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ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – THIRD MEETING

SITTING DAY OF TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2020

BUSINESS PAPER NO 30

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NEW ITEM OF BUSINESS

1. BILL

Tax Administration Bill 2020: Bill to be introduced by the Minister for Finance and Treasury.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE HOUSE

1. QUESTIONS

Question No. 33 – Noni and Kava Industries

Hon. John Deane Kuku, MP for North New Georgia to ask the Minister for Finance and Treasury:  
Can the Minister update the House on incentives offered to noni and kava industries?

(Notice given Business Paper No.29 on 16 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 21 March 2020).

Question No. 32 – Mining Bill and Regulations

Hon. Samson Maneka, MP for North Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification:

Can the Minister inform the House on the progress of the new Mining Bill and Regulations and when it will be tabled in Parliament?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 31 – Solomon Islands Electricity Authority Tariff Rates

Hon. Samson Maneka, MP for North Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification:

Can the Minister update the House on the progress of the review process on the Solomon Islands Electricity Authority tariff rates?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 30 – Price of Bauxite

Hon. Samson Maneka, MP for North Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification:

Can the Minister inform the House on the progress of the setting and gazetting of the price of bauxite based on the international stock market price?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 29 – Gold Ridge Mine

Hon. Samson Maneka, MP for North Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification:

Can the Minister inform the House on Gold Ridge Mine in relation to:

- a) the progress of activities at the Gold Ridge Mine in terms of company arrangements, compliance with laws and standards, including dealing with resource owners who are now complaining about the company;
- b) results of the feasibility study on the life span of the mine; and
- c) steps taken to deal with the Gold Ridge Tailings dam concerns?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 28 – Ban on Plastic

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

Can the Minister inform the House on the implementation and progress of the ban on plastic policy?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 27 – 400 Meters Above Sea Level Restrictions on Logging

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

Can the Minister inform the House on how the government will enforce the 400 meters above sea level restrictions on logging activities?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 26 – Early Warning System

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

Can the Minister inform the House on plans to replace the Early Warning System (EWS) that was funded by Taiwan?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 25 – Climate Change

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

Can the Minister inform the House on:

- a) the status of the Climate Change Bill and when is it expected to be brought to Parliament; and

- b) any plans for the relocation of affected communities in Solomon Islands, especially by sea level rise, in places like Ontong Java, Lau, Walande and Langalanga?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 24 – Labour Mobility and Covid-19

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade:

Given that a whole of government approach on Covid-19 is needed, can the Minister inform the House on how it is going to address this issue when it comes to labour mobility?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 23 – Solomon Islands Graduation from Least Developed Country

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade:

Can the Minister inform the House on how it is going to facilitate the country's graduation process from a least developed country and any changes or impacts the process might have on:

- a) the Solomon Islands economy;
- b) the government's fiscal budget; and
- c) the country's fiscal outlook after the graduation?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 22 – Bilateral Relationship with People's Republic of China

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade:

Can the Minister inform the House on:

- a) the status of the government's diplomatic relations with other countries after the switch to China;
- b) if the People's Republic of China already have an office in the country, or if not, then what is its status; and
- c) the status of memorandums of understanding and funding agreements under the bilateral relationship?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 21 – Recruitment of Commissioner of Police

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Prime Minister:

Can the Prime Minister update the House on the recruitment of the Commissioner of Police?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 20 – Infrastructural Needs of Courts

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs:

Can the Minister inform the House on what steps the government will take to address the infrastructure needs of the courts in view of the complaints by the Chief Justice?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 19 – Solomon Airlines Operations With Regards to Covid-19

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Finance and Treasury:

Can the Minister inform the House on the effects of Covid-19 on the operations of Solomon Airlines?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 18 – Learning and Development Needs

Hon. John Deane Kuku, MP for North New Georgia to ask the Minister for Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs:

Can the Minister inform Parliament of the Ministry's policy and strategy to:

- a) accommodate the learning and development needs of children within the ages of 3 – 4 years old; and
- b) encourage continuous learning and development for women and girls who have been pushed out of the formal education system?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 17 – Solomon Islands Students Studying in Covid-19 Affected Countries

Hon. John Deane Kuku, MP for North New Georgia to ask the Minister for Education and Human Resources Development:

In the light of the on-going global threat of Covid-19, what plans are in place for our students studying overseas, in particular those accepted to study in South East Asian countries and the Peoples Republic of China?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 16 – Scholarship Awards

Hon. John Deane Kuku, MP for North New Georgia to ask the Minister for Education and Human Resources Development:

Can the Minister inform Parliament on:

- a) the total number of scholarship awards for 2020 by discipline, category and by province;
- b) how many scholarships were in addition to that which was appropriated by Parliament in the 2020 budget;
- c) what were the reasons for the increase in scholarships and what process was used to grant them approval; and
- d) how will the additional scholarships be funded?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 15 – Early Childhood Care and Education

Hon. John Deane Kuku, MP for North New Georgia to ask the Minister for Education and Human Resources Development:

Can the Minister inform Parliament of the status of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) program in the light of the newly introduced Pre Primary Year (PPY) program?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 14 – Asylum Seeker Granted Solomon Islands Passport

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration:

Can the Minister inform Parliament on how an escaped asylum seeker, Jaivet Ealom from Manus Island Detention Centre, was able to obtain a Solomon Islands Passport and allowed to travel?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29 on 9 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 14 March 2020).

Question No. 13 – Impacts of Covid-19 on Solomon Islands Economy

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Finance and Treasury:

Can the Minister inform the House on the impact of the Covid-19 on:

- a) the Solomon Islands economy in 2020/2021;
- b) Government's fiscal budget; and
- c) 2021 fiscal outlook?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29 on 9 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 14 March 2020).

Question No. 12 – Covid-19

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services:

Can the Minister inform the House on:

- a) the steps taken as the country's Covid-19 preparedness;
- b) safety standards on quarantine/isolation facilities to avoid transmission;
- c) stocks of protective masks and clothing in the country for front line workers and citizens;
- d) the level and nature of support from partners; and
- e) whether blood tests for Covid-19 can be performed in country and what actions need to be taken for such tests to be performed in country?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29 on 9 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 14 March 2020).

Question No. 5 – Philippines Medical Students

Hon. Charles Sigoto, MP for Ranongga/Simbo to ask the Minister for Education and Human Resources Development:

Can the Minister inform Parliament on the government decision regarding recently terminated Philippines medical students?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.9 on 19 August 2019. Question to be answered on or after 24 August 2019).

## 2. **MOTIONS**

Motion No.5: Consider Paper, Report of the Foreign Relations Committee on the Inquiry into the Question of severing of existing ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr. to move:

That Parliament resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole House to consider National Parliament Paper No.21 of 2019, the Foreign Relations Committee Report on the Inquiry into the Question of severing of existing ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan).

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.19 on 2 December 2019. Motion to be moved on or after 6 December 2019).

Motion No.4: Motion of Confidence.

Hon. Prime Minister to move:

That Parliament has confidence in the Government and its policies.

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No. 14(c) on 15 November 2019. Motion to be moved on or after 19 November 2019).

## 3. **BILLS**

Payment Systems Bill 2020: Bill to be introduced by the Minister for Finance and Treasury.

Tribal Land Panels Bill 2019: Bill to be introduced by the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs.

**Tuesday 17 March 2020**