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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Blame yourself, not Civil Servants: NFP

The Attorney General and Minister for Civil Service is ducking for cover by blaming senior civil servants in government ministries for the discriminatory contracts being forced upon civil servants when it is the Civil Service Reform Unit under his control that has subjugated civil servants.

“The Attorney General should stop playing the blame game”. It is the AG and the Civil Service Reform Unit headed by its Director Jane Curran, who recently during the roadshow for teachers, labelled Education Ministry officials as being inferior in intellect by way of her comments of them not understanding English, who are to be solely blamed for the civil service reform debacle”, said National Federation Party Leader Professor Biman Prasad.

Professor Prasad pointed out that almost a month ago he had highlighted that position holders in the civil servants were first appointed to a grade lower than the substantive post they were holding and then given an acting appointment to their substantive position with 95% of the salary for the post.

The NFP Leader said he also highlighted that in the case of teachers it was revealed that those in the service for more than 25 years were put on the same level of salary as degree holders with far less work experience.

“The voices of the aggrieved teachers and civil servants were swept aside. Now in the latest roadshow, the AG made a comment that salaries must be commensurate with experience. He has lost all credibility and civil servants don't have any faith and trust in this government to redress their grievances”.

“Then he turns around and says salary review is not a charity. He blames health workers for the pathetic state of our hospitals and also blames the Permanent Secretary for Health for failing to ensure workers diligently perform their duties”.

“This is symptomatic of this Government. They blame everyone under the sun but themselves for the cesspool created by their policies and actions. They have lost the plot”.

Professor Prasad said the contracts of civil servants were subjugating them to government and this has no place in a democracy and an NFP Government will revoke them, put civil servants on permanent tenure, increase the retirement age to 60 years and have a fair and just adjustment to salaries of all civil servants.

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