



The University of Fiji

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School of Law

Parliament’s Practice and Processes An Applied Short Course

Course Overview

This short course is designed to provide you with knowledge of, and familiarity with, the fundamentals of parliamentary practice and processes. Participants will acquire both a theoretical and practical knowledge of the basis and nature of Fiji’s parliamentary system, its procedures and operation.

The course themes include:

- The Constitutional foundations and framework for responsible government in Fiji;
- The general powers and privileges of Parliament of Fiji;
- The practical aspects of the legislative process for such matters as budgeting, executive oversight, and committees of inquiry;
- The customs and procedures regulating parliamentary business

Target Audience

Anyone who is an intending electoral candidate, political advisor, a party official, a journalist or community leader who may want to become actively involved in one of these areas or are just interested in elections will find this course useful. This short course is designed to help develop knowledge and skills in understanding the way the Parliament works.

Learning Objectives

On completion of the course, participants should have improved knowledge of:

- Parliament’s powers and processes for making laws;
- Ministerial responsibility to the Parliament and through it to the people;
- The powers and effect of parliamentary committees;
- Parliament’s relationship with the Public Service;
- How the public can engage with the Parliament to influence public policy.

Course Facilitator

Professor Richard Herr was the author of Parliament 101: A Student’s Guide to Parliament. He is the academic director of the Parliamentary Law, Practice and Procedure course at the University of Tasmania’s Law School. He founded the ASPG, an international association of 10 Australasian parliaments in 1979.

Dates	Time	Venue	Training Fees
20 and 21 September	5.30 to 8.30 pm	The University of Fiji, Samabula Campus,	\$150

Closing date for Registration: Friday 15 September 2017

Please submit the completed registration form to the University of Fiji by 15 September, 2017. To obtain the registration form please contact Ms Swasti Chand on Ph: +679 3373614 Fax: +679 3371084 or e-mail tajeshward@unifiji.ac.fj

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