



PARLIAMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION
Tuesday, 29 September 2026

224/2026 **Hon. Vijay Nath to ask the Minister for Finance, can the Minister provide Parliament with details of:**

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- (a) the total amount of remittances received from overseas from 2023 to 2025;**
 - (b) the countries from which these remittances originated; and**
 - (c) the latest figures available for 2026.**

Inward Remittances

1. Inward remittances totalled \$1,253.3 million in 2023, \$1,328.3 million in 2024 and \$1,323.2 million in 2025. The annual amounts are set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Inward Remittances to Fiji

Year	Total inflows (FJ\$ million)
2023	1,253.3
2024	1,328.3
2025	1,323.2

2. Current remittance levels are substantially higher compared to 2005 (\$310 million), 2010 (\$295 million), 2015 (\$494 million) and 2020 (\$735 million).

Source Countries

3. Australia was the largest recorded source of remittances in each year from 2023 to 2025. The shares from Australia, New Zealand, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and other countries are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Remittances by Source Country (percent)

Source country	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan–Jul
Australia	47.0	49.0	43.8	45.3
New Zealand	18.0	18.0	14.7	15.3
United States	19.0	18.0	22.0	20.1
United Kingdom	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.1
Canada	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.3
Other countries	6.0	5.0	10.5	10.9

4. As remittance flows have grown over time, the channels through which funds are transferred to Fiji have also evolved in response to changing technology and consumer preferences. Remittances were received through commercial banks, money transfer operators (foreign exchange dealers) and mobile network operators. Table 3 sets out each channel's share of total inward remittances. Mobile network operators accounted for the largest share in 2025, at 56.1 percent.

Table 3: Inward Remittances by Transfer Channel (percent)

Transfer channel	2023	2024	2025	2026 Jan–Aug
Commercial banks	20.1	17.3	11.1	36.5
Money transfer operators	41.9	35.2	32.8	16.6
Mobile network operators	38.0	47.5	56.1	46.9

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5. **Cumulative from January to August 2026, total remittances stood at \$1,215.1 million.** The most recent source-country breakdown covers January to July 2026: Australia accounted for 45.3 percent, followed by the United States at 20.1 percent and New Zealand at 15.3 percent.

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Additional Information on Remittances

- i. The growing importance of remittances has been evident over the past decade. In 2015, inflows totalled \$494.2 million, equivalent to 5.1 percent of GDP. By 2025, they reached \$1,323.2 million, equivalent to 9.3 percent of GDP. Both the value of remittances and their contribution to the economy have increased substantially, reflecting the contribution of Fiji's diaspora and labor mobility programmes.
- ii. Fiji's 2025 remittance inflows were equivalent to 9.3 percent of GDP. This remains lower than in several highly remittance-dependent economies, including Tonga, Tajikistan and Samoa. The available international comparison is presented below. Blank cells indicate that no 2025 figure was provided in the source material.

Table 4: Remittances as a Share of GDP (percent)

Rank	Economy	2023	2024	2025
1	Tajikistan	37.8	47.2	57.7
2	Tonga	42.6	39.2	
3	Nicaragua	26.2	26.6	
4	Nepal	26.2	26.0	
5	Honduras	26.1	25.7	30.1
6	El Salvador	24.7	24.3	27.5
7	Samoa	25.4	24.0	22.4
8	Marshall Islands	22.3	23.5	
9	Gambia	21.6	22.0	
10	Liberia	21.6	21.3	
25	Fiji	10.1	9.8	9.3

- iii. The outlook for remittances will be influenced by economic conditions and employment opportunities in key source markets, particularly Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Family and community ties also help

sustain support from Fijians overseas during periods of economic uncertainty.

- iv. Fiji's diaspora contributes more than financial transfers. Overseas Fijians also bring skills, expertise, investment and international networks. Stronger diaspora engagement and labor mobility partnerships can create opportunities for entrepreneurship, skills development and long-term growth.