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PROVISIONAL HOTELS AND TOURIST ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 2023

Findings from the September Quarter, 2023 survey of Licensed Hotels, Resorts and Lodging Houses are presented in this release.

Summary of Licensed Accommodation for September Quarter 2022 – 2023

Figure 1: Rooms and Beds Available & Sold 2022-2023



Key Points:

- The number of Rooms Available increased by **8.9%** (73,985).
- The number of Rooms Sold increased by **26.5%** (115,771). This increase is due to re-opening of hotels & other tourist accommodation.
- The Room Occupancy Rate increased by **8.5** percentage points to **60.9%**.
- The number of Beds Available increased by **6.7%** (127,734).
- The number of Beds Sold increased by **30.3%** (281,242).
- The Bed Occupancy Rate increased by **10.8** percentage points to **59.4%**.

Table 1

Licensed Accommodation	September Qtr. 2023	September Qtr. 2022	% Change
Overall Taking [FJD million]	409.7	291.2	40.7
No. of Employees	11,803	9,434	25.1
Rooms & Beds Occupancy Rate (%)			% Points Change
Room – Occupancy Rate [%]	60.9	52.4	8.5
Beds – Occupancy Rate [%]	59.4	48.6	10.8

Source: Data provisions from the survey of Licensed Hotels, Resorts and Lodging Houses.

Table 1 Key Points;

- Takings from Accommodation, Sales of Food, Liquor, Telephone and Other Miscellaneous Charges totaled **\$409.7 million**, an increase of **40.7%**.
- Compared to September Quarter, 2022 Paid Employment in the Hotel Sector increased by **25.1%**.

Figure 2: September Quarter Room Occupancy [%] and Visitors by Years

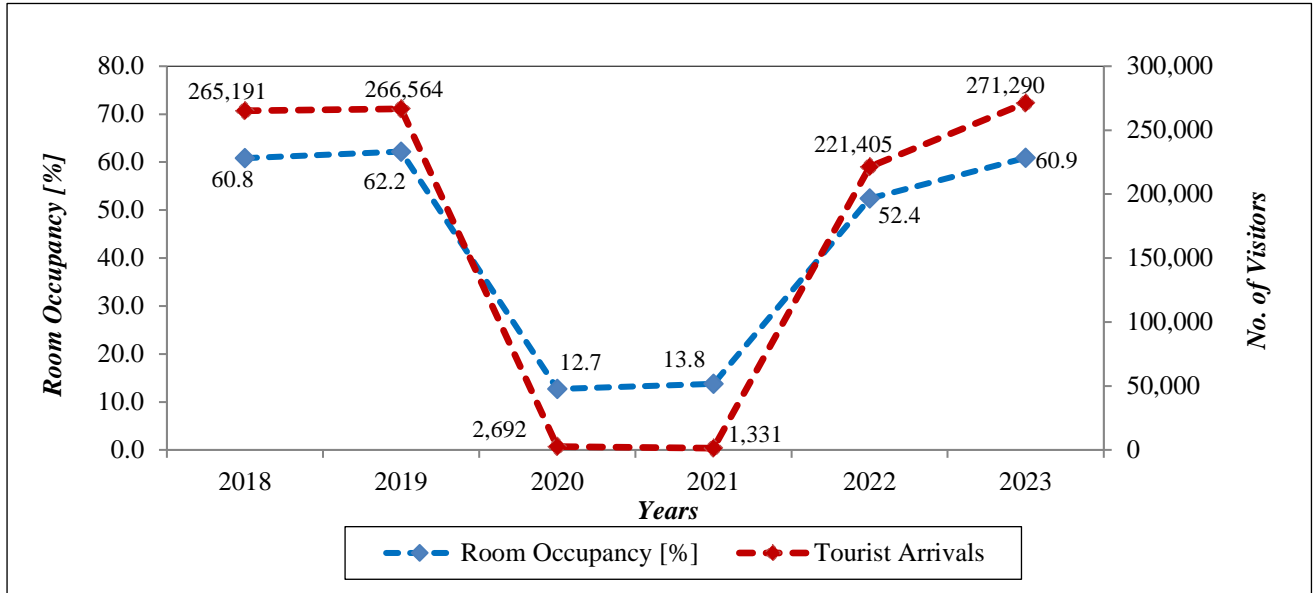
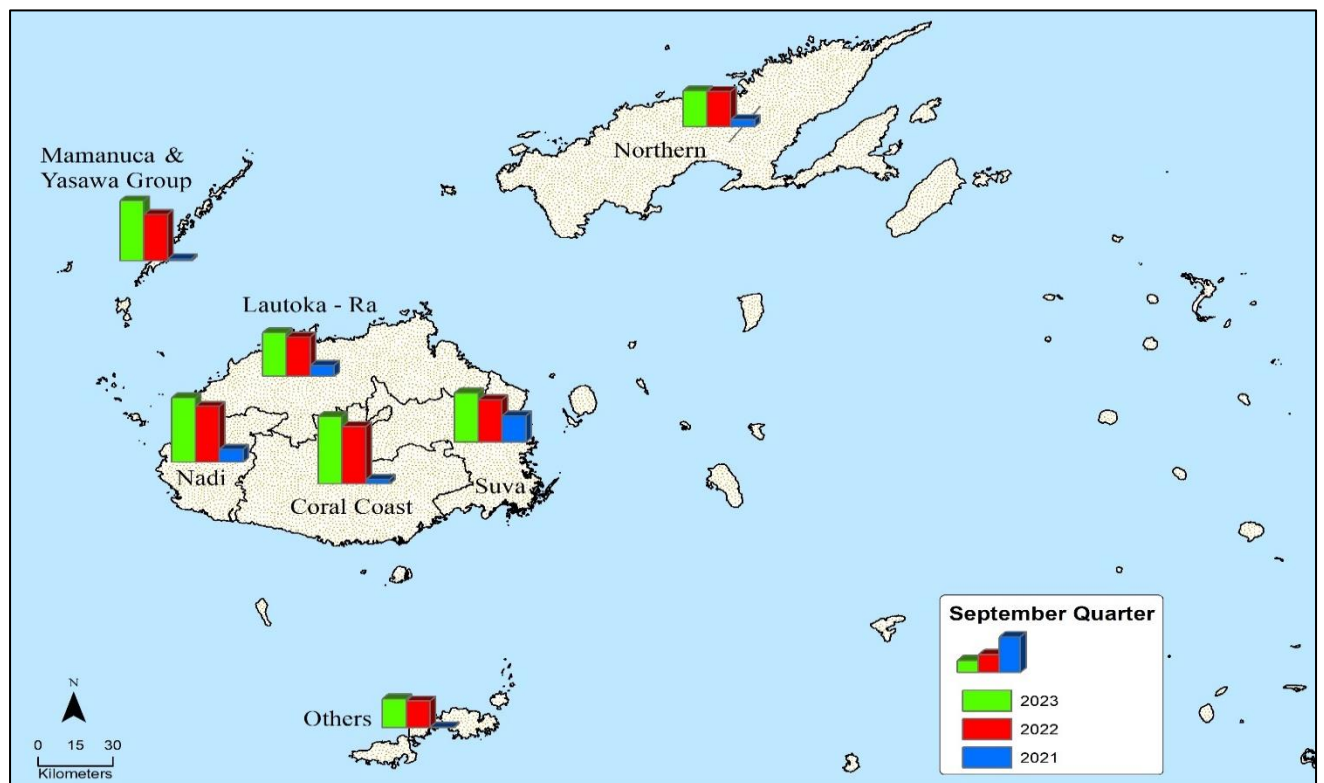


Figure 2 Key Point:

- The room Occupancy Rate increased by **8.5%** from **52.4%** to **60.9%** for the same period last year.

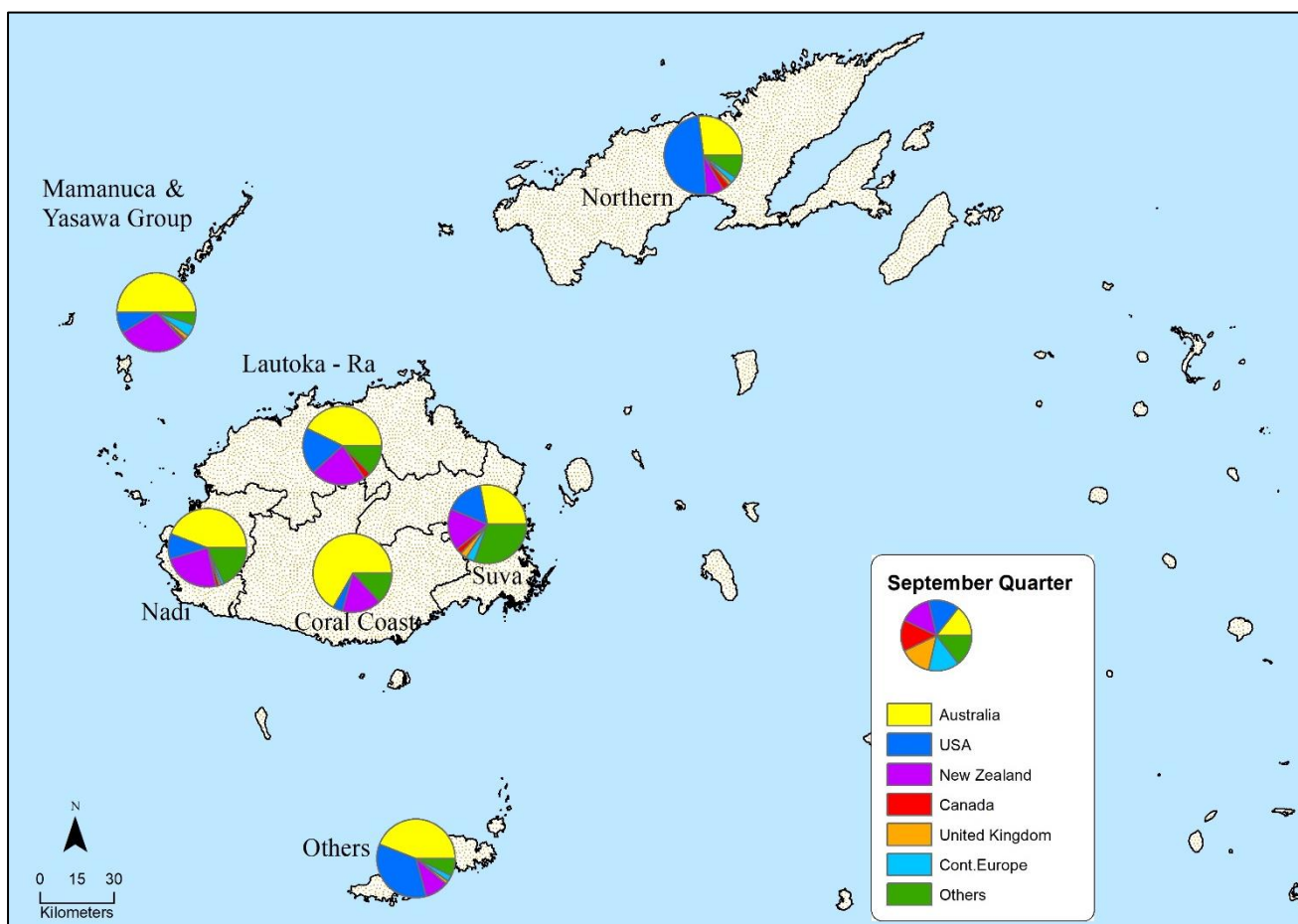
Map 1: September Quarter Room Occupancy (%) from 2021 – 2023



Map 1 Key Points:

- The Coral Coast area recorded the highest Occupancy Rate compared to other areas.
- The September Quarter 2023 Room Occupancy rates increased in all areas, when compared to September Quarter 2022.

Map 2: September Quarter 2023 Visitors by Country and by Area



Map 2 Key Points:

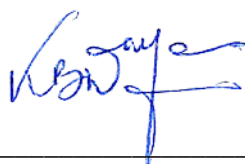
- Nadi, Coral Coast, Lautoka, and Mamanuca & Yasawa Group areas recorded a huge number of visitors from Australia.
- A large number of visitors from the United States of America stayed in the Northern and Others area.
- September Quarter data shows that Suva area also recorded a large number of visitors from Other countries, of whom majority were from the Pacific Island countries.

More detailed information is provided in the accompanying tables.

- **Table 1:** Rooms Available by Area (no.);
- **Table 2:** Rooms Sold by Area (no.);
- **Table 3:** Room Occupancy by Area (%);
- **Table 4:** Beds Available by Area (no.);
- **Table 5:** Beds Sold by Area (no.);
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- **Table 8:** Visitors by Country and by Area;
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- **Table 10:** Hotel Receipts by Area (FJ\$000); and
- **Table 11:** Paid Employment (no.).

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Provisional Hotels and Other Tourist Accommodation Statistics for December Quarter of 2023 will be released at the end of March, 2024



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Explanatory Notes

Introduction

This release contains data from the monthly survey of Hotels and other Tourist Accommodation

- A response rate of 81% was recorded for Type A Hotels.
- “There are 84 Hotels in this category. The estimate for non-response is derived from figures supplied in the previous corresponding quarter”.

Scope

The survey includes the following categories of establishments, which provide predominantly short-term non-residential accommodation to Tourist and the general public.

- **Type A** Hotels with more than 50 rooms
 - less than 49 rooms with centralized Dinning and Bar facilities including other services like spas, massage, wedding, laundry, surfing etc.
- **Type B** - Bures, Cottages and Apartment with centralized dinning and bar Facilities and other services like stated in type A and also self-catering facilities.
- **Type C** - Guest Houses and similar establishments providing dormitory type accommodation, bed only or bed and breakfast.

Coverage

Hotels, Resorts and Lodging Houses with license to operate.

Unlicensed lodging houses are not included.

Table 1

Rooms Available by Area (no)

Area	2023			2022				
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	Dec Qtr.	TOTAL
Suva	152,682	150,081	148,388	148,799	147,056	148,862	138,123	582,840
Nadi	377,674	359,826	291,572	261,394	345,752	350,933	353,799	1,311,878
Lautoka	55,434	58,283	48,113	38,155	56,139	54,759	56,423	205,476
Coral Coast	166,892	170,135	155,052	137,026	134,492	153,448	150,675	575,641
Mamanuca & Yasawa Group	86,253	82,172	85,426	24,792	61,613	65,918	64,193	216,516
Northern Division	54,099	56,075	49,342	42,213	50,433	47,220	56,309	196,175
Others	13,812	20,057	11,945	6,256	12,206	11,721	12,574	42,757
Total	906,846	896,629	789,838	658,635	807,691	832,861	832,096	3,131,283

Table 2

Room Nights Sold by Area (no)

Area	2023			2022				
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	Dec Qtr.	TOTAL
Suva	78,210	71,439	54,474	39,981	66,120	65,592	60,913	232,606
Nadi	253,063	230,596	162,692	72,878	176,716	204,236	197,215	651,045
Lautoka	25,223	23,465	20,258	14,259	18,785	22,330	21,235	76,609
Coral Coast	117,039	108,657	81,553	39,232	79,471	91,510	81,016	291,229
Mamanuca & Yasawa Group	54,036	44,648	35,012	8,016	31,836	31,973	31,944	103,769
Northern Division	20,316	22,741	16,629	10,693	19,649	17,369	19,102	66,813
Others	4,169	5,063	4,270	922	3,683	3,275	2,452	10,332
Total	552,056	506,609	374,888	185,981	396,260	436,285	413,877	1,432,403

Table 3

Room Occupancy by Area (%)

Area	2023			2022				
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	Dec Qtr.	TOTAL
Suva	51.2	47.6	36.7	26.9	45.0	44.1	44.1	39.9
Nadi	67.0	64.1	55.8	27.9	51.1	58.2	55.7	49.6
Lautoka	45.5	40.3	42.1	37.4	33.5	40.8	37.6	37.3
Coral Coast	70.1	63.9	52.6	28.6	59.1	59.6	53.8	50.6
Mamanuca & Yasawa Group	62.6	54.3	41.0	32.3	51.7	48.5	49.8	47.9
Northern Division	37.6	40.6	33.7	25.3	39.0	36.8	33.9	34.1
Others	30.2	25.2	35.7	14.7	30.2	27.9	24.7	24.2
Total	60.9	56.5	47.5	28.2	49.1	52.4	49.7	45.7

Figure 1

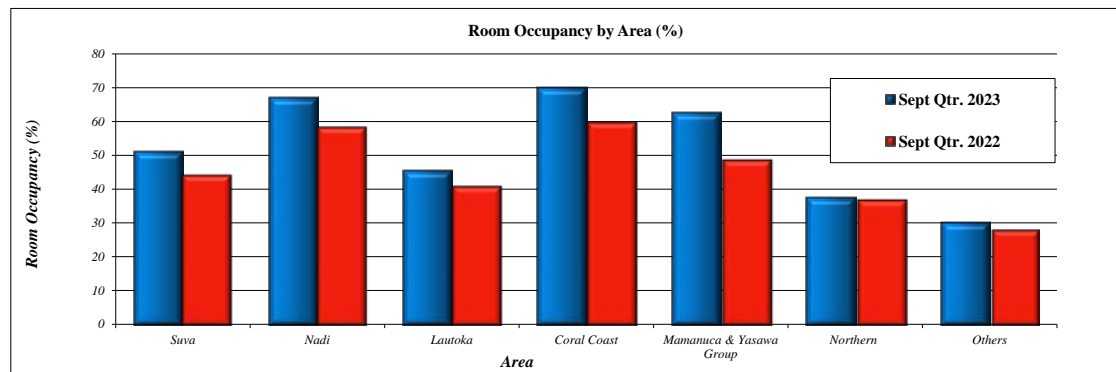


Table 4

Beds Available by Area (no)

Area	2023					2022		
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	Dec Qtr.	TOTAL
Suva	303,658	306,069	296,867	294,938	301,151	297,980	268,488	1,162,557
Nadi	851,117	767,586	623,896	528,153	735,761	807,426	801,247	2,872,587
Lautoka	111,152	118,624	97,258	77,824	115,810	109,447	114,645	417,726
Coral Coast	408,363	395,076	350,555	311,593	316,448	390,145	363,276	1,381,462
Mamanuca & Yasawa Group	208,155	213,052	196,961	59,115	164,207	172,703	153,272	549,297
Northern Division	113,979	119,100	100,689	85,702	107,910	98,333	116,406	408,351
Others	39,251	59,246	38,488	14,960	36,986	31,907	32,908	116,761
Total	2,035,675	1,978,753	1,704,714	1,372,285	1,778,273	1,907,941	1,850,242	6,908,741

Table 5

Beds Sold by Area (no)

Area	2023					2022		
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	Dec Qtr.	TOTAL
Suva	132,324	124,231	94,363	73,283	110,524	113,629	112,906	410,342
Nadi	545,579	434,456	369,521	140,420	341,362	434,947	455,116	1,371,845
Lautoka	46,465	44,705	39,246	29,052	35,064	42,090	41,386	147,592
Coral Coast	289,677	271,772	196,052	94,612	205,832	226,722	201,817	728,983
Mamanuca & Yasawa Group	148,686	127,228	98,349	19,890	84,348	74,974	75,439	254,651
Northern Division	36,086	36,799	25,536	14,099	30,217	26,540	31,801	102,657
Others	9,842	11,852	8,824	1,316	8,126	8,515	6,211	24,168
Total	1,208,659	1,051,043	831,891	372,672	815,473	927,417	924,676	3,040,238

Table 6

Bed Occupancy by Area (%)

Area	2023			2022			TOTAL
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	
Suva	43.6	40.6	31.8	24.8	36.7	38.1	35.3
Nadi	64.1	56.6	59.2	26.6	46.4	53.9	47.8
Lautoka	41.8	37.7	40.4	37.3	30.3	38.5	35.3
Coral Coast	70.9	68.8	55.9	30.4	65.0	58.1	52.8
Mamanuca & Yasawa Group	71.4	59.7	49.9	33.6	51.4	43.4	46.4
Northern Division	31.7	30.9	25.4	16.5	28.0	27.0	25.1
Others	25.1	20.0	22.9	8.8	22.0	26.7	20.7
Total	59.4	53.1	48.8	27.2	45.9	48.6	44.0

Figure 2

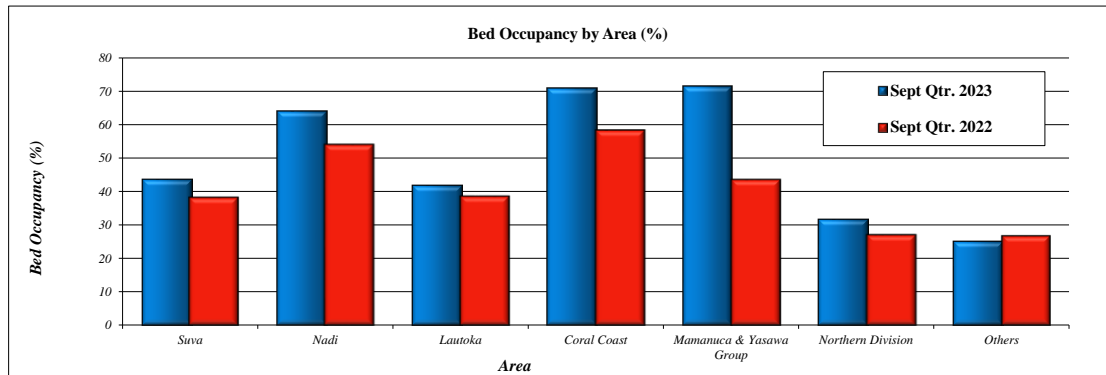


Table 7

Guest Nights by Country of Residence (no)*

Country	2023			2022				TOTAL
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	Dec Qtr.	
Australia	505,619	459,554	386,738	153,898	378,430	385,066	392,187	1,309,581
USA	102,992	89,532	65,292	20,810	70,830	68,480	67,200	227,320
New Zealand	219,845	147,234	73,355	5,146	76,388	141,567	104,410	327,511
Canada	11,583	11,892	13,766	4,197	3,537	5,238	7,648	20,620
United Kingdom	11,277	10,742	8,669	1,428	4,226	5,768	7,244	18,666
Cont.Europe	18,755	16,419	7,717	1,556	6,345	7,673	13,672	29,246
Japan	5,593	4,440	1,157	812	921	1,279	1,167	4,179
Pacific Islands	35,775	21,332	23,232	9,248	18,548	36,357	26,562	90,715
Others	115,448	86,840	69,731	17,103	67,197	92,756	69,956	247,012
Total	1,026,887	847,985	649,657	214,198	626,422	744,184	690,046	2,274,850
Local Guests	181,772	203,058	182,234	158,474	189,051	183,233	234,630	765,388
Grand Total	1,208,659	1,051,043	831,891	372,672	815,473	927,417	924,676	3,040,238

*guest - nights = beds sold

Figure 3

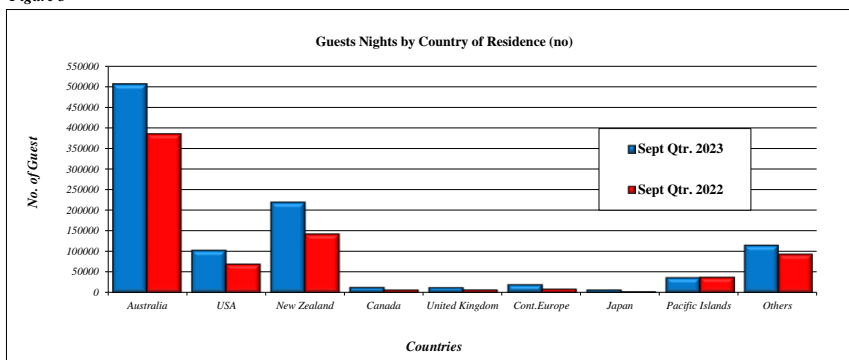


Table 8

Visitors by Country and by Area								
Country/Area	Suva	Nadi	Lautoka	Coral Coast	Mamanuca & Yasawa	Northern Division	Others	TOTAL
Australia	19,671	211,726	12,281	180,543	72,704	5,282	3,412	505,619
USA	11,118	50,500	5,449	10,824	12,735	9,628	2,738	102,992
New Zealand	12,059	113,662	6,504	43,748	41,677	1,442	753	219,845
Canada	1,712	5,763	809	1,217	1,486	556	40	11,583
United Kingdom	1,929	5,163	226	906	2,645	303	105	11,277
Cont.Europe	2,530	6,089	199	1,992	7,228	517	200	18,755
Others	21,420	86,560	3,646	35,259	7,515	1,858	558	156,816
Total	70,439	479,463	29,114	274,489	145,990	19,586	7,806	1,026,887

*Others in the Country category includes Japan, Pacific Islands and Other Countries

Table 9

Receipts (Fj\$000)

Components of Turnover	2023			2022				TOTAL
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	Dec Qtr.	
Accommodation	270,679	233,051	140,578	47,077	138,811	184,392	157,869	528,149
Food	82,137	77,436	58,232	20,858	55,647	67,209	64,222	207,936
Bar & Liquor								
*Alcoholic Drinks	22,679	22,131	13,786	6,483	15,639	18,003	15,050	55,175
*Non-Alchc Drinks	1,897	2,369	1,075	263	426	454	624	1,767
*Tobacco	44	27	34	33	16	15	26	90
Telephone	209	252	130	131	103	141	130	505
Miscellaneous	32,069	31,965	18,170	8,529	19,480	21,009	19,800	68,818
TOTAL	409,714	367,231	232,005	83,374	230,122	291,223	257,721	862,440

* Bar and Liqour has been broken down into Alcoholic drinks, Non Alcoholic and Tobacco

Table 10

Hotel Receipts by Area (Fj\$000)

Area	2023			2022				TOTAL
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	Dec Qtr.	
Suva	30,326	24,585	19,192	9,383	15,068	19,550	16,294	60,295
Nadi	169,376	147,662	94,529	35,081	82,684	136,276	120,659	374,700
Lautoka	11,277	16,555	6,830	2,337	12,830	9,608	8,026	32,801
Coral Coast	97,633	83,299	53,639	23,023	49,337	56,908	48,048	177,316
Mamanuca	68,227	64,754	43,085	10,939	46,105	43,485	43,850	144,379
Northern Division	14,447	13,440	6,491	2,540	11,183	11,549	9,453	34,725
Others	18,428	16,936	8,239	71	12,915	13,847	11,391	38,224
Total	409,714	367,231	232,005	83,374	230,122	291,223	257,721	862,440

Table 11

Paid Employment*

Employment Status	2023			2022				TOTAL
	Sept Qtr.	Jun Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	Mar Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept Qtr.	Dec Qtr.	
Full Time	8,259	8,420	7,466	4,151	5,987	6,701	6,825	5,916
Part- Time	3,544	3,916	2,864	1,297	2,924	2,733	3,131	2,521
TOTAL	11,803	12,336	10,330	5,448	8,911	9,434	9,956	8,437

*Figures derived for employment are from ending month of the Quarter.

*The estimate of Total Annual Employment is average of all quarterly paid employment.