



PRESS RELEASE (No. 2 of 2025)

Response to Fiji Law Society Media Statement

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) has noted the concerns raised by the Fiji Law Society in its media statement No. 01/2025. It is unfortunate that the FLS has not sought clarity from the ODPP with regards to its media statement released on 15 January 2025.

Media statements on complaints received or update on cases from the ODPP are not rare or unusual. We respect a person's right to privacy and have exercised every care in the preservation of the information related to the complaints against Mr Pryde.

On 14th January 2025, Mr Christopher Pryde was advised by the Acting DPP Ms Nancy Tikoisuva directly on the complaint filed at FICAC, as a matter of courtesy. Mr Pryde had chosen to respond and copied various government leaders and the Fiji Law Society in his response.

It was necessary to provide a Media Statement to provide clarity on the situation. The ODPP was also deeply concerned with how Mr Pryde's response was in the possession of Graham Davies in his blog site "Grubsheet" as that would also contain the details of the allegations that had been given to Mr. Pryde directly between him and Acting DPP Nancy Tikoisuva.

The ODPP assures the members of the public that it will respect due process with regards to the FICAC investigation and that Mr Pryde has his Constitutional protection on the right of presumption of innocence, that is accorded to every person in Fiji.

We remain committed to the rule of law and the integrity of his office, including our public duty to report on matters that may be criminal. We also respect the decision of the Tribunal and His Excellency the President.

We have communicated with Mr Pryde our support to accommodate his logistical needs and have made the necessary arrangements here in Fiji in accordance with his wishes. We look forward to his resumption of duties next Monday on 20th January 2025.

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16 January 2025.