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### **ODPP hosts its first-ever Media Workshop on Court Reporting and Criminal Justice Process**

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) today hosted its first-ever workshop for media organisations aimed at strengthening understanding of court reporting, prosecution services, and the criminal justice process.

Held at the Novotel Suva Lami Bay, the workshop brought together journalists and media representatives from Fiji Sun, Fiji Times, FBC, CFL, Mai TV, and Fiji One for an interactive and informative session focused on the legal and procedural aspects of criminal prosecutions.

The session was organised in response to the increasing number of court matters receiving media coverage and the growing need for journalists to better understand the legal processes involved in criminal cases. The workshop provided insight into how matters are reviewed by prosecutors, the decision-making process involved in taking cases to court, and the various stages matters go through within the justice system.

Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Nancy Tikoisuva, acknowledged the important role the media plays in informing the public on court matters and highlighted the value of accurate, balanced, and informed reporting.

“Media reporting plays a significant role in shaping public understanding of the justice system. As more court cases receive public attention, it is important that journalists have a clearer understanding of the legal processes, court procedures, and the role of prosecutors,” Ms Tikoisuva said.

“This workshop is about building stronger engagement with the media, encouraging open dialogue, and supporting responsible and informed court reporting. We hope this is the beginning of a more constructive and collaborative relationship between the ODPP and media organisations.”

The workshop also allowed journalists to ask questions and engage in an open and informal setting designed to improve mutual understanding between the media and the prosecution service.

The ODPP hopes to continue similar engagements in the future as part of its commitment to transparency, public awareness, and strengthening relationships with key stakeholders.

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*Journalists and media representatives from local media organisations attending the ODPP's workshop on court reporting and criminal justice process at today (7.5.26).Novotel, Lami.*



*Acting DPP Ms Nancy Tikoisua addressing journalists and media representatives during its first ever workshop with media organisation on court reporting and criminal justice process today at the Novotel, Lami.*



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*Acting DPP Ms Nancy Tikoisiva (6<sup>th</sup> from left) with journalists and media representatives during the ODPP's first workshop with media organisations today at Novotel, Lami.*