

2022-2023-2024

---

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

---

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

---

NOTICE PAPER

---

No. 62

---

TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2024.

---

Parliament meets this day at 10.00 a.m..

**CONTENTS:**

Government Business

Private Business

– oOo –

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

- 1 SUPREME COURT AND NATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE – REPORT BY THE JUDGES ON THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL SYSTEM, 2021 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2022 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rainbo Paita – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 2 MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY – INTERVENTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE MINISTRY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2022 – Prime Minister and Minister for Planning, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr James Marape – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 24 MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SPORTS – DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS AND SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 18 January 2023 - Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rainbo Paita – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 27 MINISTRY OF TREASURY – ECONOMIC UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTING THE VISION – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 15 March 2023*) on the motion of Mr Rainbo Paita – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 32 MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HIGHWAYS – UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF FINANCING AND IMPLEMENTING THE CONNECT PNG PROGRAMME – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 23 March 2023 – Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jelta Wong – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 33 MINISTRY OF INTERNAL SECURITY – UPDATE IN ADDRESSING LAW AND ORDER ISSUES – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 24 March 2023 – Minister for Works and Highways, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Solan Mirisin – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 44 MINISTRY OF BOUGAINVILLE AFFAIRS – UPDATE ON THE WORK PROGRESS TO CONCLUDE THE BOUGAINVILLE PEACE PROCESS – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 13 June 2023*) on the motion of Mr James Marape – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

- 49 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 1 August 2023 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rainbo Paita – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 52 MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2019 AND 2020 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 3 August 2023 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rainbo Paita – That the Parliament take note of the papers.
- 61 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA - ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 October 2023 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jelta Wong – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 62 OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SOLICITOR – ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SOLICITOR FOR THE YEAR 2022 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 October 2023 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jelta Wong – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 66 PNG IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP SERVICES AUTHORITY – ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 AND 2022 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2023 – Prime Minister, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr James Marape – That the Parliament take note of the papers.
- 67 MINISTRY OF FORESTS – FORESTRY REFORMS ON THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE STATE MARKETING AGENCY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE PURCHASE OPTIONS – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2023 – Prime Minister, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr James Marape – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 68 JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION – ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR THE YEARS 2020 AND 2021 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2023 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rainbo Paita – That the Parliament take note of the papers.

- 73 PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE TEMPORARY CESSATION OF NADZAB AND KIUNGA AIRPORTS – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION FOR ADOPTION: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 2023 – Acting Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Jelta Wong – That the report and its recommendations be adopted.
- 84 MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL: To present a Bill for an Act –
- (a) to recognise and give effect to the agreement of contracting parties in domestic commercial agreements and other domestic agreements or any other domestic matter amendable for resolution by arbitration;
  - (b) to repeal and replace the ***Arbitration Act*** (Chapter 46) with respect to domestic arbitration;
  - (c) to promote use of modern forms of arbitration as a means of alternate dispute resolution,
- and for related purposes. (*Notice given 1 December 2023*)
- 85 MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL: To present a Bill for an Act –
- (a) to recognise and give effect to the agreement of contracting parties in international commercial agreements to resolve their disputes by arbitration; and
  - (b) to give effect in domestic law to the ***United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards 1958*** (New York Convention), and related instruments,
- and for related purposes. (*Notice given 1 December 2023*)
- 87 SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS – FINAL REPORT ON THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION FOR ADOPTION: Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2023 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rainbo Paita – That the report and its recommendations be adopted.
- 88 MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE: To present a Bill for an Act –
- (a) to manage the Protected Area Network, Protected Areas and Protected Area Policy; and
  - (b) to conserve and replenish the biodiversity of –

- (i) the environment, plant and animal life; and
- (ii) land and its sacred, scenic and historical qualities in Papua New Guinea for the benefit of ourselves and future generations; and
- (c) to conserve the natural environments and cultural heritage subject to any zoning, declaration or registration of a Protected Area; and
- (d) to repeal the **Conservation Areas Act** (Chapter 362) and **Fauna (Protection and Control)** (Chapter 154),

and for other related purposes. (*Notice given 15 February*)

- 89 MINISTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the **Regulatory Statutory Authorities (Appointment to Certain Offices) Act 2004**, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 15 February*)
- 92 MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HIGHWAYS – CONNECT PNG PROGRAMME FINANCING AND IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 15 February – Mr James Marape – Prime Minister, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr James Marape – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 93 MINISTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the **Public Services (Management) Act 1995**, and for related purposes.
- 94 MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the **National Economic and Fiscal Commission Act 1996**, and for related purposes.

– oOo –

## TWO MONTHS ADJOURNMENT – FROM 15 FEBRUARY

- 69 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (COURT RESTRUCTURE) LAW 2023 (*Minister for Justice and Attorney-General*): Third reading - Second required opportunity for debate and Second Vote (*from 15 February*).
- 70 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (DECLARATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AS CHRISTIAN COUNTRY) LAW 2023 (*Minister for Justice and Attorney-General*): Third reading – Second required opportunity for debate and Second Vote (*from 15 February*).

– oOo –

**MATTERS REFERRED TO THE PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

- 29 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL – PART IV, 2021 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 21 March 2023 – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 34 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – PART I, 2016 AND 2017 – PAPERS – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2023 – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the papers.
- 35 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES – PART II, 2017 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2023 – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 36 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO ACCOUNTS OF THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS PROVINCIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, 2017 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2023 – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 37 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ENGA CHILDREN'S FUND TRUSTEE LIMITED, 2016 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 6 June 2023 – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 63 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO THE AUDITS OF PROVINCIAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND PROVINCIAL SERVICES GRANT OF THE NEW IRELAND PROVINCE FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2015 TO 2020 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 October 2023 – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

- 64 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – PART 3 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO THE AUDITS OF PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENTS AND ASSOCIATED ENTITIES FOR THE YEARS 2017 TO 2021 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 October 2023 – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 72 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO THE INSPECTION AND AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF PUBLIC BODIES AND THEIR SUBSIDIARIES AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES, PART IV FOR THE YEAR 2022 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 2023 – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

– oOo –

## PRIVATE BUSINESS

## BUSINESS OF THE DAY

- 13 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2022 – Prime Minister, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Luther Wenge – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 14 MINISTRY OF STATE ENTERPRISES – STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES REFORM PROGRAM – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2022 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Sasindran Muthuvel – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 45 AGREEMENT ON DEFENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 14 June 2023*) on the motion of Mr Joseph Lelang – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 46 MINISTRY OF TREASURY – 2022 FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME – DELIVERING BUDGET REPAIR AND HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 15 June 2023 – Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Douglas Tomuriesa – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 47 SIR JULIUS CHAN (*Member for New Ireland Provincial*): To present a Bill for an Act to amend the ***Provincial Health Authority Act 2007*** and for related purposes. (***Notice given 1 August 2023***)
- 51 DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT – ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 2 August 2023*) on the motion of Mr Luther Wenge – That the Parliament take note of the papers.
- 53 SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH MATTERS – PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FACT-FINDING MISSION TO ASCERTAIN THE STATUS OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL DISTRICT, EAST SEPIK AND EASTERN HIGHLANDS PROVINCES – REQUEST MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE WAY FORWARD – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION FOR ADOPTION: Resumption of debate (*from 3 August 2023 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Elias Kapavore – That the report and its recommendations be adopted.



- 57 SIR PUKA TEMU (*Member for Abau*): To present a Bill for an Act to repeal and replace the ***St. John Council Incorporation Act 1976***, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 11 August 2023*)
- 58 MINISTRY OF PRIME MINISTER AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – GOVERNMENT’S PERFORMANCE SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE IN AUGUST 2022 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 2023*) on the motion of Mr Joseph Lelang – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 59 MINISTRY OF TREASURY – MID-YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK, 2023 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 2023*) on the motion of Mr Allan Bird – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 65 SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS – INTERIM REPORT – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 5 October 2023*) on the motion of Mr Luther Wenge – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 86 MR MICHAEL MARUM (*Member for East New Britain Provincial*): To present a Bill for an Act –
- (a) to enable the establishment, development, operation and regulation of free zones in the East New Britain Province of Papua New Guinea as a pilot scheme for free zone as an independent stand-alone administrative entity specifically constituted for the purpose of regulating and administering zones; and
  - (b) to establish the East New Britain Free Zones Corporation –
    - (i) to define its powers and functions; and
    - (ii) to administer and regulate the free zones and to provide for the promotion and facilitation of investments and the development of enabling environment for such investments in free zones; and
    - (iii) to grant the Corporation partial extraterritoriality status to administer and regulate the developmental areas of a zone independently but attached to the existing Governmental framework; and
  - (c) to enable the downstream processing of products for the New Guinea Island region, Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries; and
  - (d) to encourage the undertaking of developmental activities, local and foreign direct investment, capital and talent in a zone under independent and separate regulatory frameworks; and

- (e) to encourage the establishment, conduct and expansion of enterprises and investments in and for the granting of certain exemptions and fiscal incentives to persons engaging in such enterprises and investments in a zone; and
- (f) the successful lessons learnt from the pilot projects will inform the national policy on special economic zones,

and for related purposes. (*Notice given 1 December 2023*)

- 90 SIR JULIUS CHAN (*Member for New Ireland Provincial*): To present a Bill for an Act to amend the ***Mining Act 1992***, to apply and give effect to the customary law relating to land and inheritance of property rights generally and in particular to –

- (a) legally recognise and protect the rights of customary landholders to benefit from revenues gained from minerals on, in or below customary land; and
- (b) facilitate the organisation and legal recognition of all customary landholders to be engaged in constructive development activities in mining,

and for related purposes. (*Notice given 15 February*)

- 91 SIR JULIUS CHAN (*Member for New Ireland Provincial*): To present a Bill for an Act to amend the ***Land Act 1996***, to empower provinces to reserve land for certain purposes and compulsorily acquire land in the province, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 15 February*)

**KALA AUFA**

Clerk of the National Parliament

Notice to which an asterisk (\*)  
is prefixed appear for the first time.