



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – FIFTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 97

Friday 31 March 2017

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The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:50 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. 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. 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

<u>Absent:</u>	Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka	-	<i>Apologies (Government Business)</i>
	Hon. Heinz Horst Bodo Dettke		
	Hon. John Moffat Fugui	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>
	Hon. Manasseh Maelanga	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>
	Hon. Elijah Doro Muala	-	<i>Apologies (Sick)</i>
	Hon. David Day Pacha		
	Hon. Danny Philip		
	Hon. Silas K. Vaqara Tausinga	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>
	Hon. Milner Tozaka	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS for the week ending Friday 7 April 2017 was announced by the Prime Minister.

MOTION

Motion No.21 – Formula for fair allocation of Constituency Development Fund (CDF)

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua, Leader of the Independent Group moved:

“That Parliament resolves that the Government introduces a Formula that reflects a fair allocation of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) to each of the 50 Constituencies in Solomon Islands commencing in 2018 based on population, remoteness, hardship and other factors.”

The Leader of the Independent Group sought leave to suspend Standing Order 29(3) to allow the motion to be amended, by deleting the word “introduces” and substitute with the words “considers introducing” between the words “Government” and “Formula”.

Leave was granted.

The Leader of the Independent Group delivered his remarks.

Debate ensued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Manasseh Sogavare | - | Prime Minister & MP for East Choiseul |
| Hon. Jeremiah Manele | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei |

Question put and passed.

The Leader of the Independent Group delivered his opening speech.

Point of order was raised by Hon. Matthew Wale regarding procedural matters.

Parliament suspended at 11:19 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Parliament resumed at 1:50 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker corrected the procedural matter which was earlier raised by Hon. Matthew Wale.

Debate on the motion as amended ensued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Jeremiah Manele | - | Leader of Opposition and MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei |
| Hon. Augustine Auga Maeue | - | MP for Lau/Mbaelelea |
| Hon. Commings Mewa | - | MP for Temotu Nende |
| Hon. Rick Houenipwela | - | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and MP for Small Malaita |
| Hon. Stanley Sofu | - | Minister for Police, National Security and Correctional Services & MP for East Kwaio |
| Hon. Dr. Tautai Kaitu'u | - | Minister for Health and Medical Services & MP for Rennell/Bellona |
| Hon. Bradley Tovosia | - | MP for East Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Jimmy Lusibaea | - | Minister for Infrastructure Development & MP for North Malaita |
| Hon. Alfred Ghiri | - | MP for East Makira |
| Hon. Nestor Giro | - | Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Training Committee & MP for Central Makira |
| Hon. Jackson Fiulaua | - | MP for Central Kwara'ae |
| Hon. Duddley Kopu | - | Minister for Agriculture and Livestock & MP for Temotu Pele |
| Hon. Ishmael Avui | - | Chairman of the Public Expenditure Committee & MP for East Central Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Samson Maneka | - | Minister for National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace & MP for North Guadalcanal |
| Hon. William Marau | - | Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs & MP for Ulawa/Ugi |
| Hon. Christopher Laore | - | Minister for Forestry and Research & MP for Shortlands |
| Hon. Derick Manu'ari | - | Chairman of the Parliamentary House Committee & MP for West Makira |
| Hon. David Tome | - | Minister for Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening & MP for Baegu/Asifola |

The Leader of the Independent Group delivered his speech in reply.

Question on the motion as amended put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister for Finance and Treasury moved:

“That Parliament do now adjourn.”

Question put and passed.

Parliament adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Monday 3 April 2017.

Confirmed.

Hon. Andrew Manepora’a
Deputy Speaker of National Parliament

31 March 2017