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To: Chief Executive Officers and
Heads of Departments

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Subject: APPROVAL FOR RELEASE OF CIVIL SERVANTS
FOR 2005 NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Preparations for the nation's 2006 National General Elections have commenced, with the nationwide house-to-house voter registration exercise, scheduled to commence on 12th September 2005, continuing for two (2) weeks, ending on 23rd September 2005.
- 1.2 While the nationwide house-to-house voter registration progresses, voter registration will be available for eligible voters in all centre, leading up to the Closure of Rolls, which is seven (7) days after the writs of the general elections are issued by His Excellency the President.
- 1.3 The centers available to register voters are the offices of the Divisional Commissioners in Lautoka [Western Division], Nausori [Central Division], Labasa [Northern Division] and Suva [Eastern Division] as well as offices of the Provincial Administrators/District officers. The contact list of Elections office or the voter registration centres is attached as Appendix 1.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 As voter registration is compulsory, all eligible voters must register to vote, regardless of whether they were registered to vote in previous elections. Failure to register will lead to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50), payable to the Office of the Supervisor of Elections.
- 2.2 A person must register to vote, if he or she is a Fiji citizen and have been resident in Fiji for two (2) years and will be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, by 31st July 2006.

2.3 In 2001, the total number of voters registered increased by 7.2% to 468,630 against 437,195 voters registered in 1999.

3.0 **Elections Training**

3.1 Training of electoral administrators have been concluded and will be followed by the training of other registration officials, including enumerators, data operators and batching clerks.

3.2 These training programmes and the nationwide house-to-house voter registration exercise will ultimately lead to the early compilation of provisional rolls and its display for inspections and objections in early 2006.

3.3 The success of voter registration depends on electoral administrators, being able to handle and train the enumerators, data operators and batching clerks to ensure maximum performance.

4.0 **Public Service Commission Approval**

4.1 Approval is granted by the Public Service Commission for the release of civil servants, to assist the Elections Office in executing this important phase of the 2006 National General Elections. Those who will be required to participate in this process must also attend the training sessions.

4.2 Civil Servants, who are selected/appointed by the Elections Office for this process, should either be on approved Secondment or on approved Duty Leave.

4.3 The Public Service Commission reminds civil servants, who will participate in this process, to strictly adhere to the Public Service Values and Code of Conduct in their discharge of duties.

5.0 **Discretion of Chief Executive Officers**

5.1 Chief Executive Officers have the discretion to ensure that satisfactory staffing levels are maintained in their Ministries and Departments.

5.2 Ministries and Departments should immediately submit a comprehensive list of their officers available for this exercise to the office of the Supervisor of Elections, who will then select/appoint officers according to their staffing requirements.

6.0 **Clarification**

- 6.1 Any clarification required may be obtained from Mr. Jocketani Mainavukea of the Employee Relations Division of the Public Service Commission, on telephone 3314588 extension 255 and e-mail address; jmainavukea@psc.gov.fj.



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Appendix 1

	<u>Registration Centre</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Facsimile</u>
1	Elections Office	3316225	3302436
2	Commissioner Western	6660158	6660779
	PA Ba	6660760	6660779
	D O Ba	6671211	6675744
	D.O Tavua/Nadarivatu	6680553	6681390
	D.O Lautoka/Yasawa	6660158	6660779
	P.A Ra	6694240	6694700
	D.O Nadi	6700101	6703509
	P.A Nadroga/Navosa	6500110	6520700
3	Commissioner Northern	8811647	8813228
	P.A Macuata	8811439	8813228
	P.A Bua	8836060	8836041
	P.A Savusavu	8850099	8850144
	D.O Taveuni	8880026	8880289
	ADO Saqani	8850218	8850144
	ADO Tukavesi	8518024	8850144
	ADO Seaqaqa	8811858	
4	Commissioner Eastern	3318299	3312368
	P.A Lomaiviti	3440148	3440359
	DO Rotuma	8891012	8891241
	PA Kadavu	3336006	336096
	PA Lau	3313400 Ext 119	3303259
5	Commissioner Central	3477660	3478633
	PA Tailevu	3430024	3430188
	PA Rewa	3477000	3478633
	DO Korovou	3430024	3430188
	PA Naitasiri	3435008	3435106
	PA Serua	3460108	3460498
	PA Namosi	3460615	3460495