

# THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA PARLIAMENT

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## Acronym

APPU	Asia Pacific Parliamentary Union
CDI	Centre for Democratic Institutions
СРА	Commonwealth Parliamentary Union
EU	European Union
ESP	East Sepik Province
IPU	International Parliamentary Union
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Member of Parliament
MLP	Melanesian Liberal Party
NA	National Alliance
NGP	New Generation Party
OPP	Open Parliament Project
PDMP	Peoples Democratic Movement Party
PNCP	Peoples National Congress Party
PNGP	Papua New Guinea Party
PPP	Peoples Progress Party
PP	Peoples Party
PUA	Peoples United Resources Party
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PSC	Project Steering Committee
SMS	Short Message Service
THE	Triumph Heritage Empowerment
TIPNG	Transparency International Papua New Guinea
URP	United Resource Party
VIP	Very Important People

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#### Introduction

In order to actively engage citizens in a parliamentary democracy and enhance the role of parliament, it is imperative to empower citizens with information. Therefore, Transparency International (PNG) in partnership with the Office of the Speaker of Parliament and European Union Delegation agreed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement the Open Parliament Project (OPP). The MoU was signed on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the Parliament State Function Room.

The overarching goal of the OPP is to build the integrity of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea and enhance its role as law maker, accountability agent and people's representative. This goal will be achieved through the gathering and dissemination of parliament information that will empower citizen's to actively engage in the parliamentary democratic process whilst enhancing the role of Parliament and its members.

The specific objectives of the OPP are to:

- 1. Encourage and help Members of Parliament to share information with the public about themselves and the good work they do.
- 2. Enable the public to have a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of their elected representatives
- 3. Provide a platform for the public to communicate with their elected representatives and vice versa.
- 4. Increase the public awareness of the functions of parliament, its committees and procedures.

The objectives of the project are in line with the Speaker's reform agenda. In support of the Speaker's vision to "restore, reform and modernize" Parliament, a database and website of Parliament information and work of Parliament has been established. The website is linked to SMS as one of the many mediums for the public to access information. This report is another medium of sharing vital information. The Open Parliament Project is not designed to criticize individual Members of Parliament or the institution of Parliament itself.

Open Parliament Project is a two year project which started on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2013 and will end in 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015. After the completion of the project, it will be handed over to the Parliament to sustain it.

The Open Parliament Project has a Project Steering Committee (PSC) who provides oversight to the implementation of the project. The PSC comprised of representatives from Parliament, TIPNG and European Union. They meet once every three months, as and when need arises to discuss matters relating to the project.

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#### Message from the Speaker of National Parliament



Our nation can be proud of the fact that it has held fast to the principles of democracy for the thirty nine (39) years from Independence until now. I am honoured to be the Speaker of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea during its ninth term since Independence and fully realise the huge responsibility that it places on my young shoulders.

When I reflect on the eight terms of Parliament before now, I pay tribute to our founding fathers and my predecessors. I also acknowledge that our nation has weathered many parliamentary political storms. Through those stormy periods, our people have critically but patiently contributed, through their constitutionally enshrined democratic rights, to the political evolution of our Parliamentary democracy. I commend our people for their patience and guidance through those storms.

As I reflect further, I am also aware that the highest decision-making Institution of our nation has become increasingly remote and separated from our citizens that it is meant to serve. This remoteness and apparent lack of transparency can lead to suspicion, distrust and cynicism about the institutions of leadership in our nation. This is a dangerous trend

for our Constitutional democracy and needs to be proactively addressed. This is one reason for my wholehearted acceptance of, and participation in, the Open Parliament Project. I welcome partners who want to positively contribute to my personal and professional agenda to "restore reform and modernize our Parliament.

The Open Parliament Project, in its design, addresses all three issues of restoration, reformation and modernization of our Parliament and its fundamental desired outcome is to make Parliament and the proceedings of Parliament more accessible and more understandable for our people. Our people have rapidly entered into the world of modern technology and Parliament must capitalise on this by linking with our people through modern technology.

The Open Parliament Project is an ambitious and important project to make our parliament more accessible and more understandable for our people. I commend and thank Transparency International PNG and the European Union for their active and committed partnership with my Parliament development agenda. I also thank my Parliamentary Steering Committee who represent my Office in this partnership and urge them to also plan for sustainability beyond the time-frame of the Open Parliament Project.

#### Hon. Theo Zurenouc, MP

Speaker of National Parliament and Member for Finschhafen

#### Message from European Union Ambassador to Papua New Guinea



Papua New Guinea's National Parliament signifies that democracy is well and truly alive in a country that is very diverse and distinct. A Parliament that works efficiently and effectively is a condition for sustainable development and collective prosperity.

The Open Parliament project seeks to support Parliament in its endeavors to become the best possible body within the governance structures of PNG, a champion and promoter of sustainable development, for a better future for PNG and its citizens.

EU is delighted to support this initiative that has come about as a result of a partnership created between Transparency International (PNG) and the Office of the Speaker of the National Parliament to make Parliament more open, transparent and accessible to the people.

People of Papua New Guinea are resilient despite many challenges and always take a keen interest to know. This thus creates another opportunity for them to know about what their Members of Parliament are doing in Parliament.

This report serves to inform all of us about this and I am confident that it will be very useful to those that want to know more about the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea.

**Martin Dihm** Ambassador Delegation of the European Union to Papua New Guinea

#### Foreword from the Chairman of Transparency International (PNG)



On the 5th May 2014 we heard the sad news of the passing of the late Sir Matiabe Yuwi, a leader I saw as a good and faithful servant of the people. He was one of those leaders who helped create the Constitution of PNG. With the news of his passing came very fond memories of the amazing efforts of our early leaders to be fully informed of the implications of decisions they were taking on behalf of future generations. I recalled that they were supported by massive efforts to make information available in user friendly ways which enabled choices to be carefully considered. Sir Matiabe was an integral part of the difficult process and an example of the importance of dedicated, intelligent grass roots leaders being empowered by information to contribute to decisions of national importance. "Transparency" and "accessibility" are key characteristics of parliamentary democracy and good governance. In the exciting early years of its existence the National Parliament adopted very high standards which made it a forum where debate was able to be informed by information readily available within its walls.

In all human institutions there are needs for constant improvement to meet current needs and Transparency

International (PNG) has been delighted to be invited to assist in a partnership between the Parliament and the European Union to contribute to improvements sought by Members under the leadership of the Speaker.

The 'Open Parliament Project (OPP)' creates a unique opportunity to support parliamentary democracy and the Speaker's vision of a Parliament with strengthened integrity and effectiveness by providing better access to information on its work, challenges, opportunities and the efforts of its Members.

The "Parliament Performance Report" covers 12 months from August 2012 to August 2013. It is one of the many OPP mechanisms provided to make information readily available. In this report you will find information about the OPP, work of the different divisions in parliament, activities of the Members, Legislative activities, Committee activities, and Chamber activities including highlights of the year. Detailed information can be accessed through the website (www.parliament.gov.pg).

Empowering Members and citizens with information will assist us all to become active participants in promoting parliamentary democracy and enhance the legislative, representative and accountability aims of Parliament.

This report results from the dedication, intense work and commitment of the Project Steering Committee, Parliament Working Committee and the highly motivated OPP staff. Developing and maintaining those qualities and the cooperative relationships which make this possible will continue to be the principle objective of the OPP.

You will find this report encouraging, educational, informative and hopefully challenging. We, the people, are the reason the Parliament exists and we are each invited by our Constitution and the current Speaker's vision to be active and informed supporters of this marvellous institution.

Lawrence Stephens Chairman Transparency International (PNG) Board

#### Message from the Clerk of National Parliament



I am a relative newcomer to Parliament but am very aware of the critical importance of my position as the Clerk of National Parliament. As the Chief Executive Officer of this institution, it is critical that I implement the Speaker's vision to restore reform and modernise Parliament.

It is a huge responsibility and thus I am grateful to have genuine partners who contribute financial and technical support to achieving our vision.

With the generous financial support from the European Union and the technical support provided by Transparency International (PNG), the Open Parliament Project (OPP) has already made an impact towards modernising and reforming our parliament by introducing electronic reporting systems that the public can use to become more informed about Parliament as a whole and about their own elected Members of Parliament.

This is a huge step forward from a Parliament that has been in the dark ages for ITC for far too long. The website

plus the Parliament Performance report on the Open Parliament Project and other communication modalities introduced by the project contribute positively to the vision of the Speaker of Parliament.

I am pleased with the involvement of my staff in the OPP and encourage them to be ready to take full carriage of the innovations as we move towards the end of the project cycle. I also encourage them to devise exit strategies and take full ownership of those innovations.

I commend the three way partnership of the Open Parliament Project and look forward to further strengthening the work of this project in the coming years.

#### Vela Konivaro

Clerk of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea

### Vision, Mission, Strategic Goals and Values of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea

#### Vision

We envisage a modern and effective democratic parliament that is responsive to the needs of the people guided by moral principles of our noble traditions and Christian culture in realising a better quality of life for the people of Papua New Guinea.

#### Mission

To effectively perform our constitutional functions of:

- 1. Representing the voice of our people;
- 2. Passing pragmatic laws; and
- 3. Providing oversight of executive government and bureaucracy

#### **Strategic Goals**

- To promote moral and ethical standards and conducts,
- To build an effective and efficient modern institution,
- To increase citizen access to parliament and public information,
- To effectively bring parliament closer to the people by enhancing the work of the parliamentary committee systems,
- To enhance the role of parliamentarians.

#### Values

We espouse integrity, representatives, transparency, accessibility, accountability and effectiveness as our core values.

#### Parliament Highlights of 2012-2013

- Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> of August 2012 106 Members of Parliament sworn into office. Hon Theo Zurenouc, MP was elected Speaker of the 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament (88-17) and Hon. Peter O'Neil, MP was elected Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea (94-12)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012 Official opening of the 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament by Governor General, Sir Michael Ogio.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012, the refurbishment of the National Parliament House begins
- August 22-24, 2012 Parliamentary Induction for new and returning members of Parliament was conducted by Centre for Democratic Institutions
- Tuesday 20th November 2012-Handing Down of 2013 National Budget
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 Introduction of First Vote (102-0) on Constitutional Amendments to extend grace period of vote of no confidence from 18<sup>th</sup> months to 30 months
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 Opposition Reply to 2013 National Budget.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Second vote of the Constitutional Amendments to extend the grace period of the vote of no confidence from 18 months to 30 months (90-14)
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Repeal of Judicial Conduct Act
- Saturday 8th of March, 2013. Late Ludwig Schulze, Member for Angoram passed away
- Friday 15th March 2013, Parliament Corporate Planning Workshop facilitated by Centre for Democratic Institutions at Gateway Hotel
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 –Speaker of Parliament, Transparency International (PNG) and European Union signs a MoU to implement the Open Parliament Project
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013, Mr Vela Konivaro was appointed as the new Clerk of the 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013 The Clerk approves the National Parliament Organizational and Management Structure
- Thursday 26th September 2013 Queensland and PNG Parliament signed a MoU for Twinning Arrangement

### **About the Parliamentary Services**

An Act of Parliament established the parliamentary service to provide administrative and support services to the National Parliament and its Members. The Constitution provides for 111 seats in the National Parliament filled every five years after national elections or by-elections to fill in the vacancies. The role of the Members of Parliament is to make laws, serve on Parliamentary Committee, take part in Parliamentary debates, and represents the interest of the community. The main function of the Parliamentary Service is to provide the Speaker, Parliamentary Committees and Members of Parliament with a broad range of advisory and support service for efficient and effective conduct of the business of Parliament.

#### **Office of the Speaker**

The Speaker is the political head of the National Parliament. He is required to perform his duties impartially in upholding the dignity of the National Parliament, maintaining order, regulating its proceedings, managing and controlling the precincts of Parliament.

#### Office of the Clerk

The Clerk of Parliament is the administrative head of Parliamentary Service and reports to the Speaker. He ensures efficient management and delivery of services. The Clerk is also responsible for procedures in and outside of the Chamber including recording of votes and proceedings of Parliament, safe keeping of records and papers of Parliament and the printing and distributions of Bills and Notices. During the sitting days, he is the principal Clerk at the table providing advice to the Speaker, the Government, the Opposition and other Members of Parliament.

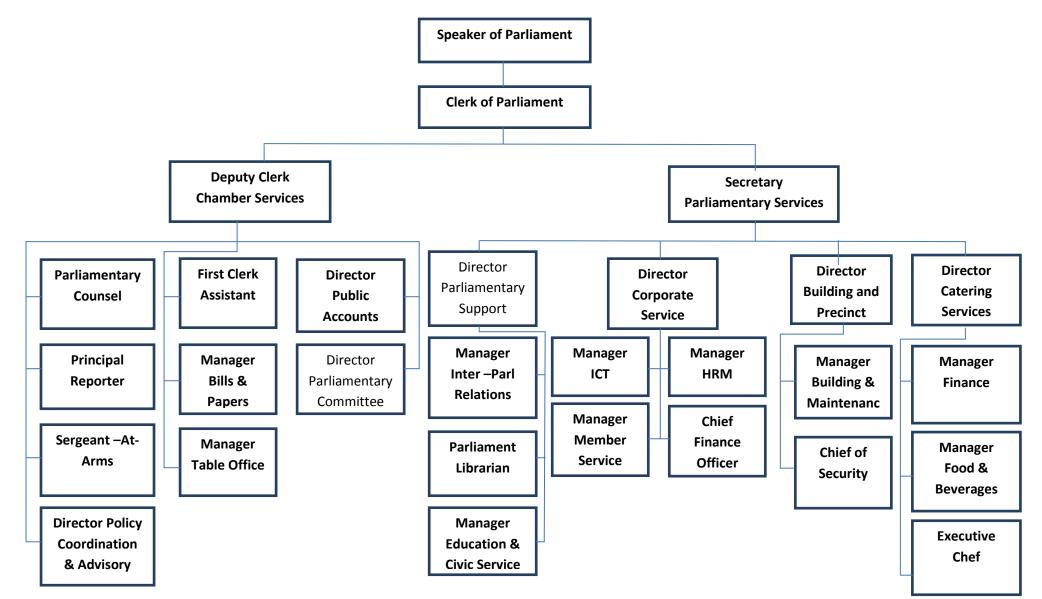
#### **Functions of the National Parliament Services**

The functions of the Parliamentary services in serving the MPs can be divided into four principle programme areas as shown below.

Chamber & Procedural Services	Parliamentary Committee	Advisory and Support Services	Finance and Administration
<ul> <li>Advise members on Parliamentary Practices and procedures</li> <li>Prepare documents for use in Parliament</li> <li>Produce records of proceedings of the House and its Committees</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide secretariat staff.</li> <li>Research and administrative support and advise to parliament Standing Committees, Select Committees and joint committees</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide support staff and equipment for Members</li> <li>Administer Members' salaries, allowance and entitlements</li> <li>Provide advice and staff to committees to carryout research and prepare reports</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Corporate/strategic planning</li> <li>Budget development, monitoring and reporting</li> <li>Personnel and training</li> <li>Industrial/employees relations</li> <li>Provision of consultancy services</li> </ul>

Other important services provided includes building and maintenance, food and beverage, information and technology, security and protocol services

#### **Proposed Organizational Structure**



#### **Chamber Services**

Chamber Services provides quality and efficient procedural advice to the Speaker and Clerk and to maintain accurate and timely records of proceedings of Parliament. The Bills and Papers Office and Table/ Procedural Office come under the Parliamentary Division, headed by the First Clerk Assistant.

The Chamber Services Office is responsible for procedural and administrative support necessary for the effective conduct of business of Parliament. They perform the following function:

- Produce business before Parliament (Notice Papers)
- Produce daily program, order of business of the day
- Produce official records of Parliament proceedings (Minute and Hansard)
- Provide procedural and programme advice and documents
- Process legislations considered by Parliament
- Provide chamber related statistics
- Safe keeping of all documents tabled in Parliament

#### **Table/Procedural Office**

The Table Procedural Office is one of the sections which coordinate the Parliament programme. The functions of the office are to:

- Provide documents, programme and procedural advice to Ministers, Whips, Chairman of Committees, Members of Parliament and their staff, staff of the Parliamentary Services, other government agencies and general public.
- Coordinate and supervise the schedules to be presented to Parliament or the Speaker whenever the parliament is in recess.
- Produce order of business and other documents in time for each sitting day.
- Provide scripts, regular briefings and advice to the Speaker, Ministers, Members of Parliament and the Clerk at the Table
- Produce order of business at least one hour prior to the commencement of each sitting day and is circulated to all Members.

The Table Office is used regularly by Ministers and Members for preparation of motions

#### **Bills and Papers Office**

The Bills and Papers Office provides copies of all Parliamentary documents including Bills, Amendments, Explanatory Notes, Papers, Reports, Ministerial Statements, Minutes of Proceedings, Notice Papers, Questions and the daily Hansard.

#### **Parliamentary Committees**

The Parliamentary Committees are established under section 118 of the Constitution. They are established at the start of each new term of Parliament. The Committees comprised of Members from each side of the house. The Chair of each Committee is usually appointed by the Government. The Parliamentary Committees is bipartisan and the views expressed in their reports are considered independent and free from party politics.

The committee system is an extension of Parliament. The Committees play an important role in taking the work of Parliament to the people by holding public enquiries on important and topical issues and reports to Parliament on their findings. The Committees operate with broad terms of references to allow Members more scope to examine important issues more thoroughly.

There are two categories of Committees. They are;

- 1. The Standing or Permanent Parliamentary Committees that are established by law to remain for full term of Parliament or until such time Parliament decides. Their roles and responsibilities include enquiring into the work of national government departments and other government related activities.
- 2. Ad hoc select or special Committees. They are special Committees established by Parliament to carry out specific tasks for a specific length of time.

A committee secretariat provides administrative and secretarial support to the Committees. They coordinate Committee meetings, public hearings, travel, undertake research and compile reports to be tabled in Parliament.

#### **Reporting Office**

The Parliamentary Service Act established a Reporting Division. Their task is "to provide all Papua New Guineans the opportunity to hear, read and see the work of the National Parliament".

The office is responsible for the production of the official records of debates of Parliament, the Hansard and the provision of simultaneous interpretation into English, Tok Pidgin and Motu during Parliament meetings. The Office is also responsible for transcripts of the Parliamentary Committee inquiries and parliamentary forums such as Commonwealth Parliamentary Associations (CPA). The Principal Parliamentary Reporter is the head of the division who reports to the Deputy Clerk.

#### Sergeant-At-Arms

The Office of Sergeant-At-Arms provides a range of services to the Members of Parliament. These services include the allocation of office space, seat allocation in the Chamber, and attendant and messenger services during sittings. The Sergeant-At-Arms has responsibility to:

- Organize and assist in every session of Parliament
- Receive VIPs and foreign dignitaries and organize visits to Parliament
- Organize the swearing in of Members of Parliament after elections or when a vacancy is to be filled
- Brief the Speaker of Parliament on Chamber procedures
- Ensure that the papers for the Speaker are in order
- Liaise with the Government and Opposition whips on sitting arrangements for Members
- Ensure that proper procedures are followed when a Members crosses the floor
- Act as personal assistant to the Speaker and senior Parliamentary staff at the Table Office.
- Supervise and train Chamber attendants
- Organize transport for Members during sitting

#### **Inter- Parliamentary Relations Office**

The National Parliament conducts its relations with other legislatures and Parliamentary organizations at the regional and international level through Inter-Parliamentary Relations Office. The main functions of the office are to:

- Provide advice to the Speaker and the Clerk on dealings with other legislatures and parliamentary organizations
- Manage the parliament travel program administered by the Office of the Clerk
- Provide administrative support to Parliamentary delegations travelling abroad or those visiting in Papua New Guinea.
- Prepare briefs, statements and reports to Parliament on conference, seminars, study tours and official activities undertaken by Parliamentarians
- Maintain regular contact with organizations such as Commonwealth Parliamentary Associations (CPA), International Parliamentary Union (IPU), and Asia Pacific Parliamentary Union (APPU) etc.

NO	NAMES OF MEMBERS OF	POLITICAL	2012	ELECTORATE	PORTFOLIO	PARLIAMENT	ROOM	PARTY
	PARLIAMENT	PARTY	ELECTION			OFFICE	NUMBE	OFFICE
			RESULTS			NUMBER	R	NUMBER
1	Hon. Peter O'Neil, MP	PNC	44917/59899	Ialibu Pangia Open	Prime Minister	3277384/613	A4-11	3237744 <sup>1</sup>
2	Hon. Charlie Benjamin, MP	PNC	8155/15567	Manus Provincial	Governor	3277672	BG-28	3237744
3	Hon. Paul Isikiel, MP	PNC	11373/18527	Markham Open	Housing	3277700	A3-53	3237744
4	Hon. James Marape, MP	PNC	18271/30640	Tari Pori Open	Finance	3277346	A3-40	3237744
5	Hon. Jim Miringtoro, MP	PNC	4205/8166	Central Bville	Communications	3277512	B4-6	3237744
6	Hon. Charles Abel, MP	PNC	15071/20745	Alotau Open	National Planning	3277350	A3-37	3237744
7	Hon. Mao Zeming, MP	PNC	5959/10135	Tewai-Siassi Open	Fisheries	3277549	B3-46	3237744
8	Hon. Bob Dadae, MP	PNC	8088/14267	Kabwum Open	Chairman <sup>2</sup>	3277638	B1-62	3237744
9	Hon. Ano Pala, MP	PNC	8153/13958	Rigo Open	Transport	3277685	BG-50	3237744
10	Hon. Louta Atoi, MP	PNC	11416/19200	North Bougainville		3277667	BG-16	3237744
11	Hon. Ken Fairweather, MP	PNC	9624/16628	Sumkar Open		3277687	BG-54	3237744
12	Hon. Francis Awesa, MP	PNC	25919/49670	Imbonggu Open	Works	3277528	B3-30	3237744
13	Hon. Boka Kondra, MP	PNC	8530/16788	North Fly Open	Tourism & Culture	3277682	BG-4	3237744
14	Hon. Roy Biyama, MP	PNC	7917/13540	Middle Fly Open	Chairman <sup>3</sup>	3277649	B1-75	3237744

#### Members of the Ninth Parliament

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Secretary General's mobile number is: 7686663 and email: <u>emjondi@gmail.com</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Public Works

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Discipline Service

15	Hon. Gisuat Siniwin, MP	PNC	6046/11659	Nawae Open	Vice Minister <sup>4</sup>	3277658	B1-65	3237744
16	Hon. Gordon Wesley, MP	PNC	10155/17861	Samarai-Murua O	Deputy Speaker		A3-18	3237744
17	Hon. Kila Haoda, MP	PNC	47653/76087	Central Provincial	Governor	3277611	B2-29	3237744
18	Hon. Michael Malabag, MP	PNC	9351/18685	Moresby West	Health	3277341	A3-45	3237744
19	Hon. Pesab J. Komal, MP	PNC	32522/57818	Nipa-Kutubu Open	Chairman <sup>5</sup>	3277645/646	B1-78	3237744
20	Hon. Ereman Tobaining MP	PNC	6168/19696	Kokopo Open	Governor	3277525	B4-27	3237744
21	Hon. Benny Allen, MP	PNC	15139/29526	Unggai-Bena Open	Lands	3277553	B3-50	3237744
22	Hon. Koi Trape, MP	PNC	21959/39662	Mul-Baiyer Open	Chairman <sup>6</sup>	3277641	B1-68	3237744
23	Hon. William Powi, MP	PNC	139309/239645	SHP	Governor	3277523	B4-24	3237744
24	Hon. Havila Kavo, MP	PNC	8195/569981	Gulf Open	Governor	3277219	B1-33	3237744
25	Hon. Isaac Waigavara, MP	PNC	9731/18817	Okapa Open	Chairman <sup>7</sup>	3277694	BG-70	3237744
26	Hon. Noah Kool, MP	PNC	77784/134902	Simbu Provincial	Governor	3277640	B1-66	3237744
27	Hon. Loujaya Kousa, MP	PNC	7364/13206	Lae Open	Community Dev. <sup>8</sup>	3277591	B2-46	3237744
28	Hon. Daniel Mona, MP	PNC	3062/5696	Goilala Open	Chairman <sup>9</sup>	3277626	B1-32	3237744
29	Hon. Sasindra Muthuvel, MP	PNC	24853/47256	WNBP	Governor	3277623	B1-38	3237744
30	Hon. Solan Mirisim, MP	PNC	7644/14502	Telefomin Open	Chairman <sup>10</sup>	3277692	BG-66	3237744
31	Hon. Robert Atiyafa, MP	PNC	9799/18478	Henganofi Open	Police	3277342	A3-43	3237744
32	Hon. Ron. Ganarafo, MP	PNC	6385/12114	Daulo Open	Chairman <sup>11</sup>	3277777/667	BG-27	3237744
33	Hon. Richard Maru, MP	PNC	13121/23362	Yangoru –Saussia	Trade & Com	3277587	B2-42	3237744
34	Hon. Aide Ganasi, MP	PNC	3489/6947	South Fly Open		3277564	B2-21	3237744
35	Hon. Tommy Tomscoll, MP	PNC	11925/19129	Middle-Ramu Open	Agriculture	3277575	B2-22	3237744
36	Hon. Jeffery Kuave, MP	PNC	8795/15252	Lufa Open	Chairman <sup>12</sup>	3277628	B1-26	3237744
37	Hon. John Pundari, MP	PNC	19638/37091	Kompiam- Ambum	Environment	3277386	A3-24	3237744
38	Hon. Nick Kuman, MP	PNC		Gumine Open	Education	3277594	B2-50	3237744

<sup>4</sup> Education

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Education
 <sup>5</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Law and Order
 <sup>6</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Transport and Civil Aviation
 <sup>7</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Privilege
 <sup>8</sup> Religion, Youth and Community Development
 <sup>9</sup> Parliamentary Committee for HIV/AIDS Advocacy
 <sup>10</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Administrative Services
 <sup>11</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Economic Affairs
 <sup>12</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Industry and Industrial Relations

39	Hon. Wesley N Kukundj, MP	PNC	18278/36292	Dei Open	Chairman <sup>13</sup>	3277656/601	B1-61	3237744
40	Hon. Francis Potape, MP	PNC	16235/30586	Komo- Margarima		3277673	BG-26	3237744
41	Hon. Joseph Lelang, MP	PNC	9666/16504	Kandrian Gloucester		3277614	B1-25	3237744
42	Hon. Nixon Duban, MP	PNC	8483/16422	Madang Open	Petrol. & Energy	3277510	B4-8	3237744
43	Hon. Ezekiel Anisi, MP	PNC	8141/14775	Ambunti Drekikir		3277700	BG-61	3237744
44	Hon. Don Polye, MP	THE	23952/47713	Kandep Open		3277567	B3-36	341616814
45	Hon. Douglas Tomuriesa, MP	THE	7329/14010	Kiriwina Goodenough	Chairman <sup>15</sup>	3277650/604	B1-73	3416168
46	Hon. Philip Undialu, MP	THE	22358/36691	Koroba Kopiago	Chairman <sup>16</sup>	3277713	BG-64	3416168
47	Hon. David Arore, MP	THE	8933/17537	Ijivitari Open		3277599	B2-60	3416168
48	Hon. Delillah Gore, MP	THE	6105/10217	Sohe Open	Higher Educn <sup>17</sup>	3277579	B2.18	3416168
49	Hon. Leo Dion, MP	THE	35195/60082	ENBP <sup>18</sup>	Deputy PM <sup>19</sup>	3277680/559	B3-45	3416168
50	Hon. James Gau, MP	THE	10586/18647	Rai-Coast Open	Chairman <sup>20</sup>	3277565	B2-25	3416168
51	Hon. Benjamin Poponawa. MP	THE	33889/61514	Tambul-Nebliyer	Chairman <sup>21</sup>	3277643/596	B1-74	3416168
52	Hon. Mark Maipakai, MP	THE	4754/9165	Kikori Open		3277532	B3-26	3416168
53	Hon. Wera Mori, MP	THE	9130/15872	Chuave Open	Vice Minister <sup>22</sup>	3277597	B2-56	3416168
54	Hon. Julie Soso, MP	THE	119606/131082	EHP <sup>23</sup>		3277213	BLG-10	3416168
55	Hon. William Duma, MP	URP	34585/64073	Hagen Open		3277598	B2-58	76145086 <sup>24</sup>
56	Hon. Steven Kamma, MP	URP	10262/19391	South Bougainville	Bougainville Affair	3277568	B2-31	76145086
57	Hon. Benjamin Philip, MP	URP	8621/15802	Menyamya Open	Vice Minister <sup>25</sup>	3277600	B2-61	76145086
58	Hon. Mai Dop, MP	URP	12792/24906	Jimi Open	Chairman <sup>26</sup>	3277664	BG-25	76145086

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<sup>15</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Plans and Estimate

<sup>16</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Appointment

<sup>17</sup> Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology

<sup>18</sup> East New Britain Province

<sup>19</sup> Deputy Prime Minister and Inter-Government Relations

<sup>20</sup> Parliamentary Committee on Inter-Government Relations

<sup>21</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Constitutional Review Commission

<sup>22</sup> Vice Minister for Mining

<sup>23</sup> Eastern Highlands Province

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<sup>25</sup> Vice Minister for Finance

<sup>26</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Health and Family Welfare

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59	Hon. Fabian Pok, MP	URP	14559/29005	North Wahgi	Defence	3277582	B2-14	76145086
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60	Hon. Joe Lera, MP	URP	26199/47407	Bougainville Prov.	Governor	3277704	BG-18	76145086
61	Hon. Anton Yagama, MP	URP	8301/14461	Usino-Bundi Open	Chairman <sup>27</sup>	3277675	BG-20	76145086
62	Hon. Joseph Yopyyopy, MP	URP	9264/14449	Wosera-Gawi Open	Chairman <sup>28</sup>	3277689	BG-67	76145086
63	Hon. Francis Marus, MP	URP	16236/30586	Talasea Open		3277622	B1-40	76145086
64	Hon. Richard Mendani, MP	URP	7091/35344	Kerema Open	Chairman <sup>29</sup>	3277703	Bg-53	76145086
65	Hon. Patrick Pruaitch, MP	NA	11225/16934	Aitape-Lumi Open	Treasury	3277393	A3-38	3232899 <sup>30</sup>
66	Hon. Michael Somare, MP	NA	93815/189881	ESP	Governor	3277756	BLG-15	3232899
67	Hon. John Simon, MP	NA	13637/24367	Maprik Open	Chairman <sup>31</sup>	3277573/566	B2-24	3232899
68	Hon. Joe Sungi, MP	NA	9056/17769	Nuku Open	Vice Minister <sup>32</sup>	3277605	B2-49	3232899
69	Hon. Jim Simatab, MP	NA	9261/14774	Wewak Open	<b>Correctional Serv</b>	3277537	BG-10	3232899
70	Hon. John Hickey, MP	NA	8212/16422	Bogia Open	Chairman <sup>33</sup>	3277683	BG-44	3232899
71	Hon. Kerenga Kua, MP	NA	10862/20539	Sinasina-Yongomugl	Justice & Att. Gen	3277520	B4-20	3232899
72	Hon. Amkat Mai, MP (Vacant)	NA	27784/50759	WSP	Governor	3277653		3232899
73	Hon. Salio Waipo, MP	NA		Angoram Open		3277616	B1-29	3232899
74	Hon. Malakai Tabar, MP	NA	9791/19469	Gazelle Open		3277669	BG-35	3232899
75	Hon. Peter Isoaimo, MP	NA		Kairuku Hiri Open		3277629	B1-24	3232899
76	Hon. Julius Chan, MP	PPP	24311/46816	NIP	Governor	3277711	BLG-19	3435582
77	Hon. Ben Micah, MP	PPP	8494/14731	Kavieng Open	Public Enterprise	3277523	B4-24	3435582
78	Hon. James Byron Chan, MP	PPP	12001/22786	Namatanai Open	Mining	3277375	A3-25	3435582
79	Hon. Theo Zurenouc, MP	PPP	9838/18511	Finschaffen Open	Speaker	3277411	A2-57	3435582
80	Hon. Titus Philemon, MP	PPP	42749/84355	Milne Bay Prov.	Governor	3277727	BLG-9	3435582
81	Hon. Johnson Tuke, MP	PPP	9553/16751	Kainantu Open	Vice Minister <sup>34</sup>	3277671	BG-30	3435582
82	Hon. Tobias Kulang, MP	PPP	22505/41108	Kundiawa-Gembogl		3277621	B1-41	3435582
83	Hon. Peter Ipatas, MP	PP	140512/279413	Enga Provincial	Governor	3277515	B4-2	3257373 <sup>35</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Finance
 <sup>28</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Pensions and Retirement benefits

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Constitutional laws, Acts and Subordinate Legislations
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 <sup>31</sup> Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Vice Minister for Inter-Government Relations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Public Accounts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Public Enterprise and State Investment

84	Hon. Davis Steven, MP	PP	7039/11893	Esa'ala Open	Civil Aviation	3277557	B3-53	3257373
85	Hon. Mogerema S. Wei, MP	PP	7792/15507	Karimu-Nomane Open	Vice Minister <sup>36</sup>	3277569	B2-33	3257373
86	Hon. Robert Ganim, MP	PP	19811/36841	Wabag Open	Chairman <sup>37</sup>	3277697	BG-69	3257373
87	Hon. Belden Namah, MP	PNGP	7390/12205	Vanimo-Green Open	<b>Opposition Leader</b>	3277631	B1-8	3212163 <sup>38</sup>
88	Hon. Sam Basil, MP	PNGP	21785/37714	Bulolo Open	D/Opp. Leader	3277621	B1-54	3212163
89	Hon. Ross Seymour, MP	PNGP	7730/30693	Huon Gulf Open		3277629	B1-27	3212163
90	Hon. Jim Kas, MP	PNGP	62742/115687	Madang Provincial	Governor	3277722	BLG-12	3212163
91	Hon. Anderson Agiru, MP	PUA	59989/110395	Hela Provincial	Governor	3277662	BG-17	3444262 <sup>39</sup>
92	Hon. Paul Tiensten, MP <sup>40</sup>	PUA	6945/12636	Pomio Open		3277624	B1-36	3444262
93	Hon. Ati Wobiro, MP	PUA	19504/36185	Western Provincial	Governor	3277603	B2-55	3444262
94	Hon. Paias Wingti, MP	PDM	112640/201835	WHP	Governor	3277752	BLG-18	72175054
95	Hon. Joe Koim Komun, MP	PDM	22953/42848	Anglimp-South Wahgi	Chairman <sup>41</sup>	3277508	B4-12	72175054
96	Hon. Powes Parkop, MP	SDP	43879/79837	NCD <sup>42</sup> Regional	Governor	3277617	B1-8	3422701 <sup>43</sup>
97	Hon. Justin Tkachenko, MP	SDP	13143/24449	Moresby South	Sports	3277370	B3-19	3422701
98	Hon. William Tongamp, MP	NGP <sup>44</sup>	35320/63872	Jiwaka Provincial	Governor	3277402	BG-51	3260462 <sup>45</sup>
99	Hon. Ronny Knight, MP	NGP	7308/14359	Manus Open	Vice Minister <sup>46</sup>	3277678	BG-14	3260462
100	Hon. Bire Kimisopa, MP	NGP	11825/23584	Goroka Open	Chairman <sup>47</sup>	3277664	BG-23	3260462
101	Hon. Allan Marat, MP	MLP	5725/11157	Rabaul Open		3277627	B1-28	3112798
102	Hon. Garry Juffa, MP	РМСР	13110/24112	Northern Provincial	Governor	3277572	B2-28	343383448

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<sup>37</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Education
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<sup>47</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Emergency

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103	Hon. Rimbink Pato, MP	UP	20389/35629	Wapenamanda	Foreign Affairs	3277502	B4-21	3239747 <sup>49</sup>
104	Hon. Puka Temu, MP	ODP	12307/24063	Abau Open	Public Service	3277370	A3-22	71212310, <sup>50</sup>
105	Hon. Mehrra M. Kipefa, MP	SAP	19113/34784	Obura-Wonenara		3277695	BG-72	72165022 <sup>51</sup>
106	Hon. James Lagea, MP	Indep <sup>52</sup>	19043/33972	Kagua Erave Open	Vice Minister53	3277639	B1-64	
107	Hon. De Kewanu, MP	Indep	25945/51334	Mendi Open	Vice Minister <sup>54</sup>	3277647	B1-81	
108	Hon. Camillus Dangima, MP	Indep	8809/17257	Kerowagi Open	Chairman <sup>55</sup>	3277652	B1-69	
109	Hon. Kelly Naru, MP	Indep	100389/184356	Morobe Provincial	Governor	3277660	BG-13	
110	Hon. Nixon Mangape, MP	Indep	35804/66452	Lagaip-Porgera n	Chairman <sup>56</sup>	3277702	BG-55	
111	Hon. Labi Amaiu, MP <sup>57</sup>	PNC	8673/17315	Moresby North East	Vice Minister <sup>58</sup>	3277651	B1-71	

#### **Chamber Activities**

**Parliament Sitting Days** 

#### **First Meeting**

DAY NO.	DAY AND DATE	NOTICE PAPER NO.	MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS NO.	QUESTION PAPER NO.	DAY NO. IN YEAR
1	Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2012 <sup>59</sup>	No notice paper	001		1
2	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2012 <sup>60</sup>	No notice paper	002		2

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<sup>52</sup> Independent

<sup>53</sup> Health and HIV/AIDS

<sup>54</sup> Works and Implementation

<sup>55</sup> Parliamentary Committee for Culture and Tourism

<sup>56</sup> Parliamentary Committee Chairman of Minerals and Energy

<sup>57</sup> Not sure of his political party affiliation. Some Members of Parliament have moved parties but due to the unavailability of relevant documents, they remain listed under the parties that they were elected in.

<sup>58</sup> Sports

<sup>59</sup> 106 Members of Parliament sworn in. Hon. Theo Zurenuoc elected Speaker – 88 to 17. Hon Peter O'Neil elected Prime Minister – 94 to 12

<sup>60</sup> Official Opening of 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament by Governor General Sir Michael Ogio

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#### **Second Meeting** DAY NO. **DAY AND DATE** NOTICE **MINUTES OF** QUESTION DAY NO. IN PAPER NO. **PROCEEDINGS NO.** PAPER NO. YEAR Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 001 003 3 1 2 Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 002 004 4

#### **Third Meeting**

DAY NO.	DAY AND DATE	NOTICE	MINUTES OF	QUESTION	DAY NO. IN
		PAPER NO.	<b>PROCEEDINGS NO.</b>	PAPER NO.	YEAR
1	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012	003	005		5
2	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	004	006		6
3	Thursday, 25 October 2012	005	007		7
4	Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	006	008		8
5	Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	007	009		9
6	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2012	008	010		10
7	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2012	009	011		11
8	Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2012	010	012		12

#### **Fourth Meeting**

DAY NO.	DAY AND DATE	NOTICE	MINUTES OF	QUESTION	DAY NO. IN
		PAPER NO.	PROCEEDINGS NO.	PAPER NO.	YEAR
1	Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2012 <sup>61</sup>	11	013		13
2	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2012	12	014		14
3	Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2012	13	015		15
4	Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2012 <sup>62</sup>	14	016		16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Handing down of the 2013 National Budget <sup>62</sup> Opposition reply to 2013 National Budget. Passage of 2013 National Budget. Introduction of and 1<sup>st</sup> vote (102 to 0) on constitutional amendment to extend grace period of "Vote of no confidence" from 24 to 30 months.

#### **Fifth Meeting**

DAY NO.	DAY AND DATE	NOTICE	MINUTES OF	QUESTION	DAY NO. IN
		PAPER NO.	<b>PROCEEDINGS NO.</b>	PAPER NO.	YEAR
1	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 <sup>63</sup>	15	017		17
2	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 <sup>64</sup>	16	018		18
3	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	17	019		19
4	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	18	20		20
5	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	19	21		21
6	Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 <sup>65</sup>	20	22		22
7	Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 <sup>66</sup>	21	23		23
8	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	22	24		24

#### **Sixth Meeting**

DAY NO.	DAY AND DATE	NOTICE	MINUTES OF	QUESTION	DAY NO. IN
		PAPER NO.	<b>PROCEEDINGS NO.</b>	PAPER NO.	YEAR
1	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	23	25	01	25
2	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	24	26		26
3	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	25	27		27
4	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2013	26	28		28
5	Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	27	29	02	29
6	Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	28	30		30
7	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	29	31		31

#### **Seventh Meeting**

DAY NO.	DAY AND DATE	NOTICE PAPER NO.	MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS NO.	QUESTION PAPER NO.	DAY NO. IN YEAR
1	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	30	32	03	32
2	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	31	33		33

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Passage (2<sup>nd</sup> vote) of Constitutional amendment to extend grace period of vote-of-no confidence from 18-30 months – 90-14
 <sup>64</sup> Passage of: 1. Judicial Conduct Repeal Act, 2. PM and NRC Repeal Act and 3. Supreme Court Repeal Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Introduction of Public Finances (Management) (Amendment) Bill 2013 by Minister for Finance – James Marape

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Passage of Public Finance (Management) 9Amendment) Bill 2013

3	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	32	34		34
4	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	33	35		35
5	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2013	34	36	04	36
6	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2103	35	37		37
7	Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2013	36	38		38
8	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	37	39		39
9	Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	38	40	05	40
10	Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	39	41		41

## **Eighth Meeting**

DAY NO.	DAY AND DATE	NOTICE PAPER NO.	MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS NO.	QUESTION PAPER NO.	DAY NO. IN YEAR
1	Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	40	42	06	42
2	Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	41	43		43
3	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	42	44		44
4	Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	43	45		45
5	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	44	45	07	46
6	Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	45	46		47
7	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	46	47		48
8	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	47	48		49

#### **Members Attendance Record**

## **Highlands Region**

#### Southern Highlands Province

#### Western Highlands Province

Name of Electorates	Name of Member	No. of Days	Name of Electorates	Name of Member	No. of Days
		Present			Present
Southern Highlands	Hon. William Powi, MP	39/49	Western Highland	Hon. Paias Wingti, MP	26/46
Province			Province	_	
Ialibu Pangia	Hon. Peter O'Neil, MP	45/49	Dei	Hon. Wesley Nukundj	39/49
Nipa Kutubu	Hon. Pesab J Komal, MP	43/49	Hagen Central	Hon. William Duma, MP	39/49
Kagua Erave	Hon. James Lagea, MP	35/49	Mul Baiyer	Hon. Koi Trape, MP	46/49
Mendi	Hon. De Kewanu, MP	49/49	Tambul/Nebliyer	Hon. Benjamin Poponawa, MP	43/49
Imbonggu	Hon. Francis Awesa, MP	37/49			

#### **Hela Province**

#### Jiwaka Province

Hela province	Hon. Anderson Agiru	33/49	Jiwaka Province	Hon. William Tongamp, MP	31/49
Komo Margarima	Hon. Francis Potape, MP	35/49	Anglimp South Wahgi	Hon. Joe Koim Komun, MP	48/49
Koroba Lake Kopiago	Hon. Philip Undialu H Nai, MP	36/49	Jimi District	Hon. Mai Dop, MP	37/49
Tari Pori	Hon. James Marape, MP	48/49	North Wahgi	Hon. Fabian Pok, MP	42/49

Enga Province			Simbu Province				
Enga Province	Hon. Peter Ipatas, MP	41/49	Simbu Province	Hon. Noah Kool, MP	43/49		
Kandep	Hon. Don Polye, MP	38/49	Chuave	Hon. Wera Mori, MP	33/49		
Kompiam Ambum	Hon. John Pundari, MP	43/49	Gumine	Hon. Nick Kuman, MP	067		
Lagaip Porgera	Hon. Nixon, Mangape, MP	42/49	Karimui Nomane	Hon. Mogerema Wei, MP	42/49		
Wabag	Hon. Robert Ganim, MP	47/49	Kerowagi	Hon. Camillus Dangima, MP	47/49		
Wapenamanda	Hon. Rimbin Pato, MP	38/49	Kundiawa Gembogl	Hon. Tobias Kulang, MP	29/49		
			Sinasina Yonggamugl	Hon. Kerenga Kua, MP	45/49		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Won through Court of Dispute Returns

#### Eastern Highlands Province

Name of Electorates	Name of Member	No. of Days Present	Name of Electorates	Name of Member	No. of Days Present
Eastern Highlands Prov	Hon. Julie Soso, MP	36/49	Lufa	Hon. Jeffery Kuave, MP	37/49
Daulo	Hon. Ron Ganarafo, MP	46/49	Obura Wonenara	Hon. Mehrra M. Kipefa, MP	44/49
Goroka	Hon. Bire Kimisopa, MP	30/49	Okapa	Hon. Isaac Waigavara, MP	44/49
Henganofi	Hon. Robert Atiyafa, MP	25/49	Unggai-Bena	Hon. Benny Allan, MP	40/49
Kainantu	Hon. Johnson Tuke, MP	41/49			

## Momase Region

#### **Morobe Province**

Morobe Province	Hon. Kelly Naru, MP	24/49	Markham	Hon. Paul Isikel, MP	34/49
Bulolo	Hon. Sam Basil, MP	34/49	Menyamya	Hon. Benjamin Philip, MP	35/49
Finschaffen	Hon. Theo Zurenouc, MP	47/49	Nawae	Hon. Gisuat Siniwin, MP	48/49
Huon Gulf	Hon. Ross Seymour, MP	27/49	Tewae – Siassi	Hon. Mao Zeming, MP	45/49
Kabwum	Hon. Bob Dadae, MP	36/49	Lae	Hon. Loujaya Kousa, MP	48/49

Madang Pro	ovince	East Sepik Province			
Madang Province	Hon. Jim Kas, MP	39/49	East Sepik Province	Hon. Michael Somare, MP	38/49
Bogia	Hon. John Hickey, MP	20/49	Ambunti Drekikir	Hon. Ezekiel Anisi, MP	068
Madang	Hon. Nixon Duban, MP	39/49	Angoram	Hon. Salio Waipo, MP	069
Middle Ramu	Hon. Tommy Tomscoll, MP	39/49	Maprik	Hon. John Simon, MP	38/49
Rai Coast	Hon. James Gau, MP	35/49	Wewak	Hon. Jim Simatab, MP	46/49
Sumkar	Hon. Ken Fairweather, MP	20/49	Wosera Gawi	Hon. Joseph Yopyyopy, MP	37/49
Usino Bundi	Hon. Anton Yagama, MP	40/49	Yangoru Saussia	Hon. Richard Maru, MP	28/49

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Won after the 2014 by-election
 <sup>69</sup> Won after 2013 by-election

## New Guinea Islands Region

West Sepik Provi	nce		East New Britain Province				
Name of Electorates	Name of Member	No. of Day	s Name of Electorates	Name of Member	No. of Days		
		Present			Present		
West Sepik Province	Hon. Akmat Mai, MP	36/49	East New Britain Province	Hon. Leo Dion, MP	28/49		
Aitape Lumi	Hon. Patrick Pruaitch, MP	43/49	Gazelle	Hon. Malakai Tabar, MP	33/49		
Nuku	Hon. Joe Sungi, MP	38/49	Кокоро	Hon. Ereman Tobaining JNR, MP	40/49		
Telefomin	Hon. Solan Mirisim, MP	48/49	Pomio	Hon. Paul Tiensten, MP	13/49		
Vanimo Green River	Hon. Belden Namah, MP	20/49	Rabaul	Hon. Allan Marat, MP	37/49		

#### New Britain Province

New Britain Province			New Ireland Province		
West New Britain Province	Hon. Sasindra Muthuvel, MP	46/49	New Ireland Province	Hon. Julius Chan, MP	34/49
Talasea	Hon. Francis Marus, MP	25/49	Kavieng	Hon. Ben Micah, MP	38/49
Kandrian/Gloucester	Hon. Joseph Lelang, MP	38/49	Namatanai	Hon. James Byron Chan, MP	34/49

Manus Province			Autonomous Region of Bougainville			
Manus Province	Hon. Charlie Benjamin, MP	33/49	Bougainville	Hon. Joe Lera, MP	45/49	
Manus	Hon. Ronny Knight, MP	48/49	Central Bougainville	Hon. Jim Miringtoro, MP	47/49	
			North Bougainville	Hon. Lauta Atoi, MP	30/49	
			South Bougainville	Hon. Stephen Kamma, MP	39/49	

## Southern Region

<b>Gulf Province</b>			Oro Province		
Gulf Province	Hon. Havila Kavo, MP	38/49	Oro Province	Hon. Garry Juffa, MP	42/49
Kerema	Hon. Richard Mendani, MP	37/49	Sohe	Hon. Delilah Gore, MP	45/49
Kikori	Hon. Mark Maipakai, MP	44/49	Ijivitari	Hon. David Arore, MP	30/49

Milne Bay Province	ince Central Province				
Milne Bay Province	Hon. Titus Philemon. MP	45/49	Central Province	Hon. Kila Haoda, MP	44/49

Alotau	Hon. Charles Abel, MP	41/49	Abau	Hon. Puka Temu, MP	48/49
Esa'ala	Hon. Davis Steven, MP	44/49	Goilala	Hon. Daniel Mona, MP	41/49
Kiriwina Good Enough	Hon. Douglas Tomuriesa, MP	37/49	Kairuku Hiri	Hon. Peter Isoaimo, MP	070
Samarai Murua	Hon. Gordon Wesley, MP	38/49	Rigo	Hon. Ano Pala, MP	42/49

#### Western Province

#### National Capital District

Western Province	Hon. Ati Wobiro, MP	31/49	National Capital District	Hon. Powes Parkop, MP	36/49
Middle Fly	Hon. Roy Biyama, MP	40/49	Moresby South	Hon. Justin Tkachencko, MP	36/49
North Fly	Hon. Boka Kondra, MP	34/49	North East	Hon. Labi Amaiu, MP	40/49
South Fly	Hon. Aide Ganasi, MP	43/49	North West	Hon. Michael Malabag, MP	41/49

## Legislative Activity

## Bills passed and certified

			DATE	
ACT NO.	TITLE	SPONSOR	PASSED	CERTIFIED
8.	Appropriation (Judiciary Services 2013) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
9.	Appropriation (National Development Expenditure 2013) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
10.	Appropriation (National Parliament 2013) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
11.	Appropriation (PNG LNG Project 2013) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
12.	Appropriation (Recurrent Expenditure 2013) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
13.	Customs Tariff (2013 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
14.	Excise Tariff (2013 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
15.	Forestry (2013 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
16.	Gaming Control (2013 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13

 $<sup>^{70}</sup>$  Won after the bye-lection in 2014

17.	Income Tax (2013 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2012	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
18.	Income Tax, Dividend (Withholding) Tax and Interest	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
	(Withholding) Tax (2013 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2012			
19.	Inter- Governmental Relations (Functions and Funding)(2013	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
	Budget)(Amendment) Act 2012			
20.	National Roads Authority (2013 Budget) (Amendment) Act	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
	2012			
21.	Papua New Guinea Fiscal Responsibility (2013 Budget)	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	27.11.12	05.02.13
	(Amendment) Act 2012			
1.	Judicial Conduct (Repeal) Act 2013	Minister for Justice & Attorney General, Hon.	06.02.13	20.03.13
		Kerenga Kua. MP		
2.	Prime Minister and National Executive Council (Amendment)	Prime Minister, Hon. Peter O'Neill, MP	06.02.13	20.03.13
	Act 2013			
3.	Supreme Court (Amendment No. 2) Act 2013	Minister for Justice & Attorney General, Hon.	06.02.13	20.03.13
		Kerenga Kua, MP		
4.	Public Finance (Management) (Amendment) Act 2013	Minister for Finance, Hon. James Marape, MP	14.02.13	15.04.13
5.	Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2013	Prime Minister, Hon. Peter O'Neill, MP	24.02.13	09.07.13
6.	Criminal Code (Amendment) Act 2013	Minister for Justice and Attorney General, Hon.	28.05.13	28.05.13
		Kerenga Kua, MP		
7.	Criminal Code (Amendment) Act- Rescission of Resolution	Minister for Justice and Attorney General, Hon.	28.05.13	28.05.13
		Kerenga Kua, MP		
8.	Sorcery (Repeal) Act 2013-11-26	Minister for Justice and Attorney General, Hon.	28.05.13	28.05.13
		Kerenga Kua, MP		
9.	Mining (OK Tedi Mine Continuation) (Ninth Supplemental	Prime Minister, Hon. Peter O'Neill, MP	18.09.13	18.09.13
	Agreement ) Act 2013			
10.	Mining (OK Tedi Tenth Supplemental Agreement) Act 2013	Prime Minister, Hon. Peter O'Neill, MP	18.09.13	18.09.13
11.	National Payment System Act 2013	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	19.07.13	19.09.13
12.	Attorney- General (Amendment) Act 2013	Minister for Justice and Attorney General, Hon.	18.07.13	31.10.13
		Kerenga Kua, MP		
13.	Employment of Non- Citizens (Amendment) Act 2013	Former Minister for Labour and Industrial Relations,	16.07.13	08.10.13
		Hon. Mark Maipakai, MP		

## Awaiting Certification

ACT NO	TITLE	SPONSOR	DATE PASSED
	Marine Pollution (Liability & Cost Recovery) Act 2013	Minister for Transport, Hon. Ano Pala, MP	27.03.13
	Marine Pollution (Ballast Water Control) Act 2013	Minister for Transport, Hon. Ano Pala, MP	27.03.13
	Marine Pollution (Preparedness & Response) Act 2013	Minister for Transport, Hon. Ano Pala, MP	27.03.13
	Marine Pollution (Sea Dumping) Act 2013	Minister for Transport, Hon. Ano Pala, MP	27.03.13
	Inclusive Education for National Development for Community	Minister for Finance, Hon. James Marape. MP	20.11.13
	Education (Repeal) Act 2013		

#### **Constitutional Amendment**

NO	TITLE	DATE PASSED	DATE CERTIFIED
36.	Constitutional Amendment No. 36- Motions of No Confidence Law	05.02.13	20.03.13
	Constitutional Amendment- Calling of Parliament Law	19.09.13	
37.	Constitutional Amendment No. 37- Motions of No Confidence Law	19.09.13	

## Papers/Reports / Petition Presented

NO.	TITLE	PRESENTER	DATE PRESENTED
1	Commission of Inquiry- Report of the Commission of inquiry into sinking of	Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Inter-	05.09.12
	MV Rabaul Queen – Final Report- Paper and Statement	Government Relations, Hon. Leo Dion, MP	
2	Auditor General of PNG- Report on Public Accounts, 2008 Part I, 2009 Part II,	Speaker, Hon. Theo Zurenuoc, MP	23.10.12
	2011 Part IV- Papers		
3	Department of Justice and Attorney General- National Juvenile Justice	Minister for Justice & Attorney General, Hon.	23.10.12
	Committee- Report, 2010- Paper	Kerenga Kua, MP	
4	Auditor General of PNG- Report on Public Accounts, 2009, Part III	Speaker, Hon. Theo Zurenuoc, MP	25.10.12
5	Department of Correctional Service- Strategic Plan, 2011-2020 Paper &	Minister for Correctional Services, Hon. Jim	22.11.12
	Statement	Simatab, MP	
6	Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts- Enquiry Reports-	Hon. Ken Fairweather, MP	22.11.12
	Papers and Statement- Reports for Adoption		

7	Department of National Planning and Monitoring- Tax Credit Scheme, Report, 1992-2012- Paper & Statement	Minister for National Planning and Monitoring, Hon. Charles Abel, MP	20.03.13
8	Status of the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Special	Prime Minister, Hon. Peter O'Neill, MP	26.03.13
	Agriculture and Business Leases		
9	Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council- Annual	Prime Minister, Hon. Peter O'Neill, MP	27.03.13
	Report, 2011		
10	Teaching Service Commission- Annual Report, 2009, 2010 & 2011	Minister for Education, Hon. James Marape, MP	27.03.13
11	Auditor General of Papua New Guinea- Public Accounts of PNG Report, Part 1, 2009- Paper	Speaker, Hon. Theo Zurenuoc, MP	14.05.13
12	77 <sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and 43 <sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Asia Pacific	Assistant Speaker, and Chairman – Foreign	16.05.13
	Parliamentarian Union (APPU) Report	Affairs and Defence, Hon. John Simon, MP	
13	Africa Caribbean Pacific Parliamentary Assembly- 31 <sup>st</sup> Session of the ACP	Former Ambunti- Drekikir Open, Hon. Tony	16.05.13
	Parliamentary Assembly, Inter- Sessional Meetings of ACP- EU Joint	Aimo, MP	
	Parliamentary Assembly and other meetings, Brussels, Belgium 19-22 March		
	2013 – Paper & Statement		
14	Paul Paraka Lawyers- Correspondence	Leader of Opposition, Hon. Belden Namah, MP	23.05.13
15	Auditor General of PNG- Report of the Auditor General, Part II, 2010-	Speaker. Hon. The Zurenuoc, MP	23.05.13
	Reference to Public Accounts Committee		
16	Statement by Prime Minister- Referral Committee on Privileges in relation to	Prime Minister, Hon. Peter O'Neill, MP	24.05.13
	the correspondence from Paul Paraka Lawyers		
17	Internal Revenue Commission- Annual Report 2010, 2011 and 2012- Papers	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye,	10.07.13
	and Statement	MP	
18	Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council- National Development	Minister for National Planning and Monitoring,	11.07.13
	Forum 2012- Paper and Statement	Hon. Charles Abel, MP	
19	Social Development Program- Implementation Report, 2009-2012- Paper and	Minister for National Planning and Monitoring,	16.07.13
	Statement	Hon. Charles Abel, MP	
20	Treaty Document- Papers and Statement	Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration,	18.07.13
		Hon. Rimbink Pato, MP	

# **Ministerial Statement Presented**

NO.	TITLE	PRESENTER	DATE PRESENTED
1	Ministerial determination on Titles and Responsibilities	Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Inter-Governmental	05.09.12
		Relations, Hon. Leo Dion, MP	
2	Empowerment of Provinces and Districts	Minister for National Planning, Hon. Charles Abel, MP	24.10.12
3	Health Service Delivery	Minister for Health & HIV/AIDS, Hon. Michael Malabag, MP	24.10.12
4	Investment in Higher Education, Technical Colleges,	Former Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science &	25.10.12
	Universities and people empowerment	Technology, Hon. David Arore, MP	
5	Enhancing and Mainstreaming Environment Sustainability	Minister for Environment & Conservation, Hon. John Pundari, MP	31.10.12
6	Status of the National Housing Corporation	Minister for Housing & Urban Development, Hon. Paul Isikiel, MP	01.11.12
7	Department of Community Development, Religion and Family Affairs- Strategic Direction and Policy Priorities	Minister for Community Development, Religion & Family Affairs, Hon. Loujaya Kousa, MP	20.11.12
8	Land Development Policy- Key Priorities Activities, 2013-2015	Minister for Lands & Physical Planning, Hon. Benny Allan, MP	07.02.13
9	Recent issues on Bougainville	Minister for Bougainville Affairs, Hon. Steven Kamma, MP	20.03.13
10	Public Sector Staffing, Statistics, Performance and Strategies	Minister for Public Service, Hon. Puka Temu, MP	14.05.13
11	Ministry of Works and Implementation- Road Infrastructure Program Update	Minister for Works and Implementation, Hon. Francis Awesa, MP	15.05.13
12	Department of Transport- Performance in First Quarter of 2013	Minister for Transport, Hon. Ano Pala, MP	16.05.13
13	Department of National Planning and Monitoring	Minister for the National Planning and Monitoring, Hon. Charles Abel, MP	16.05.13
14	Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary- Improvement in Law and Order	Former Minister for Internal Security, Hon. Nixon Duban, MP	21.06.13
15	Department of Religion, Youth and Community	Minister for Religion, Youth and Community Development, Hon.	22.05.13
16	Development- Progress of Implementation three projects Ministry of Health- Implementation of 2013 Health Sector Priorities	Loujaya Toni Minister for Health, Hon. Michael Malabag, MP	22.05.13
17	State of the Economy- Future Economic Challenges and	Former Minister for Treasury, Hon. Don Polye, MP	23.05.13

	Improved Budget Transparency		
18	Ministry of Sports, Pacific Games and National Events- Status and Progress of Preparations on 2015 Pacific Games	Minister for Games, Pacific Games and National Events, Hon. Justine Tkachenko, MP	23.05.13
19	Department of Education- First Quarter Report, 2013	Minister for Finance and Acting Minister for Education, Hon. James Marape, MP	23.05.13
20	Ministry of Finance- First Quarter Activity Report on Budget Execution and Reforms in Delivering government Policies	Minister for Finance, Hon. James Marape, MP	28.05.13
21	Ministry of Correctional Services- Current Status on Correctional Service and Department's Development Program Update	Minister for Correctional Service, Hon. Jim Simatab, MP	28.05.13
22	Department of National Planning and Monitoring- National Agriculture Development Program (NADP) Report, 2008-2012	Minister for National Planning and Monitoring, Hon. Charles Abel, MP	29.05.13
23	Department of Foreign Affairs and Immigration- New Challenges and New Opportunities for Growing Papua New Guinea's Connections in a globalizing world	Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Hon. Rimbink Pato, MP	10.07.13
24	Papua New Guinea National Commission for UNESCO, an Enhancement Capacity Building	Vice Minister for Education, Hon. Gisuwat Siniwin, MP	18.07.13

# **Questions for Written Answers**

We only provide the questions that were asked for Written Answers. In the next report we hope to include the answers alongside the questions as well.

Date of question: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2013 Questions asked by Hon. Ereman Tobaining Jnr, MP. Governor of West New Britain Province. Questions addressed to Hon. Byron Chan, MP. Minister for Mining and Member for Namatanai. Questions:

- 1. Will the Minister inform this Parliament and the people of East New Britain whether Sinivit Gold Mine is categorized as a small gold mine?
- 2. Will the Minister inform the Parliament that the mine will cease operation as per the conditions as stated in the agreement?
- 3. Will the Minister confirm or deny that there is an exit and rehabilitation plan put in place by the operator, Niugini Gold?
- 4. Is the Minister aware of the action of his Department and the Mineral Resource Authority under the revised agreement to change the leaching system currently employed by the mine to a modern conservational system of the gold processing?
- 5. Will the Minister direct Sinivit Gold Mine to have a contingency plan in place to address a disaster that may occurs as a result of chemicals spill into the river system?
- 6. Is the Minister aware that there is already evidence that the river system has been contaminated?
- 7. Will the Minister confirm whether a monitoring system had been put in place to ensure compliance by the mine operator as stipulated in the agreement?
- 8. Will the Minister address the concerns of the landowners and the people of East New Britain regarding the compliance audit of the Sinivit Gold Mine?
- 9. Will the Minister confirm or deny that a foreign owned company had taken over Sinivit Gold Mine and that the company does not have EPA registration?

Date of Question: Tuesday 19th March 2013

#### Questions asked my Hon. Nixon Mangape, MP. Member for Lagaip Pogera

#### Questions addressed to Hon. Byron Chan, MP. Minister for Mining and Member for Namatanai.

#### Questions

- 1. Is the Minister aware of the safety of the people living within the vicinity of the Porgera Gold mine?
- 2. Will the Minister table the report of Chief Mining Inspector in Parliament of their findings regarding the safety of the people in surrounding the communities?
- 3. Will the Minister inform Parliament what actions he intends to take to address the issue of the landowners who were displaced by the mining company?
- 4. What actions will the company take to address the interest of the children who are displaced by the mining company for the past 15 years?
- 5. Will the Minister inform Parliament of the exact time the outstanding MoU funds be paid to the landowners?

## Date of Question: Tuesday 19th of March, 2013

# Questions asked by Hon. Francis Potape, MP. Member for Komo Magarima Questions addressed to Hon. Mark Maipakai, MP. Minister for Labour and Industrial Relations.

## **Questions:**

- 1. What step has his Department take to create more employment and to reduce the number of unemployed in 2013 and beyond?
- 2. What is his Department's overall policy regarding localization in the country?
- 3. Will the Department conduct a major audit of all work forces in Papua New Guinea, particularly in the mining, petroleum, fisheries and forestry sectors where foreigners are dominating the work force?
- 4. Will the Minister direct his Department to put a plan in place to establish a registry office throughout the country to allow the unemployed and university graduates to go and register their names for employment purposes?
- 5. Will the Department review all foreign work permits in this country?
- 6. What category of work permits are issued to foreigners in order to protect our citizens from getting employment opportunity?

#### Date of Question: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2013

## Questions asked by Hon. Louta Atoi, MP. Member for North Bougainville

#### Questions addressed to Hon. Leo Dion, MP. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Governmental Relations.

#### Questions

- **1.** Can the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Government Relations confirm or deny the commitment made by the National Government under the Malagan Accord 1990, to seal the Buka ring road?
- 2. If so, will the Government honour that agreement and seal that ring road on Buka Island?

Date of Questions: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 Questions asked by Hon. Joe Sungi, MP. Member for Nuku Questions addressed to Hon. Benny Allan, MP. Minister for Works and Implementation Questions:

- 1. Is it the fact that in May 2012 a total of K8.6 million was released by the Department of National Planning to the Department of Works for maintenance and upgrading of the Nuku to Arakos/Ame Road in Nuku District?
- 2. Is it also a fact that Kl million out of the K8.6 million has already been spent by the Department of Works to hire unserviceable machineries and equipment that belong to persons from the East Sepik Province.
- 3. Is the Minister aware that the private company owners are related to senior officers with the Department of Works?
- 4. Will the Minister instruct the Department of Works to terminate work on the Nuku to Arakos/Ame Road and transfer the remaining funds to Nuku District Treasury?

Date of Questions: Tuesday 16th of July, 2013

# Questions asked by Former Hon. Amkat Mai, MP. Governor of West Sepik Province.

## Questions addressed to Hon. Jim Mirintoro, MP. Minister for Communication and Information.

## Questions

- 1. Is it a fact that access to Internet is very expensive in this country whereas it is cheaper in Asian countries like Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines?
- 2. Will the Minister consider and put in place systems to minimize the cost so that citizens can have cheaper access to the Internet?
- 3. Will the Minister consider those citizens living along the border accessing Internet from Indonesia?

Date of Questions: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Questions asked by Hon. Philip Undialu, MP. Member for Koroba Lake Kopiago

Questions directed to Hon. David Arore, MP. Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology.

# Questions

- 1. Is it a fact that most private institutions in the country are charging huge amount of money in excess of K20, 000.00 to 30,000.00 per year on tuition fees?
- 2. Will the Government consider putting in place mechanisms to control the excessive fees charge by these private institutions?
- 3. What is the Governments overall policy on graduate programmes for those who graduated each year from our universities and colleges?
- 4. Is it a fact that industries such as mining, oil, gas, fisheries and others do not have graduate programmes?

# Parliamentary Committee Activities

In the next report we will publish some of the works of committees.

# Permanent Parliamentary Committee

1. Appointments	3. Broadcasting of Parliamentary proceedings	4. Constitutional Laws and Acts and Subordinate Legislations
<ol> <li>Hon. Philip Undialu, MP. (Chairman)</li> <li>Hon. Aide Ganasi, MP (D/Chairman)<sup>71</sup></li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Hon. Theo Zurenouc, MP (Chairman)</li> <li>Hon. Jeffery Pesab Komal (D/Chairman)</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Hon. Solan Mirisim, MP (Chairman)</li> <li>Hon. John Simon, MP (D/Chairman)</li> </ol>
3. Hon. John Hickey, MP	3. Hon. Noah Kool, MP	3. Hon. Ereman Tobaining JNR, MP
4. Hon. Kelly Naru, MP	4. Hon. William Tongamp, MP	4. Hon. Powes Parkop, MP
5. Hon. Kila Haoda, MP		
6. Hon. Solan Mirisim, MP		
7. Hon. William Powi, MP		
5. Culture and Tourism	6. Economic Affairs	7. Emergency
1. Hon. Camillus Dangima, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. Ron Ganarafo, MP (Chairman)	<b>1.</b> Hon. Isaac Waigavara, MP (Chairman)
2. Hon. Roy Biyama, MP (D/Chairman)	2. Hon. Daniel Mona, MP (D/Chairman)	<b>2.</b> Hon. Daniel Mona, MP D/Chairman)
3. Westley Nukundj, MP	3. Hon. Joe Koim Komun, MP	<b>3.</b> Hon. Jeffery Pesab Komal, MP
4. Hon. Isaac Waigavara, MP	4. Hon. Richard Mendani, MP	<b>4.</b> Hon. Paias Wingti, MP
5. Hon. Louta Atoi, MP		<b>5.</b> Hon. Roy Biyama, MP
6. Hon. Mehrra M. Kipefa, MP		
7. Hon. Titus Philemon, MP		
6. Foreign Affairs and Defence	7. Law and Order	8. National Parliament
1. Hon. John Simon, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. Jeffery Pesab Komal, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. Theo Zurenouc, MP (Chairman)
2. Hon. Anderson Agiru, MP	2. Hon. Tobias Kulang, MP (D/Chairman)	2. Hon. Koi Trape, MP (D/Chairman)
3. Hon. Camillus Dangima, MP	3. Hon. Isaac Waigavara, MP	3. Hon. Havila Kavo, MP
4. Hon. Jim Kas, MP	4. Hon. Nixon Mangape, MP	4. Hon. Kelly Naru, MP
5. Hon. Koi Trape, MP	5. Hon. Ron Ganarafo, MP	

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9. Legislation	10. Pensions and Retirement Benefits	11. Private Business
1. Hon. Theo Zurenouc, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. Joseph Lelang, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. Theo Zurenouc, MP (Chairman)
2. Hon. Salio Waipo, MP (D/ Chairman)	2. Hon. Malakai Tabar, MP (D/Chairman)	2. Hon. Gordon Westley, MP (D/ Chairman)
3. Hon. Ereman Tobaining Jnr, MP	3. Charlie Benjamin, MP	3. Hon. Bob Dadae, MP
4. Hon. William Powi, MP	4. James Gau, MP	4. Hon. Jeffery Pesab Komal, MP
5. Hon. Nixon Mangape, MP	5. Julie Soso, MP	5. Hon. Richard Mendani, MP
	6. Solan Mirisim, MP	6. Hon. William Powi, MP
12. Plans and Estimates	13. Privileges	14. Public Accounts
1. Hon. Joseph Lelang, MP (D/ Chairman)	1. Hon. Aide Ganasi, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. John Hockey, MP (Chairman)
2. Hon. Garry Juffa, MP	2. Hon. Michael Somare, MP	2. Hon. Jeffery P Komal, MP
3. Hon. Jeffery Kuave, MP	3. Hon. Nixon Mangape, MP	3. Hon. Delilah Gore, MP
4. Hon. Joe Lera, MP		4. Hon. Garry Juffa, MP
5. Hon. Philip Undialu, MP		5. Hon. Philip Undialu, MP
6. Hon, Roy Biyama, MP		6. Hon. Koi Trape, MP
		7. Hon. Richard Mendani, MP
		8. Hon. Salio Waipo, MP
		9. Hon. Tobias Kulang, MP
		10. Hon. William Tongamp, MP
15. Public Works	16. Standing Orders	
1. Hon. Bob Dadae, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. Theo Zurenouc, MP (Chairman)	
2. Hon. Allan Marat, MP	2. Hon. Anton Yagama, MP	
3. Hon. Camillus Dangma, MP	3. Hon. Bob Dadae, MP	
4. Hon. Francis Potape, MP	4. Hon. Ati Wobiro, MP	
5. Hon. Havila Kavo, MP	5. Hon. Isaac Waigavara, MP	
6. Hon. Jeffery Pesab, Komal, MP	6. Hon. Robert Yagama, MP	
7. Hon. Joe Sungi, MP		
8. Hon. Joseph Yopyyopy, MP		
9. Hon. Solan Mirisim, MP		
10. Hon. Westley Nukundj, MP		
<b>11.</b> Anton Yagama		

# **Referral Committee**

2. Communications	3. Discipline Services
1. Hon. James Gau, MP (Deputy	1. Hon Roy Biyama, MP (Chairman)
Chairman)	2. Hon. Anderson Aigiru, MP
2. Hon. Charlie Benjamin, MP	3. Hon. Malakai Tabar, MP
3. Hon. Bire Kimisopa, MP	4. Hon. Wesley Nukundj, MP
4. Hon. Joe Sungi, MP	
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1. Hon. Anton Yagama, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. Mehrra M Kipefa, MP
2. Hon. William Powi, MP	(Chairman)
3. Hon Joe Koim Komun, MP	2. Hon. Malakai Tabar, MP
	(D/Chairman)
	3. Hon. Peter Ipatas, MP
	4. Hon. Michael Somare, MP
	5. Hon. Powes Parkop, MP
8. Inter-Government Relations	9. Justice
1. Hon. James Gau, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. John Hickey, MP (Chairman)
2. Hon. Lauta Atoi, MP (D/Chairman)	2. Hon. Francis Marus, MP
3. Hon. Francis Marus, MP	(D/Chairman)
4. Hon. Bob Dadae, MP	3. Hon. Kila Haoda, MP
	4. Hon. Lauta Atoi, MP
	5. Hon. Noah Kool, MP
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1. Hon. Nixon Mangape, MP (Chairman)	1. Hon. Joe Koim Kuman, MP (Chairman)
	2. Hon. Tobias Kulang, MP
3. Hon. William Tongamp, MP	(D/Chairman)
	3. Hon. Francis Potape, MP
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# Appendices

**1.1 Memorandum of Understanding for the Open Parliament Project** 





#### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

BETWEEN

#### THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

("THE PARLIAMENT")

AND

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA INC.

("TIPNG")

**OPEN PARLIAMENT: REFORM, RESTORE, MODERNISE** 

WHEREAS:

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- A. Subject to the Constitution, the legislative power of the people is vested in the Parliament.
- B. The Parliament is a single-chamber legislature, consisting of a number of members elected from single-member open electorates and singlemember provincial electorates.
- C. There is a Speaker and Deputy Speaker, who are members of Parliament elected by the Parliament.
- D. The Speaker is responsible, inter alia, for upholding the dignity of the Parliament, maintaining order in it, regulating its proceedings and administering is affairs.
- E. TIPNG is part of the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption.
- F. TIPNG works with partners in government, business and civil society to develop and strategize ways to tackle corruption and promote transparency, accountability and good governance.
- G. Access to information about Members of Parliament and Parliamentary processes is an important pre-requisite for the empowerment of the people; it generates interest among our citizenry, and promotes transparency, accountability and best parliamentary practises.
- H. The Parliament, through the Office of the Speaker, and TIPNG, through the Chairman of the Board of TIPNG, are desirous of establishing good governance practices by working together to promote the Speaker's vision to restore reform and modernise Parliament through the establishment of the "Open Parliament" project.
- I. TIPNG understands that the Parliament under the leadership of the Speaker, desires to open the Parliament to the public. TIPNG's "Open Parliament" project compliments this desire.
- J. TIPNG applauds the willingness of Parliament to engage in this project.

#### THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to identify the objectives and activities of the "Open Parliament" project and to encourage the Parties to jointly facilitate that Project's implementation.

#### TERM

2. The term of this MOU is the period within which the "Open Parliament" project will be carried out. The term commences on 1 February 2013 and ends on 31 January 2015.

#### FUNDING

3. Funding for the "Open Parliament" project has been secured through an agreement between TIPNG and the European Union. That agreement sets out the activities that are funded under the "Open Parliament" project.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 4. The objectives of the "Open Parliament" project are to:
  - 4.1 Encourage Members of Parliament to share information with the public about themselves and the work they are doing as an elected representative.
  - 4.2 Enable members of the public to have a better understanding of their elected representatives, including their roles and activities.
  - 4.3 Provide a platform for members of the public to communicate with their elected representatives.
  - 4.4 Provide a platform for Members of Parliament to communicate with the members of the public.
  - 4.5 Increase the public's awareness of the function of the Parliament, its Committees and its proceedings.

## **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

- 5. <u>Establish a database</u> in TIPNG's office recording information as described in section 5.1 and 5.2. The information recorded is either publicly available, or voluntarily provided, through the written consent of the MP concerned.
  - 5.1 <u>Information on Members:</u>
    - 5.1.1 Contact information (for example, postal address, email and telephone numbers)
    - 5.1.2 General Profile (for example, education, qualifications, publications, previous occupations, parliamentary service, and committee membership)
    - 5.1.3 Election Results (including any previous election results)
    - 5.1.4 Inaugural or maiden speech
    - 5.1.5 Personal statements, and other information, provided by the member about him or herself

- 5.1.6 Conferences, delegations and visits
- 5.1.7 Visits to electorate
- 5.1.8 Attendance during sittings of Parliament and Committees
- 5.1.9 How voted (for example, on motions and Bills)
- 5.1.10 Public statements (including media statements, or statements in Parliament) on TI(PNG) value areas: transparency, accountability, fighting corruption, good governance
- 5.1.11 District Support Grant and District Services Improvement Program acquittals and reports
- 5.2 <u>Information on Parliamentary Business</u>:
  - 5.2.1 Parliamentary Sittings Schedule
  - 5.2.2 Notice Papers
  - 5.2.3 Bills tabled and progress of Bills
  - 5.2.4 Committee Reports
  - 5.2.5 Other tabled information (for example, Vision 2050, National Anti-Corruption Strategy, ratification of international instruments, regulations)
- 5.3 Any other information that both parties agree, in writing, to place on the database.
- 6. <u>Set up a website</u> via which members of the public can access the database.
- 7. <u>Set up a mobile phone access mechanism</u> where anyone can get basic data from the database using SMS.
- 8. Collate, on an annual basis, the information on the database and present the report to Parliament and the public.
- 9. Prepare, on request, <u>summaries of information</u> about a Member of Parliament from the information on the database and provide to the person requesting the information.
- 10. <u>Prepare Newspaper inserts</u> based on information collated from the database. Members of Parliament will be invited by the Parties to contribute to this. It is planned that every month two Members would be featured giving a short biography of his or her background and work in Parliament.
- 11. Invite Members of Parliament to take part in <u>radio interviews</u>. These will focus on the work they are doing as Members.

12. Develop and implement a project communications strategy so potential users of the "Open Parliament" project outputs are aware of what the project offers and how to interact with it.

#### **OVERSIGHT of PROJECT**

13. The "Open Parliament "project will have an oversight committee which should meet at least quarterly. The committee will comprise representatives from, The Office of the Speaker, TIPNG and the funder, the European Union. The role of the committee is to review, guide and advice on the implementation of the project.

#### CONSIDERATIONS

- 14. The purpose of the Project is to inform and educate the public about the work of Members and the Parliament. The Project is not designed to criticize individual Members of Parliament or the institution of the Parliament itself.
- 15. TIPNG will not be expressing its opinions or the opinions of its members on this database.

#### **REVIEW AND VARIATION**

- 16. The terms of this MOU may be reviewed at any time following a request in writing by one Party to do so.
- 17. Following such a review, the terms of the MOU may be varied, but only where there is agreement by both Parties.

#### **TERMINATION**

18. This MOU may be terminated by either Party providing two-week written notice.

#### **COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIP**

19. We the undersigned have read and agreed with the terms of this MOU and will work in partnership to fulfill its objectives.



# 1.2 Speakers Key Note Address on the Occasion of the Signing of the MoU

- This gathering today marks the beginning of a significant partnership I, believe, that will go a long way to develop a truly democratic parliament that is OPEN, TRANSPARENT and ACCESSIBLE to the citizens of Papua New Guinea and the world community.
- Today, the Parliament will consolidate a significant partnership with the Transparency International PNG Chapter and the European Union Delegation. The signing of the **Memorandum of Understanding** with TIPNG and EU for the "OPEN PARLIAMENT PROJECT" is indeed important because it is one of the mediums through which my Vision for the Parliament will be realized.
- Ladies and Gentlemen! Before we proceed with the signing, please, allow me to share with you my VISION for the Parliament as a platform for the event that will take place today.
- Since I took office as Speaker, my team and I have been working diligently to craft a Vision to reform the Parliament and in turn be a catalyst for national transformation. I am indeed excited and motivated to share with you our **vision** on this occasion, because, as I understand, **the Open Parliament Project** will be one of the mediums to nurture and materialize our vision.
- Therefore, I thank you all, and more particularly **Transparency International PNG Chapter** and the **European Union Delegation**. Also, we offer special gratitude to **Centre for Democratic Institute (CDI)** of Canberra, Australia, for their unfading support and other distinguished potential partners who are present here today. I am more than encouraged with your presence as it is an indication that you are as keen as I am to see change in our Parliament.
- The PNG National Parliament is the mother of all institutions, a symbol of collective wisdom and a pinnacle of people's power. However, as you are aware, its integrity has been eroded over the years. An internal compliance investigation, which I instituted, and a joint Assessment conducted by Queensland and Solomon Islands Parliaments have identified endemic and systemic problems that seriously undermine the integrity of the House. In this sense, the need for reform and restore the House is more pressing than ever before.

- One of the key problems has been the lack of **CIVIC EDUCATION** on the **ROL**E of the **Parliament** and the **Parliamentarians** over the years. Consequently, the public has developed misconstrued perceptions of the ROLE of the parliamentarians. Our people including the Parliamentarians themselves have developed a strong perception of the Members of Parliament as **"Project Managers and Cash Deliverers"** as opposed to their mandated and most central role as Law Makers or Legislators, overseers of the executive government and the bureaucracy that is expected to deliver and representatives of the people on the Floor of Parliament.
- Ladies and Gentlemen! This serious misconception has ultimately exerted unbearable and increasing pressure on our Parliamentarians, who, in trying to manage this expectation end up duplicating the role of Bureaucracy the delivering agent. In doing so, our Political Leaders are forced to compromise their central roles under the pressure to deliver projects and cash. To fend off this pressure, the former governments introduce the concept of DSIP funds, so that the parliamentarian is at least seen to be delivering something.
- Ladies and Gentlemen! The escalating largess of greed and corruption that threaten to strangle our young nation, is the sense of my argument, largely stems fundamentally from the mismatch of the ROLE of Parliamentarians and the Delivering agent the bureaucracy. There is total confusion and under this cloud of confusion, corruption is pervading our bureaucratic system more than elsewhere. Our nation is falling prey to a massive bureaucratic systems that delivers less or none and consumes more.
- Ladies and Gentlemen! If we are to fix our Nation, we must first fix this particular problem. The need to shift our mind-set from "Politicians as Cargo Cult Leaders" to them as Law Makers is critical, if we are to suppress and strangle the spirit of corruption. This calls for every responsible agency and citizen to take on a collective and cohesive FIGHT to EDUCATE our people on the importance of Parliamentarian mandated to make law as well as to scrutinise the Executive government and the delivering agents.
- In the like manner, there is a need for the Parliamentarians to be educated on their mandated roles, and in particular to legislate and sanction reforms in the Bureaucratic system to make the bureaucracy become more accountable, and make it deliver services. It is the role of the bureaucracy to deliver services whilst it is the role of the Politicians to make the Bureaucracy deliver.
- In this regard, whilst the MOU which will be signed today, focuses on the "OPEN PARLIAMENT" project, I would further like to believe that the MOU will provide an initial framework for our partnership that will go a long way in supporting my vision to restore the role of the parliamentarians and make laws and reforms that will make our bureaucracy work.
- Ladies and Gentlemen! I must state that my dream is bigger than just a conclave vision to transform our Parliament. My Vision links directly to our Government's National Vision to restore and reform PNG into a modern prosperous Nation.
- I took up the challenge to become a political leader because I aspired, as with many young Papua New Guineans, to see our nation transformed from a backward, underdeveloped and Third World Condition to a Nation of Financial Freedom and Social Prosperity. This is also the dream for every genuine Papua New Guinean. I see the price tag for such a dream sacrifice and commitment, and ABOVE ALL I SEE UNITY AS THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION for achieving our collective dream.

In this greater national picture, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Parliament undoubtedly plays the **ENGINE ROOM** role to drive the changes many of us aspire for our country. The National Parliament is the **HUB** for National Transformation Activity. It is the single most important entity through which noble dreams of great men and women are birthed out and translated into reality through the **laws** that it makes.

#### **GRANT VISION - RESTORE, REFORM AND MODERNIZE**

Having made these remarks, I wish to touch on the Vision for the Parliament. Let me begin with a couple of quotes to set our vision in context. An old saying from the Bible states: **"PEOPLE WITHOUT VISION PERISH - They die! – They cease to exist. In this sense, AN ORGANIZATION OR A NATION WITHOUT A VISION FOR THAT MATTER IS DEAD. It also means that LIFE IS FOUND IN A VISION.** This also means, where there is no Vision, there is no direction, hence no strategy and subsequently no results. In another part, the saying goes:

#### WRITE THE VISION DOWN SO THAT THOSE WHO SEE IT WILL RUN WITH YOU ALL THE WAY TO THE FINISHING-LINE.

- This means, if we do have a vision, then we are to WRITE it out and share with those who are with us. Today, I am invigorated because, we have a vision. I am further enthralled because you will not only **HEAR ME TALK ABOUT MY VISION today**, but as partners, you have already began the process of **WRITING THE VISION AND TRANSLATING IT** as it is happening today through one of the mediums **TIPNG"Open Parliament" Project**. This is a remarkable beginning.
- More so, my administration, with the help of Centre for Democratic Institute is already translating the vision into a corporate plan which will be completed by next month. From this, will emanate a complete overall of the Parliament's Corporate Structure. These documents will be guiding us towards our dream of **"a Restored, Reformed and Modernized Parliament.**
- Nonetheless, the task of writing the Vision is one but making others take ownership of the Vision is another and implementing is yet another. Last year, after my election as Speaker, I announced the state of the National Parliament and expressed my desire to help fix it. To date I am still overwhelmed by the dilapidating condition of the Parliament. But let me give you my assurance, I have committed myself to this cause, and with our collective efforts, we can fix it.
- As I alluded to earlier, my desire to fix the Parliament was captured in three (3) words: "**TO RESTORE, REFORM AND MODERNIZE**" the National Parliament Papua New Guinea so that all its systems are fully functional and delivering expected outcomes.
- This vision has been conceived at the backdrop of pressing realities and experiences which I have personally encountered. Firstly, the vision was conceived as a result of my own frustrations and difficulties, which I encountered during my last term as the Member of Parliament.
- When I was an ordinary citizen, I held a different view of what the Parliament would be. I regarded the Parliament as the most sacred, highly revered and totally dignified Institution on the Land. I held the view that serving the nation in and through this Institution, even as a tea boy or a grass-cutter was the noblest and most honorable task.

- This Institution makes Laws that give our nation its identity and its sovereignty. This Institution, in my opinion, was the cradle of uncompromising moral, ethical and professional standards *because the House produces laws and laws fundamentally set Standards and Standards govern human behaviors for the collective good of every citizen.*
- My perception finally led me to enter politics. I won the election in 2007 and as I stepped into the Precincts of the most Honorable House, got sworn in, and took up my role as a Legislature, my perception drastically changed. I was given a tiny Office with no computer, no printer, no internet service and no stationary.
- Ladies and gentlemen! Least did I expect of more serious problems awaiting me as a first time politician the problems that would radically alter my original perception of the parliament and derail my central role as a Parliamentarian.
- To name a few, I noticed that the notice papers on bills were not circulated on time. The Bills were not properly debated but bulldozed through at the whim of the executive government. The standing orders of the Parliament were being seriously manipulated and tempered. I was part of a Parliamentary Committee that never functioned. MPs could not be reached because of any internet service connections. No toilet papers in the toilets, power black outs, air-condition not working, people lying around aimlessly doing nothing, betel-stain, smoking in wrong places, falling security standards The list is endless. I do not wish to wear you down with my frustrations. However, if you want to be an agent for change, then you must be angry enough about that which is not right to make it right.
- As I struggle to find the meaning of my responsibility, I began to ask the following questions: Why am I here? What really am I supposed to do? What does the Parliament exist for? What is the role of the Parliament?
- Ladies and Gentlemen! As I began to ask these questions, I could feel the vacuum the disconnect that existed between a Parliamentarian's **Mandated Role** and the **Parliament**. I could feel the disconnect between myself as a mandated leader and Parliamentary Service systems that were supposed to serve and equip me to deliver my responsibility better. In essence, I could feel the disconnect that elected members encountered since the inception of the Parliament.
- There was no rhythm in our Parliamentary music and no coordination in our movements and actions. We ONLY come for a MERE PARLIAMENT SESSIONS to endorse some preconceived government agendas. As with many Parliamentarians, my role was reduced to mere electoral duties - yet to the contrary, I had nothing or not much to deliver and the term wind up. During the last election campaign, I was criticized for not delivering this and not delivering that. Is that what I was elected for – to deliver services? Surely not, ladies and gentlemen.
- As time went by, consciousness of an MP's central role a Law Maker and the overseer derailed as I began to become overwhelmed by my district development needs and the demands exerted on me by my voters. I am sure, many MPs, like me, have lost focus of their main role as legislators as they struggle with electoral demands and issues.

On the 15 of August 2011, at about 3.00pm, as the Minister for Education, I began to express my frustrations bitterly on the floor of Parliament. On that day I raised my voice and shouted aloud:

# "THIS HOUSE IS CURSED! IT HAS BECOME CAGE OF OPPRESSIVE AND SUPPRESSIVE SPIRITS AN A DEN OF DEMONIC ACTIVITIES. WE MUST DESTROY IT AND BUILD A NEW ONE".

- Little, did I know then, that I would be in this very Seat today to drive the change that I demanded on that day. No of course, we will **not tear** the Parliament building down, but the message was clear. We needed a change a change that must be radical and transformative.
- I am thrilled to announce today that the journey towards that destination of **CHANGE** has begun. And you and me coming together today is a sure testimony of the eminent change that is coming into the Parliament which will subsequently trickle to the nation turning our Nation around on to the path of purpose and prosperity.
- Ladies and Gentlemen! My VISION to see a restored Parliament began to take form and shape during the first two months of my term in Office as the Speaker. My recent contacts and experiences with CDI and Queensland Parliament have also played a significant part in solidifying my desire to see a transformed, well-resourced modern Parliament.
- Ladies and Gentlemen! My uttermost plea to you all is for us to pool our talents, our resources and whatever we can bring and make sense of each other's 'contribution to restore the dignity and the honorability of our Country's Highest Institution.
- Today, I pray you do two things after you have heard me share with you. Firstly, I invite you to visualize how a restored, reformed and a modernized Parliament will look like and subsequently a restored, reformed, and modernized PNG. Secondly, I invite you to articulate the ideas as they take form in you and ask if there is something that you can do to help restore the Integrity of the Parliament.

#### MY VIEW OF A RESTORED, REFORMED AND MODERNISED PARLIAMENT

Ladies and gentlemen! Let me now take a few moments to share with you how I imagine our Parliament should be like.

## **Chamber Services**

- I see Parliament where MPs are making Laws important laws that protect and govern our nation. The most fundamental responsibility, we MPs are mandated by the people to make laws.
  - I would like to see a Parliament where Committee Systems are fully functional. This is where individual MPs are able to meaningfully discharge their mandated duties to provide oversight over the bureaucracy and the executive government.
  - I want to see a Parliament that is run through the Committee Systems whereby important matters including Bills are endorsed through the committee systems.
  - I want to promote a Parliament as the bastion of peoples' power where matters and bills are thoroughly debated and resolution reached based on true democracy.

- I want to see a Parliament that promote public debates on important matters and Bills.
- I want the civil society to actively participate in decision making. For all of these to happen,
- I want to see the Parliamentary support systems not only deliver the required services, but at high Standard. I want to see a highly disciplined parliament.
- I want a Parliament that strictly maintains punctuality where all MPs are attending sessions.
- I want a Parliament where sessions operate on Annual Calendar.
- Let us visualize a Parliament where Standing orders are not manipulated and tempered.
- I see a Parliament where conducts of all MPs are maintained at high Standard.
- I am seeing a Parliament where notice papers go out a month in advance so that members have enough time to digest and prepare for constructive debate.
- I want us to see a Parliament where HANSARD reports are accurate, published, and made available strictly on time. Whatever it takes to make this happen must be done.
- Let us visualize a parliament that promotes thriving, positive inter- parliamentary relationships for the purpose of transferring appropriate knowledge other benefits.
- I want to see report on every overseas trips being table at Parliament. There are many more that you can add to this list.

#### **Support Services**

When I visualize a Restored, Reformed and Modernized Parliamentary Support Services;

- I see a robust, stringent and disciplined **Financial Management** practice. Program-based budget must be promoted and disbursement of funds done strictly on program-based appropriation.
- Procurement of goods and services comply with Public Finance Management Act and financial guidelines.
- I see an uncompromising Standard of Security Services which makes parliament the exemplary institution for person, property and information security.
- I see a Parliament installed with the latest information technology. We must have a functioning parliament website that is open and accessible. In a world where advanced technology is at our fingertips, amazingly, the Highest Institution in the Land does not have these services. Something has terribly gone wrong somewhere in the administration.
- I see a robust, functioning research, information and library services, where information is readily available.
- I see an "Open Parliament" where essential information about the parliament are made accessible to all citizens. This is where TIPNG and European Union support comes in.
- I would like to see our future leaders our students from all over the country visit their Parliament and broaden their understanding of our Parliamentary Democracy.

- I would like to see schools from remote areas being sponsored by business houses and MPs to visit the Parliament during sessions. I want the parliament that promotes education and learning as essential tools passed on to our children, for national success.
- I see a clean, tidy, hygienic, and well- respected physical setting, where smoking, drinking alcohol & betel-nut chewing are prohibited within the Parliament precincts.

#### Workforce (Human Resources)

- When I visualize a Restored and Reformed workforce, I see a rationalized workforce with reduced wastage currently, there is abuse and wastage of human resources.
- I see an active, vibrant performing workforce.
- I see a workforce with clear succession plan
- I see a work force where training underpins our drive to par with rest of the world.
- I see a respected, revered and dignified workforce who must be fairly rewarded for their service, where their welfares of the staff are well-taken care of and staffs are happy, content and satisfied.
- I see a workforce that is of high standard in terms of punctuality and performance.
- It is my dream to restore dignity to every member of the workforce.
- I see a workforce that is intelligent, sharp, and quick in thinking, refined in attitude, and full of wisdom because what comes out from the Parliament affects the nation significantly.

#### Moral Standard

- The Parliament is the standard bearer. I strongly believe in the principle of Arrow Head Leadership. Everything rises and falls by leadership. The leadership is like the Head of our Body. If the Head is bad, the whole body disintegrates.
- To me, the Parliament is the Head of our Nation. If the head does not function as it supposed to, then the whole Nation disintegrates. Moral fabric of our Parliament is the core element that must hold the Institution in its position as the symbol of our NATIONAL UNITY, National identity, our sovereignty and our PROGRESS.
- In all of these, Parliamentarians and the Parliamentary staff are the face of moral values, principles and standards that underpin the governance of our nation. I am very much aware and continually challenged that I am serving in an Institution that **DEMANDS STANDARD**. I must warn that, as we progress, the Parliament will become increasingly unpleasant for evil and immoral activities to survive.
- I have already informed my administration that we must be prepared to accept reform and adjust our attitudes to adapt to the coming changes and lead by example. All defects and deformities carried in our attitudes and systems must be radically reformed to conform to the

standard, which we are advocating. Ladies and Gentlemen! I must state that a restored and reformed Parliament will come out of restored and reformed individual members of the Parliament workforce and the Parliamentarians. Therefore, I ask you, ladies and gentlemen,

- to see with me a Parliament that is FOUNDED FIRMLY ON MORAL AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES FIRMLY FOUNDED ON CHRISTIAN FAITH
- See with me a Parliament, where work attitude and professional ethics will be governed and influenced by Higher Principles drawn from the infallible Word of God.
- Visualize with me a Parliament where the Fear of God will be restored as the Foundation upon which our Nation must be built.
- I encourage you to see a Parliament where every staff and the Members of Parliament are restored to the Creator.
- In brief, I see a nation being constructed on sure foundation of our Christian heritage.

# **INVITATION TO PARTNERS & CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS**

- Our vision to restore the integrity of the Parliament has sparked substantial interests amongst international and national agencies like the Centre for Democratic Institute, Queensland Parliament, TIPNG, European Union and UN. Hence, it is incumbent on us (the Parliament) to conduct critical assessment of their interest and tailor their projects towards our overall vision and turn them into our advantage.
- With these, I now invite you all; development partners, Non- Governmental Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Churches, Media and concerned citizens of Papua New Guinea to come with me in this journey to fulfill our collective dream of a restored, reformed and modernized parliament and a prosperous PNG. Our dreams, I am convinced, are not ambitious. They are attainable and can be achieved. Therefore, I now invite you to join me and my administrations on this journey to restore our house, in order to restore and rebuild our Nation.
- With this, I now acknowledge TIPNG and EU as partners in initiating and facilitating the OPEN PARLIAMENT Project. I officially welcome TIPNG as the implementer and EU as the funder of the Open Parliament project to the signing of the memorandum of understanding with me representing the National Parliament. I look forward to having more partners in supporting the work before us.

Thank you and May God bless our Parliament.