



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

MINUTES

of Proceedings of Parliament at Suva on Tuesday, Twenty-eighth day of April,
2026

1. The House met at 9.30 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.
2. Hon. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
3. ATTENDANCE
 - (a) The Hon. Esrom Immanuel, Hon. Viam Pillay, Hon. Sanjay Kirpal and Hon. Prof. Biman Prasad conveyed their apologies to the Hon. Speaker for being unable to attend the sitting of Parliament.
 - (b) The following Honourable Members obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker for intermittent absence during the sitting of Parliament –

Hon. Ioane Naivalurua, Hon. Sakiusa Tubuna, Hon. Joseph Nand, Hon. Lynda Tabuya, Hon. Faiyaz Koya, Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka, Hon. Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu and Hon. Pio Tikoduadua.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved that the Minutes of the sitting of Parliament held on Monday, 27 April 2026 as previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed.

Motion seconded.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Hon. Speaker welcomed all Honourable Members to the sitting, those seated in the gallery and those watching the live proceedings on television and the internet. Hon. Speaker also welcomed the Law Students from the University of Fiji.

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing Committee on Social Affairs

- (a) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu tabled the Committee's Review Report on the 2020 Fiji Public Trustee Corporation Pte Ltd Annual Report.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs moved a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 121(5) that a debate on the content of the report would be initiated at a future sitting. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

- (b) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu tabled the Committee's Review Report on the 2025 Fiji National Provident Fund Annual Report.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs moved a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 121(5) that a debate on the content of the report would be initiated at a future sitting. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

- (c) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs the Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu tabled the Committee's Review Report on the 2024 Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji Annual Report.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs moved a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 121(5) that a debate on the content of the report would be initiated at a future sitting. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

- (a) The Minister for Information, and Environment and Climate Change the Hon. Lynda Tabuya delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Inia Seruiratu responded.

- (b) The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation the Hon. Viliame Gavoka delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Faiyaz Koya responded.
- (c) The Minister for Fisheries and Forestry the Hon. Alitia Bainivalu delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Semi Koroilavesau responded.
- (d) The Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection the Hon. Sashi Kiran delivered a Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Virendra Lal responded.

8. QUESTIONS

Oral Questions

- 14/2026 Hon. Faiyaz Koya asked the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade – Can the Minister update Parliament on what measures have been taken to allow kava exports into the UK on a commercial basis.
- 15/2026 Hon. Inosi Kuridrani asked the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Israel and the Republic of Fiji on Co-operation in Diplomatic Training.
- 16/2026 Hon. Joseph Nand to ask the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Ministry’s enforcement and compliance efforts to ensure all sectors, including the 10 sectoral industries, are adhering to increase in the National Minimum Wage.
- 17/2026 Hon. Taito Rokomatu to ask the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Minister update Parliament on the Asian Development Bank’s financing facility under the Pacific Health Islands Transformation project.
- 18/2026 Hon. Premila Kumar asked the Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General – Can the Minister update Parliament on the progress and timeline for the review of the Legal Practitioners Act 2009, following Cabinet’s approval in March 2023.
- 19/2026 Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua asked the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations – Can the Minister update Parliament on the rationale for introducing the Fiji Family Focus Programme.

- 20/2026 Hon. Virendra Lal asked the Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport – Can the Minister update Parliament on how long is the defect liability period (DLP) that Fiji Roads Authority implements on its contracted projects and is this currently being enforced.
- 21/2026 Hon. Kalaveti Ravu asked the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Can the Minister update Parliament on the status of the Nabouwalu New Township Development.
- 22/2026 Hon. Inia Seruiratu asked the Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General – Can the Minister update Parliament on Government's plans to digitise the services provided by the Registrar of Titles Office.
- 23/2026 Hon. Iliesa Vanawalu asked the Minister for Information, Environment and Climate Change – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the measures and strategies adopted by the Ministry to counter misinformation and disinformation.

Written Questions

- 24/2026 Hon. Vijay Nath asked 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.
- 25/2026 Hon. Premila Kumar asked the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development – Can the Minister provide Parliament with an updated list and details of each Trust Fund Account held by Ministries or Statutory Organisations, specifying –
- (a) the name of the institution and the name of the trust fund account;
 - (b) the primary purpose of each trust fund account and the current amount of funds held; and
 - (c) the date on which the trust fund account was established and the source of funds supporting each trust fund.
- 26/2026 Hon. Hem Chand asked the Minister for Education – Can the Minister inform Parliament on the specific subject areas where there is shortage of teachers in secondary schools this year (2026) and how the Ministry is addressing the issue.

The responses to the Oral and Supplementary Questions were provided by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Speaker allowed the Hon. Vijay Nath to ask Oral Question 16/2026 in the absence of Hon. Joseph Nand. Oral Question 17/2026 would be asked later in the week.

The responses to Written Questions 24/2026 and 26/2026 were tabled by the respective Ministers. The Hon. Leader of the Government informed Parliament that the Hon. Minister for Commerce would table his response to Written Question 25/2026 at a later sitting date as permitted under the Standing Orders.

9. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The Hon. Speaker informed all Honourable Members that there were no Bills for consideration.

10. SUSPENSION MOTION BY THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT

The Leader of the Government in Parliament the Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau moved pursuant to Standing Order 6 that so much of Standing Order 23(1) be suspended so as to allow the House to sit beyond 4.30 p.m. to complete the remaining items listed on the Order Paper.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

11. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

- (a) The Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General the Hon. Siromi Turaga moved that for the purpose of section 51 of the Constitution and pursuant to Standing Order 130(4), that Parliament approve that Fiji ratify the Agreement to Establish the Pacific Resilience Facility.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

- (b) The Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney-General the Hon. Siromi Turaga moved that for the purpose of section 51 of the Constitution and pursuant to Standing Order 130(4), that Parliament approve that Fiji accede to the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979 as amended.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

- (c) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Hon. Manoa Kamikamica moved that Parliament debates the 'Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji – Crown Land Lease System (CLLS)' which was tabled on 27 November 2025.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

- (d) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence the Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua moved that Parliament debates the 'Consolidated Review Report of the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Annual Reports' which was tabled on 3 December 2025.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

- (e) The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence the Hon. Lenora Qereqeretabua moved that Parliament debates the 'Review Report of the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service 2022-2023 Annual Report' which was tabled on 3 December 2025.

Motion seconded.

Motion debated.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Speaker thanked all Honourable Members for their contributions and adjourned Parliament until Wednesday, 29 April 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

Parliament adjourned at 7.44 p.m.

Speaker of Parliament

Secretary-General to Parliament

28th April, 2026.