



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – FIFTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 101

Thursday 6 April 2017

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The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:30 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 Fualaua
Hon. John Moffat Fugui
Hon. Moses Garu
Hon. Alfred Ghiri
Hon. Nestor Giro
Hon. Rick Nelson Houenipwela
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri
Hon. Dr. Tautai Agikimua Kaituu
Hon. Martin Kealoe
Hon. Duddley Kopu
Hon. John Dean Kuku
Hon. Christopher Laore
Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea
Hon. Augustine Auga Maeue
Hon. Samson Maneka
Hon. Jeremiah Manele
Hon. John Maneniaru
Hon. Andrew Manepora'a - *Presiding*
Hon. Samuel Manetoali
Hon. Derick Rawcliff Manu'ari
Hon. Willie Bradford Marau
Hon. Commins Aston Mewa
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi

Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo
Hon. Danny Philip
Hon. Snyder Rini
Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu
Hon. Charles Sigoto
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare
Hon. Freda Tuki Soriacomua
Hon. Jimson Fiau Tanangada
Hon. Dr. Culwick Togamana
Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome
Hon. Bradley Tovosia
Hon. Milner Tozaka
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. Manasseh Maelanga	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>
	Hon. David Day Pacha	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>
	Hon. Lionel Alex Qora		
	Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua		
	Hon. Silas K. Vaqara Tausinga		
	Hon. Peter Tom		

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS

Mr. Ajilon Jasper Nasiu, Speaker of National Parliament, presented the following papers:

Parliamentary Library, Information & Research Service Paper: Constituency and Population Ranging.
(*National Parliament Paper No.8 of 2017*).

Parliamentary Library, Information & Research Service Paper: CDF, Constituency Population & Registered Voters.
(*National Parliament Paper No.9 of 2017*).

Parliamentary Library, Information & Research Service Paper: CDF and Constituency Population.
(*National Parliament Paper No.10 of 2017*).

ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS

Question No.61 – National Wage Policy

Leader of the Independent Group was not present to ask the question. Postponed to next sitting day.

Question No.125 – Government Finances

Hon. Rick Houenipwela, MP for Small Malaita asked the Minister for Finance and Treasury a question relating to Government Finances.

The Minister, Hon. Snyder Rini answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| 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 |
| Hon. Matthew Wale | - | Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee & MP for Aoke/Langalanga |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

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| Hon. Snyder Rini | - | Minister for Finance and Treasury & MP for Marovo |
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Hon. Rick Houenipwela thanked the Minister for answering the questions.

Question No.123 – Ministry of Rural Development New Office Space Rental Cost and Arrangement

The Minister for Rural Development was not in a position to answer the question in detail. Therefore the Leader of Opposition asked for the question to be postponed to next sitting day.

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 member contributed:

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| Hon. John Maneniaru | - | Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources & MP for West Are'are |
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The Prime Minister delivered his speech in reply.

Question "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" put and passed.

Parliament suspended at 12:06 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Parliament resumed at 2:23 p.m.

Parliament resolved into 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.

The Committee considered pages 3 – 4.

Hon. Matthew Wale raised the issue of quorum.

After 8 minutes a quorum was present.

The Committee considered pages 4 – 8.

At 4:30 pm Committee of the Whole House interrupted and Parliament resumed.

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.

Parliament resolved again into Committee of the Whole House to continue consideration of the ‘ **Second White Paper on the Proposed Election System for Solomon Islands**’.

The Committee considered pages 8 – 17.

Consideration of the Paper in the Committee of the Whole House concluded.

The Prime Minister reported that the *Second White Paper on the Proposed Election System for Solomon Islands*, has been through the Committee of the Whole House.

The Prime Minister moved “that in accordance with Standing Order 18(3), Parliament agrees to the proposals contained in National Parliament Paper No. 11 of 2017.”

Question put and passed.

Motion No.24 – Motion of Sine-die

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister moved:

“That at the adjournment of Parliament on Friday the 7th of April, the present meeting shall be concluded and Parliament shall then stand adjourned *sine die*.”

The Prime Minister sought leave to suspend Standing Order 29(3) to allow the motion of *sine-die* to be amended, by deleting the words “Friday 7th April 2017” and substitute with “Monday 10th April 2017.”

Leave was granted.

Debate ensued and the following member contributed:

Hon. Matthew Wale - Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee & MP for Aoke/Langalanga

The Prime Minister delivered his speech in reply.

Question put and passed.

The Prime Minister delivered his opening speech.

The Prime Minister moved that the debate on the question be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament in accordance with *Standing Order* 10(5) at 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Friday 7th April 2017.

Confirmed.

**Hon. Andrew Manepora’a
Deputy Speaker of National Parliament**

6 April 2017