



Office of the Auditor-General  
Republic of Fiji

Promoting Public Sector Accountability  
and Sustainability through our Audits

## Official Media Release

**30 September, 2020**

### The Office of the Auditor-General's report on the special investigation of allotments of lots and award of tenders by the Housing Authority of Fiji

The special investigation on the allocation of lots and award of tenders by the Housing Authority of Fiji has been completed and the report was officially handed over to Ms Lorraine Seeto, Chairperson of the Housing Authority Board today, 30 September, 2020. The investigation was carried out by the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) under section 6(3) of the Audit Act 1969 which provides that the Auditor-General may conduct audits and special investigations as he or she considers appropriate.

The OAG resources have also been adversely affected due to the impact of COVID-19, the need for greater accountability has increased. Despite this, OAG was able to allocate resources to prioritize the investigation due to the great interest the matter generated amongst the members of public.

The report highlights the findings of the special investigation to the Board as per the agreed Terms of Reference. It also provides recommendations on how improvements can be brought about in the future allotment of lots in the subdivisions developed by the Authority and in its overall governance processes.

With OAG's new vision of *Promoting public sector accountability and sustainability through our audits*, there would be similar audits and investigations carried out as part of value-added services of OAG in the next five years.



*The Auditor-General Mr. Ajay Nand handing over the report to the Housing Authority of Fiji Board chairperson Ms. Lorraine Seeto*



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In addition to the above, assurance reviews of off-budget state entities, monitoring and evaluation of the 5year and 20year National Development Plan, environmental audits including climate change and extractive industries would be carried out under the new strategic direction of the OAG.

The OAG is grateful to the Board and the Ministry of Housing and Community Development for proactively engaging with the Office for this investigation.

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