



PARLIAMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION
Wednesday, 6 August 2025

106/2025 Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics –
Can the Deputy Prime Minister inform Parliament on the yearly fuel subsidies paid to the bus industry from 2023 to date.

1. The Government of Fiji has remained committed to supporting the bus industry through targeted fuel and fare subsidies, ensuring affordable and accessible public transportation for all Fijians. The table below outlines the yearly support provided from 2023 to date:

Year	Total Fuel Subsidy Paid:
2023	\$324,483
2024	\$410,830
2025 (Jan- Jun)	\$237,364

2. From 2023 to 2024, there was a notable increase of 26.6 percent in fuel subsidies. This rise aligns with the policy change effective from 1 August 2023, where an additional 10 cents per litre rebate was introduced for bus operators in Vanua Levu and Taveuni, while maintaining the 2 cents per litre for other regions. This targeted support likely contributed to the higher subsidy payout in 2024, reflecting the

Government's commitment to supporting transport services in more remote and logistically challenging areas.

3. As of June 2025, the subsidy stands at \$237,364. As per the current trend, the annual total subsidy for 2025 may match or slightly exceed 2024, depending on consumption and policy adjustments in the remaining months.
4. The differentiated rebate structure introduced in 2023 has a positive fiscal impact for bus operators in remote regions, while keeping the overall subsidy growth manageable.

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