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Honorable Ro Filipe Tuisawau

Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services & Transport

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WAF Response to Written Question 24/2026

Hon. Vijay Nath to ask the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister inform Parliament on what percentage of households in the central division currently receive consistent 24-hour water supply.

Mr Speaker, I thank the Honourable Vijay Nath for the question.

The provision of a reliable and continuous 24-hour water supply to households in the Central Division remains a key priority of this Government. Based on the most recent operational data and service monitoring, there are currently 81,906 metered connections in the Central Division. This represents approximately 94 per cent of households, which are presently receiving a consistent 24-hour water supply.

While the majority of households are being served on a continuous basis, it is important to acknowledge that there remain certain areas that experience intermittent disruptions. These disruptions are primarily attributed to factors such as leakages resulting from ageing infrastructure, limitations in water production capacity, and the impacts of adverse weather events. Heavy

rainfall can increase turbidity levels in raw water sources, reduce treatment plant efficiency, cause flooding and debris damage to intake systems and pipelines, restrict access for repair teams, and result in pressure fluctuations and reduced reservoir levels—particularly in elevated areas.

The areas affected include Tamavua, Sakoca, Nagatugatu, Dokanaisuva, Tacirua, and Colo-i-Suva. To address these challenges, the Elevated Princess Road Project is currently underway. This project involves the construction of an 11.7-kilometre transmission pipeline from Sawani to Colo-i-Suva and Khalsa Road, supported by a new pump station and two 5-megalitre reservoirs. Once completed, this project will significantly improve system pressure and overall supply reliability in these elevated communities.

In addition, the planned 20-megalitre Tamavua Modular Water Treatment Plant, with an estimated cost of \$12 million, will complement the existing Tamavua Water Treatment Plant. This initiative will provide a more reliable and resilient water supply to residents of Suva, Lami, and parts of Nasinu. The project is expected to be completed later this year, following which these elevated areas are anticipated to receive a continuous 24-hour water supply.

Mr Speaker, the Government remains firmly committed to improving service delivery and ensuring that all households in the Central Division have access to safely managed, reliable, and continuous water supply.

I thank you, Mr Speaker, Sir