

# PRESENTATION TO THE FIJI AUSTRALIA BUSINESS COUNCIL



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# Overview Of Immigration Dept

- Functions under the authority of 2 Acts and 1 Decree
  - Immigration Act
  - Passports Act
  - Citizenship of Fiji Decree # 23

# Overview of Immigration Department

- We are:
  - Law Enforcement Agency
  - Border Control Agency
  - Facilitation Agency
  - Revenue Collection Agency

# Roles of The Department

- **Border Control**
  - Issuing of Visas and Exemptions
  - Primary Line Functions at Ports of Entry (Currently undertaken by FIRCA – 42 Staff transferred from Immigration Dept)
    - Immigration Officers perform Referral duties
- **Issuing of Fiji Passports**
  - Centralized in Suva
- **Citizenship Processing**
  - Process applications and facilitate the acquiring of Fiji Citizenship through Registration and Naturalization

# Roles Of The Department

- **Facilitation of Economic Growth**

- Processing and issuing of Permits and Exemptions

- Work Permits
    - Residence
    - Student Permits
    - Permanent Residence
    - Exemptions

- **Law Enforcement**

- Empowered by the Acts

# What can business look forward to?

- Provision of Dual/Multiple Citizenship
- Processing Time
  - Passports
  - Permits
- Better Customer Service
- Service being taken out to the people
- A new passport system
- Enhancement of the Immigration System



Thank You