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Positive multiplier effects in Government's response plan

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The Government's response plan to absorb the 22.5 per cent increase in bus fares on commuters, announced by the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC), will create positive multiplier effects.

"This means workers will be able to commute to and from work without additional financial burden, while allowing business operations to continue with minimal disruption", said Mr Edward Bernard, CEO of the Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation (FCEF).

This will not only provide relief to the 350,000 commuters including families with school children, but also thousands of businesses that depend on the public transport, for both workers and customers.

Mr Bernard said that while this will be at a \$2 million cost per month to Government, it is going to keep factories and offices open and continue the demand for goods and services that will contribute to consumption and Government revenue.

FCEF acknowledges that this latest announcement by the government is on top of the existing 10 per cent bus fare subsidy.

The (FCCC) approved the fare adjustment to help bus operators manage rising fuel and operational costs, effective 26th May 2026.

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