



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Statutory Regulators told to monitor and enforce laws

Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Dr Andrew Jack, has called on statutory regulators to monitor and ensure legislation put in place is complied with by one and all.

Thirty-seven participants from various government ministries and departments graduated this morning (27.11.20) from a four-week advanced prosecution course for statutory regulators which was designed to equip them in understanding and prosecuting offences under their specific legislation.

Dr Jack said that “Government Ministries and Departments have an important role to play in ensuring that those who flout the laws are brought to court. A country relies on its legislation and there will be new laws passed but they are only effective if regulating bodies continue to do their part and oversee that these laws are adhered to at all times.”

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) continues to assist government ministries and departments by providing a series of a training every year to ensure that the people of Fiji receive an efficient and professional prosecution service.

In addition to this, the ODPP provides desk officers to ministries and departments to provide legal advice on the range of possible charges and the evidence required in prosecuting infringements under their own specific legislation.

Next year, the ODPP will be continuing regulatory training as well as offering intensive training to Police investigators.

The course was facilitated by ODPP Principal Legal Officer Mr Yogesh Prasad. All participants were awarded certificates of participation with eight participants receiving special awards.

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NB: *Pictures attached.*



Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Dr Andrew Jack, addressing participants during the closing of the ODPP Advanced Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators on 27 November 2020 at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva.



Participants of the ODPP Advanced Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva on 27 November 2020.



(Ninth from Left) Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Dr Andrew Jack, course facilitator, Principal Legal Officer Mr Yogesh Prasad with participants during the closing of the ODPP advanced prosecution course for statutory regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva.



Special Prize recipients (Left-Right) Best Student in Legal Ethics, Mr Jone Waisale, Most Improved Student, Mr Lionel Young, Best Mooter, Ms Luisa Nakuuanikoro, Best All-rounder, Mr Nicky Prasad, Assistant DPP, Dr Andrew Jack, Course Facilitator Principal Legal Officer, Mr Yogesh Prasad, Best Student in Evidence, Ms Nikhat Khan, Most Disciplined Student, Mr Simone Masori, Dux of 2020, Mr Ronak Sharma and Best Student in Legal Analysis, Mr Taito Damuni.