



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

NINTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – SIXTH MEETING

SITTING DAY OF WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2014

BUSINESS PAPER NO 151

NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

(No new items of business)

BUSINESS BEFORE THE HOUSE

1. PETITIONS

(No petitions)

2. PAPERS

Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka, Acting Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee to present the following paper:

Report on the 2014 Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2013.

(National Parliament Paper No.5 of 2014)

3. QUESTIONS

Question No.35 – RWS projects 2013

Hon. Douglas Ete, MP for East Honiara to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services: South Malaita Constituency had been extended the benefits of 8 RWS projects in 2013. The principle of equitable distribution of resources to the vast vulnerable societies, communities in the Solomon Islands by the National Government is not seen in this instance.

Can the Minister clarify to this Honourable House the details of this distribution criteria?

(Notice given Business paper No.137 on 17 December 2013. Question to be answered on or after 22 December 2013.)

Question No. 25 – National FUTSAL Team

Hon. Dr. Derek Sikua, Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Home Affairs:

Can the Minister inform Parliament how much money did the Government spend to send the national FUTSAL team to the recent Oceania FUTSAL Invitation Championships in New Zealand?

(Notice given Business paper No. 117 on 7 August 2013. Question to be answered on or after 12 August 2013).

4. **MOTIONS**

Motion No.21 – Consider Paper (Tertiary Scholarships Management)

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to move:

That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the '*Performance Audit Report – Tertiary Scholarships Management by the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development, National Parliament Paper No.1 of 2013*'.

Notice given Business paper No. 136 on 16 December 2013. Motion to be moved on or after 20 December 2013).

Motion No. 18 – Consider Paper (Honiara Short Bus Route)

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, Chairman of the Special Select Committee Inquiry into the Honiara Short Bus Route to move:

That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Special Select Committee Inquiry into the Honiara Short Bus Route, National Parliament Paper No.14 of 2013.

(Notice given Business paper No. 121 on 13 September 2013. Motion to be moved on or after 17 September 2013).

Motion No. 17 – Consider Paper (Central Bank of Solomon Islands 2012 Annual Report).

Hon. Rick Houenipwela, Minister for Finance and Treasury to move:

That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Central Bank of Solomon Islands 2012 Annual Report, National Parliament Paper No. 18 of 2013.

(Notice given Business paper No. 120 on 12 September 2013. Motion to be moved on or after 16 September 2013).

Motion No. 16 – Amendment to Standing Orders

Hon. James Tora, Chairman of the Parliamentary House Committee to move:

That Parliament approves the amendment to the Standing Orders of the National Parliament of Solomon Islands as set out in the annexure to this motion.

(Notice given Business paper No. 115 on 5 August 2013. Motion to be moved on or after 9 August 2013).

Motion No. 13 – 2011 Annual Report of the Central Bank of Solomon Islands

Hon. Rick Houenipwela, Minister for Finance and Treasury to move:

That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider '2011 Annual Report of the Central Bank of Solomon Islands.' (National Parliament Paper No.10 of 2013)

(Notice given Business paper on 23 July 2013. Motion to be moved on or after 27 July 2013).

Motion No. 2 – Establish Special Select Committee

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to move:

1. “That the National Parliament under *Standing Order* 73 resolves to appoint a Special Select Committee to inquire into and report on the Solomon Islands position in relation to the plight of West Papua, and in particular:
 - (a) Assess the desire of indigenous of West Papua for self-governance
 - (b) The human rights situation in West Papua
 - (c) Solomon Islands foreign policy on West Papua,
 - (d) the official position on West Papua’s fight for independence, and
 - (e) any other related matter;

2. That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the *Standing Orders*, for the purposes of this inquiry:
 - (a) the Committee is to comprise persons appointed by the Speaker,
 - (b) the Committee is to report directly to Parliament according to the provisions of *Standing Order* 72,
 - (c) the Committee has power:
 - (i) to adjourn from time to time,
 - (ii) to adjourn for place to place,
 - (iii) to send for and examine persons, papers, records and things,
 - (iv) to make visits of inspection, and
 - (v) to request the attendance of and examine members of the House;
 - (d) the Committee is to conduct all hearings and take all evidence in public unless the committee decides otherwise,
 - (e) Members may at any time be discharged by the Speaker from the Committee, and other members appointed or added,
 - (f) the time and place for the first meeting of each committee is to be fixed by the Parliamentary Secretariat (secretariat) in such manner as the secretariat thinks fit,
 - (g) any person or body may make written or recorded submissions to the Committee with respect to the inquiry and the Committee has power to authorize publication, before presentation to the House, of submissions received and evidence from such person or body, and
 - (h) the Committee may authorize the tape recording of its public hearings and require an official record to be prepared by Hansard.

3. The Committee is to present a final report to Parliament not later than the conclusion of the final meeting of Parliament in 2013.”

(Notice given Business paper on 6 September 2012. Motion to be moved on or after 10 September 2012).

Motion No.5 – Special Audit Report – Tsunami and Earthquake Relief Fund

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to move:

That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider National Parliament Paper No.16 of 2010, Special Audit Report – Tsunami and Earthquake Relief Fund Within the National Disaster Council (NDC) under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(Notice given Business paper on 23 November 2011).

5. **BILLS**

Lands and Titles (Amendment) Bill 2014: Second Reading.

Income Tax (Amendment) Bill 2014: Second Reading.

Mines and Mineral (Amendment) Bill 2014: Second Reading.

The Political Parties Integrity Bill 2014: Second Reading.

The Constitution (Status of Magistrates) (Amendment) Bill 2014: Second Reading.

The Constitutional Offices (Terms and Conditions of Service) (Judicial Reform) (Amendment) Bill 2014: Second Reading.

BILLS BEFORE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION

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Wednesday 16 April 2014