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Statutory Regulators attend ODPP prosecution training

Twenty-three officers from various Government Ministries and Departments are attending a four-week Basic Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva.

These officers are part the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) basic prosecution course designed to equip them with trial preparation skills in prosecuting matters under their own specific legislation.

Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Elizabeth Rice, in launching the course yesterday morning (31.07.23) reminded the officers of their task as statutory regulators.

Ms Rice said, “Regulators are important because when members of the public see rules, regulations and laws in Fiji being flouted, action by regulators ensures that infringement stops, wrongs are corrected and effective action against those responsible for any breaches are taken.

“It is important for Regulators in Fiji to have the necessary expertise to perform their role effectively and this is why the ODPP continues to assist government

Ministries and departments with basic and advanced prosecution courses throughout the year.”

The course is attended by officers from the Ministry of Fisheries, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Employment, the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji and the National Fire Authority.

The ODPP continues to assist government ministries and departments by providing a series of a training every year as well as desk officers and legal advice on the range of possible charges and evidence required in prosecuting infringements under their own specific legislation.

This course is facilitated by ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Ms Pauline Madanavosa and other ODPP prosecutors. Upon completion of the Basic Prosecution Course, these officers will qualify to attend the Advanced Prosecution Course which will be held later in the year.

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1 August 2023.

NB: *Pictures attached.*



Participants at the opening of the ODPP Advanced Prosecution Course for Statutory Regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva on 31 July 2023.



Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Ms Elizabeth Rice addressing participants at the opening of the ODPP Basic Prosecution Course for Statutory regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva on 31 July 2023.



Front row (Left-Right) ODPP Director Human Resources, Ms Charlotte Nambiar, Assistant DPP, Ms Elizabeth Rice and Course Facilitator ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Ms Pauline Madanavosa with participants at the opening of the ODPP Basic Prosecution Course for Statutory regulators at the Ministry of Civil Service Training Centre, Nasese, Suva on 31 July 2023.