



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

TENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – FIFTH MEETING

MINUTES

No. 99

Tuesday 4 April 2017

**NP/05/1/11**

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:07 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. 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. 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. 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. Dr. Culwick Togamana  
 Hon. David Wanesiofa Tome  
 Hon. Namson Tran  
 Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

<b><u>Absent:</u></b>	Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka	-	<i>Apologies (Government Business)</i>
	Hon. Heinz Horst Bodo Dettke		
	Hon. Alfred Ghiri		
	Hon. Nestor Giro		
	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. Danny Philip		
	Hon. Silas K. Vaqara Tausinga		
	Hon. Peter Tom		
	Hon. Bradley Tovosia		
	Hon. Milner Tozaka	-	<i>Apologies (Overseas)</i>

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

*The Leader of Opposition raised the issue of quorum.*

*After 5 minutes a quorum was present.*

## **ASKING AND ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS**

### **Question No.78 – Cost-Benefit Analysis for Establishment of a Diplomatic Mission in London, UK**

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua, Leader of the Independent Group and MP for North East Guadalcanal asked the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade a question relating to the cost-benefit analysis for establishing a diplomatic mission in London, UK.

The Supervising Minister, Hon. Christopher Laore, answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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:

Hon. Christopher Laore - Supervising Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade,  
Minister for Forestry and Research & MP for Shortlands

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

Question No.121 – Members of Parliament Tax Free Entitlements

Hon. Derick Manu'ari, MP for West Makira asked the Prime Minister a question relating to Members of Parliament tax free entitlements.

The Prime Minister, Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, answered the question.

Supplementary questions were asked by:

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

Supplementary questions were answered by:

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare - Prime Minister & MP for East Choiseul

Hon. Derick Manu'ari thanked the Prime Minister for answering the questions.

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS** for the week ending Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (further statement) was announced by the Prime Minister.

**MOTIONS**

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

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister, 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.**

The Prime Minister delivered his opening speech.

Debate commenced and the following members spoke:

Hon. Jeremiah Manele - Leader of Opposition & MP for Hograno/Kia/Havulei  
Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua - Leader of the Independent Group & MP for North East Guadalcanal

*Parliament suspended at 11:55 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.*

*Parliament resumed at 2:14 p.m.*

Debate on the motion continued and the following members contributed:

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| Hon. Matthew Wale      | - | Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee & MP for Aoke/Langalanga         |
| Hon. Douglas Ete       | - | MP for East Honiara  |
| Hon. Ishmael Mali Avui | - | Chairman of the Public Expenditure Committee & MP for East Central Guadalcanal |
| Hon. Commings Mewa     | - | MP for Temotu Nende  |
| Hon. William Marau     | - | Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs & MP for Ulawa/Ugi                      |
| Hon. John Dean Kuku    | - | Minister for Public Service & MP for North New Georgia                         |
| Hon. Rick Houenipwela  | - | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee & MP for Small Malaita               |

**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. Rick Houenipwela continued and concluded his remarks.

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 4:37 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Confirmed.

Hon. Andrew Manepora'a  
Deputy Speaker of National Parliament

4 April 2017