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Honorable Ro Filipe Tuisawau

Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services & Transport

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Parliamentary Written Question No. 222/2026

Hon. Jone Usamate to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the total number of hours of power outages recorded in Viti Levu for each of the following years – (a) (b) 2023, 2024 and 2025; and from January to June 2026.

Response:

Mr Speaker, I thank the Honorable Member for the question.

Please find tabulated below are the Planned and Unplanned power outages [hrs] for the past 3 years till end of June 2026 for Viti Levu:

Viti Levu Integrated System Planned & Unplanned outages	2026 till June End [Hrs]	2025 YTD [Hrs]	2024 YTD [Hrs]	2023 YTD [Hrs]
Unplanned Outage	10147.52	8742.73	8245.55	7318.5
Planned Outage	10284.73	16189.28	14053.72	14201.67

Note: the total number of hours recorded for both planned and unplanned power outages per annum is based on the total number of planned and unplanned power outages reported per day. Usually, there are multiple planned and unplanned power outages that are reported on daily basis.

Some examples of Planned power outages are listed below:

- Major extension works on power grid require planned power shutdowns for connectivity purposes such as connecting completed Rural Electrification Schemes
- EFL Team carrying out daily power line/hardware maintenance. This is done daily Fiji Wide and usually is advertised in the daily newspapers and also EFL sends text messages to inform customers.
- Install and commission pole mount transformers.
- Carrying out or supervising external contractors to effectively address Vegetation Management activities (trees near power line) around Viti Levu.
- Upgrading done to the power line
- Installing specific hardware on the power lines such as Lightening Surge Arresters

Examples of Unplanned power outages are listing below:

- Heavy Rain, Lightening and Cyclones
- Overgrown vegetations or trees clashing with power lines
- A third party damages EFL underground cables while digging
- Vehicle accidents on EFL power poles
- Bushfires damaging EFL power pole/power lines
- Vandalism on EFL overhead power network
- Any emergency shutdown