Emission Reduction Programme (WB)	4,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000	UR as at 07.04.26 is 0%.To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
50	1	1	6	Demonstration Farm and a Regional Training Centre (Indonesia)	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	UR as at 07.04.26 is 0%.To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
50	1	1	8	Nadi River Flood Alleviation Project	7,826,087	2,000,000	5,826,087	UR as at 07.04.26 is 0%. Still awaiting for the final Addendum Report from AIFFP. Following the finalisation of the Addendum, both Parties will get to know the staging of the implementation. A moratorium will be issued later to those land impacted and in the alignment with the proposed structure in Stage one. The Ministry of Lands will submit the final acquisition and compensation amount which is around \$100 million over the next 3 years. To cater for the sugar cane price top up payment for the 2025 crop season.
					26,739,130	14,000,000	12,739,130	