



PRESS RELEASE

BUS FARE REVIEW

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The Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) CEO and Chairman of the Independent Bus Fare Review Committee, Joel Abraham, will meet with the Bus Owners tomorrow (6 February 2019) to discuss the details of the Bus Fare Review.

This will encompass the submission made by the Fiji Bus Operators Association (FBOA), the submissions by individual operators, the cost variables and analysis with a view of finding a viable solution for the bus industry.

“Thousands of workers and students rely on bus services every day for cost effective travel to their workplaces and schools. I have a duty to ensure that any increase in prices are fair to both Fijians and bus owners,” said Abraham.

Timeline of events:

- 1) In 2009 the recommendations on the review on the bus industry through the Land Transport Authority (LTA) funded Orion Report was adopted by Government and supported by the FBOA.
- 2) One of the findings of the report was that there was a high percentage of leakage in bus fare revenue that was occurring which required action from FBOA.
- 3) A recommendation to this finding was the implementation of the E-ticketing program.
- 4) The FBOA signed an MOU in 2011 and agreed that no fare increase would be sought or granted for the next 3 years before the implementation of the E-ticketing program.

- 5) Following the implementation of E-ticketing program in 2017, FBOA made representations to Government for a fare increase.
- 6) On 9 October 2017, the Ministry for Economy launched an 8-member Independent Bus Fare Review Committee chaired by the CEO FCCC.
- 7) On 13 August 2018, FBOA made a submission on the increase of bus fares.
- 8) In December 2018, the CEO FCCC and Chairperson of Independent Bus Fare Review Committee met with FBOA to discuss their submission.

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