

**NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS**  
**NINTH PARLIAMENT - FIRST SESSION - FOURTH MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday 4 December 2012**

**NP/05/1/11**

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:58 am.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka
	Hon. Douglas Ete
	Hon. Jackson Fiulaua
	Hon. John Moffat Fugui
	Hon. Moses Garu
	Hon. Alfred Ghro
	Hon. Dick Ha'amori
	Hon. Martin Kealoe
	Hon. Christopher Laore
	Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo
	Hon. Alex Lionai
	Hon. Vika Lusibaea
	Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
	Hon. Martin T. Magga
	Hon. John Maneniaru
	Hon. Andrew Manepora'a
	Hon. Samuel Manetoali
	Hon. Commings Aston Mewa
	Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
	Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi
	Hon. Danny Philip
	Hon. Selwyn Riumana
	Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu
	Hon. Charles Sigoto
	Hon. Dr Derek Sikua
	Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi
	Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu
	Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare
	Hon. Hypolite Taremae
	Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga
	Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga
	Hon. Peter Tom
	Hon. David Tome
	Hon. James Tora
	Hon. Bradley Tovosia

Hon. Namson Tran

**Absent:** Hon. Steve W. Abana  
Hon. Horst Heinz Bodo Dettke  
Hon. Walter Folotalu  
Hon. Seth Gukuna  
Hon. Rick Houenipwela  
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri - (Apologies)  
Hon. Varian Loñamei  
Hon. Joseph Onika  
Hon. David Day Pacha  
Hon. Snyder Rini  
Hon. Martin Sopage  
Hon. Milner Tozaka - (Apologies)  
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

### **READING BY THE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Speaker reminded Committee chairs and members of Standing Select Committees to take their duties seriously as their duty is an oversight role and members should attend committee meetings when required at all times.

Point of Order raised by Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee.

The following members also spoke to the Point of Order raised by the Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee:

Hon. Douglas Ete - Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.  
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo - Prime Minister.  
Hon. Derek Sikua - Leader of the Opposition.

### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS**

By Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee:

“Report on the ‘Solomon Islands National University Bill 2012’.” (*National Parliament Paper No.20 of 2012*)

### **ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS**

**Question No.1 - Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report** – postponed to next sitting day, Member not present.

#### **Question No.4 – Economic Growth Centres on Malaita**

Hon. Derek Sikua (Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal) asked the Minister for Rural Development a question relating to the number of Growth Centres approved by the Malaita Provincial Assembly, which Growth Centres' ground work activities is financed by the Solomon Islands Government and how much money has been used already out of the \$30 million approved.

The Minister for Rural Development answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

- Hon. Douglas Ete - Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for East Honiara
- Hon John Maneniaru - Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are'are
- Hon. Andrew Manepora'a - MP for East Are'are
- Hon. John Moffat Fugui - MP for Central Honiara
- Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka- Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Committee and MP for Central Guadalcanal
- Hon. Manasseh Sogavare - Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for East Choiseul

Supplementary questions were answered by:

- Hon. Manasseh Maelanga - Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Home Affairs and MP for East Malaita
- Hon. Alex Lional - Minister for Rural Development and MP for South Vella La Vella
- Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo - Prime Minister

Hon. Derek Sikua thanked the Ministers for answering the questions.

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS** for the week ending Friday 7 December 2012 was announced by the Prime Minister.

#### **BILLS**

##### **Bills – Second Reading**

'Solomon Islands National University Bill 2012'

The Prime Minister moved:

*"That the Second Reading debate on the 'Solomon Islands National University Bill 2012' be adjourned to the next sitting day."*

Question put and passed.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Prime Minister moved:

*“That Parliament do now adjourn.”*

Question put and passed.

Parliament adjourned at 11:26 am until 9:30am on Wednesday 5 December 2012.

Confirmed.

Sir Allan Kemakeza, KBE  
Speaker of National Parliament

4 December 2012