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REPUBLIC OF FIJI

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTION 146/2026

Tuesday, 18 August 2026

WRITTEN QUESTION 146/2026:

Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna to ask the Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney- General
– Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following:

- (a) how many Justices of the Peace are there;
- (b) where are they located; and
- (c) how much are they paid.

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(a) How many Justices of the Peace are there?

As of 18 August 2026, there is a total of 682 active Justices of the Peace in Fiji.

(b) where are they located?

As of August 2026, Fiji has a total of 682 Justices of the Peace (JPs) located across the country. Thirty three (33) located in the Maritime region.

Division	Number of JPs
Central/Eastern	339
Western	271
Northern	72

Maritime Region

District	Number
Lomaiviti	10
Lau	9
Taveuni	6
Kadavu	5
Beqa	1
Vatulele	1
Yasawa	1

While JPs are available throughout many parts of Fiji, there are still areas where their numbers are limited or where additional JPs are needed. These include the maritime locations of Yasawa, Yacata, Cikobia, Kadavu, Yanuca and Rotuma, as well as interior areas in Namosi, Naitasiri, Ba, Navosa, Macuata, Cakaudrove and Bua.

The distribution of JPs highlights the need to continue strengthening access to JP services, particularly in remote, maritime and interior communities, so that people throughout Fiji can access these important services more easily.

(c) how much are they paid?

Justices of the Peace (JPs) receive an allowance of \$100 per month, subject to the submission of their monthly reports and the provision of services to a minimum quota of 50 customers per month where applicable. Requests for exceptions to the quota is to be submitted in writing to the Team Leader.

For the 2025–2026 financial year, a total of \$477,100 was paid out in JP allowances. The approved budget for JP allowances for the current financial year is \$600,000, which will continue to be provided to eligible JPs through monthly payments of \$100.

Supplementary Information

Next Round of JP Appointments

The processing of applications for the next round of JP appointments commenced in August 2026. A total of 30 applicants will be appointed.

From the current financial year onwards, the appointment of new JPs will be limited to 30 applicants per financial year. All applicants will undergo a thorough vetting and selection process, with appointments based primarily on the identified need for JP services within particular areas.

Once the successful applicants have been finalised, a date will be determined for their induction and swearing-in ceremony. This approach will help ensure that new JP appointments are made strategically, particularly in areas where there is a demonstrated need for greater access to JP services.