



PRESS RELEASE

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FCCC REMITTS MORE THAN \$44K TO GOVERNMENT

The Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) remitted to the Ministry of Industry Trade and Tourism (MITT) \$44,700 being for the collection of trader spot fines.

A total of **184** traders were spot fined during the one-year period from January 2017– January 2018, for failure to comply with the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission Act 2010 (FCCC Act 2010). In particular traders were found to be in breach of Section 52 'Prohibited Acts' such as overcharging, Section 54 'Failing to Indicate Prices' and Section 56 'Failure to Keep Proper Records'.

While receiving the cheque, Permanent Secretary for Industry, Trade and Tourism, Mr. Shaheen Ali, said that the remittance was a significant result of teamwork and showcased the FCCC's commitment towards ensuring consumer protection and promoting compliance to the FCCC Act 2010.

He added that the spot fines should act as a deterrent for other traders, businesses and service providers, who will be held liable for their actions if caught to be non-compliant.

FCCC Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Joel Abraham said that FCCC is continuously working towards improved systems, which will allow for better monitoring and ensure traders and businesses comply with FCCC Act 2010.

Mr. Abraham said, that proactive measures taken, in issuing notices to traders and businesses to be in compliance with the FCCC Act, 2010. However, when traders fail to adhere to the notices, they will face enforcement action.

He added, that the support from the government, particularly the MITT, has greatly assisted FCCC in ensuring successful operations. Going forward we anticipate continued support from the Ministry which is instrumental in achieving the overall goals and objectives of FCCC.

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