



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – FIFTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 100

Wednesday 5th April 2017

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The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:22 a.m.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

Present: Hon. Steve William Abana
Hon. Ishmael Mali Avui
Hon. Douglas Ete
Hon. Jackson Fiulaua
Hon. John Moffat Fugui
Hon. Moses Garu
Hon. Alfred Ghiri
Hon. Nestor Giro
Hon. Rick Nelson Houenipwela
Hon. Dr. Tautai Agikimua Kaituu
Hon. Duddley Kopu
Hon. John Dean Kuku
Hon. Christopher Laore
Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea
Hon. Augustine Auga Maeue
Hon. Jeremiah Manele
Hon. Andrew Manepora'a - *Presiding*
Hon. Samuel Manetoali
Hon. Derick Rawcliff Manu'ari
Hon. Willie Bradford Marau
Hon. Commings Aston Mewa
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi
Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo
Hon. Danny Philip
Hon. Lionel Alex Qora
Hon. Snyder Rini
Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu

Hon. Charles Sigoto
 Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua
 Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu
 Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare
 Hon. Freda Tuki Soriacomua
 Hon. Jimson Fiau Tanangada
 Hon. Silas K. Vaqara Tausinga
 Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana
 Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome
 Hon. Bradley Tovosia
 Hon. Namson Tran
 Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

<u>Absent:</u>	Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka	-	<i>Apologies (Government Business)</i>
	Hon. Heinz Horst Bodo Dettke		
	Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri		
	Hon. Martin Kealoe		
	Hon. Manasseh Maelanga	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>
	Hon. Samson Maneka		
	Hon. John Maneniaru		
	Hon. Elijah Doro Muala		
	Hon. David Day Pacha	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>
	Hon. Peter Tom		
	Hon. Milner Tozaka	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>

In-Attendance: Mr. James Apaniai, *Attorney-General*

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No.61 – National Wage Policy

The Minister for Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration, Hon. Elijah Doro Muala was not present to answer the question. Postponed to next sitting day.

Question No.122 – Royal Solomon Islands Police Force UN Deployment

Hon. Jeremiah Manele, Leader of Opposition & MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei asked the Minister for Police, National Security and Correctional Services a question relating to the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force officers deployed in Darfur, under the United Nations African Union Mission.

The Minister, Hon. Stanley Sofu answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

Hon. Rick Houenipwela	-	Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee & MP for Small Malaita
Hon. Connelly Sandakabatu	-	Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee & MP for North West Choiseul

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| Hon. Matthew Wale | - | Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee & MP for Aoke/Langalanga |
| Hon. Jeremiah Manele | - | Leader of Opposition & MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

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| Hon. Stanley Sofu | - | Minister for Police, National Security and Correctional Services & MP for East Kwaio |
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Hon. Jeremiah Manele thanked the Minister for answering the questions.

Question No.124 – Solomon Islands Students studying at AMA University in the Philippines

Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana, MP for Maringe/Kokota asked the Minister for Education and Human Resources Development a question relating to Solomon Islands students studying at AMA University in the Philippines.

The Minister, Hon. John Moffat Fugui, answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| Hon. Matthew Wale | - | Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee & MP for Aoke/Langalanga |
| Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua | - | Leader of the Independent Group & MP for North East Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Rick Houenipwela | - | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee & MP for Small Malaita |
| Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana | - | Chairman of the Environmental and Conservation Committee & MP for Maringe/Kokota |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

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| Hon. John Moffat Fugui | - | Minister for Education and Human Resources Development & MP for Central Honiara |
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Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana thanked the Minister for answering the questions.

MOTIONS

Motion No.23 – Consider Paper, Second White Paper on Proposed Election System

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister, has moved:

That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the *Second White Paper on the Proposed Election System for Solomon Islands*, National Parliament Paper No.11 of 2017.

Debate on the motion continued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Christopher Laore | - | Minister for Forestry and Research & MP for Shortlands |
| Hon. Augustine Auga Maeue | - | MP for Lau/Mbaelelea |
| Hon. Stanley Sofu | - | Minister for Police, National Security and Correctional Services & MP for East Kwaio |

Parliament suspended at 12:05 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Parliament resumed at 2:09 p.m.

Debate on the motion continued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Connelly Sandakabatu | - | Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee & MP for North West Choiseul |
| Hon. Bradley Tovosia | - | MP for East Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Freda Soriacomua | - | Minister for Women, Youth, Children's and Family Affairs & MP for Temotu Vatud |
| Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea | - | Minister for Infrastructure Development & MP for North Malaita |
| Hon. Nestor Giro | - | Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Training Committee & MP for Central Makira |
| Hon. Dr. Tautai Kaituu | - | Minister for Health and Medical Services & MP for Rennell/Bellona |

The Minister's speech was interrupted due to him misplacing his notes. The Speaker gave time to other Members while the Minister located the second part of his speech. He therefore resumed his seat.

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| Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana | - | Chairman of the Environmental and Conservation Committee & MP for Maringe/Kokota |
| Hon. Duddley Kopu | - | Minister for Agriculture and Livestock & MP for Temotu Pele |
| Hon. Jimson Tanangada | - | Minister for Rural Development & MP for Gizo/Kolombangara |
| Hon. Derick Manu'ari | - | Chairman of the Parliamentary House Committee & MP for West Makira |

At 4:30 pm the Prime Minister sought leave to suspend Standing Order 10 in accordance with Standing Order 81 to permit continuation of the business of the House until adjourned by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 10(5).

Leave granted.

The Prime Minister moved:

“That Standing Order 10 be suspended in accordance with Standing Order 81 to permit continuation of the business of the House until adjourned by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 10(5).”

Question put and passed.

Hon. Derick Manu’ari continued and concluded his remarks.

Hon. Dr. Tautai Kaituu also continued and concluded his remarks.

Debate continued and the following member contributed:

Hon. Moses Garu	- Minister for Lands, Housing and Survey & MP for West Guadalcanal
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Parliament suspended at 4:49 p.m. for 10 minutes.

Parliament resumed at 5:10 p.m.

Debate continued and the following members contributed:

Hon. John Moffat Fugui	- Minister for Education and Human Resources Development & MP for Central Honiara
Hon. Samuel Manetoali	- Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology & MP for Gao/Bugotu

The Prime Minister moved that the debate on the motion be adjourned to the next sitting day.

Question put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament in accordance with *Standing Order* 10(5) at 5:48 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday 6th April 2017.

Confirmed.

Hon. Andrew Manepora’a
Deputy Speaker of National Parliament

5 April 2017