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**BUSINESS PAPER NO 159**

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**NEW ITEM OF BUSINESS**

(No new items of business)

**BUSINESS BEFORE THE HOUSE**

**1. PETITION(S)**

(no petitions)

**2. PAPER(S)**

(no papers)

**3. QUESTIONS**

Question No.198 – Attorney General’s Political Statements on Social Media

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition and MP for East Malaita to ask the Prime Minister:

- a) Can the Prime Minister explain to this House why the Attorney General has been making political statements on social media; expressing negative views on the draft Federal Constitution, and accusing legislators of being responsible for corrupting the system?
- b) As a public servant and First Law Officer of the Judiciary, is not the Attorney General acting contrary to the General Orders, particularly *Chapter C: Section 107 (b) and (c) and Section 501 (a) and (b)* in making those public statements?

(Notice given Business Paper No.151 on 31 July 2018. Question to be answered on or after 5 August 2018).

Question No.197 – Disaster Management Recovery Plan by the Government and Solomon Airlines

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

- a) Can the Minister confirm that the Government and Solomon Airlines has in place a Disaster Management Recovery Plan to be approved prior to international operations into Munda, and if so, how many hospital beds per aircraft seat capacity is planned?

- b) Also has this plan been exercised either on site in Munda or via desktop in Honiara by both the state (SIG) and the operator (Solomon Airlines) as required by the Civil Aviation Act and Regulations?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.142 on 29 June 2018. Question to be answered on or after 4 July 2018).

Question No.195 – Solomon Islands Obligations under PACER Plus

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade:

- a) Can the Minister inform the House on the PACER Plus trade agreement and the obligations imposed on Solomon Islands by this agreement?
- b) Can the Minister inform the House of the grounds for withdrawal or refusal to sign by some member countries of Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.142 on 29 June 2018. Question to be answered on or after 4 July 2018).

Question No.194 – Financial Matters of Logging Companies

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

Can the Minister inform the House, for each of the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017:

- c) how many logging companies declared a profit before tax,
- d) what is the total company income tax received from all such companies for each of those years,
- e) how many logging companies declared losses for those same years, and;
- f) what are the total losses declared by such companies for each year?

(Notice given Business Paper No.136 on 29 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 3 April 2018).

Question No.190 – Fixed Term Estate in parcel 191-060-2

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey:

Can the Minister inform the House whether the Fixed Term Estate (FTE) in parcel 191-060-2 has been extinguished and the land given back to the Perpetual Estate title holders?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.134 on 23 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 28 March 2018).

Question No.187 – Financial Situation of Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation

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

Can the Prime Minister inform the House on the financial situation of the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation and the steps, if any, that are being taken to restore solvency and resume full operations?

(Notice given Business Paper No.133 on 19 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 24 March 2018).

Question No.185 – Influx of Bangladeshi Nationals

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition and MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration:

Can the Minister explain to Parliament why there is a sudden influx of Bangladeshi nationals into the country?

(Notice given Business Paper No.133 on 19 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 24 March 2018).

Question No.184 – Preparations for the Melanesian Arts Festival

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

Can the Minister inform the House on preparations for the Melanesian Arts Festival including bio-security?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.133(b) on 14 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 19 March 2018).

Question No.183 – Progress of the Honiara Main Road Project

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

Can the Minister inform Parliament:

- i) of the progress of the Honiara main road project? and,
- ii) if all SIWA, SIEA and Telekom underground infrastructures are being laid along with progress, and will not require damage to the road again after completion of the project?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.133(b) on 14 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 19 March 2018).

Question No.182 – Purchase of Land at Bloody Ridge and Hell's Point

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

- i) Can the Prime Minister inform the House on the method and value of the purchase of land at Bloody Ridge and Hell's Point from Lever Solomons Limited (LSL)?
- ii) And can the Prime Minister confirm:
  - a) if the deal includes purchase of 20% shares in Russell Islands Plantation Estate Limited (RIPEL) or LSL?
  - b) the size or number hectares of the land being purchased?
  - c) the number of hectares of such total area that is improved and the total area of the land that is swampy or flood prone?
  - d) the public purpose for which the land is being purchased?
  - e) who signed the purchase agreement on behalf of the government and the date of that agreement?
  - f) the total value to be paid under the agreement?
  - g) the value of any deposits already paid and the dates of payments?
  - h) does the agreement allow the government any exit clauses if it wishes not to proceed to purchase the land?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.133(b) on 14 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 19 March 2018).

Question No.181 – Vangunu Copper/Gold and Malaita Diamonds Prospecting Projects

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition and MP for East Malaita to ask the Prime Minister:

Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament if he has any plans to revisit the Vangunu copper/gold and Malaita diamonds prospecting projects that were abandoned by the Ministry of Mines in 2000?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.178 – Bina Harbour and Fiu Hydro Projects

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Prime Minister:

Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament if the government is going to continue pursuing the Bina Harbour and Fiu Hydro projects this year?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.177 – Status of the Proposed Settlement of Hell's Point Land

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Prime Minister:

Can the Prime Minister inform the House of the status of the proposed settlement of Hell's Point Land and what is the current position of the government on this?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.176 – Signing of Loan Agreement for Tina Hydro

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Prime Minister:

Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament:

- i) if the loan agreement for Tina Hydro has been signed, and;
- ii) who or which Minister signed the agreement on behalf of the Solomon Islands government?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.175 – SIDCCG's Position on the Issue of West Papua

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Prime Minister:

Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament of the SIDCCG's position on the issue of West Papua?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.173 – License Applications for Nickel Mining Projects in Isabel

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification:

Can the Minister inform the House in regards to the nickel mining projects in Isabel:

- i) if there have been any grants of licenses to applicants
- ii) if yes, how many licenses
- iii) who are the successful applicants, and;
- iv) how was the approval made?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.172 – Number of Tertiary Scholarships Awarded so far in 2018

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Education and Human Resources Development:

Can the Minister inform the House on the total number of tertiary scholarships that have been awarded so far this year under the three main scholarship categories?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.171 – Allocation of Scholarships According to the High Achievers Category

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Education and Human Resources Development:

Can the Minister inform the House and the people of Solomon Islands on how many Form Seven (7) students in 2017 have been allocated scholarships according to the High Achievers Category from the hundred (100) scholarships budgeted for in 2017?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.170 – Cuban Trained Doctors

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services:

Can the Minister inform the House on how many of our Cuban trained doctors have returned and are now serving our people?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.169 – Recruitment of Solomon Island Nurses to Work in Vanuatu

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services:

Can the Minister inform the House on the government's position with regards to the recruitment of Solomon Island nurses to work in Vanuatu in 2018?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.168 – Revised Nurses Scheme of Service

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services:

Can the Minister inform Parliament why the Ministry has failed to implement the revised nurses scheme of service?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.166 – Negotiations with the Australian Government on the Undersea Cable Project

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Communication and Aviation:

Can the Minister inform the House on the latest outcome of negotiations with the Australian Government on the undersea cable project and what stage is the project up to?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.165 – Progress on Manaoba Airport

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Communication and Aviation:

- i) Can the Minister inform the House on the progress of work on the Manaoba Airport?
- ii) Is there a possibility for operating flights to the Manaoba Airport in 2018, and;
- iii) If so, when is the service expected to commence?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.164 – Progress on Lomlom Airport

Hon. Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of Opposition & MP for East Malaita to ask the Minister for Communication and Aviation:

- i) Can the Minister inform the House on the progress of work on the Lomlom Airport?
- ii) What is the progress of the Taskforce mandated to find a solution for the land owning groups of the Lomlom Airport?

(Notice given Business Paper No.132 on 6 March 2018. Question to be answered on or after 11 March 2018).

Question No.161 – Regulation of Drones

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Communication and Aviation:  
What is the level of regulation of drones of all specifications?

(Notice given Business Paper No.128 on 28 February 2018. Question to be answered on or after 4 March 2018).

Question No.160 – Rhinoceros Beetle

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Livestock:  
Can the Minister inform the House on the progress made in the fight against the rhinoceros beetle?

(Notice given Business Paper No.128 on 28 February 2018. Question to be answered on or after 5 March 2018).

Question No.159 – Funding Commitment of Republic of China (ROC) towards 2023 Pacific Games

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

Can the Prime Minister inform the House –

- (a) On the level of funding commitment by the Republic of China (ROC) towards the 2023 Pacific Games?
- (b) What percentage is that commitment to the entire games budget?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.128(b) on 20 February 2018. Question to be answered on or after 25 February 2018).

#### 4. **BILLS**

The 2018 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2018: Second Reading.

The 2017 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2018: Second Reading.

The Development Bank of Solomon Islands Bill 2018: Second Reading.

The Constitution (Amendment) (Dual Citizenship) Bill 2018: Bill to be introduced by the Prime Minister.

The Payment Systems Bill 2018: Second Reading.

The Goods Tax (Amendment) Bill 2018: Second Reading.

The Electoral Bill 2018: Second Reading.

The Solomon Islands Maritime Authority Bill 2018: Second Reading.

The Constitution (Amendment) (Electoral Reform) Bill 2018: Second Reading.

The Citizenship Bill 2017: Second Reading.

The Prescription of Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2017: Second Reading.

The Legal Profession Bill 2017: Second Reading.

#### 5. **AMENDMENTS**

Hon. Rick Houenipwela, Prime Minister to move the following amendments:

That the *Constitution (Amendment) (Electoral Reform) Bill 2018* be amended as follows:

1. New section 57, which is inserted by clause 5, is amended as follows:
  - (a) in subsection (2)(b), by deleting "three" and substituting "two";
  - (b) in subsections (2)(c) and (4), by deleting "Commissioner of Elections" and substituting "Chief Electoral Officer".
  - (c) in subsection (5), by deleting "2 women are to be members of the Commission" and substituting "one member of the Commission must be a woman".
2. New section 57A, which is inserted by clause 6, is amended as follows:
  - (a) In the section heading, by deleting "Commissioner of Elections" and substituting "Chief Electoral Officer";
  - (b) In subsection (1), by deleting "Commissioner of Elections" and substituting "Chief Electoral Officer";
  - (c) In subsections (2), (3) and (4), by deleting "Commissioner" and substituting "Chief Electoral Officer".
3. Clauses 7 and 8 are amended by deleting each reference to "Commissioner of Elections" and substituting "Chief Electoral Officer".

Hon. Ishmael Mali Avui, Minister for Home Affairs to move the following amendment:

That the *Electoral Bill 2018* be amended as follows:

- (a) Clause 2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

**"2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the date or different dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette."

Hon. Rick Houenipwela, Prime Minister to move the following amendment:

That the *Constitution (Amendment) (Electoral Reform) Bill 2018* be amended as follows:

- (a) Clause 1(2) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"(2) This Act commences on the date or different dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

Hon. Derick Manu'ari, Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs to move the following amendments:

That the *Legal Profession Bill 2017* be amended as follows:

- a) Clause 206(2) is amended by deleting "2019" and substituting "2020".
- b) Clause 207(1)(a) is amended by deleting "2019" and substituting "2020".
- c) Clause 207(2) is amended by deleting "2019" and substituting "2020".
- d) Clause 209(2) is amended by deleting "2019" and substituting "2020".

### **CORRIGENDUM**

The *Legal Profession Bill 2017* is amended as follows:

- (a) clause 5, definition of "**costs dispute**", delete "an law" and substitute "a law";
- (b) clause 5, definition of "**supervised legal practice**", paragraph (b), delete "subparagraph (i)" and substitute "paragraph (a)";
- (c) clause 67(1)(f), insert "the" before "Authority";
- (d) clause 82(3), delete "subsection(1)" and substitute "subsection (2)";
- (e) clause 82(4), delete "a ceasing" and substitute "ceasing";
- (f) clause 99(1)(a)(ii), delete "be" and substitute "been";
- (g) clause 137(b), delete "; or" and substitute ".".

The Objects and Reasons immediately following the end of the *Legal Profession Bill 2017* are amended by replacing the name of the former Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs, Hon. William Bradford Marau, with the name of the new Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs, Hon. Derick Manu'ari.

**10 August 2018**