

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

NINTH PARLIAMENT - FIRST SESSION - FOURTH MEETING

MINUTES

Monday 17 December 2012

NP/05/1/11

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:40 am.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

<u>Present:</u>	Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka
	Hon. Douglas Ete
	Hon. Jackson Fiulaua
	Hon. Walter Folotalu
	Hon. Moses Garu
	Hon. Alfred Ghiri
	Hon. Seth Gukuna
	Hon. Dick Ha'amori
	Hon. Rick Houenipwela
	Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
	Hon. Martin Kealoe
	Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo
	Hon. Alex Lionai
	Hon. Varian Loñamei
	Hon. Vika Lusibaea
	Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
	Hon. John Maneniaru
	Hon. Andrew Manepora'a
	Hon. Samuel Manetoali
	Hon. Commings Aston Mewa
	Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
	Hon. Joseph Onika
	Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi
	Hon. Snyder Rini
	Hon. Selwyn Riumana
	Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu
	Hon. Dr Derek Sikua
	Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi
	Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu
	Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare
	Hon. Martin Sopage
	Hon. Hypolite Taremae

Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga - (Presiding)
Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga
Hon. Peter Tom
Hon. David Tome
Hon. James Tora
Hon. Bradley Tovosia
Hon. Milner Tozaka
Hon. Namson Tran
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

Absent: Hon. Steve W. Abana
Hon. Horst Heinz Bodo Dettke
Hon. John Moffat Fugui
Hon. Christopher Laore
Hon. Martin T. Magga
Hon. David Day Pacha
Hon. Danny Philip
Hon. Charles Sigoto

In-Attendance: Mr. Billy Titiulu, *Attorney-General*

Parliament suspended at 9:43am until 2:00pm.

Parliament resumed at 2:25pm.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

By Hon. Douglas Ete, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee:

“Report into the 2013 Budget Estimates.” (*National Parliament Paper No.21 of 2012*)

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No.8 - Status of Money to Assist Infrastructure Development for Mining Resources

Hon. Andrew Manepora’a (MP for East Are’are) asked the Honourable Prime Minister a question relating to the status of USD\$10 million which the Government requested from the Japanese Government in June 2011.

The Prime Minister answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

Hon. Matthew Wale - MP for Aoke/Langalanga
Hon. Derek Sikua - Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal

Supplementary questions were answered by Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo, Prime Minister.

Hon. Andrew Manepora'a thanked the Prime Minister for answering the questions.

Question No.9 – Number of Projects Funded under the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Project – postponed to next sitting day, Minister not present.

Question No.12 – Progress on the Work of the Stability and Integrity Task Force

Hon. Derek Sikua (Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal) asked the Honourable Prime Minister a question relating to the progress on the work of the Stability and Integrity Task Force on the review of all legislations and related work programmes with a view to introducing a new Political Party Bill.

The Prime Minister answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| Hon. Matthew Wale | - | MP for Aoke/Langalanga |
| Hon. Douglas Ete | - | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for East Honiara |
| Hon. Manasseh Sogavare | - | Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for East Choiseul |
| Hon. John Maneniaru | - | Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are'are |
| Hon. Derek Sikua | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal |

Supplementary questions were answered by Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo, Prime Minister.

Hon. Derek Sikua thanked the Prime Minister for answering the questions.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS for the week ending Thursday 20 December 2012 was announced by the Prime Minister.

BILLS

Bills – Second Reading

'2013 Appropriation Bill 2012'

The Speaker reminded Honourable members that according to Standing Order 61(2), a maximum of four days, including today, is allowed for the second reading debate. However, whether the allotted days are used up depends on Members.

Point of Order raised by Hon. Derek Sikua, Leader of Opposition regarding the statement of government business announced by the Prime Minister for the debate on the second reading of the '2013 Appropriation Bill 2012' to commence and conclude today. The Leader of Opposition pointed out *Standing Orders* 69(1)(g), 61(2) and 63(1) on issues to do with the second reading of the Appropriation Bill as well as the allotment of time in Committee of Supply and asked the Speaker to adjourn debate until tomorrow.

The Prime Minister, Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo, responded.

Point of order also raised by Hon. Matthew Wale for a ruling by the Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga suggested to commence debate and see the outcome at the end of the day.

The Leader of Opposition asked the Attorney General to clarify *Standing Order* 69(1)(g).

The Attorney General made a clarification on the *Standing Orders* 69(1)(g).

The Deputy Speaker put forward two options to take: one is to commence debate and if no further members wish to speak then he will call on the Minister of Finance and Treasury to wind up debate. The second option is for the Leader of Opposition to move a motion to adjourn the debate on the second reading on the '2013 Appropriation Bill 2012' to the next sitting day.

Hon. Derek Sikua sought the Deputy Speaker's permission to move a motion without notice under *Standing Order* 26(1) as read with *Standing Order* 35(3).

The Deputy Speaker granted permission.

Points of Order raised by Prime Minister and Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, MP for East Choiseul.

Parliament suspended at 4:02pm for 15 minutes.

Parliament resumed at 4:33 pm.

At 4:33 pm the Prime Minister moved: "That *Standing Order* 10 be suspended under *Standing Order* 81 to permit continuation of business of the House until adjourned by the Speaker in accordance with *Standing Order* 10(5).

Question put and passed.

The Deputy Speaker stated that *Standing Order* 69(1)(g) provides for report to Parliament, but the report was given out whilst all members were already in the House and 69(1)(g) stipulates "to report to Parliament in such a way that the report may inform Members prior to the Parliamentary debate thereon of the background to the Draft Estimates (to) draw attention to those matters which the Committee feels should be the subject for such Parliamentary debate..." and under that *Standing Order* the Deputy Speaker ruled that the debate for the '2013 Appropriation Bill 2012' be adjourned until tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament according to earlier resolution of the House and pursuant to *Standing Order* 10(5) at 4:38 pm until 9:30am Tuesday 18 December 2012.

Confirmed.

**Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga, MP
Deputy Speaker of National Parliament**

17 December 2012