



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – FIFTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 96

Thursday 30 March 2017

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The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:17 a.m.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

**Present:** Hon. Steve William Abana  
Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka  
Hon. Ishmael Mali Avui  
Hon. Douglas Ete  
Hon. Jackson Fiulaua  
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. Manasseh Maelanga  
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. David Day Pacha

Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi  
Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo  
Hon. Lional 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. Dr. Culwick Togamana  
Hon. Peter Tom  
Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome  
Hon. Bradley Tovosia  
Hon. Namson Tran  
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

**Absent:** Hon. Heinz Horst Bodo Dettke  
Hon. John Moffat Fugui - *Apologies (Overseas)*  
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala - *Apologies (Sick)*  
Hon. Danny Philip  
Hon. Silas K. Vaqara Tausinga - *Apologies (Overseas)*  
Hon. Milner Tozaka - *Apologies (Overseas)*

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

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND OF REPORTS**

Hon. Rick Houenipwela, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee presented the following paper:

The Report on the '2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017.'  
(*National Parliament Paper No.6 of 2017*).

## **ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS**

Question No.76 – Development of a Specialised Facility

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua, Leader of the Independent Group and MP for North East Guadalcanal asked the Minister for Police, National Security and Correctional Services a question relating to the development of a specialised facility.

The Minister, Hon. Stanley Sofu, answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| Hon. Jeremiah Manele  | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei                      |
| Hon. Rick Houenipwela | - | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for Small Malaita       |
| Hon. Matthew Wale     | - | Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee and MP for Aoke/Langalanga |
| Hon. Douglas Ete      | - | MP for East Honiara                                                      |

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. Dr. Derek Sikua thanked the Minister for answering the questions.

#### Question No.82 – Empowering Traditional Governance Systems

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua, Leader of the Independent Group and MP for North East Guadalcanal asked the Minister for National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace a question relating to empowering traditional governance systems.

The Minister, Hon. Samson Maneka, answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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| Hon. Matthew Wale     | - | Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee and MP for Aoke/Langalanga |
| Hon. Rick Houenipwela | - | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for Small Malaita       |
| Hon. Douglas Ete      | - | MP for East Honiara                                                      |

Supplementary questions were answered by:

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| Hon. Samson Maneka     | - | Minister for National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace & MP for North Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Manasseh Sogavare | - | Prime Minister & MP for East Choiseul                                            |

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua thanked the Ministers for answering the questions.

### **BILLS**

#### Bills – Second Reading

Debate on the Second Reading of the ‘2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’ ensued and the following members spoke:

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| Hon. Rick Houenipwela | - | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for Small Malaita |
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| Hon. Jeremiah Manele | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei                    |
| Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua | - | Leader of the Independent Group & MP for North East Guadalcanal        |
| Hon. Matthew Wale    | - | Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee & MP for Aoke/Langalanga |

*Parliament suspended at 12:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.*

*Parliament resumed at 1:50 p.m.*

Debate on the bill continued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Ishmael Avui         | - | Chairman of the Public Expenditure Committee & MP for East Central Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Connelly Sandakabatu | - | Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee & MP for North West Choiseul   |
| Hon. Douglas Ete          | - | MP for East Honiara                                                            |

The Minister for Finance & Treasury, Hon. Snyder Rini delivered his speech in reply.

The Minister moved:

*“That the ‘2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’ be read a second time.”*

Question put and carried.

Parliament committed the ‘2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’ to the Committee of Supply.

Bills – Committee of Supply

**The ‘2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’**

Parliament resolved into a Committee of Supply to consider the ‘2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’

**CONTINGENCY WARRANTS**

**RECURRENT**

Head 271 – Office of the Auditor-General - \$800,000

The Committee considered Head 271.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$800,000 for Head 271 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 279 – National Parliament - \$6,650,000

The Committee considered Head 279.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$6,650,000 for Head 279 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 281 – Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - \$12,737,447

The Committee considered Head 281.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$12,737,447 for Head 281 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 292 – Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs - \$917,304

The Committee considered Head 292.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$917,304 for Head 292 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 293 – Ministry of Home Affairs - \$9,952,989

The Committee considered Head 293.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$9,952,989 for Head 293 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 294 – Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace - \$3,000,000

The Committee considered Head 294.

Debate ensued.

**At 4:30 pm Committee of Supply 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 Supply to continue consideration of the '**2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017**'.

Debate on Head 294 continued.

Question *"That the sum of \$3,000,000 for Head 294 stand part of the Schedule"* put and passed.

Head 296 – National Judiciary - \$645,775

The Committee considered Head 296.

Debate ensued.

Question *"That the sum of \$645,775 for Head 296 stand part of the Schedule"* put and passed.

Head 276 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services - \$4,871,941

The Committee considered Head 276.

Debate ensued.

Question *"That the sum of \$4,871,941 for Head 276 stand part of the Schedule"* put and passed.

Head 297 – Ministry of Women, Youth and Children Affairs - \$336,500

The Committee considered Head 297.

Debate ensued.

Question *"That the sum of \$336,500 for Head 296 stand part of the Schedule"* put and passed.

Question *"That the **total recurrent Contingency Warrant** of \$39,911,956 stand part of the Schedule"* put and passed.

## DEVELOPMENT

Head 477 – Ministry of Infrastructure Development - \$9,771,717

*Parliament suspended at 5:20 p.m. for 10 Minutes*

*Parliament resumed at 5:32 p.m.*

The Committee considered Head 477.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$9,771,717 for Head 477 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Question *“That the **total development Contingency Warrants** of \$9,771,717 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

### **ADVANCE WARRANTS**

#### **RECURRENT**

##### **Head 273 – Ministry of Finance and Treasury - \$8,589,353**

The Committee considered Head 273.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$8,589,353 for Head 273 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

##### **Head 373 – Ministry of Finance and Treasury - \$3,078,972**

The Committee considered Head 373.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$3,078,972 for Head 373 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

##### **Head 374 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade - \$7,559,721**

The Committee considered Head 374.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$7,559,721 for Head 374 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

##### **Head 376 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services - \$2,612,311**

The Committee considered Head 376.

Debate ensued.

Question *“That the sum of \$2,612,311 for Head 376 stand part of the Schedule”* put and passed.

Head 381 – Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet - \$11,925,865

The Committee considered Head 381.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$11,925,865 for Head 381 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 396 – National Judiciary - \$102,351

The Committee considered Head 396.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$102,351 for Head 396 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 399 – Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology - \$123,271

The Committee considered Head 399.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$123,271 for Head 399 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Question “*That the **total Recurrent Advance Warrants** of \$33,991,844 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

DEVELOPMENT

Head 473 – Ministry of Finance and Treasury - \$6,901,500

The Committee considered Head 473.

Debate ensued.

Question “*That the sum of \$6,901,500 for Head 473 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Head 495 – Ministry of Mines and Energy - \$1,666,500

The Committee considered Head 495

Question “*That the sum of \$1,666,500 for Head 495 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Question “*That the **total Development Advance Warrants** of \$8,568,000 stand part of the Schedule*” put and passed.

Question “*That the Schedule stand part of the Bill*” put and passed.



## Clauses of the Bill

### Clause 1

The Committee considered Clause 1.

Question *“That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill”* put and passed.

### Clause 2

The Committee considered Clause 2.

Question *“That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill”* put and passed.

### Clause 3

The Committee considered Clause 3.

Question *“That Clause 3 stand part of the Bill”* put and passed.

Consideration of **‘The 2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’** in Committee of Supply concluded and the Committee dissolved.

### *Parliament resumed.*

The Minister for Finance and Treasury, Hon. Snyder Rini reported *“That the 2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’ has passed through the Committee of Supply **without** amendments.”*

**‘The 2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’** deemed to be set down for third reading.

## Bills – Third Reading

### **The ‘2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’**

The Minister for Finance and Treasury moved *“that ‘the 2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’ be now read a third time and do pass.”*

Question put and passed.

The Clerk announced the passage of **‘The 2016 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2017’**.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament in accordance with *Standing Order* 10(5) at 6:22 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

Confirmed.

Hon. Andrew Manepora'a  
Deputy Speaker of National Parliament

30 March 2017