



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 19 August 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

1. Prayer
2. Confirmation of Minutes. The Leader of the Government in Parliament to move –

“That the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Tuesday, 18 August 2026, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.”
3. Communications from the Chair
4. Presentation of reports of committees
5. Ministerial Statements
6. Questions (*see Schedule*)
7. Consideration of Bills

SCHEDULE — QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 139/2026 Hon. Inia Seruiratu to ask the Minister for iTaukei Affairs – Given that the iTaukei people comprise the majority of Fiji’s prison population, can the Minister inform Parliament on the programmes and initiatives the Ministry has implemented to reduce the number of iTaukei entering the correctional system.
- 152/2026 Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress of the hospital bed upgrade programme.
- 153/2026 Hon. Virendra Lal to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Currently, many bus stops along the Suva-Nausori corridor have the capacity to accommodate a maximum of two buses simultaneously. Given the growing fleet size and the increased emphasis on public transport for commuting, can the Minister inform Parliament if there are plans to expand existing bays at major bus stops to increase capacity.
- 154/2026 Hon. Shalen Kumar to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the progress of the secondary school project in Naqali, Naitasiri, and whether there are any plans to establish a special school in the Naitasiri province.
- 155/2026 Hon. Rinesh Sharma to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Efficiency at ASPEN has improved in the last few years. Can the Minister inform Parliament whether there are any plans for knowledge-sharing to improve the efficiency at CWM and other hospitals.
- 156/2026 Hon. Jovesa Vocea to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the status of progress in establishing the Pacific’s first remote-tower Aerodrome Flight Information Service at Labasa Airport.
- 157/2026 Hon. Hem Chand to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament how the Ministry will ensure that Government-funded student cards are topped up on time in the future.

- 158/2026 Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu to ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister update Parliament on the implementation of the Return and Earn Fiji Initiative during the first six months of 2026, and how has it directly benefitted members of the public and participating municipal councils.
- 159/2026 Hon. Inia Seruiratu to ask the Minister for Multi-Ethnic Affairs, Culture, Heritage and Arts, and Sugar Industry – In light of the incidents of vandalism involving Hindu temples reported around the country since 2024, can the Minister inform Parliament whether the Ministry has any programmes or initiatives to educate young people on respecting different religions and promoting religious tolerance and social cohesion.
- 160/2026 Hon. Kalaveti Ravu to ask the Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General – Can the Minister update Parliament on the status of the Registration of Sex Offenders Act 2021.

Written Questions

- 161/2026 Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Prime Minister, and Minister for Civil Service, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – In light of the ongoing Asian Subterranean Termite infestation that has devastated thousands of homes across Fiji, particularly in the Western, Northern, and Central Divisions, and noting the introduction of the Termite Control Assistance Programme, can the Prime Minister inform Parliament on the following –
- (a) how many applications were received and approved for each division in the 2025-2026 financial year;
 - (b) for the 2025-2026 financial year, what was the approved budget allocation, actual expenditure, and any underspend or overspend recorded; and
 - (c) for the 2025-2026 financial year, how many homeowners were assisted under the Programme, disaggregated by the amount offered by division.

- 162/2026 Hon. Alipate Tuicolo to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following –
- (a) the Mid Term Review for the National Action Plan for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls was recently completed;
 - (b) what were some of the achievements under the NAP EVAWG; and
 - (c) how will the Ministry manage some of the gaps that were identified in the Mid Term Review Report.
- 163/2026 Hon. Inia Seruiratu to ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade – Recently, the Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs led a delegation to the annual Fiji–New Zealand High-Level Consultation held in Wellington, New Zealand. Can the Minister update Parliament on the following –
- (a) what was the purpose of the visit and what outcomes were achieved;
 - (b) how many personnel from the Ministry were part of the delegation; and
 - (c) what was the total cost of flights, hotel accommodation, per diem and other allowances.
- 164/2026 Hon. Hem Chand to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the names of schools that did not receive Free Education Grant last year because the schools did not fulfill the requirements of the Ministry.