

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

NINTH PARLIAMENT - FIRST SESSION - FOURTH MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 26 March 2013

NP/05/1/11

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:38 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. John Moffat Fugui
	Hon. Moses Garu
	Hon. Alfred Ghiro
	Hon. Seth Gukuna
	Hon. Dick Ha'amori
	Hon. Johnley T. Hatimoana
	Hon. Rick Houenipwela
	Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
	Hon. Christopher Laore
	Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo
	Hon. Alex Lional
	Hon. Varian Loñamei
	Hon. Vika Lusibaea
	Hon. Martin T. Magga
	Hon. John Maneniaru
	Hon. Andrew Manepora'a
	Hon. Samuel Manetoali
	Hon. Commings Aston Mewa
	Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
	Hon. Joseph Onika
	Hon. David Day Pacha
	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. Martin Sopage
Hon. Hypolite Taremae
Hon. Peter Tom
Hon. David Tome
Hon. James Tora
Hon. Bradley Tovosia
Hon. Namson Tran
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

Absent: Hon. Steve W. Abana
Hon. Horst Heinz Bodo Dettke
Hon. Walter Folotalu
Hon. Martin Kealoe
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga
Hon. Snyder Rini
Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga
Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga
Hon. Milner Tozaka - *Apologies*

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

By Sir Allan Kemakeza, Speaker of National Parliament:

“Annual Report of the Auditor-General 2011” (*National Parliament Paper No.23 of 2012*)

“Performance Audit Report – Tertiary Scholarships Management by the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development” (*National Parliament Paper No.1 of 2013*)

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

“Report on the ‘Constituency Development Funds Bill 2013’.” (*National Parliament Paper No.2 of 2013*)

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No.1 – Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report

Hon. Matthew Wale (MP for Aoke/Langalanga) asked the Hon. Prime Minister a question relating to the date when the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission will be issued to the public and Parliament, will the full report be issued or an edited version and the causes of the delay in issuing the report.

The Prime Minister, Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal |
| Hon. John Maneniaru | - | Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are'are |
| Hon. Manasseh Sogavare | - | Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for East Choiseul |
| Hon. Danny Philip | - | Chairman of the Environment and Conservation Committee and MP for South New Georgia/Rendova/Tetepare |
| Hon. Matthew Wale | - | MP for Aoke/Langalanga |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

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| Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo | - | Prime Minister and MP for Gizo/Kolombangara |
| Mr. Billy Titulu | - | Attorney General |

Hon. Matthew Wale thanked the Prime Minister and Attorney General for answering the questions.

Question No.13 - Release of Education and Health Funds from NBSI Sale

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua (Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal) asked the Minister of Finance and Treasury a question relating to when the holders of the Education and Health Funds from the sale of NBSI will release the funds to members for the purposes intended, what the current total amount in each of the Funds, what the total amount of interest in each of the Funds, who benefits from the interest and what percentage of the interest are the holders benefitting from and how much is this so far.

The Minister of Finance and Treasury, Hon. Rick Houenipwela requested that the question be postponed until the next sitting day.

Question was therefore postponed until the next sitting day.

Question No.14 - Report on the Review of Constituency Boundaries

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua (Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal) asked the Prime Minister a question relating to the reintroduction of the Report on the Review of Constituency Boundaries to Parliament.

The Prime Minister, Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| Hon. Matthew Wale | - | MP for Aoke/Langalanga |
| Hon. John Moffat Fugui | - | MP for Central Honiara |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

Mr. Billy Titiulu	-	Attorney-General
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo	-	Prime Minister and MP for Gizo/Kolombangara

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua thanked the Prime Minister and the Attorney-General for answering the questions.

BILLS

Bills – Second Reading

‘Constituency Development Funds Bill 2013’

The Minister for Rural Development, Hon. Alex Lional moved that the ‘Constituency Development Funds Bill 2013’ be read a second time.

The Minister for Rural Development delivered his opening speech.

Debate ensued and Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee and MP for East Choiseul contributed to the debate.

Parliament suspended at 11:54am until 2:00pm.

Parliament resumed at 2:20pm.

Debate on the Second Reading of the ‘Constituency Development Funds Bill 2013’ continued and the following members contributed:

Hon. John Maneniaru	-	Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are’are
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka-	-	Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Training Committee and MP for Central Guadalcanal
Hon. John Moffat Fugui	-	MP for Central Honiara
Hon. Seth Gukuna	-	Minister of Infrastructure Development and MP for Rennell/Bellona
Hon. Johnley Hatimoana	-	MP for Ngella
Hon. Danny Philip	-	Chairman of the Environment and Conservation Committee and MP for South New Georgia/Rendova/Tetepare

Prime Minister moved:

That “the debate on the question be adjourned until 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 4:38pm until 9:30am on Wednesday 27 March 2013.

Confirmed.

**Sir Allan Kemakeza, KBE
Speaker of National Parliament**

26 March 2013