

**NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS**

**NINTH PARLIAMENT - FIRST SESSION - FOURTH MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Friday 9 November 2012**

**NP/05/1/11**

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:40 am.

Prayers were said by the Clerk.

The following Members were:

**Present:** Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka  
Hon. Jackson Fiulaua  
Hon. Walter Folotalu  
Hon. John Moffat Fugui  
Hon. Moses Garu  
Hon. Alfred Ghiro  
Hon. Seth Gukuna  
Hon. Dick Ha'amori  
Hon. Rick Houenipwela  
Hon. Shemuel Sam Iduri  
Hon. Martin Kealoe  
Hon. Christopher Laore  
Hon. Alex Liona  
Hon. Varian Loñamei  
Hon. Vika Lusibaea  
Hon. Manasseh Maelanga  
Hon. Martin T. Magga  
Hon. John Maneniaru  
Hon. Samuel Manetoali  
Hon. Commings Aston Mewa  
Hon. Elijah Doro Muala  
Hon. Joseph Onika  
Hon. Dickson Mua Panakitasi  
Hon. Snyder Rini  
Hon. Selwyn Riumana  
Hon. Connelly M. Sandakabatu  
Hon. Charles Sigoto  
Hon. Dr Derek Sikua  
Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu  
Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare  
Hon. Hypolite Taremae  
Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga -

*(Presiding)*

Hon. Peter Tom  
Hon. David Tome  
Hon. Bradley Tovosia  
Hon. Milner Tozaka

**Absent:** Hon. Steve W. Abana  
Hon. Horst Heinz Bodo Dettke  
Hon. Douglas Ete  
Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo - (Apologies)  
Hon. Andrew Manepora'a  
Hon. David Day Pacha  
Hon. Danny Philip  
Hon. Clay Forau Soalaoi  
Hon. Martin Sopage  
Hon. Silas Kerry Vaqara Tausinga  
Hon. James Tora  
Hon. Namson Tran  
Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale - (Minutes of 26/10/2012 refers)

Question on quorum raised (*Standing Order 12*) by the Leader of Opposition, Hon. Derek Sikua.

A quorum was reached after 10 minutes.

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS** for the week ending Friday 16 November 2012 was announced by the Deputy Prime Minister.

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

By Sir Allan Kemakeza, Speaker of National Parliament:

"Special Reports No.1/2011 – Own Motion Investigation into Alleged Financial Mismanagement and Maladministration within Choiseul Provincial Government."  
(*National Parliament Paper No.12 of 2012*)

"Special Reports No.2/2011 – Ombudsman's Office Policy."  
(*National Parliament Paper No.13 of 2012*)

"Special Reports No.3/2011 – Ombudsman's Work Program and Progress of Activities for 2009 – 2011."  
(*National Parliament Paper No.14 of 2012*)

"Special Reports No.4/2011 – Ombudsman's Investigation into the Provision of Services by some Honiara Municipal Services Providers."  
(*National Parliament Paper No.15 of 2012*)

“Special Reports No.5/2011 – Ombudsman’s Investigation into Systemic Issues arising in Education Related Complaints.”  
(National Parliament Paper No.16 of 2012)

## **MOTIONS**

### Motion No. 5 – Extension of Reporting Date

Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka, Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Training Committee and MP for Central Guadalcanal moved, according to notice:

*“That the reporting date of the reference to the Education and Human Resources Committee of the Inquiry into the extent of teacher absenteeism in Solomon Islands and its impact, as per resolution of Parliament passed on 20 January 2012, be extended to 19 June 2013.”*

Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka, Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Training Committee and MP for Central Guadalcanal delivered his opening speech.

Debate ensued and the following members spoke:

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| Hon. Manasseh Maelanga | - Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Home Affairs and MP for East Malaita      |
| Hon. Derek Sikua       | - Leader of Opposition and MP for North East Guadalcanal                        |
| Hon. John Maneniaru    | - Leader of the Independent Group and MP for West Are’are                       |
| Hon. Rick Houenipwela  | - Minister for Finance and Treasury and MP for Small Malaita                    |
| Hon. Dick Ha’amori     | - Minister for Education and Human Resources Development and MP for West Makira |
| Hon. Seth Gukuna       | - Minister for Infrastructure Development and MP for Rennell/Bellona            |

Hon. Peter Shanel Agovaka, Chairman of the Education and Human Resources Training Committee and MP for Central Guadalcanal delivered his speech in reply.

Question put and passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Deputy Prime Minister moved:

*“That Parliament do now adjourn.”*

Question put and passed.

Parliament adjourned at 10:30am until 9:30am on Monday 12 November 2012.

**Confirmed.**

**Hon. Job Dudley Tausinga, MP**  
**Deputy Speaker of National Parliament**

**9 November 2012**