



OFFICE of the AUDITOR GENERAL

Republic of Fiji

Report of the Auditor-General of the Republic of Fiji

2018 - 2019 Audit Report on Government Commercial Companies, Commercial Statutory Authorities and Other Entities



SUMMARY

1. Introduction	
Entities	This report includes the audit results of 8 financial statements for the 7 Entities audited as at 31 July 2020.
Status of Audits	<p>Audit of 13 Government Commercial Companies, 1 Commercial Statutory Authority and 1 re-organized entity were delayed. The delay in the audits is primarily due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delay in submission of draft accounts for audits or draft accounts submitted were incomplete;• Entities deciding to address issues raised in draft audit reports and resubmission of financial statements for audit; and• Financial statements not submitted for audit at all despite reminders.
2. Financial Reporting	
Quality of Financial Reporting	<p>The overall quality of financial reporting has been assessed as effective. Although further improvements can be made to enhance the quality and timeliness of submission of financial statements for our audit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We issued unmodified (unqualified) audit opinions on 5 financial statements audited while 3 financial statements were issued with modified (qualified) audit opinion.• We reported to the entities all significant matters concerning material accounting issues and deficiencies in internal controls.
Timeliness of Financial Reporting	<p>There were 4 out of 8 accounts or 50% of the financial statements audited were assessed to be doing timely financial reporting while the other 50% were assessed to require substantial improvements.</p>
3. Internal Controls	
Assessment	<p>Our assessment indicated that risk assessment, and monitoring activities were areas where majority of the significant deficiencies were identified.</p>
4. Other Significant Matters	
Common Findings	<p>Other areas that require immediate attention by the Board of Directors and Management of entities for priority and prompt actions for resolutions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addressing significant delays in submission of draft financial statements for audit;• Ensuring the long term financial sustainability of the entities;• Improving risk assessment process to achieve the entity's objectives and forming a clear basis for determining how risks are managed;• Improving overall monitoring of the entities, including the establishment of independent internal audit functions, which would assist in identifying any gaps in controls.
5. Audit Conclusion	
	<p>Modified audit opinion were issued on 3 financial statements audited, which reflected negatively on the governance and internal control framework of these entities. Urgent and close attention should be given to address matters highlighted in the Auditors' Reports.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For the full report visit our website www.oag.gov.fj</p>



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