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NEW ITEMS 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.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.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:

- a) how many logging companies declared a profit before tax,
- b) what is the total company income tax received from all such companies for each of those years,

- c) how many logging companies declared losses for those same years, and;
- d) 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.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 Traditional Governance and Customs Facilitation Bill 2018: Bill to be introduced by the Minister for National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace.

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: Committee Stage

The Solomon Islands Maritime Authority 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. Ishmael Mali Avui, Minister for Home Affairs to move the following amendments:

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

(1) Clause 3 is amended as follows:

- (a) by deleting the definition of “*Commissioner*” and inserting the following new definition in alphabetical order:

““*CEO*” means the Chief Electoral Officer appointed under section 57A of the Constitution;”;

- (b) in the definition of “*electoral official*”, by deleting the word “*Commissioner*” and substituting the abbreviation “*CEO*”.

(2) Clause 11 is amended as follows:

- (a) by deleting paragraph (b);
- (b) in paragraph (c), by deleting the words “and the *Political Parties Integrity Act 2014*”.

(3) Clause 12 is amended by deleting the word “may” and substituting with the word “must”.

- (4) Clause 13 is amended by deleting the word "Commissioner" and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO".
- (5) Clause 14 is amended as follows;
 - (a) in paragraph (c) by deleting the word "Commissioner" and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO";
 - (b) in paragraph (d) by deleting the number "3" and substituting with the number "2".
- (6) The heading to Part 3, Division 2 on page 12 is amended by deleting the words "**Commissioner of Elections**" and substituting with the words "**Chief Electoral Officer**".
- (7) Clause 16 is amended as follows;
 - (a) in the first line by deleting the word "Commissioner" and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO";
 - (b) in paragraph (c) by deleting the words "and the regulation of political parties".
- (8) Clause 17 is amended by deleting the word "Commissioner" and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO".
- (9) Clause 18 is amended by deleting subclauses (3) and (4).
- (10) Clause 19 is amended in subsections (1) and (2) by deleting the word "Commissioner" and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO".
- (11) Clause 20 is amended in subsection (b) by deleting the word "Commissioner" and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO".
- (12) Clause 21 is amended in subclause (1) by deleting the word "Commissioner" and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO".
- (13) Clause 22 is amended in subclauses (1) and (3) by deleting the word "Commissioner" and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO".
- (14) Clause 23 is amended as follows;
 - (a) by deleting the word "Commissioner" wherever it appears in subclause (1), subclause (3) and subclause (4) and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO" respectively;
 - (b) in subclause (1) by deleting the word "The" and substituting with the words "Subject to section 24A, the";
 - (c) in subclause (4) by deleting the word "A" and substituting with the words "Subject to section 24A, a".
- (15) Clause 24 is amended as follows;
 - (a) by deleting the word "Commissioner" wherever it appears in subclause (1), subclause (3) and subclause (4) and substituting with the abbreviation "CEO" respectively;
 - (b) in subclause (1) by deleting the word "The" and substituting with the words "Subject to section 24A, the";

- (c) in subclause (4) by deleting the word “A” and substituting with the words “Subject to section 24A, a”.

(16) The following new clause is inserted after clause 24:

“24A Restrictions on appointments

- (1) The powers of appointment in sections 23 and 24 are subject to the requirements of this section.
- (2) A person cannot hold the following positions at the same time:
 - (a) registration officer and revising officer;
 - (b) registration officer and assistant revising officer;
 - (c) revising officer and assistant registration officer.
- (3) In addition, a person is not eligible to be appointed as a revising officer or an assistant revising officer for a constituency if the person has held the position of registration officer for the constituency at any time in the 5 year period immediately before the appointment.”

(17) Clause 25 is amended in subclause (1) and subclause (3) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO” respectively.

(18) Clause 26 is amended in subclause (1), subclause (3) and subclause (4) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO” respectively.

(19) Clause 27 is amended in subclause (1) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(20) Clause 28 is amended in subclause (3) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(21) Clause 50 is amended in subclause (1) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(22) Clause 52 is amended in subclause (1) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(23) Clause 57 is amended by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(24) Clause 63 is amended by deleting subclause (2)(b) and substituting with the following:

“(b) be made personally at a nomination place in the constituency; and”

(25) Clause 69 is amended as follows;

- (a) in the first paragraph by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.
- (b) in the first paragraph by deleting the words “Within 30” and substituting with “(1) Within 90”;
- (c) in the first paragraph by deleting the words “audited by a person who is a registered company auditor under the *Accountants Act 2010*”;
- (d) in paragraph (b) by deleting the word “funds” and substituting with the words “funds (including the amount received from each source)”;
- (e) by inserting the following new subclause at the end:

“(2) The regulations may make provision for the preparation and content of the statement of account.”

(26) Clause 71 is amended in paragraph (b) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(27) Clause 72 is amended as follows;

- (a) in subclause (2)(c) by deleting the words “the symbol” and substituting with the words “a photograph of the face of each candidate and the symbol (if any)”;
- (b) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears in subclause (2)(e) and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(28) Clause 75 is amended by deleting the entire clause and substituting with the following:

“75 Photographs and symbols on ballot paper

Alongside a candidate’s name, a ballot paper must include:

- (a) a photograph of the candidate’s face; and
- (b) if the candidate is an independent candidate who has elected to be represented by a symbol – a symbol allocated by the returning officer for the constituency; and
- (c) if the candidate is representing a political party – the party symbol registered under the *Political Parties Integrity Act 2014*.

Note

Section 141A modifies the application of this section for the 2019 general election only.”

(29) Clause 77 is amended as follows;

- (a) in the heading, by deleting the word “**names**” and substituting with the words “**names, photographs**”;
- (b) in line two of the paragraph by deleting the words “candidates and their symbols” and substituting with the words “candidates along with their photographs and symbols (if any)”.

(30) Clause 103 is amended in subclause (1) by deleting the word “equal” and substituting with the words “equal highest”.

(31) Clause 107 is amended as follows:

- (a) by inserting the number “(1)” before the words “The Commission”;
- (b) by inserting the following new subclause after subclause (1) and before the note:

“(2) Within 30 days after the notice is published, the Commission must publish the final list of electors for each constituency showing which of the electors on the list voted in the election (regardless of whether an elector’s vote was valid)”.

(32) Clause 111 is amended by inserting the following new subclause after subclause (1):

“(1A) The Court must decide a petition under this Part within 12 months after it is filed”.

(33) Clause 114 is amended in subclause (1)(a)(i) by deleting the word “Commissioner” and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(34) Clause 123 is amended in paragraph (b) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(35) Clause 125 is amended as follows:

- (a) in the heading, by deleting the word “**expenses**” and substituting “**expenses and donations**”;
- (b) in subclause (1), by deleting the figure “\$250,000” and substituting with the figure “\$500,000”;
- (c) by inserting the following new subclauses after subclause (2):

“(3) A candidate commits an offence if the candidate accepts a campaign donation from:

- (a) a person who is not a citizen of Solomon Islands; or
- (b) a company with at least one shareholder who is not a citizen of Solomon Islands.

Maximum penalty: 50,000 penalty units or 5 years imprisonment, or both.

- (4) In this section, “*campaign donation*” means any transfer of property made, otherwise than by will, without consideration or with inadequate consideration that is intended to be used, or is used, solely or substantially for a purpose related to an election.”

(36) Clause 126 is amended in subclause (1) by deleting the words “if the person” and substituting with the word “if”.

(37) Clause 131 is amended in subclause (1) by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(38) Clause 134 is amended in subclause (1) by deleting the word “Commissioner” and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(39) Clause 135 is amended by deleting the word “Commissioner” wherever it appears and substituting with the abbreviation “CEO”.

(40) The following new clause is inserted after clause 141:

“141A Use of symbols for 2019 election

- (1) This section applies to the general election held in 2019 only.
- (2) Despite section 75, a candidate representing a political party may use an alternative symbol allocated by the returning officer for the constituency if, together with his or her nomination form, the candidate gives the returning officer a certificate signed by the executive of the political party approving the use of an alternative symbol.”

(41) Clause 143 is amended by deleting subclause (2) and subclause (7).

(42) Schedule 2, Form 3 on page 83 is amended as follows:

- (a) by inserting a new column to the right of the first column, headed “PHOTOGRAPH OF CANDIDATE”; and

by inserting the words “(IF ANY)” after the words “SYMBOL OF CANDIDATE”.

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. 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.

24 August 2018