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ODPP transcriber completes transcript milestone

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) transcriber, Akanisi Vosanibola, has successfully completed transcribing 50 digitally recorded interviews from the vernacular language into English as part of the formal record of interview for serving on the defence and for use in Fiji's criminal courts.

Ms Vosanibola was appointed in October last year after the ODPP established a transcription unit to assist the police by providing an independent and professional transcription service.

The digitally recorded interview procedure is part of a pilot project which was introduced in November 2016 marking a new era in Fiji where caution interviews for all suspects will be digitally recorded. The digitally recorded interviews and the transcripts are later used in court which provides greater transparency in the arrest and detention procedure and better justice outcomes by reducing the need for preliminary trials (voir dices) to determine whether a confession is voluntary.

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NB: *Pictures attached below.*



ODPP digital transcriber Akanisi Vosanibola at her desk transcribing a digitally recorded interview.



UNDP Access to Justice and Rule of Law specialist Grace Kiernan providing training to ODPP Transcriber Ms Akanisi Vosanibola at the ODPP Headquarters, Suva.