



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

NINTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – SEVENTH MEETING

SITTING DAY OF WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2014

BUSINESS PAPER NO 178

NEW ITEM OF BUSINESS

(No new items of business)

BUSINESS BEFORE THE HOUSE

1. PETITIONS

(No petitions)

2. PAPERS

Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, Chairman of the Bills and Legislation Committee to present the following paper:

Report on the Family Protection Bill 2014.

(National Parliament Paper No.30 of 2014).

Report on the Solomon Islands National University (Amendment) Bill 2014.

(National Parliament Paper No.32 of 2014).

3. QUESTIONS

Question No. 78 – Shipping Grants

Hon. John Maneniaru, Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are'are to ask the Minister for Infrastructure Development:

Can the Minister inform the House of the names of beneficiaries and amounts by each beneficiary from the Shipping Grants for the following years:

- i) 2012?
- ii) 2013?
- iii) 2014?

(Notice given Business paper No. 177 on 19 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 24 August 2014).

Question No. 77 – NGO Assistance for April Flood victims

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

- i. Can the Minister who is responsible for NDMO inform Parliament of the type of assistance the office has received from NGOs both inside and outside the country?
- ii. How much money did the Ministry received on behalf of the flash flood victims?
- iii. What other forms of assistance has NDMO received?
- iv. What kind of distribution has NDMO carried out to the people affected by the recent flash floods?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 176 on 18 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 23 August 2014).

Question No. 76 – Resettlement of April Flood victims

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Lands, Housing and Survey:

- i. Can the Minister explain to the House when his ministry intends to settle the FOPA people on April Valley Land?
- ii. Has he been informed that some of the people have resettled at Koa Hill because of the delay of the Ministry to allocate the land promised to them?
- iii. What measures will the government do to address this issue?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 176 on 18 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 23 August 2014).

Question No. 75 – Doma Township Development

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening:

Can the Minister update the House on the following Doma Township Development Issues:

- i. Headquarter?
- ii. Land?
- iii. Fourth USP campus?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 176 on 18 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 23 August 2014).

Question No. 74 – Contractors for Henderson International Airport

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Communication and Aviation:

- i. Can the Minister update the House on the contracts given to bidders at the Henderson International Airport?
- ii. Can he inform the House of who the contractors were?
- iii. Can he further inform the House of the criteria used to select winners of tender applications?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 73 – SINU School of Natural Resources

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock:

Can the Minister of Agriculture inform Parliament of the state of the School of Natural Resources at SINU?

Can the Minister further explain why the Diplomas in Forestry, Environment and Fisheries are not offered this year?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 72 – Fee Free Education

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Education and Human Resources Development:

Can the Minister explain to the House the status of the fee free education in the country?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 71 – Budget Allocation for Ships

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Finance and Treasury:

Can the Minister inform the House if number of ships allocated the \$24 million in the previous budgets have been bought (or not) and whether they are in use by the respective constituencies?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 68 – National Transport Fund

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Infrastructure Development:

Can the Minister inform Parliament on how the National Transport Fund has been utilized?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 67 – Manaoba Airstrip

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Communication and Aviation:

Can the Minister inform Parliament why airplanes have yet to land at Manaoba airstrip?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 66 – Growth Centres on Malaita

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Rural Development:

Can the Minister responsible update Parliament on the three growth centres on Malaita?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 65 – Tar Sealing Project

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Infrastructure Development:

Can the Minister of Industrial Development inform Parliament:

- i. Of any tar-sealing projects in and outside of Honiara?
- ii. Are there prospects of further work done on this?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 64 – Dental Lab

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Health and Medical Services:

Can the Minister inform Parliament:

- i. Why a new dental lab is being built in the parking area at the National Referral Hospital?
- ii. Have there been considerations in terms of climate change sea level rise?
- iii. Have there been consideration in view of possible tsunamis and king tidal waves?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 63 – Ministerial Funding

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Finance and Treasury:

Can the Minister explain to the House why Ministerial funding and projects are subsumed under one funding, i.e. SIG support projects for constituencies after the budget has been passed?

What are the reasons for such arrangements?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 62 – Land Acquisition for Tina Hydro Project

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, Minister of Lands, Housing and Survey and the Prime Minister:

Can the Minister inform Parliament of the type of acquisition process they had used at Tina Hydro Project?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 61 – Distribution of ROC Funds

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Prime Minister:

Can the Prime Minister explain how his government has distributed ROC funds such as the National Development Funds (NDF) for the fifty (50) constituencies?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 60 – Government Land Policy

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Lands, Housing and Survey:

Can the Minister inform Parliament on Government's policy on land in and around Honiara and land in and around Guadalcanal?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 59 – Status of Parliament Development Programme

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Prime Minister:

Can the Prime Minister inform the House of the status of the 'Parliament Development Programme' Parliament had passed in previous budget?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 58 – Honiara Roads

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

Can the Minister explain to this Honourable House why the contractors on the Honiara City's main road and feeder roads fill potholes with soil or dirt rather than resealing them with new bitumen or tar?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 57 – Government Help to Flood Victims

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

Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament why his government did not individually assist the worst affected Guadalcanal Constituencies and the three Honiara Constituencies with the \$500,000.00 as promised following the April 2014 rains and flooding?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 56 – Constituency Profiles

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

Can the Minister inform Parliament on the following:

- a) How many constituencies already have constituency profiles completed and which ones are these?
- b) When will the remaining constituencies have their profiles done?
- c) Does the Ministry have a budget for this work to be carried out?
- d) Who will carry out this work?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 55 – Progress of Federal Constitution

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

Can the Prime Minister update Parliament on:

- a) The progress on drafting the Federal Constitution
- b) Is the NACRA Government going to table it in this current meeting?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 54 – Short Bus Routes Report

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

Can the Minister inform Parliament on progress of the Ministry's implementation of the Short Bus Routes Report Recommendations?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 53 – Stolen Beche-de-mer

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

Can the Minister inform Parliament on what the government has done so far to recover the stolen Bech-der-mer from the Ministry's compound?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 52 – Stand-Off Between Solomon Airlines and Fiji Airways

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

Can the Minister inform Parliament of the current status of the stand-off between Solomon Airlines and Fiji Airways and what steps have been taken to avoid this kind of incident not happening in the future?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 51 – FOPA Funds Audit Report

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

Can the Minister inform Parliament on whether or not the Government will:

- a) Release the FOPA Funds Audit Report?
- b) Address the issue of non-payment of outstanding contracts?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 50 – West Papua

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

Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament on the NACRA Government's position on the plight of our Melanesian Brothers of West Papua?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 49 – Prime Minister's Overseas Trips

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

Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament on:

- a. The total cost of his recent overseas trips to Cuba, Taiwan, Indonesia and Palau for his seven-man delegation's airfares, per-diems, accommodation, meals and incidentals?
- b. The benefits to the country on the Cuba, Taiwan and Indonesia leg of the trip?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 48 – Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report

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

Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament if he is going to table the TRC Report in this current Parliament Meeting?

If not, why?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 47 – 2014 National Development Fund Recipients

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

Can the Prime Minister inform Parliament on the recipients of the 2014 National Development Fund (NDF) and how much did each recipient receive?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 44 – Honiara Road Repair

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Infrastructure Development:

Can the Minister explain to the House the progress of the road repair and improvement programme in and around Honiara?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 43 – Environment Act

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

Can the Minister explain to the House why tubi species has been moved from Schedule 1 to Schedule 2 of the Environment Act 1998?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 42 – Tavanipupu Resort Investment

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Finance and Treasury:

Can the Minister explain to Parliament public complaints over the \$15million Tavanipupu investment?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

Question No. 41 – Flash Flood Victims Repatriation

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to ask the Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

Can the Minister explain to the House how his ministry had handled the repatriation case of the flash flood victims?

(Notice given Provisional Business paper No. 175(b) on 9 August 2014. Question to be answered on or after 14 August 2014).

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. 25 – Public Service Training Policy

Hon. John Moffat Fugui, MP for Central Honiara to move:

That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider National Parliament Paper No.18 of 2014, the *Training Policy of the Solomon Islands Public Service*.

(Notice given Business paper No. 172 on 27 May 2014. Motion to be moved on or after 31 May 2014).

Motion No. 24 – Teacher Absenteeism in Solomon Islands Schools

Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka, Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Training Committee to move:

That Parliament resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider National Parliament Paper No.23 of 2013, The Committee Report on the Inquiry into the Teacher Absenteeism in Solomon Islands Schools.

(Notice given Business paper No. 157 on 28 April 2014. Motion to be moved on or after 2 May 2014).

Motion No.21 – 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. 17 – 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**

Solomon Islands National University (Amendment) Bill 2014: Second Reading

Family Protection Bill 2014: Second Reading

Business Names Bill 2014: Committee Stage.

6. AMENDMENTS

Hon. Elijah Doro Muala, Minister of Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration to move the following amendments:

That the Business Names Bill 2014 be amended as follows:

- a. Clause 21(1) be deleted and replaced with the following:
 - (1) An entity to which a business name is registered commits an offence if the entity does not give the Registrar a return in relation to the registration every 2 years after the registration, during the month allocated under section 20.
- b. Clause 21(4) is deleted and replaced with the following:
 - (4) The entity commits an offence if the entity does not comply with the notice.
- c. Clause 22(1) is deleted and replaced with the following:
 - (1) An entity to which a business name is registered commits an offence if:
 - (a) the business information for the business name changes; and
 - (b) the entity does not give the Registrar notice of the change within 20 working days after the change.

BILLS BEFORE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION

The Family Protection Bill 2014: Hearings completed. Report to be tabled.

The Solomon Islands National University (Amendment) Bill 2014: Hearings completed. Report to be tabled.

Wednesday 20 August 2014