



OFFICE *of the* AUDITOR GENERAL  
*Republic of Fiji*

## Official Media Release

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### **OAG's response to recent public statements**

It is rather unfortunate that public statements have been released to publicly denigrate the reputation of the Auditor-General and the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) and selectively publish information concerning annual audits.

The Auditor-General will not respond directly and publicly to the various allegations contained in these statements. The Auditor-General and the Office of the Auditor-General is bound by section 8 of the Audit Act 1969 concerning secrecy and the confidentiality aspects of the auditor – client relationship governing the audit profession. In addition, the Office of the Auditor-General will not release any information, not yet publicly available, concerning any audit client, except in the Auditor-General's Reports to Parliament.

The Office of the Auditor-General accepts that it currently has the enormous challenge and responsibility of auditing backlog draft financial statements, which were not submitted annually over several years, within the resources that it has been allocated. And the Office of the Auditor-General will continue to work with these State entities to ensure that audits of financial statements are updated

The Auditor-General and the Office of the Auditor-General will continue to diligently deliver its responsibilities as mandated by the 2013 Constitution and Audit Act 1969.

The Auditor-General and the staff of the Office of the Auditor-General are hopeful for a better year ahead and wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2022.

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