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OPERATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNICATION

Professional Development of Staff

During the year FIU staff attended various workshops, technical forums and meetings. The FIU also provided on-the-job training to new secondment staff from FRCA and the FPF who joined the FIU during the year as part of the secondment rotation program.

Trainings, Meetings and Conventions 2016

Month	Course	Venue	Organiser
March	APG Workshop on Implementing Targeted Financial Sanctions against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	APG
	Meeting on Cybercrime	Suva, Fiji	Ministry of Justice
February	Egmont Group Intersessional Meeting	Monaco	Egmont Group
April	Fiji Institute of Accountants (FIA) Congress	Nadi, Fiji	FIA
	International Monetary Fund (IMF) Workshop on Implementing the International AML/CFT Standards	Singapore	Singapore Training Institute
	Inter-regional Specialised Workshop on Illicit Finance, and Criminal and Terrorist Networks	Los Angeles, United States of America	Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the Organisation of American States
May	Egmont Committee Meeting	Nadi, Fiji	Egmont Group/Fiji FIU
June	Train the Trainer Workshop	Nadi, Fiji	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
	Money Laundering Detection, Deterrence, Disruption and Prevention Workshop	Nadi, Fiji	UNODC
	Meeting on Cybercrime legislation and Cyber Security Strategy	Suva, Fiji	FIU

July	Pacific Operational Working Group Meeting on the South East-Asia Foreign Fighters Project	Semarang, Indonesia	INTERPOL
August	Refugee Policy and Coordination Workshop	Suva, Fiji	Ministry of Defence, National Security and Immigration
	Meeting of the National Cyber Security Working Group	Suva, Fiji	Ministry of Communications
September	APG Annual Meeting	San Diego, USA	APG
	AFI Global Policy Forum	Nadi, Fiji	AFI
	Money Laundering Detection, Deterrence, Disruption and Prevention Workshop	Brisbane, Australia	UNODC
December	Workshop to Identify Issues to be applied to the development of a FATF Standards Training Course	Busan, Korea	FATF Training & Research Institute
	Attorney-General's Conference	Sigatoka, Fiji	Office of the Attorney-General

Source: Fiji FIU

Governance

The FIU continued to provide monthly reports on its operations to the Governor of the RBF. The FIU also provided regular updates to the National AML Council on key AML/CFT national initiatives and projects, in particular, the national risk assessment and Fiji's mutual evaluation. The FIU also prepared briefings for the Minister for Justice on the APG mutual evaluation.

Communication

The FIU uses the media and its website to communicate key AML/CFT initiatives to the general public. In 2016, the FIU issued seven press releases on major AML/CFT events or issues.

The FIU also uses media interviews and the FIU Annual Report to provide awareness to the public on AML/CFT issues and the work of the FIU.

Media Releases 2016

Date	Subject
18 February	ATM Skimming in Fiji
3 June	Bogus Phone Sales "Buy 3 Get 1 Free"
11 August	The FIU Signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Fijian Elections Office
23 September	Fijian Officials attend APG Meeting
27 September	FIU Annual Report 2015
11 November	Fiji Financial Intelligence Unit Hosts Pacific FIU Attachment Program
2 December	FIU Conducts AML Compliance Examination of Lawyers and Accountants

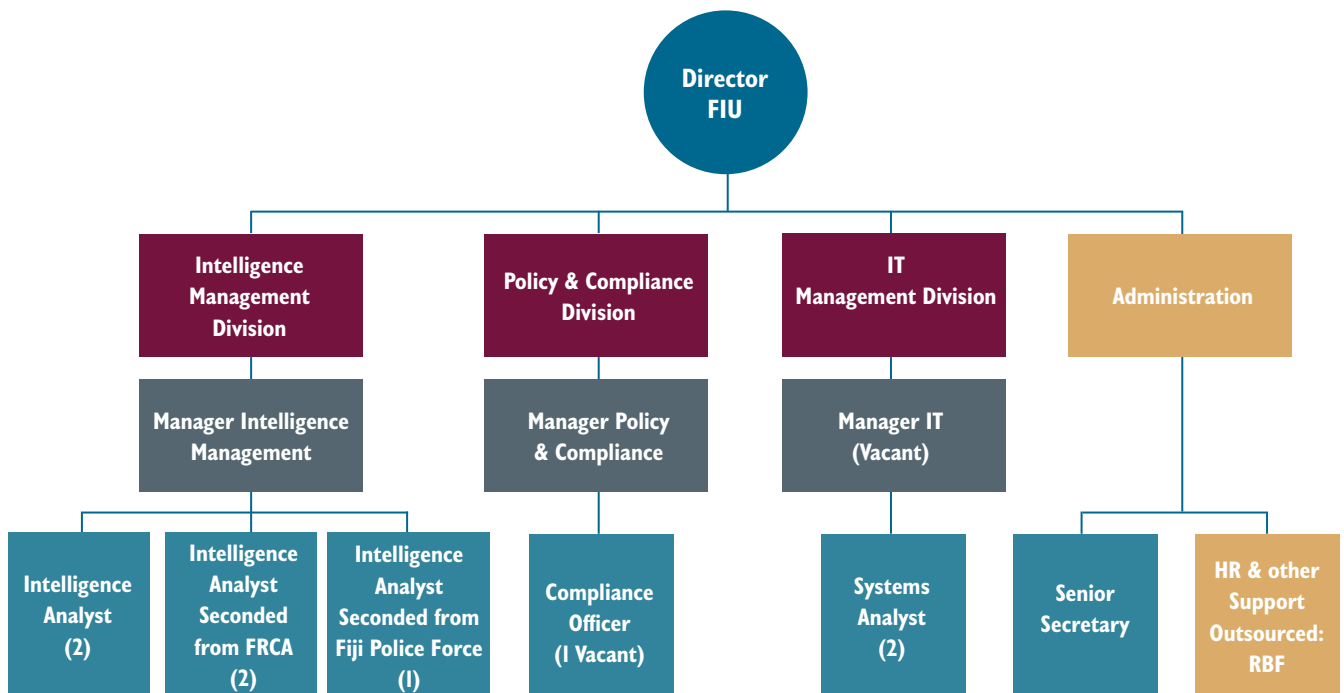
Source: Fiji FIU

Staffing

As at the end of 2016, the FIU had eight permanent staff and three officers on secondment from partner agencies (one FPF officer and two FRCA officers).

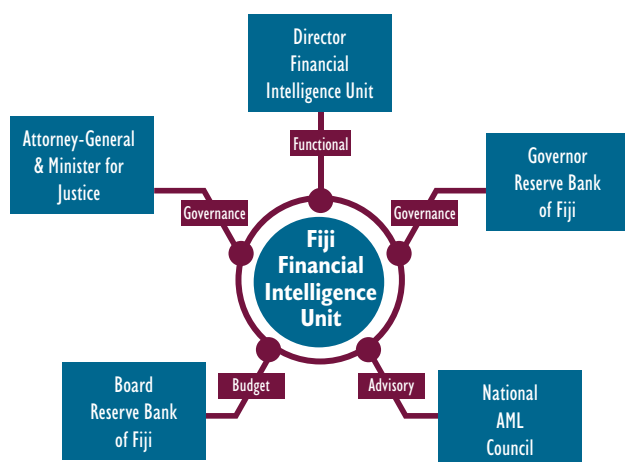
The FIU also engaged a temporary worker as part of the RBF's and National Employment Centre attachment program. In 2016, three temporary workers were engaged with the FIU on short-term attachment program.

Fiji FIU Organisation Structure 2016



Source: Fiji FIU

Governance Structure 2016



Funding and Expenditure

The RBF continued to fund the operations of the FIU in 2016. The FIU's total expenditure for the period January to July 2016 was \$492,089. The seven months expenditure is being reported to reflect that changeover of the financial year of the RBF from December to July. Thus, the period January to July 2016 was audited before the new financial year beginning August 2016. The expenditure of the FIU is incorporated into the financial statements of the RBF and is audited as part of its annual accounts.

FIU Funding and Expenditure

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (Jan-July)
Operating Expenditure ³	\$666,025	\$662,635	\$710,780	\$724,532	\$492,089
Capital Expenditure	-	\$36,339	\$16,852	\$45,854	-
TOTAL	\$666,025	\$689,974	\$727,632	\$770,386	\$492,089

Source: RBF

The RBF also provided other administrative support services to the FIU in 2016 in the areas of human resource management, accounting, information technology services, security services and other general administrative services.

³ The Reserve Bank provides additional financial support for the FIU in the terms of office space and overhead costs.

Other Assistance Provided to the FIU

The FIU received indirect funding assistance from FRCA and the Fiji Police Force through the secondment of their staff with the FIU in 2016. The salaries of the seconded officers were fully funded by their respective agencies.

In 2016, the FIU also received funding assistance from various institutions to fund staff attendance at various technical AML/CFT trainings, conventions and meetings. These included the APG, AFI and the UNODC.

Fiji FIU's Information Management System Online [FFIMSO]

Financial institutions continued to use FFIMSO to report their transactions (STR; CTR; EFTR) electronically to the FIU on-line. As at the end of 2016, 96 financial institutions had registered on FFIMSO.

FFIMSO Registration

Sector	No. of Reporting Entities Registered for On-Line Reporting to the FIU
Commercial Banks	6
Foreign Exchange Dealers & Money Remitters	9
Mobile Phone Money Remitters	2
Finance Companies	11
Law Firms	40
Insurance & Superannuation	9
Accounting Firms	7
Securities and Brokers	2
Real Estates	6
Others	4
TOTAL	96

Source: Fiji FIU

FFIMSO received an average of 145,123 financial transaction reports per month in 2016. As at the end of 2016, the FFIMSO database had received over 9.8 million financial transaction reports from financial institutions since on-line reporting commenced in 2008.

As at end of 2016, there were 102 authorised users of FFIMSO.

FFIMSO's ODDS web application was accessed by 81 AML Compliance officers, 7,217 times during 2016. FFIMSO's TRAQ web application was accessed by 18 FIU officers, 1,686 times and 10 direct database access officers, 81 times during 2016.