

WRITTEN QUESTION 177/2026

Tuesday, 20 August 2026

“Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Minister for Finance – Can the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of all official overseas travel undertaken from 2023 to date by Board members of the Fiji National Provident Fund, including the following –

- (a.) the number and cost of official trip taken by each Board member, along with the destinations visited and the purpose of each trip and how it helped FNPF;**
- (b.) the total expenditure incurred on overseas travel by Board members of FNPF, broken down by financial year; and**
- (c.) the source of funding for each trip, including whether the expenditure was met directly by FNPF or by any other organization or donor**

1.0 Please find attached detailed breakdown of all official travel undertaken from 2023 to date by Board members of the Fiji National Provident Fund, demarcated by the following:

- a. number of official trip taken by each Board member separated by destinations (*Annex 1*)**
- b. the total cost and purpose of each trip (*Annex 1*)**
- c. total expenditure incurred on overseas travel by Board members by financial year (*Annex 2*); and**
- d. the source of funding for each trip (*Annex 1*)**

Thank you.

Name	Year	No. of Travels	Destination	Date	Total Cost	Purpose	Source of Funds
Mr Daksesh Patel	2023	3	Sydney to Suva	Jan-23	368.42	Travel purpose not on record	FNPF
					242.00	Travel purpose not on record	
				Mar-23	2,937.00	Attend meeting with the Minsiter & Board Member Intro	
				Apr-23	5,656.24	Attend Economic Summit as Presenter for the Fund	
					1,980.00	Attend 2023 National Economist Summit	
					404.00	Attend Summit at GPH	
				Sep-22	1,484.35	Attend FNPF board meeting - 30/09/2022	
				Nov-22	6,590.00	Attend the November Board meeting	
					802.40	Attend the November Board meeting	
	TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2023				20,464.41		
	2024	3	Sydney to Suva	Feb-24	627.50	Board meeting	FNPF
				Mar-24	1,158.00	Attend March Board meeting	
				May-24	4,215.00	Board meeting and Strategic Workshop	
				Jun-24	675.00	BIC meeting on 18/06 and 19/06	
					1,145.00	Attend BIT/BIC Board Meeting	
				Jul-23	4,205.00	Attend July Board meeting & Board Governance review Interviews with Ms Healey	
					694.00	Attend July Board meeting & Board Governance review Interviews with Ms Healey	
				Oct-23	1,152.00	Attend September/ Octobe Board meeting	
					375.80	Changes to Mr. Patel's Domestic Flight	
	Nov-23	4,769.42	Meeting with Minister of Finance				
	Feb-24	627.50	Board Meeting				
	TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2024				19,644.22		
	2025	4	Sydney to Suva	Feb-25	491.50	Attend Director Taoi's reguregu with the Fund Board	FNPF
				Mar-25	1,270.00	March Board Meeting	
				May-25	715.00	Attend Special Board Meeting - 13/05/2025	
					6,240.55	Attend HCF Board Meeting	
				Aug-24	1,258.00	Attend August Board meeting & other Board matters	
				Sep-24.	2,510.00	Attend September Board meeting	
				Oct-24	6,290.00	Attend Hotel Workshop in Sheraton	
					1,334.90	Attend Hotel Workshop in Sheraton	
					4,530.00	Attend IPS Workshop on the 24/10/24 in Sheraton	
	220.00	Attend IPS Workshop on the 28/10/24					
	TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2025				24,859.95		
	2026	3	Fiji	Aug-25	801.00	Attend BIC meeting on 04/08/2025	FNPF
			USA		42,281.00	Attend the Stanford Fiduciary Investor's Symposium	
			Auckland		2,701.20	Attend the Investment PIE Acquisiton Meeting	
			Fiji	Sep-25	4,997.03	Attend BIC Deep Dive Meeting & Hotel Board Meeting with the FNPF main Board	
					1,220.00	Attend BIC Deep Dive Meeting & Hotel Board Meeting with the FNPF main Board	
				Oct-25	635.00	Attend Main Board meeting on 13/10/2025	
				Nov-25	238.62	Attend BIC Strategy Session	
				Jan-26	1,142.10	Attend Dubbo meeting with FNPF Board	
					1,905.00	Attend BIC meeting & FNPF Board meeting	
				Feb-26	1,270.00	Attend Suva Member Forum	
					266.75	Attend Member Forum	
			Apr-26	693.00	Attend April Board Meeting		
TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2026 (as of Aug)				58,150.70			
Total Travel Cost		13			\$ 123,119.28		

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Mukhtar Ali	2023	1	USA - Suva	Sep-22	13,137.04	Attend FNPf board meeting - 30/09/2022	FNPf
				Nov-22	5,795.00	Attend Board meeting & West Tours	
	TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2023				18,932.04		
	2024	2	USA -Suva	Sep-23	20,495.06	Attend October Board meeting & BIC meeting	
				Nov-23	14,727.56	Board meeting	
				Oct-23	3,456.00	Board meeting, BIC	
	TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2024				38,678.62		
	2025	1	USA-Suva	Dec-24	4,079.50	Attend December Board Meeting and HFC meeting	
	TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2025				4,079.50		
Total Travel Cost		4			\$ 61,690.16		

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Adish Naidu	2024		Sydney	Sep-23	4,089.26	HCF - Lautoka Hospital to discuss Procurement Model, Interviews and site visits	FNPf
					5,343.01	Aspen Sydney visit	
		2	India	Mar-24	16,396.36	To attend the site tour; Waste Management System for FNPf Hotels India Trip including IT	
					3,724.33	Adish Naidu India Per Deim	
	TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2024				29,552.96		
	2025	1	USA		21,620.00	Attend Crystal Lagoon Project meeting	
					7,211.25	Perdiem US Travel Project Laggon	
	TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2025				28,831.25		
Total Travel Cost		3			\$ 58,384.21		

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Sikeli Tuinamuana	2026	1	PNG		4,475.64	PNG Investment Week	FNPF
					4,464.22	PNG Investment Week - Perdiem	
				TOTAL TRAVEL COST FOR 2026 (as of Aug)			
Total Travel Cost		1			\$ 8,939.86		

General Total					\$ 252,133.51		
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Name	FY2023		FY2024		FY2025		FY2026	
	No. of Travels	Travel Expenditure	No. of Travels	Travel Expenditure	No. of Travels	Travel Expenditure	No. of Travels	Travel Expenditure
Daksesh Patel	3	20,464.41	3	19,644.22	4	24,859.95	3	58,150.70
Adish Naidu			2	29,552.96	1	28,831.25		
Ali Mukhtar	1	18,932.04	2	38,678.62	1	4,079.50		
Sikeli Tuinamuana	0						1	8,939.86
TOTAL	4	\$ 39,396.45	7	\$ 87,875.80	6	\$ 57,770.70	4	\$ 67,090.56