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**Prime Minister and Minister for Civil Service and Strategic Planning,
National Development and Statistics**

Written Question – 193/2026

Hon. Inia Seruiratu to ask the Prime Minister, and Minister for Civil Service, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament on the following, for the period October 2025 to 30 June 2026 – (a) how many civil servants are currently under suspension; and (b) the total cost to Government in salaries and benefits paid to them during their suspension periods.

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Salutations

- Honorable Speaker Sir,
- Honorable Ministers and Assistant Ministers,
- Honorable Leader of Opposition,
- Honorable Members of Parliament, and
- Ladies & Gentlemen

Ni sa bula vina'a and a very good morning to you all.

1. Mister Speaker Sir, I thank the Honourable Member for the question and response has been crafted as per the breakdown of the question:

(a) how many civil servants are currently under suspension?

2. Mister Speaker Sir, following an analysis of the suspension data submitted by Whole of Government for the period October 2025 to June 2026, it was noted that 13 civil servants across eight (8) Ministries were reported to be under suspension. Of these, the majority were placed on full pay, while a few were on half pay and a small number were suspended without pay. A further 24 Ministries reported no suspension cases during the same period.
3. As shown in Table 1 below, the data provides a breakdown of the 13 civil servants under suspension across the eight (8) Ministries during the period October 2025 to June 2026.

Table 1.

No.	Mministry	Number of Officers under Suspension
1	Ministry Of Health and Medical Services	3
2	Ministry Of Rural and Maritime	2
3	Ministry of Education	2
4	Ministry of Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	2
5	Ministry of Local Government	1
6	Ministry of Multi-Ethnic Affairs, Culture Heritage, and Arts	1
7	Ministry Of Civil Service	1
8	Ministry of Youth and Sports	1
Total		13 Civil Servants

(b) the total cost to Government in salaries and benefits paid to them during their suspension periods.

4. Mister Speaker Sir, an assessment was also undertaken to determine the total cost to Government in salaries and benefits paid to the 13 civil servants during their respective periods of suspension for the period October 2025 to June 2026. The calculation was based on the actual period of

suspension for each officer, their applicable salary band and step, and the corresponding pay calendar, taking into account the applicable salary and benefits paid to the officers while they remained on suspension.

5. Based on the data provided by the respective Ministries, the total estimated cost to Government during the period was FJD \$148,381.29.
6. The breakdown of the costs incurred by each Ministry and the respective period of suspension is provided in Table 2 below. This information highlights the financial implications to Government for prolonged suspension periods, particularly when officers continue to receive salaries and applicable benefits while the relevant disciplinary processes are undertaken.

Table 2.

No.	Ministry	Number of Officers under Suspension	Estimated cost to Government
1	Ministry Of Health and Medical Services	3	\$20,003.70

2	Ministry Of Rural and Maritime	2	\$20,343.29
3	Ministry of Education	2	\$61,786.06
4	Ministry of Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport	2	\$23,528.96
5	Ministry of Local Government	1	\$20,171.16
6	Ministry of Multi-Ethnic Affairs, Culture Heritage, and Arts	1	\$0.00 (Suspension without pay)
7	Ministry Of Civil Service	1	\$572.11
8	Ministry of Youth and Sports	1	\$1,976.01
Total		13 Civil Servants	\$148,381.29

Conclusion

7. In conclusion, Mister Speaker Sir, the management of suspensions within the Public Service is guided by the principles of accountability, fairness, and due process.
8. The figures presented to this House reflect the Government's commitment to upholding these principles whilst ensuring

the integrity of public administration and the responsible stewardship of public resources.

9. Thank you, Mister Speaker, Sir.

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