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FICAC Undertakes Major Internal Reforms to Strengthen Operations

The Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) has today announced a series of internal reforms aimed at improving the delivery of its core anti-corruption mandate.

As part of this reform initiative, the following key measures are being implemented:

1. A Special Taskforce has been established to address the backlog of unresolved investigations. The Taskforce will also be responsible for prioritising active and incoming case files to ensure timely and effective outcomes.
2. Following a comprehensive structural and financial review, the Corruption Prevention Department has been realigned. Staff have been reassigned to other strategic units within the Commission to better support investigations and prosecutions. A core awareness and training unit will remain in place to continue mandated education and outreach programs. No staff have been terminated as a result of these changes.
3. FICAC has merged the Audit & Compliance Unit with the Monitoring & Evaluation Team to form a unified Oversight and Accountability Unit. This new unit will monitor performance and ensure compliance across all departments, reducing duplication and strengthening institutional integrity.
4. A senior legal consultant with extensive litigation experience will be engaged by the commission. The consultant will assist in prioritising prosecutions and reviewing longstanding case files to accelerate the legal process.
5. The Commission is currently reviewing its Standing Orders which has been in the pipeline since July 2024. But were looking at introducing 2 new features (that is commonly found in other jurisdictions) into the standing orders to enhance transparency and accountability across the organisation.

Acting Commissioner Ms. Lavi Rokoika stated:

"These changes reflect our commitment to delivering results, strengthening institutional discipline, and ensuring that every tax payer dollar spent achieves value for the public. We are focused on getting outcomes—not just rhetoric—and rebuilding public trust through action and reform."



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The reforms come within the first week of Ms. Rokoika's appointment as Acting Commissioner and reflect a decisive move to modernise the Commission's operations in line with its legislative mandate.

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