



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

ORDER PAPER

Friday, 14 March 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

1. Prayer
2. Confirmation of Minutes. The Leader of the Government in Parliament to move –

“That the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Thursday, 13 March 2025, as previously circulated be taken as read and be confirmed.”
3. Communications from the Chair
4. Presentation of papers and certain documents (*see Schedule 1*)
5. Questions (*see Schedule 2*)
6. Consideration of Bills
7. Motion pursuant to Standing Order 130 (*see Schedule 3*)
8. End of Week Statements (*see Schedule 4*)
9. Adjournment

SCHEDULE 1 — PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND CERTAIN DOCUMENTS

1. Parliament of the Republic of Fiji – 2022–2023 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 39 of 2025*).
2. Consumer Council of Fiji – 2022–2023 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 123 of 2024*).
3. Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission – 2019–2020 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 41 of 2024*).
4. Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission – 2020–2021 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 42 of 2024*).
5. Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission – 2021–2022 Annual Report (*Parliamentary Paper No. 43 of 2024*).
6. Reserve Bank of Fiji Quarterly Review December 2024.
7. Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, Culture, Heritage and Arts – Annual Report 2022–2023 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 162 of 2024*).
8. iTaukei Land Trust Board – Annual Report 2023 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 155 of 2024*).
9. Levuka Town Council – Annual Report 2018 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 173 of 2024*).
10. Savusavu Town Council – Annual Report 2014 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 186 of 2024*).
11. Savusavu Town Council – Annual Report 2015 (*Parliamentary Paper No. 187 of 2024*).

SCHEDULE 2 — QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 1/2025 Hon. Parveen Bala to ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister inform Parliament whether or not he has given consent to the Nasinu Town Council to lease the iconic Valelevu ground for development.
- 2/2025 Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress and effectiveness of the Transportation Assistance Scheme for school children from January 2024 to date.
- 3/2025 Hon. Shalen Kumar to ask the Minister for Policing – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the Ministry’s plans to address the rise in robberies, house break-ins, and street violence.
- 4/2025 Hon. Faiyaz Koya to ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the Ministry’s plans to address the extreme hazard at the Lautoka rubbish dump.
- 5/2025 Hon. Semi Koroilavesau to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Waterways – Viseisei village was promised to have their seawall repaired and extended. Can the Minister update Parliament on the work and plans to complete this work as the houses close to the shoreline need urgent protection.

Written Questions

- 6/2025 Hon. Hem Chand to ask the Minister for Education – Can the Minister update Parliament on the following in relation to complaints received by the Ministry over the past 3 years –
- (a) the number of complaints received per year per Division; and
 - (b) the number of complaints sorted into broad classifications, such as transport, classroom, teacher availability, student-related issues, and so on.
- 7/2025 Hon. Ketan Lal to ask the Minister for Justice – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the number and nature of complaints lodged by the general public and the private sector in 2024.

- 8/2025 Hon. Joseph Nand to ask the Minister for Immigration – Can the Minister update Parliament on work permits issued to overseas workers from August 2023 to January 2025, including the following–
- (a) The total number of work permits issued;
 - (b) The breakdown of work permits issued for the public and private sectors; and
 - (c) The average processing time for work permit applications.
- 9/2025 Hon. Jone Usamate to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the engagement of advisors across all ministries from January 2023 to January 2025, including the following –
- (a) The total annual expenditure on hiring advisors;
 - (b) A breakdown of the costs distinguishing Government funding and contributions from donor or development partners; and
 - (c) The number of advisors hired each year, categorised by ministry.
- 10/2025 Hon. Faiyaz Koya to ask the Minister for Justice – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following statistics, from January 2023 to January 2025 –
- (a) The total number of pending cases in the High Court, Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Fiji, categorised by year;
 - (b) A breakdown of pending cases by type (civil, criminal, or other categories), categorised by year; and
 - (c) The average time taken to dispose of cases in each court.
- 11/2025 Hon. Inia Seruiratu to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on all newly introduced fees and revised charges approved by the Cabinet from 2023 to 2024 that are unrelated to the VAT increase to 15%, including the following –
- (a) A detailed breakdown of all new Government-imposed fees, levies, and service charges introduced during this period, categorised by Government ministry or agency;
 - (b) A comprehensive list of all new fees and charges introduced by each municipal council during this period; and
 - (c) A list of existing fees and charges that have been increased, including the specific amount of increase, presented separately for Government ministries and each municipal council.

- 12/2025 Hon. Viam Pillay to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – Can the Deputy Prime Minister update Parliament on the detailed breakdown of the redeployment of funds amounting to FJ\$28,087,026 within the 2024-2025 budget, including the following information –
- (a) The project name, responsible Ministry, Head No, Programme, Activity, and SEG number from which the funds were sourced, as outlined in the 2024-2025 Budget Estimates; and
 - (b) Whether the funds redeployed are due to cost overruns, and if so, a detailed explanation for the additional costs.
- 13/2025 Hon. Rinesh Sharma to ask the Minister for Education – In November 2023, the Higher Education Commission Fiji appointed an external review committee to assess three universities. Can the Minister update Parliament on the committee’s activities and findings to date.
- 14/2025 Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask the Minister for Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following –
- (a) How many official overseas travel engagements has the Chairman of Fiji Sugar Corporation taken since his appointment to date and to which countries; and
 - (b) Total expenditure (inclusive of allowances, salary if any, travel allowances, meals and accommodation).

SCHEDULE 3 — MOTION FOR REFERRAL

1. Hon. Attorney-General to move –

“That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence review the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement)”.

SCHEDULE 4 — END OF WEEK STATEMENTS

1. Hon. Alvick Maharaj – The Health Sector in Fiji

This statement will highlight the state of the health sector in Fiji.

2. Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna – *Yaqona* Market Scoping

This statement will highlight the *yaqona* market scoping visit to the United States of America.

3. Hon. Faiyaz Koya – Fiji a Modern Nation State

This statement will highlight whether Fiji is a modern nation state.