

3RD TERM OF PARLIAMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS	
YEAR	TOTAL
2023	40
2024	90
2025	101
2026	39
TOTAL	264

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS—2023					
NO	DATE	MINISTERIAL STATEMENT BY	TOPIC	SYNOPSIS	COMMENTS
1	29-3-2023	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	The 8th “Our Ocean Conference” held in Panama 2–3 March 2023	The statement on the outcomes of the 8th Our Ocean Conference held in Panama	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
2	29-3-2023	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation	Fiji Country Gender Assessment	This statement will elaborate on the Fiji Country Gender Assessment	The Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
	29-3-2023	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications	Digital Television Initiative (Walesi)	The statement will provide a comprehensive overview of the Digital Television Initiative, also known as Walesi. It will cover the establishment of Walesi PTE Ltd, the roadmap for the digital television rollout, the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting, and other projects undertaken by Walesi PTE Ltd The statement will also highlight the need for a detailed investigation to be carried out on Walesi given the significant investments that have been made by the Fiji Government	Withdrawn by Hon. Manoa Kamikamica
3	30-3-2023	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Ministry of Finance Economic Management	Ministerial Statement on economic management	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
4	30-3-2023	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF)	This statement will explicate Fiji’s engagement with the regional education initiative called the Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF) and highlight the outcomes and Ministerial statement of commitment from the 2023 Inaugural Conference of Pacific Education Ministers	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
5	30-3-2023	Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Current Status for the Green Ginger Market in Fiji	Statement on the current status of the Green Ginger Market in Fiji,	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
6	3-4-2023	Hon. Siromi Turaga Attorney-General and Minister for Justice	Legislative programme for the 2022-2023 Session of Parliament	The statement articulates the legislative programme for the 2022-2023 session of Parliament that will be implemented by the coalition Government. In it, particular focus will be placed on the Government’s commitment to initiate extensive consultations with relevant segments of the Fijian population as it embarks on its pledge to review and repeal laws widely held to suppress basic freedoms, in the interests of public consensus and national development	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
7	3-4-2023	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport	Water and the Way Forward	This statement will examine the current water situation and the way forward	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
8	3-4-2023	Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Strategic Framework for Sandalwood Research and Development	This statement will inform Parliament of the Strategic Framework for Sandalwood Research	The Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
9	3-4-2023	Hon. Agni Singh Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations	Ministerial visit to Australia – PALMS programme	The primary objective of the Ministerial visit to Australia by the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations was to re-affirm Fiji’s commitment under the “Vuvale Partnership Agreement” relating to Labour Mobility and to – (i) to meet Fiji’s bilateral partners in Australia and strengthen the relationship between the two countries for a win-win situation under the Pacific Labour Mobility Program(PALM) (ii) support pastoral care for Fijian workers by visiting and hearing directly from them on the ground; (iii) meet with employers and workers union on issues related to our workers and ensure better terms and conditions are provided to our workers. (iv) explore areas of potential growth in labour markets for Fijian workers; (v) through the Vuvale Partnership Program, Government will work closely with the Australian Government to improve opportunities for labour mobility. (vi) the delegations were able to have two bilateral meetings between the Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Hon. Pat Conroy and also the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon. Tony Burke. (vii) Fijian delegation was also able to visit a number of Approved Employers’ workplaces under the aged-care sector and the Meat Industry to meet with Fijian workers. The delegations also had to opportunity to update the President of Australian Council of Trade Union (ACTU) and its affiliates union on the progress of the collation government and the action taken for labour law review, restoration of trade union rights, right to strike and collective bargaining and the establishment of a tripartite Employment Relations Advisory Board in line with ILO Convention 144	The Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded
10	4-4-2023	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Statement on the Girmit day holiday and how the occasion will be commemorated.	The Government has approved the Girmit Day celebrations to be held on 15 May 2023 including establishment of a National Committee to be headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics. As part of the Girmit Day celebrations, a 2-day Girmit Conference will be held on 12 and 13 May 2023 with major national celebrations on 15 May	The Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded
11	4-4-2023	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Outcomes of the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCS)	The Statement will highlight the Outcomes of the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) that was held in Doha Qatar	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
12	4-4-2023	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation	Commission on the Status of Women	The Minister will update Parliament on the Commission on the Status of Women held in March this year	The Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded

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13	4-4-2023	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	100 days achievements	This statement will highlight the Ministry's achievement during the first 100 days	The Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
14	5-4-2023	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Statement on the 2023 National Economic Summit and update	The Government has approved the 2023 National Economic Summit (NES) be held on 20 and 21 April 2023 after a period of almost a decade. The theme for the 2023 NES is 'Reshaping our Future through Genuine Dialogue and Collaboration'. The aim of the Summit is to bring our people together and create a collective national vision, with adequate sector policies and an implementation framework for the Government's plan to chart a path towards economic success	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
15	5-4-2023	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Tourism Sector Performance	Pre-COVID – the Tourism Industry contributed close to one third of Fiji's Gross Domestic Product. Having opened international borders in December 2021, the statement will focus on the current performance of the Fiji Tourism industry	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
16	5-4-2023	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications	Digital Television Initiative (WALESI)	The statement will provide an update on the status of the National Digital network Walesi Pte Limited and the plans of the Ministry	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
17	5-4-2023	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development, and Disaster Management	Progressive and inclusive Rural Development	The statement will focus on the state of the Ministry, its key achievements to-date, and future plans, for easier access of members of the public to the Ministry's services and development assistance programmes through digitisation, and collaboration with key Government agencies' planning and resource mobilisation	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
18	11-9-2023	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Release of treated water from Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant by Japan	A statement on the release of treated water from the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant by Japan after the report from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was released	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
19	11-9-2023	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Fiji National Education Summit to be held from 20th September	A statement on the upcoming Fiji National Education Summit that will be convened from 20th September, 2023 to 22nd September, 2023 at the Sheraton Denarau, Nadi with the theme, "Transforming our Education System, Building and Supporting Resilient Fijians"	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
20	12-9-2023	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	National Sustainable Tourism Framework	In August 2022, the Fiji Government, through the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, began consultation on the development of a National Sustainable Tourism Framework (NSTF) or Framework using a two phased approach. The NSTF intends to articulate the tourism sector's strategic direction and provide blueprint for an inclusive and sustainable Fiji tourism industry. The statement will therefore focus on the progress of the development of the framework.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
21	13-9-2023	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Violence Against Children in Fiji	Violence Against Children in Fiji and the Government's commitment to addressing them	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
22	13-9-2023	Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Livestock Breeding Programme for Farmers in Fiji	Current breeding programmes being carried out for sheep, goat and cattle	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
23	13-9-2023	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	2023 International Youth Day Celebration	International Youth Day 2023 celebrations with the theme 'Green Skills for Youth Towards a Sustainable World'	The Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded.
24	14-9-2023	Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Dredging and Engineering Works	Dredging and Engineering Works on major rivers and creeks in Fiji, to control flooding and obtain low value minerals and/ or for construction works	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
25	20-11-2023	Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Overplanted Pine by Fiji Pine Limited	The Coalition Government's stance through the Ministry of Forestry on the issue of overplanted pine area which were transferred to the Fiji Pine Corporation Ltd and later Fiji Pine Limited (FPL)	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
26	20-11-2023	Hon. Ifereimi Vasu Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	Update on the Great Council of Chiefs	The Minister for iTaukei Affairs' Ministerial statement highlights the disestablishment of the GCC and the Coalition Government's decision to reinstate it. The Minister will highlight the appointment of the GCC Review Team and the work it undertook with its recommendations highlighted	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
27	21-11-2023	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Government Policy on International Conflicts	Statement on Government policy on international conflicts	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
28	21-11-2023	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and Small and Medium Enterprises, and Communications	Google South Pacific Connect initiative and Google's Investment in Fiji	The statement will update the August House on Google's Connecting Fiji: The opportunity for growth and prosperity from this subsea cable and diverse landing station investment	The Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
29	21-11-2023	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development, and Disaster Management	Update on the National State of Preparedness by the National Disaster Management Office	An update by the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, on the national state of preparedness by the NDMO in Fiji to mitigate the effects of natural disasters. The statement will make comparisons of historical weather data against current and future projections and the compulsion that obligates the government to respond accordingly. The statement also details the developments within the ministry that learns from past experiences and prepares itself for the future	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded

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30	21-11-2023	Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Self-Income Generating Agro based projects	This Ministerial Statement sets out the vision of the Ministry on the direction that the Agriculture sector should take on Agro processing, as part of the Agriculture diversification process. It involves taking good care of any surplus in agriculture production and trying as much as possible to avoid wastage especially when in season	The Hon. Sachida Nand subsequently responded
31	22-11-2023	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	30th APEC and IPEF Leaders' Meeting	The statement will highlight the outcomes of the two meetings	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
32	22-11-2023	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	Climate Change and Health	The statement will cover the impacts of climate change and the actions taken globally and locally. The statement will emphasise how the Ministry of Health and Medical Services is taking up the challenge to address the issues relating to the impact of climate change on health in a sustainable manner. The statement will also outline future actions that will be taken based on the plans made during the preparatory phase	The Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
33	22-11-2023	Hon. Ifereimi Vasu Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	iTaukei Land Trust Board	The statement will highlight the major developments of the iTaukei Land Trust Board in 2023	The Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu subsequently responded
34	22-11-2023	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Appointment of the Review Committee	The statement will discuss the appointment of the Review Committee by the Higher Education Commission of Fiji	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
35	22-11-2023	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	National Anti-Doping Organisation	The statement will provide an update on the establishment of the National Anti-Doping Organisation	The Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded.
36	22-11-2023	Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Dairy Industry in Fiji is a Critical Agro-based Industry	The statement will discuss that the dairy industry in Fiji is a critical agro-based industry which supports a significant number of the rural population that produce milk both on a small and large scale. It is therefore important that Government continues to support the industry through the Fiji Cooperative Dairy Company Limited	The Hon. Sachida Nand subsequently responded
37	23-11-2023	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	Colonial War Memorial Hospital Centennial Celebration	Colonial War Memorial Centennial Celebration	The Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
38	23-11-2023	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Development Programme for the Rural and Maritime Communities and Support from Development Partners	Update on Development Programme for the Rural and Maritime Communities and Support from Development Partners	The Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
39	23-11-2023	Hon. Agni Singh Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations	2nd Australian Ministerial Visit to PALM Scheme Workers	Update on the Second Australian Ministerial Visit under the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme	The Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded
40	23-11-2023	Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Development and Way Forward for Sea Cucumber Fishery in Fiji	Update on the Sea Cucumber Fishery in Fiji – Current Development and Way Forward	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded

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APRIL SITTING					
1	15-4-2024	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport	Water Sector 2050 Strategy	The statement will discuss the current situation and plans moving forward.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
2	15-4-2024	Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Drainage Services and Re-Establishment of Drainage Boards	The statement will discuss the state and progress of the drainage plans for farmers in the Central Western and Northern divisions.	The Hon. Sachida Nand subsequently responded
3	16-4-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Constitutional Offices Commission	The statement will elaborate on the following: (i) composition of the COC, (ii) its functions and responsibilities as carried out in 2023, and (iii) an update on the delivery of its constitutional mandate in 2024.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
4	17-4-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	COP28 and Climate Change	The statement will elaborate on the following: (i) report on the outcomes of the Conference of Parties (COP28) meeting; (ii) reflect on global progress in responding to climate change; and (iii) outline directions and priorities on climate change for Fiji.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
5	17-4-2024	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Fiji's efforts to preserve Pacific Fisheries at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) and other outcomes	The statement provides a report update on the outcomes of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) held on 26 February – 2 March 2024 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It underscored our achievements through Fiji's leadership role as the voice leading the Pacific Region on important matters, particularly to achieve a meaningful Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies. Additionally, it outlines the outcomes and way forward for Fiji post MC13. In essence, the Ministerial Statement is focused around 8 key elements being: (i) Fiji's objectives at MC13; (ii) Negotiations on the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement; (iii) Move Towards Comprehensive Disciplines on Fisheries Subsidies; (iv) Fiji's Leadership Role; (v) Effective Negotiations; Building Trust and Partnerships; (vi) Not the Desired Outcomes but Assured Momentum; (vii) Coalition Against Overcapacity and Overfishing and (viii) Appreciation.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
6	17-4-2024	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Update on Fiji's National E-Commerce Strategy and next steps	Embracing e-commerce can significantly enhance Fiji's trade competitiveness, fuel the growth of MSMEs, unlocking unprecedented opportunities. While there is significant potential from e-commerce in Fiji, there are important challenges that must be addressed before the potential gains can materialise. For instance, challenges in areas like digital payment gateways and consumer trust are significantly hindering the sector's progress. Hence, the Ministry is developing a National E-Commerce Strategy to provide a clear roadmap to support the enabling environment for e-commerce in Fiji.	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
7	17-4-2024	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	Naleba Youth Training Centre	The statement will highlight the importance of the Training Centre, impacts of the fire on trainees and the community, commitment to rebuilding the Youth Training Centre and the long-term sustainability of youth programmes.	The Hon. Alipate Tuicolo subsequently responded
8	17-4-2024	Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Wood Utilisation Project (Cottage Industry)	The statement will discuss the maximisation of wood resource utilisation through the use of harvesting and processing residues as an alternative source of raw materials for wooden products manufacturers.	The Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
9	18-4-2024	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	State of the Fijian Economy	The Fijian economy has returned to pre-pandemic GDP level after 2 years of strong economic recovery. This was underpinned by a record performance in the tourism industry which had positive flow on effects on other sectors of the economy. The outlook is positive, albeit with some headwinds from developments in the global economy, rising commodity prices and domestic labour market challenges.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
10	18-4-2024	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Tourism and Civil Aviation	Sustainable Aviation Fuel	The statement will highlight the transformative potential of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in aviation's green revolution.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
11	18-4-2024	Hon. Siromi Turaga Attorney-General and Minister for Justice	Strengthening Legal Frameworks and Governmental Achievements	The statement will discuss the Legislative initiatives that the Office of the Attorney-General is working on with relevant Government Ministries and Departments and highlight some of the significant work of Government agencies/statutory bodies under the Attorney-General's responsibility.	The Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
12	18-4-2024	Hon. Pio Tikoduadua Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration	State of Immigration Services and Moving Forward	The statement will discuss the current state of services at the Department of Immigration and what Government is doing to improve services at the Department.	The Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
13	18-4-2024	Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Carbon Trade	The statement will discuss Fiji's Emission Reduction Payment Agreement which Government signed in January 2021 with the Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) that is managed by the World Bank.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded

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MAY SITTING					
14	20-5-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Elevated Vuvale Partnership	Ministerial Statement on recent developments relating to the elevated and renewed Vuvale Partnership between Fiji and Australia	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
15	20-5-2024	Hon. Ifereimi Vasu Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	iTaukei Institution to New Zealand	Ministerial Statement on the recent trip by the members of the iTaukei Institutions Forum to New Zealand	The Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
16	20-5-2024	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Update on the Vanua Levu Tourism Development Programme	As endorsed by the Cabinet, the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation is currently leading the implementation of the Vanua Levu Tourism Development Programme. The statement will therefore provide an update on the progress of the projects, its objectives and its impact. The Vanua Levu Tourism Development Programme, funded by a US\$200 million World Bank loan, aims to diversify Fiji's tourism. The 10-year plan is divided into three phases, focusing on sustainable tourism, infrastructure improvements, and socio-economic benefits for the local community. Success will be measured by job creation, improved services, and environmental conservation, with the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation co-ordinating the programme's implementation.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
17	20-5-2024	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	11th International Co-operative Alliance – Asia Pacific Co-operative Ministers Conference 2024 Statement on the International Co-operative Alliance	The International Co-operative Alliance - Asia Pacific Co-operatives Ministers Conference is held every 4 years. This year being the very first year Fiji has ever participated. The Conference is a vital platform for highlighting the importance of partnerships between governments and co-operatives in Asia Pacific (AP) and Middle Eastern and North Africa (MENA). The statement serves to provide an update on the discussions and potential areas of collaboration with development partners that will further increase co-operatives' socio-economic contributions. The Hon. DPM and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications represented Fiji at the 11th International Co-operative Alliance - Asia Pacific Co-operative Ministers Conference. The conference provided a good opportunity to deliberate on co-operative challenges and potential areas of growth. The Minister also led a series of bi-lateral meetings and discussions with development partners with the aim to further develop the Fijian co-operative landscape.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
18	20-5-2024	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Current Status of Facilities in Government Schools	This statement will provide an update to Parliament on the current status of facilities in Government Schools.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
19	21-5-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	The Prime Minister's recent visit to the United Kingdom	The Prime Minister Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka will deliver a Ministerial Statement on his recent visit to the United Kingdom at the invitation of His Majesty's Government. The statement will elaborate on the Prime Minister's meeting with His Majesty King Charles III and his meetings with the Secretaries of State for Defence, Foreign Affairs and Climate Change, as well as with the Secretary General for the Commonwealth and the International Maritime Organisation, and members of the Fijian Diaspora in the UK.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
20	21-5-2024	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	The Duke of Edinburgh Award	The statement will highlight the significant developments in the DEA through the Ministry of Youth and Sports	The Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
21	21-5-2024	Hon. Siromi Turaga Attorney-General and Minister for Justice	The Judicial System	The statement will focus on the current status, recent achievements and areas necessitating improvement within the following key institutions: Judicial Department; Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP); and the Legal Aid Commission. The statement will provide a comparative analysis of the leadership and progress within these institutions over the past 16 years, highlighting the transformative changes brought about under the Coalition Government.	The Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
22	22-5-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Vanua Levu Roads Upgrade Project \$300m China Aid funded project	Ministerial Statement on the Vanua Levu Road Upgrade Project. The Project is to be funded by a grant from the People's Republic of China through the China International Development Co-operation Agency (CIDCA).	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
23	22-5-2024	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Update on ICT Development	This statement will provide a short update on the efforts being undertaken regarding ICT development including the recent announcement of Starlink officially commencing its services in Fiji.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
24	22-5-2024	Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Logging Operation in the Maritime Islands	The statement will highlight the progress of logging operations in the Maritime Islands.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded

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25	22-5-2024	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Fiji's Transition to Open Skies	The statement will provide an update on Fiji's aviation policy, specifically on Open Skies, to enhance connectivity and drive economic growth in line with national interests.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
26	22-5-2024	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Financial Management Information System (FMIS)	The Ministry of Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics has been undergoing numerous reforms to modernise its systems and processes and had embarked on a significant IT project to replace the current 2-decade old Financial Management Information System (FMIS) and 40-year-old Payroll System. The new System is scheduled to "GO LIVE" on 1 August 2024.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
27	23-5-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	The Duavata Partnership and Bilateral Relationship with New Zealand	The Prime Minister Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka will deliver a Ministerial Statement on the Duavata Partnership Agreement and Bilateral Relations with New Zealand. The statement will elaborate on the following: (i) the Duavata Partnership Agreement, (ii) the Prime Minister's official visit to New Zealand in June 2023, and (iii) high level engagements with the then New Zealand Prime Minister and senior officials.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
28	23-5-2024	Hon. Vatimi Rayalu Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	The Use of Active Agriculture Production as a Tool in the Fight Against Poverty	The concept is targeted at the poorest of the poor that live mainly in the informal settlements around Fiji and offering them an opportunity or second chance in life by getting them involved in active agriculture production as their means of livelihood.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
29	23-5-2024	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works and Meteorological Services, and Transport	Update on Fiji's Participation at the International Maritime Organisation and Related Issues	The statement will provide an update on the International Maritime Organisation GHG Emissions negotiations, the establishment of the IMO Regional Office, and future developments.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
30	23-5-2024	Hon. Siromi Turaga Attorney-General and Minister for Justice	Strengthening The Fight Against Corruption: The Role and Achievements of the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC)	The statement will provide a comprehensive overview of FICAC. It will highlight FICAC's foundational role under the 2013 Constitution and it's alignment to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).	The Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
31	23-5-2024	Hon. Kalaveti Ravu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Aquaculture Assistance by the Government of Japan	The statement will outline the recent achievement that is foreseen to improve and boost Fiji's capability within the aquaculture sector.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
AUGUST SITTING					
32	5-8-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	The proposal for the Ocean of Peace	The proposal for the Pacific as an "Ocean of Peace." This proposal is consistent with the Boe Declaration and the 2050 Strategy for a Blue Pacific Continent.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and the Leader of the Group of 9 Bloc the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded
33	5-8-2024	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Update on the business mission to North America	The statement is to provide an update on the business mission to North America which was held on 4-14 May 2024. The business mission served as a crucial platform for fostering bilateral relations, enhancing trade and economic relations with the North America region, and ultimately to reconnect with our diaspora community.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
34	5-8-2024	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on the Tertiary Scholarships and Loan Services	The statement will provide an update on the Tertiary Scholarships and Loan Services and the new initiatives for the 2024-2025 financial year	The Hon. Hem Chand and Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
35	5-8-2024	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Maritime Time Pine Project	The Statement will elaborate on the – i. Background of the Project; ii. Project Successes; iii. Role of Fiji Pine Ltd and Fiji Pine Trust; and iv. 2024-2025 Planned Activities.	The Hon. Jone Usamate and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
36	7-8-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Fiji's bilateral relationship with Japan and the recent PALM Summit held in Tokyo 17-19 July 2024	The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs will deliver a Ministerial Statement to Parliament reporting on his recent 3-day visit to Japan from 17-19 July 2024, ostensibly for the Tenth Pacific Island Leaders Meeting or PALM10 Summit. The Prime Minister held bilateral meetings on the margins of the Summit with the Prime Minister of Japan, and other Pacific Leaders present in Tokyo as well as the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) President and other official engagements which further strengthen the bilateral relationship between Fiji and Japan.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and the Leader of the Group of 9 Bloc the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded
37	7-8-2024	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Gau Aerodrome Accident	The statement will update Parliament on the Gau Aerodrome Accident on 23 July 2024	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj and Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
38	7-8-2024	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	National Sports, Recreation, and Physical Activity Policy	The National Sports, Recreation, and Physical Activity Policy was recently launched by the Ministry in July 2024. The policy has been a long time in the making, reflecting years of dedication and collaborative effort since 2017. The Policy is a bold and comprehensive plan that reflects Government's commitment to the future of sports, recreation, and physical activity in Fiji. It is designed to be a blueprint for the development of sports across all levels, from grassroots participation to elite performance, and to ensure that physical activity is woven into the fabric of our daily lives.	The Hon. Rinesh Sharma and Hon. Aiki Bia subsequently responded

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39	7-8-2024	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Efforts to Target Impactful Investments in Fiji	The statement will cover the Policy Framework on Significant Investments in Fiji is to ensure that foreign direct investments contribute to the overall development of our nation in a sustainable and responsible manner. By establishing clear guidelines and criteria for evaluating and approving large-scale investments, we aim to attract investments that align with our national development priorities and benefit our people. This framework will help to safeguard the interests of Fijians by ensuring that investments are socially and environmentally sustainable, create employment opportunities and contribute to economic growth. By having a transparent and rigorous approval process in place, we can mitigate potential risks.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
40	7-8-2024	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Update on the Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management's Key Capital Programmes	The Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management ("the Ministry") was allocated \$29.1million in the 2023-2024 financial year. The Ministry has 6 key capital programmes with a budget of \$9.8million that drives development in the rural and maritime areas, namely: i. \$3m - revamped Rural Housing Assistance (RHA) Programme; ii. \$2.5m - Rural Outer Island (ROI) Development Programme; iii. \$2m - Community Access Roads, Footpaths and Footbridges (CARFF) Programme; iv. \$1m - Self-Help Programme; v. \$0.8m - High Risk Water Sanitation Programme; and vi. \$0.5m - Seafaring Entrepreneurial Assistance (SEA) Programme. Through these programmes, the Ministry was able to improve basic infrastructures in the rural areas, impacting around 390,000 people.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva subsequently responded
41	7-8-2024	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Fish Cage Culture System	The Statement will elaborate on the following – (a) Background of Fish Cage Culture; (b) Fish Culture Systems currently practised in Fiji and Pacific Islands; (c) Statuts of Fish Cage Culture Project in Makogai; (d) Challenges in Fish Cage Culture in Fiji; and (e) Opportunities and way forward for Fish Cage Culture in Fiji.	The Hon. Jone Usamate and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
42	8-8-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Measures to improve productivity across the civil service in light of increased salary adjustments as highlighted in the budget	The Prime Minister and Minister for Civil Service will deliver a Ministerial Statement to Parliament on incentives and measures to improve productivity across the civil service in light of increased salary adjustments as highlighted in the recent budget	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
43	8-8-2024	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	Burden of Non-Communicable Diseases	The statement will focus on the efforts that the Ministry through the Wellness Division is undertaking to address the burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in our country	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj and Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
44	8-8-2024	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	15th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and 8th Pacific Women Ministers Meeting	The statement will provide an update on the 15th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and the 8th Pacific Women Ministers Meeting	The Hon. Virendra Lal and Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu subsequently responded
45	8-8-2024	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice	New Policy Initiatives Implemented in Fiji Corrections Service	The statement will provide an overview of the new policy initiatives implemented in the Fiji Corrections Service	The Hon. Ketan Lal and the Leader of the Group of 9 Bloc the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded
46	8-8-2024	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	Ba Provincial Multi-Ethnic Youth Festival	The Ba Multi-Ethnic Youth Festival was held from the 25th to the 27th of July 2024. It can be best described as a transformative event, that brought together the vibrant and diverse youth of the Ba province, allowing them to emerge into a unified force for positive change. The festival provided a platform for young people to showcase their talents, build connections, and contribute to the development of their communities.	The Hon. Rinesh Sharma and Hon. Alipate Tuicolo subsequently responded
47	8-8-2024	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Signing of the United States Fisheries Treaty Agreement with the Pacific Island States	The Hon Minister for Fisheries and Forestry will deliver a Ministerial on the recent signing of the Memorandum of Understanding among the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States including Fiji and the Government of the United States of America, regarding fishing access terms for 2024 and will elaborate on the following; (a) Background of the treaty (b) Amendments of the current MOU; and i(c) Fiji's distribution component	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
SEPTEMBER SITTING					
48	2-9-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Report on the recent State Visit to the Peoples Republic of China	The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs will deliver a Ministerial Statement to Parliament reporting on the recent State Visit to the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) and his bilateral discussions with PRC President H.E. Xi Jinping, Premier Li Qiang and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Peoples' Congress, Zhao Leji.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and the Leader of the Group of 9 Bloc the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded
49	2-9-2024	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Implementation of the Commitments Under the Interim Economic Partnership Agreement (IEPA)	The statement will update Parliament on the recent developments related to the Cabinet endorsement for the implementation of the Market Access Commitment under the Interim Economic Partnership Agreement (IEPA) between the European Union (EU) and the Pacific States	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded

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50	2-9-2024	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Coastal Fisheries Development Project – 2nd of September 2024	The Statement will elaborate on the; i. Background on the Coastal Fisheries Development (CFD) Project ii. Status of the Coastal Fisheries Development (CFD) iii. Focus of the Coastal Fisheries Development (CFD) Project in 2024 - 2025 iv. Key elements of the CFD and how the communities and licensed fishers benefit	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
51	3-9-2024	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Report on the 53rd Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting held 26–30 August 2024	The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs will deliver a Ministerial Statement to Parliament reporting on the recent Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting held in the Nuku'alofa and Vava'u in the Kingdom of Tonga from 26–30 August 2024	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and the Leader of the Group of 9 Bloc the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded
52	3-9-2024	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Sandalwood Development in Fiji – 3rd of September 2024	The Statement will elaborate on the; i. Background on the Sandalwood harvesting ii. Current status of the sandalwood industry iii. Sandalwood Development Project iv. Proposed plans for the future of Sandalwood industry	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
53	3-9-2024	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Rehabilitation of schools around Fiji	The statement is to inform parliament on the rehabilitation of schools around Fiji	The Hon. Hem Chand and Hon. Alipate Tuicolo subsequently responded
54	5-9-2024	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Progress Made by the Anti-scam Force and Recently Concluded National Scam Awareness Week	The statement is to update Parliament on the progress made towards the establishment of the 'Anti-scam Taskforce' along with the recently concluded 'National Scam Awareness Week' that are aimed to address the escalating threat of scams and the urgent need for a coordinated nationwide response	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Alipate Tuicolo subsequently responded
55	5-9-2024	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Combating the Brain Drain Phenomena	The statement is will highlight on the Combating the Brain Drain Phenomena	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
56	5-9-2024	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	National Update on Water Sector Deliverables for the 2023-2024 Financial Year and Capital Programme for the 2024-2025 Financial Year	The statement will provide an update on programmed water deliverables for the 2023-2024 financial year and the Capital Programme for the 2024-2025 financial year	The Hon. Jone Usamate and Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva subsequently responded
57	5-9-2024	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	Suicide Prevention	The statement will focus on the commemoration of World Suicide Prevention Day on Tuesday 10th September with the launch of the Suicide Prevention 2024 theme, “Change the Narrative,” with the call to action “Start the Conversation”	The Hon. Rinesh Sharma and Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
58	5-9-2024	Hon. Agni Singh Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations	Update on the Blue Pacific Big Ocean States Platform for Labour Ministers with a focus on 'One Voice' for the ILO Pacific Islands member states in relation to labour/employment issues	The Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations will present a ministerial statement on Thursday 05 September to update on the Blue Pacific Big Ocean States (BPBOS) Platform for Labour Ministers with a focus on “One Voice” for ILO Pacific Island member states in relation to labour/employment issues as Fiji currently holds the Chairmanship of the BPBOS	The Hon. Joseph Nand and Hon. Ratu Josaiia Niudamu subsequently responded
59	5-9-2024	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)	The statement will focus on Fiji's relentless battle against Antimicrobial Resistance and the threat we face	The Hon. Premila Kumar and Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER SITTING					
60	30-9-2024	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Timber Treatment In Fiji Monday 30th September 2024	The Statement will elaborate on the; i. Background on the need for awareness on Timber Treatment ii. Purpose of treating timber iii. Role of the Ministry in Timber Treatment and compliance to Legislation iv. Specifics on types of Treatment for various end uses v. Message for Consumers and Retailers	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
61	30-9-2024	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Recent Visit by the TSLS to Australia and the Outcomes	The statement will inform Parliament on the intentions of the recent visit by the TSLS to Australia and its outcomes	The Hon. Hem Chand and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
62	30-9-2024	Hon. Ifereimi Vasu Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	Strengthening and Transforming the Fiji National Museum	The statement will highlight the importance of strengthening and transforming the Fiji National Museum to manage, protect and promote our national collections of objects and treasures	The Hon. Joseph Nand and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
63	1-10-24	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs	Fiji Foreign Policy White Paper	The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs will deliver a Ministerial Statement to update Parliament and the Nation on the Fiji Foreign Policy White Paper	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and the Leader of the Group of 9 Bloc the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded
64	1-10-24	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Update on the National Taskforce to Address Pornography	The statement is to provide an update on the efforts undertaken by the National Taskforce to address Pornography. This important National Taskforce was approved by the Cabinet earlier this year to better understand the societal risks of pornography in Fiji and to provide recommendations to effectively address those risks.	The Hon. Ketan Lal and Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded

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65	1-10-24	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Fish Poisoning Management and the Undertakings to Address the Impact of Ciguatera Fish Poisoning (CFP) in Fiji	The Statement will elaborate on the following; i. Background: Understanding Fish Poisoning and MOF Work Program to Address Fish Poisoning ii. Occurrence of Ciguatera Fish Poisoning; and iii. Undertakings to Address the Impact of Ciguatera Fish Poisoning in Fiji	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
66	2-10-24	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Update on the World Surf League Corona Fiji Pro	The Ministerial Statement on the World Surf League Corona Fiji Pro highlights the event's success in enhancing Fiji's reputation as a premier sports tourism destination. Held at Cloudbreak, Tavarua, after a seven-year hiatus, the event generated significant economic benefits, attracting global surfers and boosting local businesses. It also provided invaluable global exposure through media coverage and brand partnerships, elevating Fiji's profile. The event contributed to local communities, skill development, and environmental conservation, aligning with Fiji's goals for sustainable tourism. Looking ahead, Fiji aims to capitalize on this momentum to host more international events, driving long-term economic and social growth	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva subsequently responded
67	2-10-24	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	The Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji: Situation Update and Compliance in Fiji's Maritime Environment	The statement will discuss the situation update and compliance of the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji	The Hon. Jone Usamate and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
68	2-10-24	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	Fiji Rugby Union	The statement will update Parliament and shed light on the current situation that the Fiji Rugby Union is in	The Hon. Rinesh Sharma and Hon. Taito Rokomatu subsequently responded
69	2-10-24	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Update on the 4th International Conference for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)	The 4th International Conference of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) was held in Antigua and Barbuda from May 27-30, 2024. Themed "Charting the Course Toward Resilient Prosperity," the Conference brought together over 3,000 delegates, including 22 Heads of State and Government, highlighting the critical importance of unity and cooperation among SIDS in addressing shared challenges such as climate change, debt sustainability, and economic vulnerability. The Conference advanced the agenda for sustainable development in SIDS, building on previous conferences in Barbados (1994), Mauritius (2005), and Samoa (2014). The key outcome of this year's meeting was the adoption of the "Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS)," which outlined priorities such as economic resilience, climate action, ocean resource conservation, disaster risk management, and access to concessional finance. It also called for strengthening health systems, gender equality, and youth empowerment. Fiji's delegation, led by the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management, played a significant role, participating in various side events and highlighting Fiji's leadership in the SIDS agenda	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and the Leader of the Group of 9 Bloc the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded
70	3-10-24	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	National Development Plan 2025–2029 and Vision 2050	In the FY2023-2024 National Budget, the Coalition Government announced the formulation of a new National Development Plan (NDP). Following a very consultative and inclusive process the National Development Plan 2025-2029 and Vision 2050 was prepared and launched on 17 September 2024. Government is working with all stakeholders on the implementation of the NDP from 1 January 2025	The Hon. Premila Kumar and Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
71	3-10-24	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Update on New Zealand Visit	The statement will share insights of the Deputy Prime Minister's recent High-Level visit to New Zealand that was held from 19 to 24 September 2024 and to inform the August House on the positive outcomes of this visit. For the first time, Fiji attended the historical and inaugural Trilateral Trade and Tourism meetings held in Rotorua with the Government Trade and Tourism Ministers, Hon. Todd McClay and Hon. Donn Farrell of New Zealand and Australia, encapsulating the strong trading partnership and economic relations	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
72	3-10-24	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Update on the Government of Fiji Mission to Indonesia under Australia and Indonesia Trilateral Agreement	A Fiji Government delegation led by the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management visited Indonesia last month, engaging in peer-to-peer exchanges, learning from Indonesia's extensive disaster preparedness strategies, and participating in global forums. The visit was made possible under a trilateral cooperation between the Governments of Fiji, Indonesia and Australia. The trilateral initiative is aimed at enhancing regional stability, resilience, and shared development in the Pacific. Initiated under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2021 between Australia and Indonesia, this partnership focuses on disaster risk management, climate change, and sustainable economic growth, with Fiji playing a key role in these efforts	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
73	3-10-24	Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources	Government Freehold Buy Back Scheme 1989 to 2024	The statement will update on the Government Freehold Buy Back Scheme 1989 to 2024	The Hon. Sanjay Kirpal and the Leader of the Group of 9 Bloc the Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded
74	3-10-24	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice	The Ministry' Strategic Vision and Progress Towards Enhancing Access to Justice and Public Service Delivery in Fiji	The statement will highlight the progress made by the Ministry in enhancing service delivery to the people of Fiji	The Hon. Ketan Lal and Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
DECEMBER SITTING					
75	2-12-24	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Launch of the Hydrogen Dual-Fuel Generator Demonstration Project	This statement will highlight Fiji's ongoing journey towards sustainable energy and decarbonisation, emphasising the groundbreaking demonstration of a hydrogen dual-fuel generator hosted on 26 November by Fiji Gas, in partnership with Japan's Obayashi Corporation and New Zealand's Halcyon Power, at their Lautoka depot	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva subsequently responded

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76	2-12-24	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Research on the Utilisation of Coconut Stems	The Statement will elaborate on the; i. progress of the Ministry of Forestry’s research work on the utilisation of senile coconut stems ii. Project “Coconut and other non-traditional forest resources for the manufacture of Engineered Wood Products”. iii. Benefits and the future of coconut stem utilization	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
77	2-12-24	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Fiji Year 8 Examination Provisional Results for 2024	The statement will highlight the analysis of the Fiji Year 8 Examination Provisional Results for 2024	The Hon. Hem Chand and Hon. Aliko Bia subsequently responded
78	2-12-24	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Beijing Platform for Action +30 Regional Review	The statement will highlight Fiji’s participation and outcomes from this significant event, emphasizing advancements in gender equality and empowerment across the region	The Hon. Virendra Lal and Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu subsequently responded
79	3-12-24	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Fiji Diaspora Support in the North American Region	The statement will share valuable insights on the US-Fiji Investment and Savings Drive 2024, which was conducted along the West Coast of the United States from October 6th to October 12th this year. This initiative aimed to strengthen economic ties, attract investment, and encourage the Fijian diaspora to participate in Fiji’s economic growth, fostering long-term prosperity and collaboration.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Penioni Ravunawa subsequently responded
80	3-12-24	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Ministerial Statement on the Pilot Tourism MSME Grant Fund	The Coalition Government launched Fiji’s first Pilot Tourism MSME Grant Fund, allocating \$400,000 to support small tourism businesses. This initiative addresses financial access gaps and empowers local enterprises to grow, innovate, and contribute to Fiji’s tourism industry with immersive cultural and community experiences that align with modern traveller demands. Set to launch on December 4, 2024, this program showcases the government’s unwavering commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and sustainable growth in Fiji’s tourism sector, creating opportunities for all Fijians	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Mosese Bulitavu subsequently responded
81	3-12-24	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Fiji Hosting the 21st Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Meeting in Suva, Fiji, 28 November to 3 December 2024	The statement will elaborate on the following – (a) Background information on the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC) and the important role in managing and conserving the highly migratory fish stock; (b) The benefit of participating in the Annual WCPFC meeting; (c) Hosting of the 21st WCPFC meeting in Suva; and (d) Conclusion/ future directions.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
82	3-12-24	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	2024 World Vocational and Technical Education Development Conference in Tianjin China	The statement will update the house on the recent Ministerial Engagement at the 2024 World Vocational and Technical Education Development Conference in Tianjin China and some key takeaways	The Hon. Jone Usamate and Hon. Alipate Tuicolo subsequently responded
83	4-12-24	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Conference of Parties (COP29)	The 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change took place in Baku, Azerbaijan from 18-24 November 2024. On 10th September 2024, the Cabinet approved for Fiji’s official delegation to COP29 to be led by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Honourable Professor Biman Prasad. Fiji’s delegation comprised of 57 members, with 91% of the total cost funded by development partners and the remaining cost covered by the Fiji Government. Fiji’s representation as a Small Island Developing State was critical in this meeting	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu and Hon. Naisa Tuinaceva subsequently responded
84	4-12-24	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Walesi Technical and Financial Investigation	The statement will update Parliament on the findings of the Walesi Technical and Financial Investigation, focusing on key issues identified, corrective measures being implemented, and the Government’s commitment to transparency, accountability and ensuring the efficient use of public resources.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Aliko Bia subsequently responded
85	4-12-24	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Regional Aviation Ministers Meeting (RAMM25)	The Ministerial Statement highlights Fiji’s privilege in hosting the 3rd Regional Aviation Ministers Meeting (RAMM) in 2025, a decision fully endorsed by Cabinet and supported by the Coalition Government. This pivotal event underscores the essential role of aviation in connecting Pacific Island nations, facilitating trade, tourism, and economic growth. RAMM 2025 aims to strengthen regional cooperation, improve air connectivity, advance sustainable aviation practices, and enhance technical capacity and safety standards across the region. The statement also draws connections between the outcomes of the recent SPTO Pacific Ministers Meeting and RAMM 2025, emphasizing how aviation and tourism complement each other in fostering regional prosperity. By hosting this event, Fiji reaffirms its leadership in driving actionable outcomes for shared growth, sustainability, and strengthened partnerships, ensuring long-term benefits for the Pacific	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
86	4-12-24	Hon. Agni Singh Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations	Progress and Achievements of the Formal Employment Service of the National Employment Centre	The Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations will present a ministerial statement on Thursday 04 December on the progress and achievements of the Formal Employment Service which is the local arm of employment of the National Employment Centre under the Employment Ministry	The Hon. Joseph Nand and Hon. Alipate Tuicolo subsequently responded
87	4-12-24	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice	Fiji Corrections Services Job Evaluation Exercise and Implementation	The statement will provide an update on the approved Job Evaluation Exercise for the Fiji Corrections Service	The Hon. Ketan Lal and Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded
88	4-12-24	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice	Work of the Office of the Director Public Prosecutions	The statement will provide an update on the work of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions focusing on the strategic achievements, the ambitious plans and the need to evolve with the changing nature of crime	The Hon. Ketan Lal and Hon. Ratu Josaia Niudamu subsequently responded

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89	5-12-24	Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Update on the Fiji Economy	The Fijian economy is now projected to grow by 3.8 percent in 2024, up from the 2.8 percent forecast in June. This upward revision is primarily due to a robust recovery in the tourism sector, along with growth in related industries such as transport, accommodation, wholesale & retail, and public administration, finance and insurance sectors. Consumption has been bolstered by the positive ripple effects from increased tourism, higher incomes, growing remittances, and increased Government spending. Investment activity has also risen, reflected in the growth of new lending by commercial banks for investment, particularly in building, construction, and other sectors. Inflation has fallen to 0.8 percent in November from 5.8 percent a year ago, and is expected to be much lower than the initially projected 3.5 percent by December 2024	The Hon. Premila Kumar and Hon. Viliame Naupoto subsequently responded
90	5-12-24	Hon. Ifereimi Vasu Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	Update on the Great Council of Chiefs	The statement will update Parliament on the GCC meeting that was held on the 13th and 14th of November	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau and Hon. Ioane Naivalurua subsequently responded

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APRIL–MAY SITTING					
1	28-4-2025	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Impact of U.S. Tariffs on Fiji	The Statement will highlight the recent imposition of new tariffs by the United States Government. In his statement, the Deputy Prime Minister will provide an overview of the evolving situation, outline the Government's proactive response, and detail the strategic steps being taken to protect Fiji's exporters, safeguard the livelihoods of Fijian families, and uphold the integrity of Fiji's bilateral trade relationship with the United States.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
2	28-4-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Progress of the Emission Reduction Program (Er-P)	The Statement will elaborate on the – i. Fiji's Emission Reduction Program: initiative, to reduce emissions by incentivizing sustainable land management and generating income from carbon stocks for landowners and the government. ii. The ER-P achievement in the first monitoring period iii. The challenges face by this ER-P (Program) iv. Closing remarks/future forecast of the ER-P	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
3	28-4-2025	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on the Coca Cola Games	The statement will update on to provide an update on the 2025 Coca Cola Games.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
4	28-4-2025	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on the conference of Pacific Education Ministers Meeting 2025	The statement will update on the recent CPEM (conference of Paciific Education Ministers Meeting 2025) in PNG.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
5	29-4-2025	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Fiji's National Digital Strategy	The statement will highlight the launch of the National Digital Strategy on 3 April 2025. This Strategy represents a pivotal step in our national journey toward building a digitally empowered society and a resilient, modern economy. The National Digital Strategy reflects the Government's commitment to harnessing the full power of technology to drive inclusive growth, improve service delivery, and ensure that all Fijians can participate in and benefit from the digital future.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
6	29-4-2025	Hon. Mosese Bulitavu Minister for Environment and Climate Change	Update on the National Anti-Litter Campaign	The statement will provide an update on the progress of the National Anti-Litter Campaign, "Do the Right Thing," which was launched in January 2025 to address Fiji's escalating litter and waste management challenges.	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
7	29-4-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Recent Accomplishments and Developments in Fiji's Offshore Fisheries Sector	The Statement will highlight the – The Ministry's recent developments and achievements in the Fiji's Offshore Fisheries sector. i. National Fisheries Surveillance and Operations Centre; ii. National Offshore Fishing Crew Policy 2025-2028	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
8	29-4-2025	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	Findings on the Passing of Ubayd Haidar (Nathan Singh)	The statement will provide an update on the findings of the Commission of Inquiry on the passing of Ubayd Haidar (Nathan Singh).	The Hon. Rinesh Sharma subsequently responded
9	29-4-2025	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	Easter on the Park	The concept of 'Casting the Net Anew' was adopted during the Pacific Youth Ministers Meeting. The Ministry of Youth and Sports launched Christmas on the Park in December 2024, targeting street kids and marginalised youths in Suva. The Ministry provided meals, clothing, counselling, and shared stories of transformation. Easter on the Park was held again in March 2025 in Lautoka and Nadi, with a broader focus on holistic rehabilitation. The statement will provide an update on the Easter on the Park initiative.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
10	29-4-2025	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on the Education Act Review 1966	The statement will provide an update to Parliament on the progress of the Education Act Review 1966	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
11	29-4-2025	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	Strengthening Rural Electrification and Renewal Energy Development in Fiji	The statement will provide an update on programme deliverables to date in rural electrification and renewable energy projects underway including with development partners and stakeholders.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
12	30-4-2025	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	The Role and Impact of Fiji's Trade Commissions in Advancing Fiji's Trade and Investment Interests	The statement will highlight the pivotal role and tangible impact of Fiji's trade commissions, how these offices facilitate market access, attract foreign investment, and strengthen bilateral partnerships, thereby advancing Fiji's strategic trade ambitions, fostering sustainable job creation, and contributing to broader economic objectives such as diversification, resilience, and inclusive growth.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
13	30-4-2025	Hon. Mosese Bulitavu Minister for Environment and Climate Change	Update on Derelict Vessels	The statement will provide an update on the actions undertaken to address the issue of derelict vessels at the Suva Harbour, including the removal of abandoned ships, their environmental impacts, and forthcoming legal reforms to strengthen maritime and environmental governance.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
14	30-4-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice	Update on the Ministry of Justice Services and the Election Legislation Review Process	The statement will provide an update on the increased service delivery of the Ministry of Justice over the past 6 months, that has led to increased BDM registrations and registrations for businesses, which has empowered our people leading to access to grants for greater economic prosperity. The statement also provides an update on the Election Legislation Review process; and ends with reaffirming the Call for Access to Justice, through the services provided by the Ministry.	The Hon. Ketan Lal subsequently responded

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15	30-4-2025	Hon. Maciu Nalumisa Minister for Housing and Local Government	Sustainable Growth Through New Town Developments	The statement will reaffirm the Coalition Government’s commitment to sustainable growth, regional equity, and climate resilience through strategic New Town Developments. With over 70% of Fiji’s population living near coastlines and 58% in urban centers, the New Town Development Programme (NTDP) addresses urban congestion, environmental risks, and rural economic disparities under the Urban Policy Action Plan (2007) and National Development Plan.	The Hon. Parveen Bala subsequently responded
16	30-4-2025	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on TSLS	The statement will update parliament on the works undertaken by TSLS in 2025.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
17	30-4-2025	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	Fiji’s Maritime Leadership – Advancing a Just and Inclusive Transition	The statement will inform on Fijis role at the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the IMO in terms of the Maritime Sector Transition to Renewable Energy.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
18	1-5-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Domestic Violence in Fiji	In light of the three lives that were lost last weekend, the statement will highlight the Government’s action on domestic violence. Domestic violence carries a significant economic cost estimated at around a staggering \$300 Million annually, that being 7% of Fiji’s GDP. This amount includes medical services and related Government services. Then there is grief, fear, emotional scarring for life for not only the victim but also other members of the family involved, often children, who witness and suffer from violence with their mothers.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
19	1-5-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Update on the Pacific CEDAW Technical Cooperation	The statement will provide an update on the Pacific CEDAW Technical Cooperation session that Fiji hosted from the 7th to the 11th of April, 2025 – the first time for the CEDAW Committee to conduct a country constructive dialogue away from the UN venue in Geneva.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
20	1-5-2025	Hon. Mosese Bulitavu Minister for Environment and Climate Change	Oceans Update	The statement will provide an update on Fiji’s ocean governance and preparations for the Third United Nations Ocean Conference.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
21	1-5-2025	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Update on the Nabavatu Village Relocation Project	The Nabavatu Village Relocation Project is a comprehensive initiative undertaken in response to the displacement of villagers due to environmental risks. The project is structured into four key phases: - Civil Works, Drainage, Road and Water Access - Construction of houses and essential utilities (power and water) - Completion of community infrastructure (footpaths and bridges) - Final engineering review and compliance monitoring Significant progress has been achieved in the first phase, with 80 per cent of the civil works completed and expected to conclude by May 2025. A local firm, Engineering Express Ltd, has been awarded the contract for the construction of 37 homes, with building works now underway and targeted for completion by end of 2025. The Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management is actively facilitating the procurement of timber through free logging licences, in collaboration with landowning units and stakeholders such as the Ministry of Forests, the iTaukei Land Trust Board, and Gold Hold Timber. Two landowning units have already consented, while dialogue continues with others. Additional infrastructure under construction includes an Evacuation Centre and Church for the relocated community. Parallel to construction, the Ministry—through the Office of the Commissioner Northern—is supporting community preparedness through social empowerment programmes, with further support provided by international partners such as UNICEF, UNFPA, and the Fiji Red Cross, particularly in WASH and non-food items. Furthermore, the Ministry continues to subsidise water bills (averaging \$7,000 annually) for the villagers currently residing at the Dreketi Assembly of God Church compound. To strengthen Fiji’s overall planned relocation efforts in response to climate and environmental risks, the Ministry has also established a Relocation Unit to coordinate with Divisional Commissioners and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. Over 140 vulnerable communities have already been identified for possible relocation, pending further screening and Cabinet approval.	The Hon. Vijay Nath subsequently responded
AUGUST SITTING					
22	4-8-2025	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	National Strategy for 5G Spectrum Assignment and Commercial Deployment	The Statement will highlight the significant milestone in the ICT space rollout of the fifth generation of wireless cellular technology or 5G — one that connects our people, empowers our industries, and a further catalyst for sustained and intelligent innovation, and inclusion	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
23	4-8-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry, and Acting Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	The Significant Progress on the Management of the South Pacific Albacore	The Statement will elaborate on the following; - The significant progress on managing South Pacific Albacore. - Outcome of the 24th Regional Forum Fisheries Ministerial Meetings in Niue - Importance of the South Pacific Albacore (SPA) to Fiji - Way Forward: Management Strategy	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
24	4-8-2025	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on the Early Childhood Education Extended Hours of Learning	The statement will update Parliament on the Ministry’s Early Childhood Education extended hours of learning.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded

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25	5-8-2025	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Civil Service and Public Enterprises	Update on the High-Level Visit to Australia during 1 – 7 July 2025	The Statement will highlight the recent High-Level Visit to Australia during 1 – 7 July 2025.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
26	5-8-2025	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Air India Flight AI171 Tragedy and Fiji's Aviation Preparedness	The Statement responds to the tragic crash of Air India Flight AI171, highlighting the global nature of aviation safety and Fiji's commitment to learning from such incidents. It details immediate measures taken by the Coalition Government, including safety audits, stricter oversight of pilot training, and a review of Crew Resource Management protocols. Fiji is also reviewing its aviation accident investigation framework to align with international standards, reaffirming its role as a responsible and safety-focused aviation state.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
27	5-8-2025	Hon. Pio Tikoduadua Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs	Fiji's Peacekeeping Legacy and the Strategic Role of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces in International Operations	This statement will address the history of Fiji's involvement in international peacekeeping, our current commitments, the challenges faced by our deployed personnel, and the Government's strategic direction to modernise and strengthen our peacekeeping capabilities.	The Hon. Vijay Nath subsequently responded
28	5-8-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Fiji Backs Landmark ICJ Ruling on Climate Change	The statement will inform Parliament about the International Court of Justice's recent ruling confirming that countries have legal duties to fight climate change. The statement will also highlight how Fiji played a key role in the process and how the ruling supports the rights of vulnerable nations like Fiji to seek justice.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
29	5-8-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	The Forest Subsidy Program in Fiji	The statement will focus on the Ministry of Forestry's programme to assist forest based business especially MSMEs in the processing and sale of wooden products.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
30	6-8-2025	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Update on the Deployment of the Universal Service Scheme Across Fiji	The Statement will highlight the rollout of the Universal Service Scheme (USS)—a cornerstone of the government's commitment to digital inclusion and sustainable development.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
31	6-8-2025	Hon. Mosese Bulitavu Minister for Environment and Climate Change	Revised National Approach to Climate Finance	The statement outlines Fiji's new direction in unlocking international and domestic climate finance through strategic partnerships, investment-ready projects, and scalable programs like the Fiji Rural Electrification Trust Fund and thematic bonds.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
32	6-8-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Fiji Disability Policy and its Implementation Plan — a key milestone for inclusive governance	The statement will highlight the progress and achievements of programs implemented by the Ministry to support people living with disabilities in partnership with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, Organisations for Persons with Disabilities, Disability Service Providers and Development partners.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
33	6-8-2025	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Information	Update on the Ministry for Information	This statement outlines the vision, mission and plans of the newly formed standalone Ministry for Information of Fiji.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
34	7-8-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Update on the Fiji Women's Economic Empowerment National Action Plan (WEE NAP) 2025–2030	The statement will highlight that the WEE NAP provides a strategic framework for advancing the NDP across its pillars and key targets on women's economic empowerment, delivering tangible outcomes. The framework emphasizes fostering economic resilience, empowering individuals, and strengthening governance structures to create a more inclusive and equitable society.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
35	7-8-2025	Hon. Ifereimi Vasu Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	Strengthening Ties Beyond Our Shores: Insights from the UK-Fiji Diaspora Engagement Tour	The statement will provide an update to Parliament and the public on the outcomes of the UK-Fiji Government Services Roadshow 2025, which was held from 5th to 19th May across 13 Fijian communities in the United Kingdom. The statement highlights the success of delivering vital government services abroad, key challenges encountered, and the lessons learned in engaging the Fijian diaspora.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
36	7-8-2025	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Update on the Nabavatu Village Relocation Project	The Nabavatu Village Relocation Project is a \$5.9 million initiative which was launched following severe land instability caused by Tropical Cyclone Ana in 2021. The Project aims to safely relocate the Nabavatu community to a new, secure site at Nadoiviri in Dreketi, Macuata. The project is being implemented in four key phases, comprising: I. Civil Works II. Home Construction III. Installation of community infrastructure; and IV. Final Quality Monitoring The Nabavatu Relocation Project is presently in Phase 2 of implementation, with civil works now completed and construction of 37 homes progressing well despite minor weather-related delays. The homes are being built across three terraces, with coordinated support from the Ministry, Engineering Express Limited, and relevant stakeholders including the local landowning mataqali. The project is a mere reflection of the Ministry's broader relocation mandate, led through its newly established Relocation Unit and active participation in the Fiji Taskforce for Relocation and Displacement. A list of 43 climate-vulnerable communities has already been endorsed for planned relocation and is now awaiting Cabinet approval. The Nabavatu Relocation Project is also a model for future government-led, community-supported relocation efforts, funded through the Climate Relocation of Communities (CROC) Trust Fund and bilateral partnerships. With this progressive work, the Government remains firmly committed to ensuring the Nabavatu community's transition to a safe, resilient, and sustainable future.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded

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37	7-8-2025	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on the FNU Naiyaca Campus Construction Project	The statement will update Parliament on the status of the FNU Naiyaca Campus Construction Project - Labasa”.	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
38	7-8-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Ministry of Justice Japan Memorandum of Cooperation	The statement focuses on the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the governments of Fiji and Japan. The visit to Tokyo, where the MOC was signed, was funded largely by the Japanese government and is seen as a pivotal moment for Fiji’s justice sector. The MOC aims to strengthen legal and institutional cooperation between the two nations. Key areas of cooperation include digitizing systems, capacity building for justice personnel, strengthening Fiji’s approach to children in conflict with the law, and promoting access to justice and human rights. The Fiji Corrections Service’s progress and needs were also discussed, with a focus on rehabilitation, and learning from the Kawagoe Juvenile Prison in Japan. Finally, the statement addresses the potential of Kyocera’s Digital Voting System to enhance transparency and efficiency in Fiji’s electoral processes. The Minister will be holding discussions with relevant stakeholders to assess the feasibility of digital voting technologies.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
39	7-8-2025	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on the HEC and external review of the 3 Universities in Fiji, USP, FNU, UoF	The statement will update Parliament on the HEC and external review of the 3 Universities in Fiji, USP, FNU, UoF.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
40	8-8-2025	Hon. Ioane Naivalurua Minister for Policing	Update on the High-Level visit to Australia	The statement will update Parliament on the outcome from the High-Level visit to Australia: Strengthening Police engagement and Cooperation under Vuvale partnership.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
41	8-8-2025	Hon. Viliame Naupoto Minister for Immigration	Update on Passports	The statement will highlight the clearing of Passport backlogs and new office opening hours from Monday.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER SITTING					
42	29-9-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Enhancing the Aquaculture Product Value Chain and Market Access for the Fiji Mabe Pearls	The statement will highlight and discuss the – (a) establishment of the Pearl Oyster Development Project; (b) development of the Fiji Mabe Pearls; (c) rationale for the initiation of the Mabe Pearl Product; (d) successful establishment the Fiji Mabe Pearls Value Chain; and (e) securing of a Premium Market for Mabe Pearls at Jacks Fiji.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
43	29-9-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	National Safe Guarding Policy	The statement will highlight Fiji’s first Child Safeguarding Policy has been passed by the Cabinet — a significant milestone in strengthening Fiji’s commitment to protecting every child from abuse, and identifying and stopping abuse that might already be happening. We have committed, under both Fijian law and international conventions, specifically the Convention on the Rights of the Child to ensure every child is safe from violence, not only in schools and institutions, but also in their homes and communities.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
44	29-9-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Strengthening Fiji through Intellectual Property: Reflections from the WIPO Dialogue	The statement will highlight how Fiji’s traditional knowledge, art, and music are not relics of the past but living economic assets for our present and future. It will also acknowledge the important role of partners such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in ensuring that Small Island States like Fiji are part of the global intellectual property conversation.	The Hon. Rinesh Sharma subsequently responded
45	30-9-2025	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications	Strengthening Telecommunications and Online Safety Laws, and Progress on the Work of the National Taskforces	The statement will highlight on the Strengthening Telecommunications and Online Safety Laws, and Progress on the Work of the National Taskforces and the work undertaken by the Ministry to ensure that the ICT and telecommunications environment will continue to be an enabling, business-conducive and secure environment.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
46	30-9-2025	Hon. Pio Tikoduadua Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs	Vuvale Maritime Essential Services Centre (MESC), a significant new national capability for Fiji that commenced operations in April this year with the support of the Australian Government under the Vuvale Partnership	The statement will outline – (a) the strategic importance of the MESC as a symbol of Fiji’s commitment to maritime security; (b) the enhancements it provides in surveillance, intelligence-sharing, and coordinated enforcement against drug trafficking and transnational crime; (c) the role of the Centre in supporting environmental protection, food security, and trade resilience; (d) the partnership dimension with Australia, including the official opening ceremony to be held on Friday, 3rd October at 11 a.m., where the facility will be formally handed over to the Government of Fiji by the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia to the Prime Minister of Fiji; and (e) the naming of the facility as the Vuvale MESC, as jointly agreed during my recent discussions with the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia. This statement will also address the concerns raised by the Honourable Semi Koroilavesau in his question to me on Wednesday regarding improvements in the surveillance of Fiji’s EEZ and territorial waters to combat drug trafficking at sea.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
47	30-9-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Development of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP’s) in Fiji	The statement will focus on the Ministry of Forestry’s efforts on the opportunities and challenges surrounding the development of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP’s) in Fiji and to outline the Ministry’s plans to strengthen NTFP contributions to the economy, rural livelihoods and sustainable development.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded

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48	30-9-2025	Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna Minister for Agriculture	2025 National Agriculture Show	The statement will highlight the successful completion of the 2025 National Agriculture Show, that was held at Koroivolu Park in Nadi from the 16th to the 19th of September. The event marked a milestone in the Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways' ongoing commitment to strengthening Fiji's agricultural sector and brought together farmers, agribusinesses, researchers, and the wider community to showcase innovation, share knowledge, and celebrate the vital role agriculture plays in our national development.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
49	30-9-2025	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Teacher Shortages and Over Supply	The statement will update on policy changes within the MOE to address teacher shortages and over supply.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
50	1-10-2025	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Civil Service and Public Enterprises	Prime Minister's Update to Parliament on Overseas Official Trips and Strategic Engagements	The Prime Minister, Honourable Sitiveni Rabuka, to deliver a Ministerial Statement to update Parliament on key overseas official engagements undertaken in recent months. These high-level visits and multilateral fora represent Fiji's strategic effort to deepen bilateral ties, strengthen regional solidarity, and advance national and global priorities, particularly in climate diplomacy and sustainable development. The update covered the following key engagements: 1. Official Visit to India 2. Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting 3. Opening of Fiji's Embassy in Jerusalem 4. Participation at the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80) The Prime Minister emphasised that these engagements are not ceremonial but strategically aligned with Fiji's national development priorities. They support Fiji's commitment to: • Enhancing climate resilience and economic transformation; • Strengthening international alliances and regional leadership; • Promoting peace, stability, and sustainable use of the Blue Pacific's shared oceanic resources. The update reaffirmed Fiji's position as a respected voice on the global stage, advocating for small island developing states and championing sustainable and inclusive development	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
51	1-10-2025	Hon. Ioane Naivalurua Minister for Policing	The Way Forward for Counter Narcotics Bureau	The purpose of the Ministerial statement is to provide an update on the focused efforts undertaken by the Ministry, and to reassure the people, together with our international and regional partners, on the progress in eliminating the drug plague that is currently crippling our nation, starting with the review of the CNB. The Honourable Minister of Policing intends to address Parliament on the government's decisive actions against illicit drugs, emphasizing the grave threat they pose to Fiji's security, wellbeing, and stability. Since March 2025, police raids have seized over 19 tons of marijuana valued at FJD \$194.2 million and nearly 5 kilograms of methamphetamine worth USD \$1.3 million. Between January 2024 and August 2025, 3,441 offenders—mostly youth aged 18–35—were arrested for drug-related crimes, underscoring the urgency of prevention and rehabilitation. The Minister intends to reaffirm the government's commitment to the Counter Narcotics Strategy and the establishment of the Counter Narcotics Bureau (CNB), guided by four pillars: reducing supply, reducing harm, promoting recovery and rehabilitation, and strengthening laws. He will clarify that the CNB is not being abolished but rebuilt on a foundation of integrity, professionalism, and proper governance, with enabling legislation and merit-based recruitment which will be done soon.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
52	1-10-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	International Day of Older Persons	Today, Fiji joins the rest of the world in commemorating the International Day for Older Persons. Established by the United Nations in 1990, this day reminds us of the immeasurable contributions of our senior citizens and the duty we all share to honour and protect them. This year's theme, "Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action: Our Aspirations, Our Well-Being, Our Rights," .	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
53	1-10-2025	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Skills Fair and Careers Expo	The statement will Inform Parliament on the information on the successful implementation of the first-ever Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Skills Fair and Careers Expo for the Central Division which was held from-the 25th to the 26th of September 2025 at the FMF Gymnasium.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
54	2-10-2025	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	An Update on the Energy Sector	The statement will update Parliament on General National Energy developments focusing on some key Renewable Energy Projects.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
55	2-10-2025	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	The Rotuma Youth Festival 2025 was held from 25th to 28th August 2025 at Ahau Government Station, Rotuma	The Festival's purpose was to empower young people and unlock community potential through practical skills training, targeted awareness, cultural revitalisation, and direct access to essential government and corporate services. It was conceptualised as a whole-of-government, whole-of-community initiative—anchored in our national commitment to inclusion, equity, and opportunity for all, including those in our most remote maritime communities. It was a direct response to consultations held during my official visit to Rotuma in April 2025. Youths, families, and community leaders voiced clear and consistent needs: improved access to government services, genuine employment pathways, support for youth sports, and urgent attention to sexual and reproductive health issues. The Rotuma Youth Festival 2025 demonstrates the power of listening, partnership, and delivery. The results—581 clients served, new cooperatives registered, financial and tax access expanded, and employment and SRHR pathways activated—are not just outcomes; they are a beginning.	The Hon. Joseph Nand subsequently responded

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56	2-10-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	What Government is doing on gender-based violence	Fiji has some of the highest recorded rates of violence against women and girls in the world. Research shows that two out of every three women in Fiji experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. This alarming prevalence created an urgent need for a coordinated national response. I rise to provide an update on Government’s response to this national crisis	The Hon. Rinesh Sharma subsequently responded
57	2-10-2025	Hon. Ifereimi Vasu Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts and Acting Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Ensuring Aviation Safety and Regulatory Compliance in Fiji’s Flight Training Sector	The statement will provide an update to Parliament and the public that the Government’s priority remains aviation safety and Fiji’s international standing, upheld through independent regulation by the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji. It highlights CAAF’s findings on non-compliance with the engine overhaul, the due process underway, and the need for transparent, lawful solutions. The Statement also acknowledges the disruption faced by students of Pacific Flying School and reaffirms Government’s commitment to supporting timely, compliant outcomes.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
NOVEMBER SITTING					
58	3-11-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Update on Fiji’s Maritime Pine Development	The Statement will highlight; • progress of the Maritime Pine Development in the islands of Kadavu, Gau and Lau • Government Subsidy overcoming logistical challenges; and • New developments arising out of the development in the maritime islands	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
59	4-11-2025	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	The growing aviation safety concern of wildlife hazards, with a particular focus on bird strikes and their impact on flight safety and operations	The statement will highlight the financial and operational implications for Fiji Airways and emphasize the importance of strengthened land-use control, improved monitoring, and the adoption of modern technologies to mitigate risks. The Minister will further inform Parliament that Fiji Airports and Fiji Airways will advance their wildlife management programs through enhanced coordination, staff training, and data sharing. Cabinet will have endorsed the establishment of a National Wildlife Hazard Management Committee for Aviation to guide national efforts and ensure Fiji’s continued compliance with ICAO safety standards	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
60	4-11-2025	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	Elimination of Trachoma, Measles and Rubella in Fiji	The statement will provide an update on the Elimination of Trachoma, Rubella and Measles will highlight the landmark achievements for Fiji’s health sector. It will also shed light on the benefits of these health achievements and the way forward in ensuring that the elimination status is maintained in the years ahead	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
61	4-11-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Interim Pathway for the Transfer and Trading oft Fiji’s Emission Reduction Units	The Statement will discuss the interim pathway for the transfer and trading of Fiji’s Emission Reduction (ER) Units as Part 10 of the Climate Change Act 2021 is yet to come into force. This temporary solution will enable Fiji to execute the agreement, protect landowner rights, consent and secure its first payment before the 2025 deadline.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
62	4-11-2025	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	Vueti-Kadavu Youth Festival: Empowering Youth, Reviving Sports, and Building Communities	The Statement will highlight the Ministry of Youth and Sports implementation on the first-ever Vueti-Kadavu Youth Festival, which was officiated by the Prime Minister, Hon Sitiveni Rabuka. It was an event that was not just a gathering of young people, but a movement that awakened a sleeping giant in both youth and sports development. What began as a simple festival of dreams has today become a powerful example of what happens when government, community, and youth come together with one purpose — to rise up and rebuild. And rise up, Kadavu certainly has. The Festival sought to: 1. Provide a platform for youth to showcase their talents in sports, culture, and entrepreneurship; 2. Revive the Kadavu Provincial Rugby Union and the Provincial Youth Council; 3. Encourage youth involvement in agribusiness and sustainable livelihoods; 4. Build networks between youth clubs, investors, and development partners; 5. Create safe spaces for discussions on mental health, social issues, and personal growth; and 6. Revive Kadavu’s traditional culture and identity through sports and the arts. The story of Vueti-Kadavu is a story of hope restored, dreams revived, and communities united.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
63	4-11-2025	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	Update from WAF : Key Outputs 2022 to 2025	The statement will be a politically neutral update on WAF deliverables from 2022 to 2023 financial years to current	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
64	5-11-2025	Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna Minister for Agriculture	Agribusiness Incubation Centre	The statement will highlight the roles the centre will play in assisting farmers including women and youth in overcoming hurdles and barriers to market access. It will also equip them with tools of innovation and resilience to overcome food insecurity and economic vulnerability	The Hon. Rinesh Sharma subsequently responded
65	5-11-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Law and Justice Sector Reform 2025–2029	This Ministerial statement will focus on the launch of the Final Report on the Functional Status of Fiji’s Law and Justice Sector and the Law and Justice Sector Roadmap 2025–2029 at Fiji’s first-ever Justice Summit on 29 October. The Report highlights systemic challenges, including fragmentation, judicial backlogs, outdated laws, digital gaps, and limited access, with 87% of Fijians unable to access formal legal redress. Yet, it also shows the resilience and dedication of our justice sector. The Roadmap also endorsed by Cabinet, sets seven pillars for reform: efficiency, anti-corruption, registry modernization, access to justice, law enforcement reform, legislative coordination, and community engagement. Key initiatives include e-filing pilots, AI transcription, virtual hearings, and backlog reduction. This reform journey is about people, trust, and fairness. The Ministry will coordinate implementation through a Law and Justice Advisory Council, a digital performance dashboard, and strengthened community and partner engagement.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded

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66	5-11-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	The 150th Anniversary of the Fiji Corrections Services	The Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General, Honourable Siromi Turaga, will deliver a Ministerial Statement to inform Parliament of the commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Fiji Corrections Service (FCS). The statement highlights the historical journey of FCS from its establishment in 1875 to its transformation into a modern institution focused on rehabilitation, restoration, and reintegration. The Minister will acknowledge the courage and service of FCS officers past and present, the lessons learned from historic challenges, and ongoing reforms under the Coalition Government, including the Criminal Records Bill and the continuation of the Yellow Ribbon Project. The address will emphasise that the true purpose of justice lies not only in punishment, but in compassion, redemption, and the restoration of dignity for all Fijians.	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
67	5-11-2025	Hon. Esrom Immanuel Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development	Trade and Investment Mission to Japan and Fiji's Participation at the Osaka Expo 2025	The statement will highlight the recent Trade and Investment Mission to Japan and preparations for Fiji's participation in Expo 2025 Osaka underscore Fiji's proactive economic diplomacy. The Mission secured investor interest in renewable energy, sustainable tourism, and agrifood value chains, while Fiji's Expo pavilion will showcase the theme "Resilient Islands, Connected Futures." This platform is expected to attract new partnerships, promote Fijian products, and position Fiji as a hub for Pacific trade, green innovation, and digital solutions.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
68	5-11-2025	Hon. Esrom Immanuel Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development	Launch of Aitken Spence Plantation Ltd Agriculture Initiative in Fiji	The statement will highlight the launch of Aitken Spence Plantation Ltd's Agriculture Initiative which marks a significant public-private partnership under the Commercial Agriculture Taskforce, aimed at commercialising large-scale, sustainable agriculture in Fiji. The initiative focuses on high-value crops, export diversification, and climate-resilient farming, aligning with Fiji's Agribusiness Modernisation Framework and Food Security Strategy. It reinforces Government's broader efforts to strengthen private sector engagement, create rural employment, and expand value-added agricultural exports	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
69	5-11-2025	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	Fiji Business Excellence Awards (FBEA)	The Fiji Business Excellence Awards (FBEA) is a program that recognizes organizations for their dedication to improving productivity and quality in Fiji. The awards are hosted by the National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) at Fiji National University (FNU) of the FNU. The awards program aims to strengthen management systems, enhance performance, and foster growth in organizations, offering them a way to gain recognition and feedback. The Ministry of Youth and Sports began reaffirming its commitment to the youth of Fiji and sports development by attending the 2024 Fiji Business Excellence Awards Night and applying to be part of the 2025 Fiji Business Excellence Process and the Fiji's National Convention on Innovation and Quality. The Ministry had begun its own Pursuit for Excellence journey but needed to be part of a national excellence structure to ensure independent national experts to assist strengthen our transformation. Purpose and benefits Objective: To recognize organizations that exemplify business excellence, improve productivity, and enhance quality. Benefits for participants: Gain valuable feedback to improve business performance. Achieve better financial results and increase market share. Foster innovation in products and services. Increase customer and employee satisfaction. How to participate The awards are open to companies, government ministries, departments, and other eligible organizations physically operating in Fiji.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
70	5-11-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	International Day of Girl Child	The International Day of the Girl Child is commemorated on 11th October and focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face in our homes and communities. The day calls on everyone to stand with g	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
71	5-11-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Hosting of the 9Th Pacific Tuna Forum – Pacific Tuna 2050: Resilience, Innovation, Equity and Sustainable Trade for a Prosperous Future: Topic: The Outcome And Strategic Direction of the 9th Pacific Tuna Forum	The Statement will highlight; • The Outcomes of the 9th Tuna Forum • The opportunity presented to learn and understand the global tuna supply chain and identification of new entry points into global tuna trade market; and • Improving support services such as infrastructure and cold chain to boost Fiji as a maritime hub in the Pacific	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
72	6-11-2025	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Civil Service and Public Enterprises	Prime Minister's Update to Parliament on Strengthening Fiji's Global Partnership	Statement to report on the continuing work of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in strengthening Fiji's global partnerships and deepening our connection with Fijians living abroad. Fiji's foreign policy remains a vital instrument in advancing our national development priorities. The month of October was filled with significant diplomatic progress, which includes: 1. Launch of the Australia-Fiji Governance Partnership; 2. Signing of an MOU on Cyber Security with Israel; 3. Government of Vanuatu hand over of a 44-acre property; 4. Diaspora engagement; and 5. Recognition of Chinese community contributions These developments affirm that Fiji's diplomacy is peoplecentred, development-driven, and grounded in partnership. It ensures that Fiji's voice is heard globally while delivering tangible benefits for our citizens.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
73	6-11-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Pinktober 2025	Fiji commemorated Pinktober 2025 — or Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a campaign held in October to raise awareness for breast cancer, with the goals of promoting early detection, screening, and supporting those affected. The month is symbolized by the pink ribbon to educate the public about risk factors, signs, and symptoms, as well as supporting survivors and honouring those who lost their lives to the disease.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded

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74	6-11-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Update on World Rural Women’s Day celebration	The International Day of Rural Women, observed annually on October 15, honours the women who sustain our lands, our families, and our future. This year’s theme — “Strong Women, Strong Families, Strong Communities: Ending Violence, Promoting Health and Building Drug-Free Futures” — powerfully reflects Fiji’s national commitment to gender equality, resilient livelihoods, and inclusive development. We commemorated World Rural Women’s Day across the country with inter-agency collaboration among government ministries, civil society organizations, and local communities in promoting gender equality, health, and rural development. Each of these events enhanced public awareness on drug abuse prevention, domestic violence, disaster resilience, legal education and Sexual Reproductive health.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
75	6-11-2025	Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna Minister for Agriculture	State and Future of the Fiji Sheep Industry	The statement will highlight the significant component of the agriculture sector and that is the State and the Future of the Sheep Industry. The agriculture sector will continue to be a fundamental component of Fiji’s economy, and within this sector, the sheep industry exemplifies how the integration of science, policy, and grassroots dedication can collectively enhance livelihoods and strengthen our rural economy.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
NOVEMBER–DECEMBER SITTING					
76	24-11-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Official Visit To New Zealand – 8–15 October 2025 Strengthening Bilateral Relations and Honoring Our Fijian Diaspora	This Ministerial statement highlights the recent visit to New Zealand by the Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney General. The Fiji Day Celebrations platform was an opportunity not only to celebrate our national identity but to advance key justice-sector priorities. Bilateral meetings were held with the New Zealand Minister for Justice, senior officials of the Ministry of Justice, and the New Zealand Parole Board, focusing on Fiji’s Law and Justice Reform Roadmap 2025–2030, corrections and rehabilitation, digital case management, child justice, legislative drafting, Legal Aid expansion, and referendum administration—matters vital to our justice reform journey. This statement emphasises that Fiji Day are not merely ceremonial—they are strategic opportunities to strengthen bilateral partnerships, secure technical cooperation, and improve services for our people. As the saying goes, “We must not wait for the tide—we must learn to steer the vaka ourselves.” The proposal for a multi-agency team to return to New Zealand to deliver direct services to our diaspora reflects this commitment.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
77	25-11-2025	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Aviation Safety and Upholding International Standards	The statement will reaffirm that aviation safety is the cornerstone of Fiji’s global credibility and tourism economy, and recent regulatory actions, such as the non-renewal of Sunflower Aviation’s maintenance certificate, underscore that safety is non-negotiable. It will highlight Fiji’s strong alignment with ICAO standards, international recognition for compliance, and the government’s commitment to protecting this record while supporting affected students. The Minister will also stress the importance of maintaining the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji independence to safeguard passengers, crew, and the future of Fiji’s aviation sector.	The Hon. Semi Koroiavesau subsequently responded
78	25-11-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Brief: “Get Everyone in the Picture: CRVS systems protect human rights and empower the vulnerable.”	The Fiji Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Awareness and Registration Campaign, carried out from July to November 2025, has strengthened Fiji’s commitment to ensuring that every citizen is counted, recognised, and included. Despite the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act requiring registration within two months, many priority areas recorded delays of two to three years. Supported by national agencies and development partners, the campaign delivered targeted services across ten key locations, addressed barriers such as geographic isolation, social stigma, financial constraints, and limited connectivity, and enabled long-delayed registrations to be completed. This work builds on new data analysis that, for the first time, identified gender-specific inequities and geographic gaps in on-time birth registration from 2015–2024. Going forward, the Registrar-General’s Office and the Fiji CRVS Committee are implementing practical measures to close these gaps, including sustained community awareness, collaboration with iTaukei Affairs, hospital-based registration desks, mobile registration teams, and progress toward digital registration systems. These efforts reflect Fiji’s broader mission to build a people-centred CRVS system that strengthens access to education, healthcare, social protection, and justice. The Government remains committed to ensuring every birth is registered, every life is acknowledged with dignity, and no Fijian is left behind.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
79	25-11-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting 2026 from February 9-13	For the first time Fiji will host the Commonwealth Law Ministers meeting in 2026 reflecting strong international confidence in Fiji’s legal system serves as the key forum for member countries to discuss legal policy, rule of law priorities, and justice reforms, while sharing experiences that support Commonwealth values such as democracy, human rights, and good governance. Hosting this event positions Fiji as a leader in the Pacific on justice and governance and provides an opportunity to showcase the progress and modernisation of our legal system	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
80	25-11-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women	The statement will highlight Fiji’s unwavering commitment to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls a national priority that stands at the heart of our pursuit of justice, equality, and inclusive development.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
81	25-11-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Combating Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated Fishing (IUU) Within Fiji Fisheries Waters	The Statement will highlight and discuss; • The Ministry’s strategic approach to combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in Fiji Fisheries Waters. • Tools used to monitor maritime activity in real-time and coordinate targeted enforcement operations and, • Operational efforts to ensure comprehensive compliance	The Hon. Semi Koroiavesau subsequently responded

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82	26-11-2025	Hon. Esrom Immanuel Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development	Advancing Fiji's Ease of Doing Business through Digital Transformation and Regulatory Reform	The statement highlights Business NOW Fiji as the flagship national initiative, unifying multiple government agencies into a single digital ecosystem for business services. It expands on the two major digital reforms: Starting a Business Subsystem (SABS) 2. Building Permits Approval System (BPAS) and concludes with the impending B Ready Assessments as well as recommendations for further improving ease of doing business.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
83	26-11-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Progress of Timber Research in Fiji	The Statement will highlight and discuss; • The Ministry of Forestry's research on wood properties and how it can enhance the forestry sector's contribution • Identification of lesser-known timber species to serve as viable commercial substitutes for highly valued native hardwoods • Invasive and exotic species repurposed for construction, veneer production and biomass energy; and • Strategic investments to overcome capacity challenges and ensure long-term industry sustainability.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
84	26-11-2025	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	Update of Fiji Roads Authority Work Programme	The statement will update on the Fiji Roads Authority Work Programme in the 2024 to 2025 Financial Year and to date.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
85	27-11-2025	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Civil Service and Public Enterprises	'Strengthening Fiji's Global Partnership	Maintaining strong international relations is essential to safeguarding Fiji's strategic interests and advancing national development priorities. Our partnerships, such as with Japan, enable collaboration on shared challenges and reinforce Fiji's role in the region. One of the highlights of the trip was the signing of the Lomavata-Kizuna Partnership, reaffirming our relations and committing to deeper cooperation in security, economic development, climate resilience, and cultural exchange. Fiji remains committed to strengthening its international partnerships, ensuring that our engagement delivers mutual benefits and reinforces our role in advancing the Ocean of Peace Declaration for an open and free Indo-Pacific.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
86	27-11-2025	Hon. Esrom Immanuel Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development	Building a Resilient and Inclusive MSME Sector for Fiji's Future	The statement will outline Government's effort to strengthen Fiji's MSME sector through targeted incentives, expanded grant and skills programmes, regulatory reforms, and stronger monitoring systems. It presents MSMEs as the backbone of the economy, central to jobs, livelihoods, and resilience, and links these measures to the priorities highlighted at the 2025 MSME Conference, including green and innovative enterprise growth, digitalisation, and inclusive support for youth, women, and rural communities. It also highlights record MSME budget allocations across ministries, showcases flagship schemes such as the Trade Enhancement Programme, Young Entrepreneurship Scheme and Business Strengthening Grants, like the Integrated Human Resource Development Programme, and explains how thousands of MSME projects are being monitored through a strengthened evaluation framework and a new national MSME database. The statement concludes by connecting MSME National Conference outcomes on simpler policies, better access to finance, climate resilience, and gender-responsive support with the MSME Strategic Plan and setting a forward-looking vision for resilient, inclusive, and globally competitive MSMEs and Co-operatives by 2030.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
87	3-12-2025	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	Suicide Prevention	In Fiji, suicide rates have been a growing concern, especially among youth and vulnerable populations. The Minister in his statement will acknowledge the work of National Committee of the Prevention of Suicide (NCOPS) – for playing a central role in addressing the rising suicide rates through national strategies and community-based approaches.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
88	3-12-2025	Hon. Mosese Bulitavu Minister for Environment and Climate Change	UNFCCC COP30 Outcomes	The statement will update Fiji's key achievements at COP30 in Belém, including strengthened NDC ambition, major gains in adaptation finance, leadership roles in Just Transition and Loss and Damage negotiations, and Fiji's influence in securing outcomes that protect the 1.5°C limit and advance SIDS priorities.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
89	3-12-2025	Hon. Esrom Immanuel Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development	Update on the Economy of Levuka	Levuka, Fiji's old capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, continues to hold major cultural and economic significance. The Coalition Government is committed to harnessing Levuka's potential for business growth, job creation, and sustainable development. Recent infrastructure improvements are strengthening its investment appeal, while targeted tax incentives for the Pacific Fishing Company are supporting expanded operations and increased employment. In addition, ongoing agricultural development initiatives are helping build resilience and support climate change adaptation, ensuring Levuka's progress remains sustainable and inclusive.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
90	3-12-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Importation of Genetic Improved Giant Freshwater Prawn (Macrobrachium Rosenbergii) Broodstock – Contribution to Blue Transformation of the Aquaculture Sector	The Statement will highlight; i. The Overview and Importance of importing Genetic Improved Giant Freshwater Prawn (Macrobrachium Rosenbergii) broodstock ii. The rationale for New Broodstock, Operational Progress and Results; and iii. Directions for future growth of the Aquaculture sector in alignment with the National Development Plan and Vision 2050	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
91	3-12-2025	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Outcome of the 44th Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network (PILON) Annual Meeting	The statement will highlight to Parliament on the outcomes of the 44th Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network (PILON) Meeting, held on 28–30 October 2025 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The meeting brought together senior law officers from across the region to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation in law and justice, focusing on sexual and gender-based violence, corruption, cybercrime, and legislative drafting. Fiji's contributions were noted, including progress on cybercrime legislation, hosting the Inaugural PILON Legislative Drafters' Conference, and publishing the first PLDC Annual Circular.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded

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92	3-12-2025	Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna Minister for Agriculture	Commercial Pineapple Shipment to New Zealand	The statement will highlight to the House the story of a humble tropical fruit - our pineapple - and how it has become a symbol of what we can accomplish when government, industry, and community unite behind a bold vision. In the last decade, pineapple's contribution to our real GDP has fluctuated, but with patience, investment, and innovation, the compound annual growth trend has been steadily upward. This is agriculture in motion: resilient, adaptive, and growth-oriented.	The Hon. Joseph Nand subsequently responded
93	3-12-2025	Hon. Pio Tikoduadua Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs	Update on the internal reconciliation process	The statement will address the internal reconciliation process currently undertaken by the Republic of Fiji Military Forces. It outlines the institution's examination of its historical conduct, its structured engagements with affected communities, including the Indo-Fijian community, and its ongoing consideration of practical and culturally appropriate avenues for acknowledging harm and seeking forgiveness. It also covers the recent matanigasau to the Great Council of Chiefs, the application of the "clearing the lens" approach to improve internal clarity, and the Government's position on monitoring and supporting the process in line with national stability, accountability, and fairness.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
94	4-12-2025	Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu Minister for Health and Medical Services	NGO Grants	The statement will inform Parliament on the ministry's annual grant to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), which supports civil society partners in delivering essential health and social services across Fiji. This initiative reflects the Government's continued recognition of the vital role NGOs play in complementing national health programs and reaching vulnerable populations.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
95	4-12-2025	Hon. Ifereimi Vasu Minister for iTaukei Affairs and Culture, Heritage and Arts	Transforming iTaukei Land into Economic Power: Strategic Progress Update	The statement will update Parliament on the on the strategic progress being made to strengthen iTaukei economic empowerment and transform our land assets into sustainable, intergenerational wealth. This statement outlines the integrated work now undertaken through the iTaukei Wealth Fund and the iTaukei Development Fund Facility, and how these mechanisms are driving real economic outcomes for landowners across the country.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
96	4-12-2025	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Gender Transformative Institutional Capacity Development Initiative	The statement will inform Parliament on the progress, achievements, lessons learned and the future direction of the Gender Transformative Institutional Capacity Development Initiative, a programme central to Government's commitment to building a more equitable, inclusive and gender-responsive public sector. The Gender Transformative Institutional Capacity Development (ICD) initiative is a comprehensive program designed to systematically integrate gender-transformative approaches across Government.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
97	4-12-2025	Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna Minister for Agriculture	New Zealand Scoping Mission	The statement will discuss the recent Scoping Mission undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways senior officials, led by my office to New Zealand aimed at strengthening collaboration between Fiji and New Zealand for food security, climate resilience, and market competitiveness. The primary objectives of this scoping mission were: - To explore strategic partnerships in modern agriculture, including technology, mechanization, and climate-smart farming practices. - To strengthen collaboration in water management and watershed protection, drawing from New Zealand's proven models of integrated water governance. - To identify new and expanded export market opportunities for Fiji's agricultural products, particularly high-value crops. - To develop pathways for agricultural education, capacity building, and technical exchange between our two countries.	The Hon. Joseph Nand subsequently responded
98	4-12-2025	Hon. Ioane Naivalurua Minister for Policing and COmmunications	Community Policing and National Consciousness	The statement will inform Parliament of the future of community policing in Fiji, and it also shares some light on the relationship between community policing and national conscientious. Additionally, the statement carries a simple but urgent message — that safeguarding our communities is not the responsibility of the Fiji Police Force alone.	The Hon. Vijay Nath subsequently responded
99	4-12-2025	Hon. Ioane Naivalurua Minister for Policing and COmmunications	National Taskforce to address the societal impacts of Pornography	The statement will update Parliament on the work undertaken by the National Taskforce to Address the Societal Impacts of Pornography, chaired by Minister for Policing and Communication and co-chaired by the Hon. Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection. The statement also highlights the establishing of this important national taskforce and for its significant efforts in ensuring a safe cyber space. The National Taskforce has brought together Government ministries, law enforcement agencies, independent commissions, faith-based organisations, civil society groups, academia, the ICT industry, and the Opposition. The national taskforce approach is built on 3 pillars and they are: * ROBUST POLICY, LEGISLATIVE, GOVERNANCE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FRAMEWORKS * SURVIVOR SUPPORT AND EMPOWERMENT AND, CULTURAL CHANGE; AND * INDUSTRY COOPERATION.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
100	4-12-2025	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Termite Infestation and Protection Measures in Relation to Timber Use	The Statement will highlight; i. The origin and status of termite infestation and protection measures in place ii. Use of chemicals to protect timbers from termite attack; and iii. Way forward	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
101	4-12-2025	Hon. Esrom Immanuel Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development	Update on the Fiji Economy	The Fijian economy is now projected to grow by 3.4 percent in 2025, up from the 3.2 percent forecast in June. This upward revision is primarily driven by robust year-to-date performance across our major economic sectors. For 2026, growth is forecast at 3.0 percent, marking what will be the fifth consecutive year of expansion since emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. Consumption has been bolstered by the positive ripple effects from higher incomes, growing remittances, and increased Government spending. Investment activity is also positive and is driven by construction activity. Inflation fell to -1.2 percent in November from -0.5 percent a year ago.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded

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APRIL–MAY SITTING					
1	27-4-2026	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Information, and Environment and Climate Change	Update on the Proposed Waste to Energy and Private Port Development at Vuda Point (TNG Pte Ltd)	The statement will update Parliament on the Environmental Impact Assessment process currently underway for the proposed Waste to Energy and Private Port Development at Vuda Point, including the statutory process followed to date, public consultations and written submissions received, the current technical review stage, and the Government's commitment to due process, regulatory integrity, and non-interference in the lawful decision-making process.	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
2	27-4-2026	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Advancing Fiji's offshore fisheries sector – innovation, sustainability, and value creation	The Statement will highlight; • A new science-based framework to automate catch limits and protect the sustainability of South Pacific Albacore. • The Offshore Fisheries sector transitioning to digital “Catch Accountancy” and satellite-based surveillance systems to streamline exports and stop illegal fishing; and • New initiatives - processing waste into high-value medical collagen and organic fertilizers to boost industry revenue.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
3	27-4-2026	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	SCORE Index Assessment Findings – Fiji	The Social Cohesion and Reconciliation (SCORE) Index Assessment provides the first comprehensive, evidence-based snapshot of social cohesion in Fiji. Conducted in 2025 through a partnership between GOF, UNDP, the Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development (SeeD), and Fiji National University, the assessment measures public perceptions on trust, inclusion, governance, gender equality, and national identity. Findings show that Fiji has strong foundations for social cohesion, with over 80% of iTaukei and Indo-Fijians expressing trust and acceptance of one another, and widespread national pride across communities. There is also strong support for democratic and multi-ethnic governance, with 72% of respondents favouring inclusive systems even at the expense of narrow group interests. However, the assessment also highlights underlying risks, including persistent ethnic stereotypes, uneven trust in institutions, low civic participation, and concerning levels of acceptance of harmful gender norms—particularly among young men. The SCORE findings underscore that while Fiji is peaceful and resilient, social cohesion cannot be taken for granted. The Government will use this data to strengthen inclusive governance, improve public participation, and promote policies that address inequality, build trust, and challenge harmful social norms. The report provides a critical evidence base to guide national dialogue, inform policy, and safeguard Fiji's long-term stability and unity.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
4	28-4-2026	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Information, and Environment and Climate Change	Update on Fiji's Preparations for Pre-COP3	The statement will update Parliament on Fiji's preparations to host Pre-COP31 in October 2026 under the Australia–Pacific COP31 partnership, including the governance arrangements in place, regional coordination with Pacific Island countries, the development of the policy agenda anchored on Pacific climate priorities, and the operational preparations underway to position Fiji and the Pacific to shape global climate outcomes ahead of COP31.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
5	28-4-2026	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Update on the reactivation of Fiji's Tourism Action Group (TAG)	The Statement will address the history, mandate, and 2026 reactivation of Fiji's Tourism Action Group (TAG). It will outline TAG's establishment as a crisis coordination mechanism, its demonstrated contribution to national tourism recovery efforts, and its dual function as an advisory and strategic planning platform linking government and industry stakeholders. The Statement will also examine prevailing global pressures affecting the tourism sector and articulate the rationale for TAG's sustained development as a permanent coordination framework within Fiji's tourism economy.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
6	28-4-2026	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Significance of the International Day of Forests (IDOF) 2026 Celebration	The Statement will elaborate and discuss; • The successful celebration of the International Day of Forests 2026 in Kadavu under the theme “Forests and Economies,” highlighting forestry's role in livelihoods, employment, infrastructure and economic growth.; and • Activities leading up to the IDOF celebrations 2026 reinforcing the Ministry's commitment to sustainable development and environmental protection, including the conservation of Kadavu's cloud forests and expanded community awareness and replanting programmes.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
7	28-4-2026	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Proxy Means Test Update and Government Response to Fuel Price Crisis	Cabinet has approved key reforms to strengthen the Family Assistance Scheme (FAS), Fiji's primary poverty-targeted programme supporting the poorest 10% of households. Recognising that the current system relies on outdated 2008–09 data, Government will implement an updated Proxy Means Test (PMT) based on 2019–20 data, improving targeting accuracy while retaining a hybrid approach that allows welfare officers to include vulnerable groups beyond standard assessments. These reforms align with national goals to reduce poverty and strengthen system fairness, transparency, and efficiency. In response to rising fuel prices and cost of living pressures, Government has also approved a 50% emergency top-up for all social protection beneficiaries from May to July 2026. Payments begin immediately through existing channels, requiring no new applications. This temporary support ensures vulnerable groups can meet essential needs, while safeguards, public guidance, and support hotlines are in place to protect recipients and ensure smooth delivery.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
8	29-4-2026	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Ministry of Justice Awareness Programs (February – April 2026)	This Ministerial Statement outlines the Ministry of Justice's community outreach and awareness programs conducted between February and April 2026 to improve access to justice, particularly for underserved communities. Outreach activities across rural, maritime, and urban areas generated strong public engagement, with over 278 enquiries and high demand for civil registration, business registration, and land-related services. The programs strengthened service accessibility, supported business formalisation, and raised awareness on legal, social, and preventative justice issues through a whole-of-government approach. Despite challenges such as connectivity and high demand, the Ministry remains committed to decentralised service delivery and ensuring no Fijian is left behind.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded

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9	29-4-2026	Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	Update on Fuel Crisis Situation.	The statement will provide an update on the Fuel Crisis Situation including mitigation measures moving forward will be provided.	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
10	30-4-2026	Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka Prime Minister, and Minister for Civil Service, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics	Update on Work of the Constitution Review Commission	The statement outlines Government's commitment to an inclusive, transparent, and people-centred constitutional review process. It highlights the establishment of the Constitution Review Commission and the adoption of a structured hybrid framework to guide national consultations and legal processes. Central to this effort is the Public Awareness and Civic Education (PACE) Program, designed to ensure that all Fijians are informed, empowered, and able to participate meaningfully in shaping the nation's supreme law. The program prioritises nationwide outreach, accessibility across languages and communities, and engagement with key institutions. The statement reinforces that the success of the review depends on broad public participation, with consultations commencing in May 2026. Ultimately, the process seeks to reflect the collective voice, aspirations, and diversity of Fiji, strengthening democratic governance and national unity.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
11	30-4-2026	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade	Fuel Security Arrangements	The Ministerial statement on the fuel security arrangements is focused on providing an update on the work being undertaken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support Governments strategy on a national fuel security strategy. This assignment was mandated by the National Security Council to ensure that arrangements were made with our global fuel distribution partners and Governments on securing fuel for Fiji over the short to medium term. The global fuel supply chain is under strain because of the current blockade of safe passage of shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. Governments are taking necessary steps diplomatically and politically to ensure fuel security arrangements are in place in the event the current impasse in the Middle East prolongs. The Ministerial statement provides an update on the efforts being made by Government to ensure continuity in fuel supply, address any misinformation on the current fuel situation in Fiji and plans to address such situation in the future.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
12	30-4-2026	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	The Importance of Rehabilitation and the Yellow Ribbon Programme Towards Nation Building in Fiji	The statement emphasises rehabilitation as a central pillar of Fiji's correctional system and a key driver of nation building. Through the Rehabilitation Policy 2019, the Fiji Corrections Service adopts a holistic approach that addresses the root causes of offending while equipping individuals with skills and support for reintegration. Complementing this is the Yellow Ribbon Programme, which promotes acceptance and second chances by engaging families, communities, and institutions in supporting ex-offenders. Initiatives such as the Bua CARE Network and livelihood programmes demonstrate how coordinated efforts can reduce reoffending, strengthen social cohesion, and contribute to safer, more resilient communities, with Government committed to expanding these efforts and advancing reforms such as the Parole Board.	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
13	30-4-2026	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Commission on the Status of Women and International Women's Day 2026	The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the United Nations' principal global platform dedicated to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women. Convened annually, it brings together Member States to review progress, set international standards, and agree on actions to address key challenges affecting women and girls. The 70th session focused on strengthening access to justice, emphasising the need for inclusive, responsive systems that address barriers such as inequality, violence, and limited access to services. Fiji's participation reinforced its commitment to aligning global priorities with national efforts to improve the lives of women and girls. International Women's Day (IWD), observed on 8 March, complements this global agenda by providing a platform for national reflection and action. In 2026, Fiji marked IWD under the theme "Rights. Justice. Action. – For All Women and Girls," focusing on practical, community-based initiatives across all divisions. These activities delivered services, raised awareness, and promoted women's empowerment, while engaging men and boys as partners in change. Together, CSW and IWD highlight the importance of sustained, coordinated efforts to advance gender equality and achieve inclusive and sustainable development.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
14	30-4-2026	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade	World Trade Organisation (Wto) 14th Ministerial Conference (Mc14)	The Ministerial statement on the 14 World Trade organisation (WTO) Ministerial Conference (MC14). The conference brings together Trade Ministers and Trade Experts to deliberate on the ongoing negotiations on the rules-based order governing world trade. A key part of the negotiations in the WTO is the conclusion of the work on the Fisheries Subsidise Agreement. Any agreement that has continued since the 2001 Doha Round of the Ministerial Conference. The statement highlights the progress made in the negotiations, political dynamics of negotiations in the WTO and the negotiations faced by small island states delegation in such Ministerial conference. In noting the negotiations challenges the statement emphasis why the voice of the Pacific is important in such difficult negotiations and what Government proposes to address the capacity constraints and better prepare Governments experts to participate in future WTO Ministerial conference and other multilateral negotiations and internation treaties and agreements.	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
15	30-4-2026	Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources	Handholding Initiatives in land reversion and Foreshore Leases to Land Owning Units in Fiji	The statement will update Parliament on the Handholding Initiatives in land reversion and Foreshore Leases to Land Owning Units in Fiji.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded

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16	25-5-2026	Hon. Esrom Immanuel Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development	Update on the Fijian Economy and Fiscal Response to the Global Fuel Crisis	The global economic outlook has deteriorated sharply following the outbreak of conflict in the Middle East and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global oil transit route. The conflict has disrupted the earlier recovery momentum in the global economy and triggered a severe surge in crude and refined fuel prices, alongside rising freight, insurance, and supply chain costs. As a small, open and import-dependent economy, Fiji remains highly vulnerable to these external shocks, with rising fuel costs already placing pressure on inflation, transportation, businesses, tourism, Government finances and the balance of payments. The impact is increasingly evident across critical sectors, including electricity generation, aviation, public transport and fuel distribution, where escalating costs threaten essential services and broader economic stability. In response, Government is actively engaging with international partners to secure fuel supplies and is taking measured and well-calibrated steps to minimize disruptions and protect the economy and livelihoods of Fijians.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
17	25-5-2026	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Progress on the Implementation of the Forestry Act 2025	The Statement will highlight – • The Implementation progress of the Forestry Act 2025; and how it is going to reshape Fiji's Forestry sector; and • The three(3) major phases approach of the implementation plan that will be undertaken within the period of two(2) years	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
18	25-5-2026	Hon. Aseri Radrodro Minister for Education	Update on the Education reforms	The statement will update the August House on the various Education reform currently underway	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
19	26-5-2026	Hon. Filimoni Vosarogo Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources	The Airborne Electromagnetic (Aem) Survey Report by Geoscience Australia on Groundwater in Fiji's Red Zone	The statement will update Parliament on the Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) survey report by geoscience Australia on groundwater in Fiji's red zone.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
20	26-5-2026	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Fiji–Kiribati Aquaculture Partnership: A Shared Vision on Blue Economy Transformation	The Statement will highlight;– • Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Republic of Fiji and the Republic of Kiribati on Aquaculture Development Cooperation on Sandfish; and • Rationale for Collaboration on Sandfish Culture: Fiji - Kiribati Initiative	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
21	26-5-2026	Hon. Ioane Naivalurua Minister for Policing and Communications	Update on the Fiji Police Force and Communications	The statement will focus on the current update from the Ministry aligned, with Government priorities on the following: • Fiji Police Force update • Outcome from the transnational organised crime summit - The Minister had attended the TOC summit in Nadi last week (both Pacific Police Minister's Meeting and the Police Chief Meeting) • Update from Communications	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
22	26-5-2026	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Prosecuting the Threat: The DPP's and Fiji's Response to the Illicit Drug Threat	The statement outlines the gravity of Fiji's illicit drug crisis and the Government's multi-pronged response to it. It describes how the drug trade has evolved from a domestic problem into a sophisticated transnational threat, with foreign cartels exploiting Fiji's geographic position as a Pacific transit hub while corrupting local institutions and recruiting domestic collaborators. Against this backdrop, the speech highlights the central role of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions pointing to landmark achievements such as the successful prosecution of a 4.5-tonne methamphetamine importation while explaining the principled use of prosecutorial tools like immunity grants.	The Hon. Alvick Maharaj subsequently responded
23	26-5-2026	Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna Minister for Agriculture, Waterways, and Sugar Industry	The Celebration of International Day of Plant Health - Plant Biosecurity for food Security and Nutrition	The statement highlight on the Celebration of International Day of Plant Health - Plant Biosecurity for food Security and Nutrition.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
24	26-5-2026	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	The People's Constitution: Giving Every Voice a Place at the Table	The statement highlights the progress of the Constitutional Review Commission (CRC) and the Public Awareness and Civil Education Team (PACE). The speech affirms that constitutional reform must be driven by the people, not just legal institutions and that PACE exists to ensure every citizen, regardless of background or location, is informed and empowered to participate. The Attorney General issues a firm call to all government departments to urgently mobilise resources and support behind both teams, warning that the tight timeframe demands a whole-of-government commitment. The overarching message is clear: this is a rare, historic opportunity to anchor the nation's future in the genuine will of its people, and it must not be squandered.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
25	26-5-2026	Hon. Sakiasi Ditoka Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade	Fiji's strategic and coordinated approach to advancing and protecting the nation's trade interests	The statement outlines Fiji's strategic and coordinated approach to advancing and protecting the nation's trade interests amid an increasingly complex global trading environment. The statement highlighted the Ministry's efforts to strengthen market access, address emerging trade barriers, improve standards compliance, and support exporters through close collaboration with Government agencies, the private sector, and international partners. Fiji's active participation in WTO negotiations, regional trade engagements, and trade promotion activities in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific reflects its growing leadership role in regional commerce and investment. The statement also emphasised initiatives to modernise trade facilitation systems, support sectors such as fisheries, ICT, agriculture, fashion, and creative industries, and position Fiji as a regional trade and logistics hub. These efforts will be strengthened through Fiji's next 10-year Trade Policy Framework to enhance competitiveness, resilience, and sustainable economic growth.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded

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26	18-8-2026	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Update on Agarwood development in Fiji	The Statement will provide; • An update on the development of Agarwood in Fiji • The collaboration between the Ministry and Grower Associations and growing interest among farmers • Training and Inoculation trials on selected Agarwood trees; and • The Ministry's Way Forward and Approach on the viability and sustainability of Agarwood in Fiji	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
27	18-8-2026	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Legislative Reform and Progress	The statement will focus on the Government's review of laws introduced between 2007 and 2022 which have had a significant bearing on the iTaukei, particularly in relation to land, resources, traditional institutions, cultural rights and representation. The statement will outline the legislative measures already undertaken, the key reforms currently in progress, and the importance of ensuring that the remaining work is carried out through proper consultation and in accordance with the Constitution. It will also highlight the Government's commitment to addressing historical concerns in a careful and responsible manner, while ensuring that the reforms provide a stable and enduring legal framework for future generations.	The Hon. Jone Usamate subsequently responded
28	18-8-2026	Hon. Lynda Tabuya Minister for Information, and Environment and Climate Change	Update on the Litter (Amendment) Act 2026 and the National Integrated Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy for Fiji	The statement will update Parliament on two Government initiatives to strengthen environmental protection and waste management in Fiji. First, on the Litter (Amendment) Act 2026, including the increase in the fixed penalty for littering from \$40 to \$200, the status of the accompanying Litter Regulations now before the Office of the Solicitor-General for gazettal, the planned 1 September 2026 commencement date, and the parallel strengthening of enforcement through an expanded network of Litter Prevention Officers. Second, on Fiji's National Integrated Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy 2026–2035, approved by Cabinet, including its circular economy approach, the School Waste Management Initiative, and the Container Deposit Regulations currently being drafted with industry partners.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
29	19-8-2026	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Building a Modern and Responsive Legal Framework	The statement will update on the work carried out by the Fiji Law Reform Commission since its re-establishment in 2023. The statement will focus on the Commission's ongoing reviews of legislation. These include court rules, mining, online safety, security, human trafficking, agriculture and liquor laws. A number of the laws currently under review date back to the 1800s and are therefore being examined to determine whether they remain relevant, effective and fit for purpose in the context of modern-day Fiji. The statement will also highlight law reform work already undertaken and reforms achieved. Fiji cannot build a modern future with laws that belong to another era. Law reform ensures that our laws remain relevant today and are strong enough to serve future generations.	The Hon. Faiyaz Koya subsequently responded
30	19-8-2026	Hon. Sashi Kiran Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection	Rehabilitation Facilities and Bebbo Parenting app	This MS highlights the serious and growing challenge from alcohol and substance abuse among children and young people, with increasing links to mental health issues, family breakdown, violence, crime, and social vulnerability. The Minister will highlight Government's response through the establishment of Fiji's first residential recovery facility for adolescent boys, Na Sala Vou, in partnership with Empower Pacific, and the transitional work with Kauwai Restoration Youth Center. Rehabilitation services must be complemented by stronger family and community support systems. The MS focuses on the importance of active and nurturing parenting, addressing family breakdown, and strengthening traditional protective structures within communities. The Minister also highlighted the launch of the Bebbo Pacific parenting application. It is critical that there is a whole-of-society response, the Minister urges families, communities, faith-based organisations, civil society, and government agencies to work together to protect children and support their wellbeing.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
31	19-8-2026	Hon. Alitia Bainivalu Minister for Fisheries and Forestry	Sustaining Fiji's Blue Economy Through Scientific Management, Robust Counter-luu Action, and Industry Partnership	The Statement will discuss; • The state of our Nation's Offshore Fisheries; and • Standards of Control, Management and Protection over our shared tuna resources	The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau subsequently responded
32	19-8-2026	Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Launch of the BLUE Economy and GREEN Community Development Programme (BE-GREEN)	The statement will update on the Launch of the BLUE Economy and GREEN Community Development Programme (BE-GREEN)	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
33	19-8-2026	Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna Minister for Agriculture and Waterways	Launch of National Agriculture Show 2026	The statement will update on the Launch of National Agriculture Show 2026.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
34	20-8-2026	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Industries, Commerce and Business Development, and Public Enterprises	Reinvigoration of MSME and Cooperatives Movement in Fiji.	The statement outlines Government's commitment to reinvigorating Fiji's MSME and co-operative movement as a key driver of economic diversification, inclusive growth and employment. Guided by the MSME Strategic Plan 2025–2030, Government is adopting a coordinated, data-driven ecosystem approach focused on improved MSME data and coordination, business skills, market access, regulatory support, workforce development and sustainable financing. Key initiatives include the MSME Portal, expanded business-training programmes, initiatives under the Access to Business Financing Act such as the Small Offers Regime and the planned peer-to-peer lending platform. The Statement also highlights the modernisation of the co-operative sector through strengthened training, legal and policy reform, digitisation and improved access to the Co-operative Development Fund. Through these measures, Government aims to reduce reliance on grants, support entrepreneurs across urban, rural and maritime communities, and progressively increase MSMEs' contribution to Fiji's GDP from 18 percent towards the national target of 40 percent.	The Hon. Rinesh Sharma subsequently responded

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35	20-8-2026	Hon. Ioane Naivalurua Minister for Policing and Communications	Update on the Government’s Digital Transformation	The statement will provide an update on the work the Ministry has delivered on the digital front, progress in the connectivity of rural areas and report on the digital transformation and cyber security cooperation under the Vuavale Union.	The Hon. Virendra Lal subsequently responded
36	20-8-2026	Hon. Viliame Gavoka Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation	Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI)	The Statement will update Parliament on the Ministry’s work to strengthen inclusion across tourism and civil aviation, with particular focus on accessible tourism, disability-inclusive employment, women’s economic empowerment, and greater participation of rural, maritime and community-based enterprises. It will also highlight ongoing accessibility, sensitisation and inclusive recruitment initiatives aimed at expanding opportunities for persons with disabilities across both sectors.	The Hon. Hem Chand subsequently responded
37	20-8-2026	Hon. Sakiasi Dītoka Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade	A vision of active, independent and practical diplomacy anchored firmly in Fiji’s national interest	The statement will present a vision of active, independent and practical diplomacy anchored firmly in Fiji’s national interest. It argues that foreign policy must translate international relationships into tangible benefits for Fiji — greater market access, investment, employment, energy security, development assistance, technology, protection for Fijians overseas, and a more peaceful and secure Pacific. A major theme is the shift from planning to implementation following the 2026–2027 Budget. Fiji’s overseas Missions are described not simply as diplomatic posts but as extensions of the country’s national development effort, with a stronger mandate to pursue trade, investment, development opportunities, diaspora engagement and support for exporters. The speech then sets out several priority areas: • Economic diplomacy: Fiji wants to turn diplomatic relationships into commercial opportunities. The NZD \$2 billion Fiji–New Zealand trade target is presented as requiring substantially more Fijian exports, not simply increased imports. The kava example shows how diplomacy, standards, market access, and the livelihoods of rural communities are interconnected. • Malaysia and Korea: The reopening of the Kuala Lumpur Mission and engagement with Korea are positioned as opportunities to expand trade, investment, tourism, education, technology and energy cooperation. • Energy security: Recent global disruptions have exposed Fiji’s vulnerability to fuel-market and supply-chain shocks. The speech highlights discussions with PETRONAS and Korea on fuel storage, stockpiling, strategic petroleum reserves, renewable energy and Fiji’s National Fuel Security Strategy. Fiji’s role as a Pacific logistics and fuel hub gives this a wider regional dimension. • Pacific leadership: Fiji seeks to shape, rather than merely participate in, regional affairs. The Ocean of Peace concept is presented as meaning dialogue, sovereignty, transparency, international law and freedom for Pacific states to maintain relationships with all partners without being forced into geopolitical camps. • Climate diplomacy: Hosting Pre-COP31 is portrayed as an opportunity to bring global decision-makers into the Pacific and make the region’s lived experience of climate change impossible to ignore. The speech strongly rejects the characterisation of Fiji as dependent on Australia for hosting the event. • Partnerships that deliver domestically: International partnerships are justified where they strengthen Fiji-led national priorities. The Australian FJ\$23.5 million HIV support is used as an example of a partnership that reinforces, rather than substitutes for, Fiji’s own response. • Protecting exporters: Fiji must actively monitor changing international trade policies, including US tariff measures, and provide exporters with reliable information rather than speculation. • Multilateral diplomacy and peacekeeping: Fiji’s engagement with the UN, climate resilience, oceans governance, disaster risk reduction, digital transformation and Artificial Intelligence are linked to the interests of a small island developing state. It also emphasises its long-standing UN peacekeeping contribution as an important expression of Fiji’s international role. Fiji should use diplomacy as an instrument of national development, while protecting its sovereignty and maintaining strategic freedom. The closing reinforces four ambitions: sovereignty, global connectivity, constructive Pacific leadership and tangible economic prosperity.	The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu subsequently responded
38	20-8-2026	Hon. Siromi Turaga Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General	Fiji’s Preparations for the 2026 Mutual Evaluation of its Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Framework	This statement will provide an update to Parliament on Fiji’s preparations for the September 2026 Mutual Evaluation of its Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) framework. The evaluation is critical to protecting Fiji’s economic integrity, financial sovereignty, and international reputation. The statement will highlight Fiji’s key money laundering risks, including transnational drug trafficking, organized crime, tax evasion, corruption, and illegal fishing. The Government has strengthened coordination among agencies such as the FIU, Fiji Police Force, FICAC, FRCS, the Reserve Bank, and the ODPP to improve enforcement, intelligence sharing, and compliance with international standards set by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG). A successful evaluation is essential to maintaining correspondent banking relationships, attracting foreign investment and climate finance, supporting trade, and avoiding grey-listing. The Government remains committed to ensuring Fiji is recognized as a trusted, secure, and compliant financial jurisdiction.	The Hon. Premila Kumar subsequently responded
39	20-8-2026	Hon. Jese Saukuru Minister for Youth and Sports	Empowering Young People, Strengthening Communities: The Navosa Youth Festival, International Youth Day and Fiji’s Road to Serbia	The statement will inform this august Parliament about the recently concluded week-long youth development programme held in the highlands of Navosa from 10 to 14 August 2026. This national programme brought together five interconnected initiatives: empowerment and livelihood-skills training; the national celebration of International Youth Day; a Government Services Roadshow; the Navosa Youth and Sports Festival; and the official launch of “The Road to Serbia” Fiji’s journey towards Expo 2027 Belgrade.	The Hon. Joseph Nand subsequently responded