



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP launches Basic Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) launched a Basic Prosecution Course for statutory regulators this morning (7.05.18) at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva.

The Basic Prosecution Course is designed for regulatory and statutory bodies with the aim of equipping these officers with basic trial preparation skills in prosecuting matters under their legislation.

This is the first time the ODPP has organised training for statutory regulators in its continuous effort to improve the prosecution service in Fiji. Since 2011 various laws have been enacted that give individual regulatory bodies the power to prosecute matters under their own legislation. The ODPP provides assistance to regulatory prosecutors by advising on charges and providing basic training throughout the year.

There are 39 officers attending this one month course which includes officers from the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Labour and Employment, the Ministry of Fisheries and Forests, the Ministry of Health, the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission, the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji, the National Fire Authority, the Fiji National Provident Fund, the Lami, Levuka and the Nausori town council.

The Permanent Secretary for Local Government, Housing and Environment, Joshua Wycliffe, officially opened the course this morning.

The course is facilitated by ODPP Principal Legal Officers Mr Yogesh Prasad and assisted by other ODPP Legal Officers.

The ODPP will be conducting an advanced prosecution course for police and statutory prosecutors later this year.

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NB: Pictures attached



Participants at the ODPP Basic Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva on 7 May 2018.



The Permanent Secretary for Local Government, Housing and Environment, Joshua Wycliffe (front row, seventh from right) with participants at the commencement of the ODPP Basic Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva on 7 May 2018.