

FIA Technical Workshop

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FICAC's Role: Successes & Challenges

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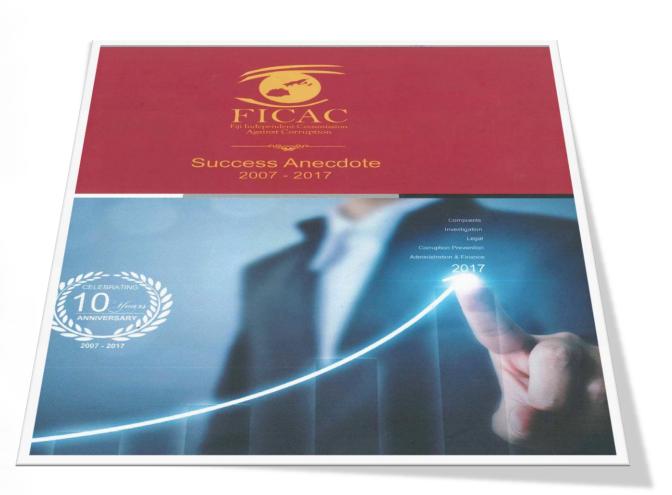


Outline

- 1. FICAC's role
- 2. Success Points
- 3. Investigation Challenges
- 4. Case Modus
- 5. Testimony



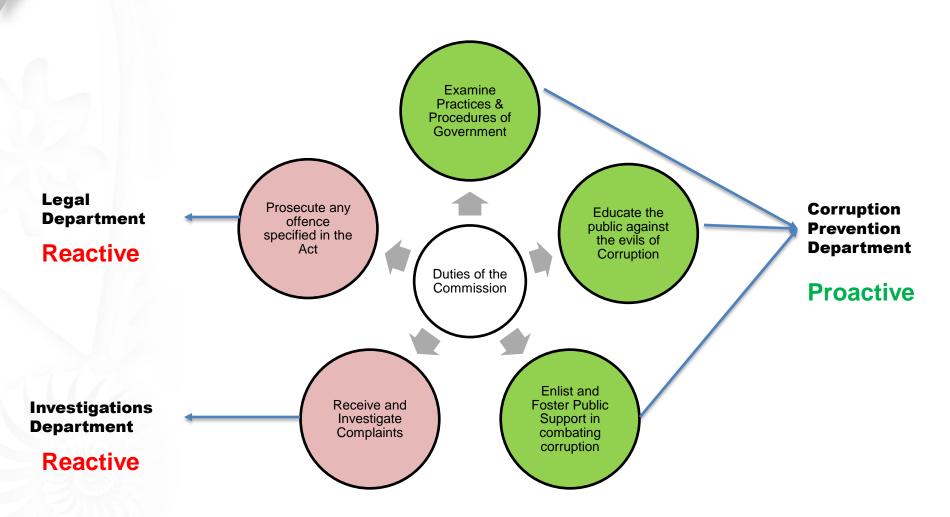
FICAC – 10 Year Success Story





FICAC'S ROLE

Duties of the Commission Section 12(a) –(h), 12A of FICAC Act 11 of 2007





"SUCCESS"

Corruption Prevention Department Accomplishments

PROACTIVE

Prevention Programs

- Corruption Prevention & Risk Reduction Workshop (CP2R)/ Corruption Impact Assessment (CIA)
 Workshops
- 2. Corporate Integrity Pledge (CIP) for Business Houses

Education Programs

- 1. Awareness (Tailor made) programs
- 2. Good Kiddo for Primary School Children
- 3. Anti Bribery & Ethics Workshop
- 4. Young Leaders Seminar for High School (Head Boys & Head Girls)
- 5. National Anti-Corruption Curriculum (NACC) coordinated with the Ministry of Education

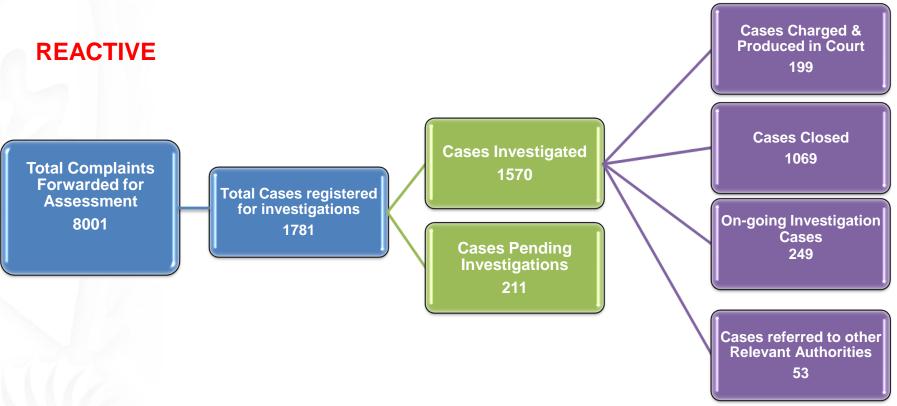






"SUCCESS"

Summary of Investigation & Legal Accomplishments 2007 - 2018



- 366 Defendants charged from the 199 cases taken to court.
- 94 Cases convicted with 115 Defendants sentenced

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Investigations

Team Skills & Competency

- Workshop & Practical Training with Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA).
 - I. Forensic Accounting Training
 - II. Intelligence Based Investigations (IBI)
 - III. Strategic Management in Anti-Corruption Training
- 2. Fiji Police CID Qualifying and Advance Courses
- 3. DPP Basic Prosecution Courses
- 4. Certified Fraud Examiner Certification Training & Workshops
- 5. ICAC Hong Kong Chief Investigators Command Course
- 6. Mobile & Digital Forensics Training & Certification

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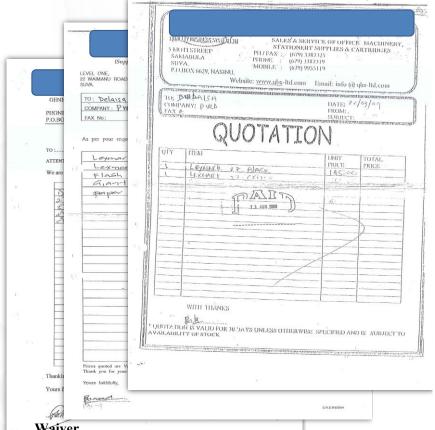
Investigations "Challenges"

- 1. Evolving Fraud Techniques Motive
- 2. Process of Investigations Case Defenses
 - Caution Interviews AVR Questioning Skills (Accountability)
 - Rights
 - Admissibility of Evidence (Lawful Gathering)
 - Lack of Evidence (Documents Destroyed)
- 3. Bribery Investigations Soliciting and Receiving (Investigations Timeframe)

 (FICAC Act Amendment Section 10E "Interception Warrants"
- 3. Investigations Timeframe vs. Case complexity (Manual Evidence Analysis)
- 4. Non cooperation (witnesses)
- 5. Investigators respect for our values

Procurement Regulations 2010 – Section 29 (2012 Amendment)

Procurement of Goods, Services or Works \$50, 000 and less





Waiver

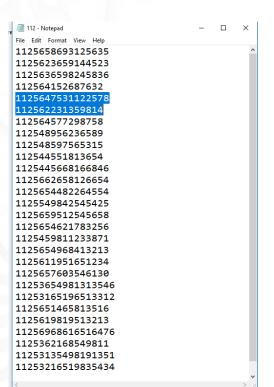
- "(3) A Permanent Secretary or Head of Department may waive the requirement to obtain competitive quotes for the procurement of goods, services or works below the value of \$50,000 where-
 - (i) there is only one supplier capable of supplying the goods, services or works in Fiji;
 - (ii) there is a binding annual contract with the supplier;
 - (iii) a supplier has been nominated by an aid agency which is funding at least 50% of the procurement; or
 - (iv) it is for the expeditious supply of specialised, technical services from a supplier who has previously provided services to Government and has through that engagement created or used its intellectual property or working knowledge to deliver the services procured.

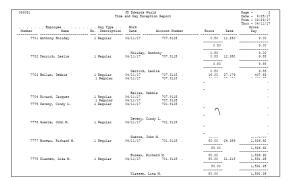
Case Modus Iliesa Waqavonovono -Payment **Obtaining Financial Advantage** Clerk by Deception. **Accounts Procurement Fraud** Invoices Payment Cheque (1) Vendor 1 Cheque (3) BANK Vendor 2 BANK Vendor 3

Pay System Fraud



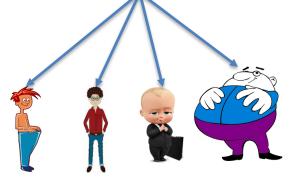
Pay Clerk















Official Receiver - Viliame Katia Case

Case Modus

- Prepared False Emails
- Entered False Amounts into Cashbook
- Prepared Journal and Payments Vouchers
- Makes recommendations for payout
- Cheques personally cased (or bearer)

From: 'snukutaumaki@govnet.gov.fj' <snukutaumaki@govnet.gov.fj> Sent: Monday, September 5, 2016 7:09 PM To: vkatia@govnet.gov.fj Subject: Request for Payout to Creditors: ACC: 12354 Please make the necessary payments to the following creditors \$1.542.00 1. Mere Kuru \$2,250.00 \$1.580.00 2. Umar Dean Alvina Ali 4. Pita Uluinayau For your approval DOR West Disclaimer: This e-mail contains information that is confidential and which may be subject to legal privilege. If you are not the intended recipient, you must not read, use, distribute or copy the contents of this e-mail. If you have received this e-mail in error, please notify immediately and destroy the original False Payout Requests

Request for Payout "Memo/ Email" Edits Cashbook - False Debtor **Payments** Prepares Journal Voucher - for OR Fees workout **Prepares Payment Voucher Recommends Payments** System Check Cheque Preparation "or bearer chq" Pick-up Cheques Cashed the Cheques





1. Proceeds of Crime

- Judgement : Viliame Katia
- Bribery Cases involving iTaukei officers

2. Shape of Crime

- Internal Control refinement
- Confidence in Attempting to the Breach vs Defenses during Investigation

3. Behavioral Assessments – Very Crucial in Management

4. Assistance from Stakeholders – FIA Members

In the interest of Justice



End of Presentation