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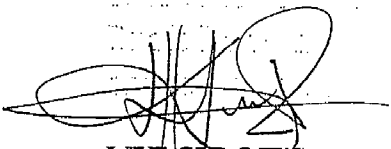
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The Deputy Speaker (**Mr Aide Ganasi**) took the Chair after the ringing of the Bells.

There being no quorum present, Mr Deputy Speaker, stated that he would resume the Chair after the ringing of the Bells.

Sitting suspended.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.40 a.m., and invited the Member for Kairuku-Hiri, **Honourable Peter Isoaimo** to say Prayers:

‘Father God you are the creator of the universe and all its inhabitants, therefore, we honour you, praise you and worship you always. However, as human as we are created to your image and likings, Father God we fall many a times to your teachings and doctrines or principles, we pray that may your wisdom be upon each and everyone one of us, us leaders lead in this country PNG.

I pray for the Prime Minister, Father God and all his Ministers, Governors, the Leader of Opposition and all of us Members of Parliament to be doing the right thing as per your teachings, Lord. We repent any wrongdoing we have done yesterday and early hours of this morning to this day. You are God who forgives and as such, we pray for forgiveness of all our wrong doings this day on, please give us the wisdom to think appropriately in law and everything else in discharge of our duties.

So, Lord we will be acting within the framework of your teachings, the laws of this country and lead by example, and be role models to all other Papua New Guineans, Amen’.

QUESTIONS

Relief Supplies for Kerema

Mr MARK MAPAKAI – Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to direct my questions to the Prime Minister, on the issue of the Gulf disaster.

So much has been published but to date, Government has not given us a position as to whether there is any form of investigation, and if there is, then when will be tabled. It is now nine months to date that food supply for Kerema Open electorate has not been delivered but we have seen a lot of publicity. Moreover, I am glad that police has made so much progress.

02/03

I have here a contract signed by the convicted governor as a section 32 officer. If he wants evidence then I am prepared to present this as part of your investigations. A contract worth K300 000 to a shipping company to deliver knowing too well that NMSA never certified the sailing of the ship. It was not sea worthy. My question is very simple and direct, the Gulf people still live in shelters and yet, K3 million worth of food was abused and misused by the administration of Gulf. As a leader, we need an explanation before this Parliament.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – I thank the honourable Member for Kikori for his question.

Mr Speaker, firstly, as we all know in the matter of the disaster relief supplies that were purchased and were yet to be delivered to the people of Gulf Province. When the disaster happened, our Government moved swiftly and provided the funds that were necessary for us to transport and buy food that was to be delivered to the people.

Our disaster office and the Gulf provincial government and provincial administration were to deliver this. Unfortunately, some of them were not delivered. They were stuck with the shipping companies and that is from what we understand. When this news broke out our Government immediately directed the chief secretary to investigate why the food supplies did not reach the destination and our people for the relief that they needed.

Mr Speaker, I have not received the reports of those investigations yet. As soon as I received the report, I will certainly pass the report to the Member himself if so desires. The matter is now before the police and the Parliament and the Member himself know that the police have taken some action and they are continuing to investigate so let us allow the agencies of government to carry out their responsibilities.

However, the Government has provided the necessary funds for the relief and I am again appealing to all leaders of the Gulf Province to let us all work together so that we can try and improve the conditions, and of course the administration of the affairs of the Gulf Province so that we can deliver the services that we are delivering today.

Mr Speaker, a lot of things are happening in the Gulf Province today not only in the oil and gas sector but as a Government we are helping in resealing the entire Kerema town, we are sealing the road from Malalaua to Kerema town and that progress is going well. For the first time you can drive from Port Moresby to Kerema without any difficulties. We are now building the road from Kerema to Kaintiba, and Kaintiba to try and link up with Menyamya. We have already linked Kikori to Simbiriki and we are working from Simbiriki to Erave so it can link up to the Southern Highlands to the Highlands Highway. Many of these projects are progressing well and we need the support of the leaders of the province so please let us work together in making sure that we deliver for our people.

Incomplete Construction of Sporting Facilities

Mr WERA MORI – Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, in recognising the people of Chuave. I wish to direct my question to the Minister for Sports. But before I do that I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the 45 000 people of Chuave to thank and congratulate Prime Minister, honourable Peter O'Neill and the Government for the completion of a very successful Pacific Games.

Mr Speaker, now that the dust has settled I think I would like to ask this question to the Minister for Sports so that at least we can be able to move on from where we have left. My reference is in relation to the uncompleted assets especially, on our stadium like the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium and the Sir John Guise Stadium. In order to make this facilities become world class you have to put up other amenities such as toilets for usage by spectators.

My question to the Minister is that can we look for money so that we can complete the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium so that we can host other games like rugby league and other games that we may desire? An uncompleted stadium as it is does not look really good.

03/03

(1) Can we have toilet facilities in built at the Sir John Guise Stadium.

Because if you go to other world class facilities there have toilets inbuilt in their facilities.

(2) Can the good Minister also inform the people of Papua New Guinea that now that the Games have been completed if the Games village at UPNG will be given to the University of Papua New Guinea?

This is because the Games village is built on the land that belongs to the University of Papua New Guinea. If not why?

My next question is not related to Pacific Games but to other Sports, and if some of you follow cricket matches, I am a fan of cricket too and my heart goes out to the teams that have represented PNG to play cricket in Ireland, The are players are mostly from Hanuabada and Marshall Lagoon and they have PNG on the map and they competed with the best in the world. The Government has not been noticing this.

(3) Can the Sports Minister let the people of Papua New Guinea know if we will give recognition to other sports that we have not been paying much attention to?

Apart from Rugby league, cricket is one of the sports where PNG will do best in the world.

Mr JUSTIN TKACHENKO – I thank the Member for his questions, which are very important and I will definitely answer his queries.

Firstly, the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium is a public-private partnership between the National Government and the Curtain Brothers. The first stage of the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium has been completed and the second stage will start in the next coming months, which is a six-storey multi story stadium in the front and will seat 20,000 people once completed by early next year. It is only half completed at this stage. The first stage was completed before the Pacific Games and the second stage will be completed over the next eight months. It will be quite an iconic building once it finishes and it will house not only filed sports like, rugby and soccer, but will also be the home of weightlifting, which is very important. Weightlifting will finally, have a proper gymnasium and proper facility instead of practising under a mango tree, however the mango tree did produce the results, but this will be a more professionalised organisation with it being dedicated at the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium. I can guarantee you that this project will be finished next year and it will be an iconic stadium for all of us to use. It will also have eight restaurants, a beautiful conference centre because it will be used commercially as well as a public facility to sustain itself.

For Sir John Stadium, there are toilets at every level in that building, from the fourth floor down to the bottom floor. They are professional and first class and for public usage so when it comes to having toilets in all the facilities at Sir John Guise stadium, that has been completed especially the outdoor stadium and all facilities are all there and were used by the public over the two weeks of the Pacific Games.

For the Games village, a couple of weeks ago the National executive Council approved that the Games village is the property of the University of Papua New Guinea and that is the NEC decision. The issue here is that the Games village is a massive infrastructure development, composed of thirty buildings, it is actually the biggest hotel in the Pacific with over 1500 rooms and the university does not have the capacity to look after it neither does the Government. It needs to be outsourced to a professional hotel company or those who know how to maintain and look after these sort of facilities to ensure the students of the University that use it in the future have looked after properly and the place is clean, and maintained with no alcohol as there.

04/03

We have to look after the sporting facilities properly for the future. We must keep the places clean and maintain it to its original standard.

Mr Speaker, we also would like to impose ban on all alcohol, illicit drug, smoke and chewing of betel nut in these facilities at any time during and after the games. This is a problem at the University in the past.

I also wish to inform this Parliament, the people of PNG and the student of UPNG that that facilities will not only be used by students, but also to be used for future events such as the FIFA World Cup for Under 20 women, the World Cup Rugby in 2017 and other such activities.

The whole idea of this particular Games' Village was to be utilised not only for the university students, but also for the future events of our country because it can house and accommodate about 4000 people plus.

Mr Speaker, I will have to discuss this matter with Ministers for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology and the University Council and the relevant authorities to ensure that this facility will be maintained for the long term for the benefit of our students and the future events of our country.

As for Cricket and other Sporting Codes that have done very well not only in the Pacific Games but also in the International competition. With regard to this, the Prime Minister has announced that we will want to continue the high performance program of sports in our country because it has achieved so much for the last three years where the Government invested in the Go-To-Go Program. We have seen fantastic results with our middle count and in enhancing the sporting ability of our sporting code and athletes.

Mr Speaker, with that we are preparing for our 2016 Budget and our submission to continue the high performance program to also build a high performance centre for all sports to use to enhance their sporting abilities and to also bring on the private sector to support that.

However, I saw last night in the TV that the Afghanistan beat Papua New Guinea in the Cricket but PNG did so well to get to that stage and is showing the world who PNG is in cricket. I fully support the Members for supporting cricket and other sports.

We can do this through the high performance programing to continually supporting the sporting code as well as this high performance centre that we would like to build in the future to keep the momentum going after the Pacific Games.

Supplementary Question

Upgrade Of Rural Sports Facilities

Mr MARK MAIPAKAI – Mr Speaker, as far as you are concern, it seemed that you are concentrating very much in the National Capital District. If you look at the outcome of the recent games, those products were from the rural areas but for your wisdom.

Does your Government have plans to upgrade the facilities in every district because that is the breeding ground?

Mr JUSTIN TKACHENKO – Mr Speaker, I thank the Member for Kikori for very important question and some of which, we are definitely addressing. A classical example is the Eastern Highlands where we have our PNG Institute of Sport. The Government will continue to fund and support and improve that facility for all the Highlands athletes. The Institute of Sport in Goroka is always being supported by the budgetary allocation by Government and it will continue to support it in the future to make it bigger and better especially, for high altitude sport training. This is not only important for Papua New Guineans but also from other countries looking for this sort of areas where they can come and do high altitude training to improve their sporting abilities.

Mr Speaker, we also have another one in Kokopo, the Kalabon Stadium and the development there is very important where we will be building the athletics tracks, which has been committed since last year. We want to upgrade that because we have too many

talented New Irelanders from the New Guinea Island area in athletics and that will be very important sport enhancement for the New Guinea Island region.

05/03

The new main sporting complex that was set up during the PNG Games and Lae in the Momase Region where we have fantastic facilities there that have been all upgraded during the PNG Games and will continue to do so for the enchantment of our Sporting Athletes.

So, the main areas at this point in time are the Eastern Highlands, Kokopo and Lae and they are taken care by the PNG Sports Foundation and will be continually enhanced for the benefit of our sporting achievements in the future.

Protesting Teaching Staff Of Church-Run Nursing Schools And Health Workers Institutions

Mr TITUS PHILEMON (Governor Milne Bay) – Thank you very much Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker, me series of questions are directed to the Minister for Health and I would like the Minister for Finance, Minister for Treasury, minister for the Public Service to take note.

I saw work protest by teaching staff of the church run general nursing and community health workers training institution around the country runs into its third week. Their strike started on the 6th July 2015 and I have written to the Minister for his intervention.

Here are my following question;

(1) Are you aware of the protest and the industrial action taken by staff of the church-run Nursing and the community health workers training institutions, like Lutheran School of Nursing, Nazarene School of Nursing, Saint Banabas School of Nursing and many others, about fifteen or sixteen of them and the community health workers in the country?

(2) Are you aware that this stop work action that is seriously affecting the training and education of over two thousand students in these fifteen institutions? The Nursing Counsels requires students to achieve 1500 clinical hours to pass as a registered Nurse and community health Workers and some may miss these requirements because of this strike action by their teachers.

(3) I am told, that there is a Political manipulation of some of the issues involved including the continued delay in the introduction of the Alesco Payroll System for the Church-run nursing and Community Health Workers Training Schools. Why is the matter being politicised and can you as Minister responsible step in and immediately address this issue?

(4) It would seem that the Health Department is playing double standards by approving retirement and long service benefits for Workers of the government run training institutions and not staff of the Church Run Institutions when they all do the same type of work. In fact, in the Milne Bay Province we find that the Nurses and the Community Health Workers that the church run Institutions produce are better off and are more suited to the needs of our people to the rural and remote areas. Can you as Minister also intervene on this?

(5) The issue of non-inclusion of staff of church run training institution on the new salary structure of 2014-2016 and the ensuring backdate is also very tricky especially, when their counterparts in the government institutions are already benefiting from it. Can you as Minister intervene and ensure that fairness takes place?

(6) Can the Minister assure the workers that when they return he will give them a positive response in meeting their demands and claims by yourself as Minister and the Health Secretary?

(7) Can you immediately do this so that the staff can return to work and continue to teach and train our Nurses and community health workers?

Thank you Deputy Speaker.

Mr MICHEAL MALABAG – Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

06/03

Thank you, Governor for Milne Bay.

Mr Speaker, six questions have been raised so it is only fair that I answer them in detail.

The department was not made aware of the protest but it met with the Christian Health Services on Tuesday the 22nd of July, now the Department is very proactive in industrial issues when it comes to the unions. The Health Department has seven unions.

Mr Speaker, you can imagine some of the things that we go through with the unions but I want to talk because I was there before. So if we were informed earlier we would have attended to it promptly.

Christian Health Services informed that all health training under (CHS) Christian Health Services are in normal operations. Mr. Speaker, only St. Barnabas School of Nursing in Alotau has been involved in this protest.

In relation to question two, only St. Barnabas School of Nursing in Alotau took part in the protest with is only 91 students. So, it does not affect over 2000 students including the 16 training institutions.

Mr Speaker, in answer to question three, there is no political manipulation from anyone including myself as a responsible Minister neither from the bureaucrats'. Christian Health Services secretariat is working in collaboration with the Department to establish the Alesco Payroll System. The Department is also waiting for national information from CHS for the Alesco Payroll System.

Mr Speaker, according to the meeting they have held on the 22nd of July, CHS has advised that the training schools have not provided enough information necessary for the structure to fast track the Alesco Payroll issues. The Department has assisted by giving the structure to be used for the government training schools in preparation for the payroll system.

Mr Speaker, in response to question four, the Department does not play double standard in improving or approving retirement long service benefits for its workers. All workers come under Public Service. It is the Public Service that shows the benefit through the employers within the Public Service system.

Mr Speaker, all church health workers are inclusive of the health indicators or educators or from the church health training employed by the respective church agencies. These includes the training program that come under the national function. And at the same time, with operational grants and funding capital developments in all training schools including governments and church run institutions.

Mr Speaker, in response to question five, the department has received submissions from Christian Health Services with the following recommendations. Facilitation of the necessary arrangement and changes for the fast transfer of the school salaries and operational costs to CHS by December 2015. The department to facilitate the rollout of the payroll system by providing CHS with the technical expertise. Also, enabling infrastructures for the progress of the rollout.

07/03

Salary disparities between church health services and the public health service have been addressed. They are still on the provincial government accounting system and they have yet to go on to the ALESCO. Now, the increase in salary for the church run education institutions is in place already

In answer to question number six, yes, a submission by Christian Health Services is now with the Department of Health and the department will be working in collaboration with them to effect these recommendations before the end of the year.

Validity Of Election Of Governor For Sandaun Province

Mr BELDEN NAMA – Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to direct my series of questions to the Attorney-General.

Mr Deputy Speaker, my question is in relation to today's front page of the National Newspaper referring my election a governor of Sandaun.

Mr Deputy Speaker, before I ask my series of question I just want to explain to Parliament and to the people of this country the events preceding my election as governor of the 22nd.

Mr Deputy Speaker, a proper notice was issued by the caretaker governor, who was a president in my district, Mr Paul Nenggai who is now contesting the Sandaun Provincial Seat by-election.

A proper meeting was called on 20 April, 2015. Every Member of the assembly, including the open Members were informed of the meeting, the meeting was convened but for reasons known only to the care-take governor, who was the assembly chairman, he decided to go to Immonda, to his village and hide himself in the woods.

The meeting was adjourned to 21st but he did not turn up. After numerous messages were sent to him and we decided to launch a search party to look for our chairman. He did not turn up so the assembly decided to invoke –

Mr SOLAN MIRISIM – Point of Order! My point of Order is that this matter was highlighted on the front page of *The National Newspaper* so it is good that he should take it to court. He said reply in the courts, it is improper to bring it here.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER – Make your explanation short and ask your questions.

Mr BELDEN NAMAHA – Mr Speaker, this statement is actually leading to that, but if my brother the Member for Telefomin wishes to make more points of order, I will make it short.

Section 12 of Sandaun Provincial Assembly Standing Orders were invoked in the absence of the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the assembly, the Clerk can call for nominations among the members of the assembly who are present in the meeting to appoint a Chairman. That was done and it was properly done and the appointment was done, meeting was conducted and I was elected as governor.

My question is this; Mr Speaker, if the Deputy Prime Minister who is the Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, who I understand has sent a letter to my office on the 3rd of this month which I have yet to receive or the Attorney-General wishes to challenge my election as the governor, the proper forum is the court room. They can challenge that in the courtroom. It's not for me to challenge them, they should challenge me.

Mr Speaker, because of that event and because of a legal opinion by Daniel Rolpageria from the State Solicitor's Office it remains a legal opinion.

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Mr Speaker, the second is, because of that event and because of a legal opinion by Daniel Rolpageria from the Public Solicitor's Office. It remains as a legal opinion and not an order of the Court, and because of that legal opinion the Clerk of the Assembly and who has served the Sandaun Provincial Assembly for 37 years was suspended by the Sandaun Provincial Administrator.

Mr Speaker, can the Attorney-General advise this Parliament why was the Clerk of the Sandaun Provincial Assembly suspended?

If anybody has any other issue like or the Members for Aitape-Lumi or Nuku are obsessed with me for being the Governor for Sandaun then they can take the matter to Court.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr ANO PALA – Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I would like to thank the Governor for his question.

Mr Deputy Speaker, his question is seeking a legal opinion from the Attorney-General.

If you look at the *Standing Orders*, neither a Member of this Parliament nor a Minister of this Government including the Attorney-General can be asked to express a legal opinion on the Floor of this Parliament. But, it is an important question and reason for this *Standing Order* is that, questions relating to specific legal issues must be properly assessed and answered in a professional way.

Therefore, in view of this *Standing Order* which prohibits the asking of a legal question or legal interpretation from even the Attorney-General, I wish to ask the Governor for us to refer this matter for proper understanding of the legal issues involved. Thus, I would like to ask the Governor to have these issues referred to be properly assessed and I will then report back to him. This is because this is a strict legal opinion and this Parliament should be benefitted with the best legal position on the matter to do justice of the issue at hand.

Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Percentage Of LNG Revenue To Be Given As Tithes To Churches

Ms LOUJAYA KOUZA – Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

I would like to ask this question in the best interest of the Churches who have asked and wondered about the answer to this question. We are a Christian Country and all of us in this Parliament have various persuasions. We all know that this country became or found the covenant with the God of Israel and must last Cabinet attendance as Minister for Community Development there was a ruling that there would be a one to two percent tithes given to the Churches.

We have a significant appointment in August 26 that is coming up and a significant 40 year appoint in September 16 is also coming up. Therefore, I direct this question in good faith to our Honourable Prime Minister.

Can the Prime Minister explain to the people of Papua New Guinea if any of the LNG Project proceeds have been tithed or will be tithed and given before August 26 or September 16 of this year?

Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the Honourable Member for Lae for her question.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am certainly at loss to understand as to whether the Cabinet had made such a decision. Therefore, I do not think that we should mislead this Honourable Parliament. We have not made a decision that says that one to two percent of any revenues will go to the Churches or to anybody for that matter.

We respect the work that the Churches are doing throughout the country. The Government has a Church Partnership Programme, which we are putting money directly into that programme. Many of the mainstream Churches are accessing the funds to run their programmes throughout the country. We will continue to put money through that programme over the next few years but this Government strongly supports the work of the Churches throughout the country and we will continue to do so.

Therefore, I would to inform this Parliament that there has been no decision that one or two percent of any funding be directed strictly to the Churches' work throughout the country. This is in light of the fact that there are many different Churches popping up everywhere. It would then be difficult to distribute funding if there was such an arrangement. If we were to allocate funds directly, then which Church are we supposed to give priority to?

09/03

What sort of work do they involve with whether in education or health programs that they conduct?

It is quite difficult because there are so many churches in this country; in one village with a population of two to three hundred you would find two to three churches operating in that village. So it is not that easy and that is why we need to use a Government program in partnership with church which is currently in operation by the National Planning today.

Dona-Kerowagi Road

Mr CAMILUS DANGIMA – Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. My question is in relation to the road between Jiwaka and Kerowagi called Dona-Kerowagi road.

I wanted to direct the question to the Minister for Works but since he is not present, I redirect it to the Prime Minister because he is acting on this Ministry.

Before I ask the question this Dona-Kerowagi road was funded by ADB over the last 20 years, the feasibility studies have been completed and roadwork should have been commenced by now. But when the officers from ADB went and inspected this road nothing has been done but only to find coffee trees on the road after 10 to 20 years after the construction.

10/03

In past experiences, we see contractors go into districts fix the roads but in 6 to 12 months' time the roads collapse and this is what we are trying to avoid. The ADB Bank, the World Bank and JICA are working very closely with the government and as you can see a lot of work is happening all throughout the country. Areas where it has been lacking we are going to keep up the attention so that these roads can be attended to in the near future.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are also using parts of the development levy and I want to thank the Governors for Southern Highlands, Hela, Central, Gulf and Western provinces for their support in fixing all the major highways in those resource provinces. The is not going to continue to use its budget to try to fund those roads but the development levy that is being earmarked for these projects particularly, in sealing those roads, for example, the sealing of the road from Mendi to Komo. Many of you know that we have been using the money from oil produced from those provinces for the last 20 plus years and now we have started the LNG Project. It is important that the entire road gets sealed so that those people also have benefits of the economic growth that we are experiencing in the country.

Mr Deputy Speaker, we are also talking to some of our friends in India who are trying to increase their participation in PNG through the Exxim Bank. We are trying to see if we can fund the road from Baiyer to Madang. JICA has already made available close to K450 million in terms of their support in their overseas development assistance that the Japanese Government gives. Again we are also focusing on the East New Britain and West New Britain and New Guinea Islands and of course the expansion of the Nadzab Airport and its terminal.

Mr Deputy Speaker, over the next few years you will see a concerted effort in making sure that we link up the transport infrastructure particularly the airports, roads and sea ports throughout the country. I thank the Parliament for its continued support.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS –
EXTENDED TIME FOR QUESTIONS.**

Motion (by **Mr Sam Basil**) put –

That so much of the *Standing Orders* be suspended as would prevent the time for Questions Without Notice this day being extended by 15 minutes this day.

There being no absolute majority, motion negatived.

Mr SAM BASIL – I wish to direct my question to the Prime Minister and it is in relation to the Markham Bridge, Bulolo, and it links to Menyamya and Wau.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I have been in close consultation with managing directors of PNG Forest Products, the National Forest Authority and the Hidden Valley Mine in relation to the situation of the current road that is now in place.

In 1992, RDT Tiong Tsang built the road and in between 2007 and 2008, construction was carried out in Hidden Valley and heavy trucks were using the road. Six years after the 2009 operations the mine has been in operation without the road being given a total maintenance or being fixed.

Mr Deputy Speaker, of the 6 years of operation the mine has contributed almost K100 million into the government coffers. Other contributions are the National Forest products, NFA in taxes, the alluvial mines and of course the coffee bags that come out of Menyamya, which the Member for Minyama can speak for himself on that.

11/03

Mr Deputy Speaker, last week I also drove on the highway and two big trucks carrying fuel up to Hidden Valley were stopped because they have a problem of hammering heavy potholes and damages to the trucks. Downtime on the Hidden Valley Mine has been noted and has been expressed by the concerns raised by the management of Hidden Valley. For the best interest of this nation, in terms of a host district of a very important project that is contributing to the tax, I want to ask this question on behalf of all the stakeholders.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am very happy to know that in the recent response to questions by the Prime Minister he has mentioned that many roads are being built.

Has the Government allocated any funding and or is it serious about that road?

Because this road is contributing to the national causes and to the nation's economy. Therefore, I would like to ask the Prime Minister to see if there are some commitments from the Government. The least we want is to stop trucks along the way which will affect the mine just to save the road for the small coffee buyers and coffee transporters and the PMV's that go into Lae. Thankyou Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr PETER O'NEILL – Thankyou Mr Deputy Speaker and I thank the Deputy Opposition Leader and the good Member for Bulolo.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I want to also inform this honourable House, that recently the Works Department has gone to tender for some of the bridge sections of the Bulolo Highway and Mr Speaker, yes The Government is committed to a long term solution in trying to resolve some of the challenges that we face along that highway because of the continuous shift of the river systems. As we know, just like in the Markham, many of the rivers within the road of the Bulolo Highway continue to shift making it impossible for our engineers to find a permanent solution to it. However, I want to assure him that we are working closely with the mining company especially, New Crest and Harmony in trying to organise a Tax Credit arrangement, where we can try to resolve some of the long-term issues of that particular highway.

Mr Speaker, as we all know, the Government is funding the road from Lae all the way to Bulolo turnoff, which is the first phase of the construction of the four-lane highway to Nadzab. That is a PNG Government funded project and the beginning of the construction work that we are attending to both the Highlands highway and the Bulolo to Lae highway.

Mr Speaker, unfortunately, the contractor for the Lae to Bulolo turnoff highway has been very slow and very disappointing but we have the Works Department talking to the contractor and now they have sub-contracted some of the work down to the local contractors that are based in Lae so that they can speed- up the work on this particular construction company is doing.

Mr Speaker, we are in negotiation with the EXHIM Bank of China to fund the road from Bulolo turnoff all the way up to Nadzab. As I have said earlier, we are rebuilding Nadzab Airport so that we can cater for the Wafi-Gopu that is going to take place which will increase the number of visitors that are going to Lae-Nadzab and of course Nadzab itself and to the mine.

Mr Speaker, I want to ask the honourable Member that we work closely together in ensuring that we attend to this particular road that he is referring to because it is the economic lifeline of the Morobe Province.

Mr Speaker, I urge the Morobe Leaders to also use some of their funds that they have. The Morobe Provincial Government is receiving almost K45 million every year under the PSIP program. In the last three years it totalled up to a K135 million and in any body's language that is a lot of money. I urge the Governor, and whilst I say that distributing money to churches and community groups, and women groups is like being Robin Hood, which is, very nice but does not give a permanent solution to the problems that we have in Lae.

Mr Sam Basil – Point of Order! The term 'Robin Hood' is used to describe the act of stealing from the rich and giving to the poor so is he referring to my Governor.

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Mr PETER O'NEILL – Thank you, Mr Speaker, we know that 'Robin Wood' is trying to give something you do not have and giving people false hope. That is what I am referring to.

Mr Deputy Speaker, let me say that we put this money into good use and that is what I meant. All the Members are also getting substantial amount of money and the end of the term we would all have received almost K75 million which, we have never received before. If we put this money into economic activities of the districts and the provinces, I can assure you that more people will be employed, more people will set up businesses, the living standard of the people will be improved and we can work closely with the Member and Provincial Government in resolving this issue.

I once again assure the Member that I will take this up with the Department of Works and I will direct them to attend to some of the pothole issues immediately.

MOTION BY LEAVE

Mr JAMES MARAPE (Tari-Pori – Minister for Finance) – I ask leave of Parliament to move a motion without notice.

Leave granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion (by **Mr James Marape**) agreed to –

That the leave of absence be granted to Mr Don Polye, the Leader of the Opposition on the ground of ill health for the duration of this Meeting.

MOTION BY LEAVE

Mr JAMES MARAPE (Tari-Pori – Minister for Finance) – I ask leave of Parliament to move a motion without notice.

Leave granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion (by **Mr JAMES MARAPE**) agreed to –

That the leave of absence be granted to Mr Anderson Agiru, Governor for Hela on the grounds of ill health for the duration of this Meeting.

GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Question proposed –

That the grievances be noted.

Mr POWES PARKOP (National Capital District) – Mr Deputy Speaker, my grievance is about the debt to GDP law that we have in this county. Honourable Members, today the economy is growing and we have money and it is right time to build our future. If we are going to limit ourselves today, how can we secure the future?

Mr Speaker, we must also think critically that when our economy was not growing, none of the financial institution or bank or whoever countries around the world would want to give us money.

I believe, we have done well by looking at how we fund our many infrastructures with our own income or revenue. I think, there are not many countries that are doing that. It is not a crime for us to obtain a loan, even it is not a sin too. Everybody gets loan personally and we do business. As a nation we must be allowed to get loan whether small or big loans. If we are limiting ourselves now and we use internal revenue only, we will face problem in the future when our economy drops. Where will we get our money? How can we get the money to build the needed infrastructure for the next generation to have a better foundation and better future?

Thus, the law on debt to GDP is tied to the potential of our people and the nation as a whole. None of the countries in the world has this type of the law. How did the previous Parliament decided to pass this law and based upon whose advice.

Mr Deputy Speaker, today America who is a biggest economy and powerful nation in the world has a huge debt. It is about 300 per cent and it goes into trillion and not million.

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They are going beyond 50 per cent and to 100 per cent on the debt to GDP ratio and as for us we are still at 35 per cent. What are we going to do with that 35 per cent?

This has caused the Prime Minister to be over sensitive all the time that the public will complain about us or the public will think why we are getting credit like that and how are we supposed to build our country and provide better services for our people. We have to change this law and repeal it or we increase the percentage ratio of it.

Mr Deputy Speaker, with the gross Domestic Product GDP, I am not an economist but I think it is not a good way to assist the progress of a nation.

It is a formula that was designed in the 1930's and in the 1930's we all know that was not a good time especially, in economy because that was the time of Great Depression. The economy was running badly, mismanaged, many problems aroused and it lead to the Second World War so that formula was formulated at that time.

Now, we should be assessing our nation on its potential and its progress on how many children are going to school, if their health are improving, is housing is going to them and they are getting illiterate and things like that and not restrict ourselves in this GDP or the economist formula, it is an outdated concept formula.

However, we are restricting ourselves to this GDP formula of 1930. It is no longer a relevant way of assessing a progress or a need, the economy or the economic health of a Nation.

Therefore, I think it is about time Mr Prime Minister and Minister for Finance to look at this and we must find ways to replace it.

I want us to be looking at big infrastructures like the Trans-Highlands highway we must build it, Port Moresby to Lae we must build it to cut down on freight cost so the domestic market will increase everywhere.

Yes, people will be moving in and out but that we can control. The Highlands Highway was built and the people from Highlands can come into Lae but they go back, they do not stay in Lae, get services, and go back to their province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Papuan Highway, we have to build the Highway from Kiunga to Gulf to Port Moresby and even to Milne Bay too. The Governor for Milne Bay will not agree but he must open up the province so that opportunity can be created and he can have some economic activity that will take place in the province.

The Momase Highway needs to be upgraded linked all the way to Vaimo and cross into Irian Jaya, this is our ancestor's land. It is only a matter of time that the economy will open between PNG and West Papua will become one.

The Highlands Highway must go all the way to Teleformin and the Member for Teleformin will agree with me on that.

How are we going to do this now if we restrict the Prime Minister and the NEC to this formula called "Debt to GDP 35 per cent".

We want to build more infrastructure in the city, open it up and expand it so that you can come and do your business here and our people can come and access service.

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Will the Prime Minister then agree for us to obtain the GDP loan? I do not think so because he will have to consider the formula that was legislated to cater for that loan. There is no road to Kandrian Gloucester but Papua New Guineans are residing there planting oil palm. The population of the indigenous people of West New Britain is only 2000. Nevertheless, according to the Minister for Planning our population growth is increasing every day. There is still a lot of land available in Kandrian Gloucester so our people can go there too.

If we open the road in Kandrian Gloucester I am sure they will assist us in terms of wealth too. So how is the Prime Minister going to help build that road if we keep on locking ourselves out? We need to build a ring road in Bougainville too. We must do that now so that they do not run away from us. We are just tying ourselves down in this stupid law.

This law has been a hindrance for us to obtain the loan. Our people must understand that obtaining a loan is not a sin. Bible does not forbid us from obtaining a loan. A pastor once mentioned that obtaining a loan is not right. I think he must have read another gospel. It is not a crime but how we manage it.

We have confident Minister for Finance who tells us that we do have cash flow although the oil prices have decreased. So, it is about management and not about debt problem.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if the Cabinet Ministers are afraid to amend this law then allow the backbenchers to do that. I am sure the Governors will support my opinion because they too want to obtain these loans. They have seen the achievements in Port Moresby and therefore want to secure loans for their provinces as well. The Governors for Milne Bay and East Sepik want to secure loans but when they approached, the Prime Minister will tell them that since we have reached the GDP debt level we will breach the law if we take out the loan. So do we wait for another 20 years? In 20 years' time the oil price is likely to decline. Therefore, we need to amend this law now.

Mr BIRE KIMISOPA (Goroka) – Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. On behalf of my people in Goroka I would like to congratulate the Government for the successfully hosting of the Pacific Games. It is a remarkable achievement and I congratulate the athletes as well. I would also like to send a hearty congratulation to the Minister for Sports. Although he came up with a considerable pressure leading up to the games, he stood his grounds and delivered on time.

Mr Deputy Speaker. I would like to talk about the economy today. What the Governor for NCD said is true. And I would also like to congratulate him as the Governor for the host city.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the *Physical Responsibility Act* has been designed purposely to set the GDP ratio at 35 per cent. That is a good thing. There are lessons to be learnt around the country and we cannot model ourselves against the US. It is quite obvious that everything

in the world is tied to the US dollar. And there is a saying that goes like this; “if it is the US needs everybody else gets the call”.

We cannot advocate what is happening in the US because they have the broad base economy greater than ours. Ours is nothing compared to the US.

Mr Deputy Speaker, there are also interesting lessons to learn about what is happening in Greece. They ruled their debt to an unprecedented level because their government was unable to maintain Greece’ life style.

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There was no collecting of taxes, a doctor who was on a minimum salary paid by the government was living in a mansion having a pool to himself and hardly paying any taxes. We can’t advocate the kind of economic policies in this country.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the economy is struggling a little bit at this time of the years, it is quite obvious but, I think it’s worthy to mention the Prime Minister’s initiatives. Just by answering some of the questions on the Floor today, he mentioned quite clearly that all of us in this Chamber are bequeathed considerable amount of money in terms of DSIP and PSIP. I think there is no question about development on the ground. We can do it. The funds are there. It’s a matter of getting our hands dirty and getting down on the ground and getting the kind of infrastructure that our people deserve so that we can grow the economy together.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if you are comparing NCDC to the rest of the country it is like comparing apple to oranges. NCDC’s internal revenue, I suspect is roughly around K260 million a year compared to my province. It is less than K3 million. Western Highlands is roughly around K15 million, so, there you go, we cannot put up the kind of infrastructure that NCDC is capable of doing.

They are capable of doing it without any government intervention. They can do it on their own because of the substantial business interest in the city, in terms of rates and taxes. They are able to collect the kind of money they can raise and to be able to put up the kind of infrastructure they have put up without having to put their hands into the nation’s kitty and deny some of us in the provinces the kind of money that we need.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am concerned about the economy in terms of the micro economy starting from Lae right up to Hela. There is considerable concerns about traders in the country.

There is a ban right now on imported poultry. I have raised on this Floor on a number of occasions and pointed out to the government that we should not confine our imports to New Zealand and Australia only. That has been the case since Independence.

We need to extend our borders in terms of the quarantine protocols and establish quarantine protocols with Europe and the US. If we are not going to bring poultry from Australia and New Zealand, I suggest we should look at the US and bring poultry from there as well. Now there are issues about health and so forth and these are issues the Health Department and the Department of Agriculture can resolve.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if you would appreciate domestic demand for poultry in the country cannot be met by Zenag and Mainland, our two biggest players in the country. Demand has outstripped supply so in the interim it would be quite appropriate that the good minister should consider lifting the ban immediately for the time being. And allow importers from Lae and even up to Hela to start importing poultry because the demand is high and the supply is not there.

Alternatively, we should now seriously consider extending our protocol arrangements in terms of quarantine. We should not confine ourselves to Australia and New Zealand only, and probably we should consider extending to South America, go as far as Europe, go to China and establish the protocols so that our traders in this country should be able to bring as much goods into the country.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the economy as we all know cannot grow the way we want it because we are still a heavily subsidised nation, heavily dependent on imports and the only way we can alleviate that and encourage most of our business people to expand so that the economy can grow is to look at things as minute as it is such as quarantine protocols but they are critical.

If we continue to import from New Zealand and Australia, we will be subject to all kinds of costs. I think we are in a global community now and the world is ready to supply PNG so we should never confine ourselves to Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if we can do that as a start I believe that we can bring the costs of import down a little bit because the costs of imports alone is quite excessive and is putting a strain on foreign reserves as we speak.

Mr WERA MORI (Chuave) – Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to make a very small contribution in this Grievance Debate.

Mr Speaker, I have heard what the Governor of NCD has said in regards to building of infrastructure in the city but one thing he does is not tell us anything.

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Mr Deputy Speaker, one thing that I noted and I am aggrieved about is the fact that we are not spending any money along the Chimbu section of the Highlands Highway. The reason why I am raising this issue is because the most problematic part of the Highlands Highway is always the Chimbu section. This is simply because of the fact that the road is built on very unfavourable geological foundations.

Mr Deputy Speaker, whilst we can be able to have super highways on either side of the Chimbu Province, it would not matter because as long as the Chimbu section of the highway remains like this we will always have the same problems. Therefore, I would like to basically remind all of us here in this Parliament that the fact that Chimbu is also part of this country. We must be serious about solving this problem simply for the fact that if you drive along the highway the amount of loads that is exerted along that segment of road has seen that we are still having movement coming down.

You can see land being destabilised because of overloading which exceeds the maximum loading capacity on that segment of that highway. With that, and unfortunately, the main losers are the people of Chimbu who have lost very valuable land. One square metre of land may not sound significant to someone from the Morobe Province along the Markham Valley or in other parts of the country. Nevertheless, we must not forget that this segment of the road runs through an area with a very high population density in the country.

Therefore, it makes a lot of difference when we lose one or two square metres of land. I would also like to point out that, if the government cannot be able to find a permanent solution to that then the best option out of that would be to at least on an annual basic incurable and allocation of half a million kina to the four districts per kilometer. These are districts like Chuave, Sinasina-Yonggamugl, Kundiawa-Gembogl and Kerowagi. Therefore, it would be about K500, 000 per Kilometre.

(Member interjecting)

Mr BIRE KIMISOPA -- But I am talking about the Chimbu Province and I am sure the other districts in other provinces have their own priorities and problems.

Therefore, we at the district level can be able to maintain that section of that highway that passes through our district.

Mr Deputy Speaker, while I am talking about roads, some three months ago Papua New Guinea experienced very serious Global Warming induced weather patterns. With that, it is understandable that the government must spend money in Western Province and other provinces of economic significance for the return that it would receive for the benefit of the country. However, what about the small districts like Chuave, Lufa, Okapa, Karimui and et cetera whom are also subjected to the same weather patterns. The weather patterns are not indiscriminant and differentiate one province from other.

Therefore, as a district, we are spending a lot of money building roads from what we have been allocated for in our DSIPs.

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Therefore, when those roads are destroyed or damaged, what are we supposed to do, we cannot do much and these are some of the things that I believe the government must address. This is because otherwise, we will forever spend money on roads and infrastructures at the district level and we will continue to lose them with no benefits in return.

While I still have some time, I would like to draw our attention away from infrastructure and I would like to make a few comments regarding the mining industry.

Mr Speaker, you know LNG is there but revenue from the LNG must also be supported by the revenue from the mineral sector. Recently either during this week or last week, China offloaded a massive amount of gold to the open market, and as a consequence it is affecting our revenue because the prices of gold have slanted.

We are also having problems with our mines at Hidden Valley simply for the fact that we are not getting enough outputs of gold that we should get. What I am trying to say here is that, it is not helping the industry when we have the mine inspection section of the Mineral Resource Authority who are putting the cut before the horse.

They are increasing so much of regulations making it very difficult for some mining companies to operate, especially, junior companies. Therefore, this is not the way that this should happen in this country because are industries are subjected to one of the highest mining practices in the world and we adopt to the Australian system, and the fact that we are having many companies on our closing shop and moving away. Many are complaining that

they are unable to operate and we cannot have that. We cannot and we cannot be able to suffocate the industry that have always supported the economy of this country.

Therefore, some thought must be given so that the industry must be liberated. And I am sure that we will be able to. We will also be amending the *Mining Act* and et cetera and also the MRA Bill. Nevertheless, it is important that we must take these steps so that it must give some relief to the present operator.

Mr MARK MAIPAKA (Kikori) – I also rise to in this grievance debate
Firstly, I would like to contribute to the sentiment echoed by the Governor in terms of borrowings and his view on the GDP to Debt Ratio.

If you were to really look at our economy with a growth of 8 per cent that comes mostly from the extractive industry or non-renewable resource because it is not a sustainable growth and that is the biggest fear that I have.

It is not a GDP growth based on sound economic investment portfolio like in agriculture. We have preached so much about agriculture here so it is very shaky. Right now, we have issues before us like very high borrowing, mining prices have slanted and commodity prices crumbled. Therefore, we are purely relying on ourselves from income receipts from the IRC Office and this is very unreliable.

So when we go into an economic shock with those very few limited portfolios in raising our revenues we will just be heading into a disaster. What I am saying is that if government is putting many interventions for roads then we should realise this issue because what receipts that we are got from capital investments does not translates economic growth.

May for the road I would say plus but some of the major infrastructure here, what is the return on that? We have not realised good growth against some of the renewable resources like fisheries forestry and et cetera other than the extractive industries that we are reliant to. So I used to think, like when is the right time?

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We have had so many of government policies in agriculture growing dusts and cobwebs. Let us put some serious money because I fear the way the world the turnover of the economy is behaving. As long as we turn to rely on mining and petroleum, which are not renewable, then the economic growth resulting from that are not sustainable in the new projects my people are still waiting and they have not been paid their equities. We have to be

very mindful of whatever ration the reputable banks have set. We have to be very mindful of that.

Until such time where we have raised our agriculture portfolio and accept that culture as the base revenue source for this economy then we can boast about ourselves. Tomorrow when the next LNG comes into line the GDP ratio might raise to 20 per cent but it would be very unsustainable so ball is in a politician's court. We must not carry too many expenditures and we have to also control our birth control.

We have not seen any policy on birth control. The first policy that was brought is not about capping the population as against the GDP growth. We are not careful about the way we are producing children. We are living in the baby boom era. The effects to come in the next 10 to 20 years' time are not good because at the rate we are exploiting our resources is very fast and there might be nothing remaining when the effects of baby boom picks up.

If you look at the economic perspectives, none of our people wrote about how much US dollars is entering the country. Your talks are all about excitement. Is the Finance Minister in a position to give us a brief about the 20 plus nations that came and how much they brought into this country? All countries in the world bid for international matches because they want hard US dollar to come into their country. Therefore, it will be interesting to know how much money came in. Yes we are world standard and we have spent money but down the line we realise we have to make money from our investment. I will be very interested in knowing about how much money that came into the coffers over the last two weeks.

The other thing that I want to say is that there are no transactions in the statistics of the United Nations to reflect how much coming into this country. When I was a business student at the university, I did a research on that. One Fijian soldier alone, fighting for the United Nations brings in about US\$ 50 as pay in Lebanon. We must compare ourselves because these are United Nation statistics. The soldiers contribute about US\$ 300 million in a year in terms of receipts. Our banks and systems do not tell us how much children remit here.

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The statistics are not even in the United Nations or other data base, so that is something that we as Government have to improve on so that these people come in, I don't know how we can capture them but that is something for our Treasury to take note of and our Bank of Papua New Guinea to put in effective systems because these are very important for

our statistics for this nation. We must know how much our people coming in from outside to relatives and that is not captured in the database, I am sad to say that.

My final discussion for this morning, this is probably my second or third time to raise this issue, I am still waiting ,two years have gone and another two more years to go, when will Papua New Guineans become billionaires and millionaires? What time is the Government sponsoring National content Policy in here? We had an announcement, I want to be a billionaire or millionaire, and I want my child to be in that category but when will that happen in the absence of the National Content Plan. The foreigners are still dominating this country and only by way of policy. You legislate and protect the small Papua New Guineans, landowners who have no formal history of business to become a billionaire. I challenge the Government to come up with a National Content Policy today and put 30 per cent by way of legislation. If I have to bid for a contract in the current Gas project that has been announced, I want 30 per cent of the project to be reserved for my tribes men so that I can be a billionaire. We will continue to play second best, we will be cargo-boys, and we will be security guards. We will be manpower business man. You go to Laba Holdings, all their buses are just lying there, all their activities have come to a stop and in Kikori, and the grass has grown over the pipeline because after the company puts the pipeline six feet underground there was no activity in Kikori. When will the Kikorians be millionaires? I challenge the Commerce Minister to come up with a policy, we have to protect the people of this nation, whether in mining or any business activity at least the landowners must have 30 per cent in all this business activities. With that contract paper, I can always seek assistance from the banks or I can use that paper to go overseas to find business partners because by law that 30 per cent will be for landowners.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER – Honourable Member for Kikori, your time is up.

Mr MARK MAIPAKA – Yes, I am sorry. I just want the Government to be serious and come up with this policy before you develop the gas on my land.

Mr JOHN SIMON (Maprik) – Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker, I would also like to contribute to this Grievance Debate.

Before I do so, I want to thank the Prime Minister and the Minister for Sports for the Pacific Games that was very successful where many Papa New Guineans who competitors

who travelled from rural were able to win medals and some these people where from Maprik and I am very proud.

My Grievance Debate is regarding the service we receive, I actually reviewed the policy and the plans to see how we deliver services to the rural electorates and I have also evaluated the report by the Minister for National Planning. There are some electorates in this country that is more like a service centre that is providing services to other countries. My electorate in Maprik provides services, which the government is not aware of to three or four electorates. I want to emphasis on this because I never have has time to talk about this issue. My district provides service to electorates like Wosera-Gawi, and Ambunti Drekiki and Nuku and Lumi and this is my DSIP being used to provide this services and even Yangoru Saussia comes to Maprik for services. I am not saying that we will chase them away, they can still come. But my district has been a service centre for a long time now. For example when a convict needs to be imprisoned they bring the convict to be locked up at Maprik cell and I fixed the cell and this is the issue. I want the Government to look into this. My district has been like a service centre to a lot of other districts in East Sepik, I remember the last time I raised an issue to the Minister for Health saying build the CHW school ion Maprik and he said he needed a central location , but Wewak is not the centre, the central part of east Sepik is Maprik. In bringing services closer to the people and the best place would be Maprik. It will provide service for more than five hundred thousand people. Of both East and West Sepik. People even come from Telelformin to Maprik for services.

I must say. We have a lot of projects we are working on and I am struggling to use my DSIP but I think the Cabinet Ministers and the Department of National Planning may be taking these projects as those that will solely benefit Maprik and the Member is talking only about his electorate. I am struggling to implement these projects. When I talk about impact projects in Maprik please I want to emphasise here that I am talking about the central part of Sepik I am not talking about Maprik as an electorate so I want the Government to recognise that. If there is a policy or a way to check the electorates in the country and make special appropriation for such electorates because they are providing services which benefits other electorates.

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Mr Deputy Speaker, another point I want say is, I am not supporting the honorable Governor of NCD, but what I want to say is that we must increase it to 50 per cent and this is

something for the economists to look at it. We must increase it to 50 percent so it will boost our morale to work and I meant it does not go beyond our GDP. I critically look at it and think that it makes extremely difficult for a country.

Mr WESLEY NUKUNDJ (Dei) – Mr Deputy Speaker, the Member for Kikori has mentioned agriculture which, has really touched my nerve and my people and the majority of the rural people throughout the country. Therefore, I wish to contribute few ideas on behalf of the unfortunate and the silent majority; the 80 percent of the population of the country.

Mr Speaker, sometime ago we were talking about selling of betel nut in National Capital District and the people who are directly affected as a result of banning and chewing of betel nut, especially, rural population in the NCD, where they earn their income for their survival and to help them pay school fees as well as pay other services like health.

It also assisted them to meet some of their customary obligations such as the bride prices and et cetera. Here we are talking about people who grow and sell betel nut to earn their income.

If most debate is about building infrastructure like school, health services, and so on, we have not critically addressed a fundamental issue on agriculture and how we can encourage the farmers to grow their cash crop. Likewise, we have not addressed how to help a fisherman to sale his fish.

Mr Speaker, critically, we have not addressed and encouraged how a coffee grower should sale his coffee or a cabbage, kaukau and capsicum grower to farm and sale them, even sago. We have not encouraged them to farm them and assisted them on how to do their sales.

We talk about transport infrastructure but what is the use of the road. We understand too that the access to road services provide access to health services but where do the people get the money to go to clinic or to send the children to school.

A rural subsistent farmer, for example, who earns money through farming cabbage; what is the Government's incentives to assist him or her to grow and sale them at the market? If you go to 9 Mile and have a look at the hydraulic farm, whose interest are we serving? When the farmer in the Highlands is struggling to get the veggies to sell them at the NCD market and at the same time he is competing with the hydraulic farmer that you have in 9 Mile. When you critically analyse this situation, it is a competition between the small subsistence farmer in Highlands and the hydraulic farmer.

Of course, it is cost reduction but whose interest are we protecting. Are we protecting a interest of a foreigner? Are we elected to represent the interest of the foreigners? Or are we represent the people who really voted us? Are we doing justice to our people who are really voted for us to represent them and who are struggling to earn the ends meet. You go to Lae and the Highlands Highway and you see what is happening there. You, the Members of the Highlands you have seen truck lot of tones and tones of weight coming into Lae and a pile up in Lae Wharf.

The Government has not encouraged them to do that but with their incentives and struggle they brought them down for shipment to markets in NCD. Yet, there is no proper market for them to sale them.

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Members of the Highlands Region how many truckloads of labourers coming into Lae and they are piling up to work and they are struggling to bring their produce to Port Moresby where the market is.

There is no proper market here like at Gordon Market you will see a number of Highlanders just hanging around in the hot sun and marketing their produce.

Where is the venue for them to market? There should be a centralised market setup for them.

We are talking about the Fresh Produce Company, what is it doing or what is it role? We talk about agriculture all the time and where is the agriculture?

All of you including the Prime Minister and everyone here, we live with agriculture, we eat agriculture and we walk around with agriculture. We talk about agriculture but we must feel ashamed of ourselves because we are not promoting agriculture and helping the rural population by providing a market for them, there is no market for a simply farmer to sell his produce.

Some of you may say this member is crazy I know but we should blame ourselves so for the farmer, I am very concerned because we are not providing the avenue or we are not providing the incentives for them to sell their produce that is my grievance debate and concern.

We have been talking about this issue for so many years but we are not doing anything about it. We are serving the interest of certain foreigners and forgetting our people in the rural areas.

I have gone as far as Kerema and I have not seen a centralised market where the fishermen come to sell their produce, I do not know if they have this in the other provinces but on that stretch of road I travelled I have never seen that. There should be a centralised location where the people bring their produce to that certain market and sell it to the markets where the population is, right now there is nothing.

We can talk and talk and say we are doing it for the people of Papua New Guinea, which people of Papua New Guinea we are talking about, people in NCD or in Lae city?

We are not talking about the 80 per cent of the people, the population in the country and yes, we are building roads, we are building hospitals, are this hospitals and medical health care free if we are building hospitals in the districts or in the provinces?

If you are building a road for the people to access services to come into town do they have the money to come or where are they going to have the money?

The only source is from selling their produce and no other source.

Thank you, Member for Kerema for touching my nerves and I have to stand up for the silent majority to speak but if I have hurt anyone on this floor you have to forgive me.

Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr DE KEWANU (Mendi) – Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker for recognising the people of Mendi. I stand to contribute to this debate.

Firstly, I want to say that I am a proud Papua New Guinean of what has occurred during the last two weeks in the successful South Pacific Games, in the history in this country and the South Pacific and this part of the region.

I want to thank the Government of the day as I have seen something big transpire out of it for the O'Neill-Dion Government to deliver a record taking and a big event has united this country.

I have lived in Port Moresby for some years but during the games, I would like to thank the Governor of NCD and his team A.

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The people have naturally recognized the need to change their ways and their attitudes. And I am proud to say that the lane which was reserved for the Pacific Games participants were left free at all times. The streets were literally clean during the two weeks

games. I did not see any drunker and therefore, I take this time to thank the people of this country for embracing the games and for show casing the type of people we are.

Although the papers have misreported, we have demonstrated to them that we are not the kind of people that like the media. The world has seen who Papua New Guineans are. I am emotional a bit because I have seen that we have delivered the SP Games successfully.

Nothing is impossible in this country. As mentioned by the Governor-General, I am confident that we can deliver the 2026 commonwealth games. The Member for Kikori mentioned something about the measurement but if I heard it correctly, the Minister for Sports said that 4,000 visitors came to Port Moresby apart from the sporting athletes.

On average if 4,000 visitors have spent US\$500, we are looking at a total spending of US\$2 million in two weeks. On the average if they spent US\$1,000 by those 4,000 visitors the economy of PNG has grown. The infrastructures built were also class and it is an investment installed by the O'Neill/Dion Government. We have to concentrate on Port Moresby because it is the capital city of our country.

Next year the world cup will be competing here in Port Moresby. Just imagine how many officials will come into the country and how much money would be brought in and spent. These are investments. The facilities will also be used during the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) meetings. So the challenge now is for us to continue to maintain the facilities and keep them at the world class standard.

I thank the Government for setting up the trustee to manage these facilities. The more we continue to maintain them, we will attract the NRL or the PNG Hunters to be staged here. If it warrants us, 10 years down the line we will have one NRL team to compete in Australia. So be, it we can do it.

I am seeing something great here so I am proud. I want to see the improvement of infrastructures in the country to continue.

Mr Speaker, the Prime Minister talked about Madang and the Baiyer link which is similar to the links from Southern Highlands to Gulf, and Morobe to Kerema. The Government was concentrating on the Highlands Highway of which, K500 million was announced. I am excited to see what this Government will do in the next 15 to 20 years.

I am sure that if this Government continues in the next 15 years, the country will change its pace. I can see that it is already happening. We should put the money where the mouth is, meaning to say that we put the money where the infrastructure is, which is the missing links.

Mr Speaker, the challenge now is with the Agriculture Minister to devise the policies because the next project to sustain oil and gas is agriculture.

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It is an important challenge for this country now, the agricultural policy. How can we sustain the economy in the absence of oil and gas? The backbone of this country is agriculture.

The challenge, as we heard today and I am glad that the Minister has imposed a total ban on the imports of chicken. Chicken does need any high level technology to produce and we are now calling for the lifting of the ban on it.

The Member for Goroka said we should lift the ban but I am against the idea. Keep the ban. It does not take high level of knowledge or technology to produce chickens. Minister, you keep the ban as long as it takes Papua New Guineans to grow the chicken industry and become self-sustaining.

Do we need to import chickens from Australia or impose ban because I believe, we can produce chickens to sustain the demand in this country.

At the same time, the Minister must consider imposing bans on other agriculture produce such as cabbages, broccoli, lettuces, and potatoes. If you come to Mendi, my people can grow those things to meet the demand from the whole country.

But I am glad that this government is concentrating on roads and bridges, infrastructure because I know that when these things link and click I know. But, let's concentrate on the missing links and then the market will come.

In my district, I am now concentrating on building roads and bridges for my villages, I have bought tractors for farmers to use on their farms. The district will maintain the tractors.

The infrastructure is put up by the government and we have all done what we can but the challenge on you now is to come up with a good agriculture policy.

Let us not wait for the time when the roads and bridges are built, we have to start planning now so that when these things come and everything is in place we can start.

As I have said, you can ban the imports of some vegetables also because as the Member for Dei has said, we in the highlands can grow these things and supply the whole nation. But right now we need to find some cheaper ways to bring these things to markets and when the roads and bridges come we will slay the market.

Mr JOE KOIM KQMUN (Anglimp-South Waghi) – Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker for giving the opportunity to the people of Anglimp-South Waghi to share their grievances.

First and foremost, I wish to join other Members in congratulating the government led by Prime Minister O'Neill, his deputy Dion and the Minister for Sport, the NCDC Governor and all the leaders who organised and great Pacific Games that made all of us proud.

I wish to, on behalf of Jiwaka, thank the government so that the raw talent of Jiwaka, Toea Wisil was exposed to the world. She is now the queen of the South Pacific. I know that many other raw talents like her are around other parts of the country.

I support the view of the Sports Minister that we should organise some avenues where some of our raw talent should be exposed. I wish to acknowledge the Grass Roots Games which Coca Cola organised and produced such raw talent like Toea Wisil who were spotted at those games and built up to be the sprint queen of the South Pacific.

I also wish to take this time to thank Toea Wisil who made us proud at Jiwaka and I want to say that Papua New Guinea thanks her for adding on to our gold medals tally.

We also thank all the sports men and women who won medals and participated and also we acknowledge the organisers.

My contribution to grievance today is that we have spoken about a lot of the things contributing to our economy such as agriculture, minerals and so on.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Toea Wisil for making us the people of Jiwaka proud. Therefore, it is with great pride and happiness that I acknowledge Toea Wisil and all the other athletes who have won gold, silver and bronze. The same commendations all goes out to the Games organisers and all those who helped in any way to host the Pacific Games and make it a success for Papua New Guinea. Therefore, on behalf the people of Anglimp-South Wahgi and Jiwaka we thank you all.

We talked extensively regarding this country's economy in terms of agriculture, mineral resources and et cetera. With that, my contribution to this grievance debate is a short one regarding the SMEs and micro finance. We can all see that the Minister for Trade and Industry with the support of the Prime Minister is a strong advocate when it comes to SMEs.

Many countries around the world have grown their economies through SMEs and I would like to thank this Government for pushing the agenda of SMEs in Papua New Guinea.

I, for one, believe that when all our natural resources are depleted it is the SMEs that will hold intact our communities, our people and our country by directly or indirectly contributing to this country's economy.

If you are to look at this country's tax base you will find that it is centered on our formal sectors. When we expand with the Aid of micro financing by empowering our people to undertake small business activities a huge amount of revenue can contribute towards taxation, provide employment, contribute to poverty alleviation and to grow and stabilise our communities.

Therefore, after all infrastructures and programmes that have been implemented I would like to support what the Members for Dei, Mendi and Kikori have called for by empowering our people to take part in the opportunities that have been provided by the LNG Project, the mineral industry and whatever opportunities that also arise.

When we empower our people then they will become partakers and not spectators anymore. Therefore, I have a strong belief in empowering our people because when you look at it, about 85 percent of our people are rural-based. They do not access to facilities that we have in Port Moresby, Lae, or the major towns and centers in the country. If we really look closely, you can see that only a relatively small number of the population have access to all the infrastructures, goods and services.

The way in which we can empower our people should be like the way we trained and prepared our athletes for the Pacific Games. By exposing our athletes we then were able to groom them to become our best athletes and we still have a lot of unknown talented athletes in our rural areas. These people necessarily do not need education.

Some may need education to prosper but I can name a lot of millionaires from this country who have not gone through any formal education. These people are self made millionaires overnight but over time because they just believed in themselves and used their raw talent God blessed them with. We have so many of these type of people in Papua New Guinea and the only way to realised these talents in our people is through a government policy to empower our people through SMEs and micro financing.

I initiated the micro finance in the Anglimp-South Wahgi and told the people there to achieve their goals through sweat and guts because there is no easy shortcut. If you want to be a millionaire like colleague Member had said, sweat and guts is the way to go. So, that is the only way that we can empower our people to realise their potential that God has given to them.

If the banks work together with us Members to groom our people's confidence then the banks can also have confidence in our people. This will build trust between our people and the banks and once there is trust, our people will gain more confidence and go one-step at a time to reach their goals.

I would like to tell you all about the scheme that we have in Anglimp-South Wahgi. I am very passionate about this scheme because we rolled it out in two phases.

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In the first phase, K1000 is given and in the second phase, K2000 is then given. So, I got 10 people each right across Anglimp-South Wahgi from each community to join in this scheme. I did not just select people who were my supporters and voters but from all the 100 council wards where 10 people were selected from each council ward. So, altogether 1000 people joined the scheme and they all repaid the first phase already. Therefore, in the next month they will be getting K2000. After that, a new lot of people will come and get K1000 for the first phase again.

Therefore, this scheme is a revolving scheme and the same money touches so many people. With that, I believe that if the outcome of our scheme is successful, in Anglimp-South Wahgi we can produce 5000 micro finance men and women within my term of Parliament. If we could replicate this scheme across the country, Minister for Trade and Industry, 50 000 SMEs can be easily achieved.

This is just a suggest so that we can all share experiences and learn from each other. The reason why I am saying this is because is that most of our potential man and women are in the rural areas. Just like sports, Toea Wisil came out and even though she had no education she made. Likewise, in business there are so many hidden potentials out there undiscovered. The only way to do this is to give a tap on the back and open the door way so that they can make it on their own. We do not necessarily need to instruct them to do everything or how they show go about doing business because I think that our people know the way.

What I am talking about is because I believe that the bulk of our people are in the rural areas, and if we just give them a chance to show their potential, I know that they will partake in all the development phases that are coming in here. For instance, whether we talk about mining, LNG or whatever. So, once we groom our people they will be partakers and play the role that our colleague Member for Kikori has been stressing.

Therefore, once we empower our people they can at least start somewhere and pick up along the way.

Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr JOHN PUNDARI (Kompiam-Ambum) – Mr Speaker, I will be less than five minutes. I just want to take this opportunity to acknowledge God on our behalf.

Mr Speaker, the Minister for Sports and National Events delivered a great statement on our achievements of the 2015 Pacific Games. Congratulations have been pouring from everywhere from the community to the Floor of this Parliament. None of us, I believe, acknowledged God and the blessings that we enjoyed and the fact that we delivered a satisfying 2015 Pacific Games here in the city of Port Moresby.

Mr Deputy Speaker, when people praise us and glorify us, we need to humble ourselves and give that glory to God and to say thank you, for the blessings of the richness of the unity of this great country in our diversity.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to put on record on the Floor of this Parliament to say this, Honourable Prime Minister, Member for Ialibu-Pangia, that the praises that you received, give those praises and glory to God. He put you on the chair there, the wisdom, strength, and courage to make powerful decisions that drive the development unprecedented in this country. Even the delivery of the Pacific Games is an indication of the fact that this nation is a Christian and God faring country. It is an answer to the silent prayers of our many Christians, pastors and churches around the country.

Mr Deputy Speaker, therefore, I just want to say thank you, to God, for the fine weather we had.

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For the wisdom that he has applied to the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Cabinet and to those who were responsible for a successful outcome of the Pacific Games. We thank, we honour and we glorify Him.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am a sinner and imperfect person myself but I am strong believer in the fact that God places leaders in authorities and in positions of responsibilities. Prime Minister, it is not a coincidence that you sit on the chair there. It is not a coincidence that the Opposition Leader sits in the office of the Opposition Leader. It is not a coincidence

that the deputy Speaker sits in that chair. We were all named even before we came into the womb of our mothers to rule this nation.

Mr Deputy Speaker, what we do here we must believe that there is divine intervention therefore when I see the joy and the tears and happiness of a united country through sports, I give glory and honour to God on our behalf. May God, be praised, glorified and exalted always.

I hear the phenomenon of climate change that is now concerning our developmental opportunities especially in the area of infrastructural development as echoed by the good Member for Chuave. We have an over hugging climate change compatible development policy in the country. Let me just take this opportunity to say that the districts around the country including the different agencies of government to take up the challenge to develop climate smart policies for their districts and for each of the agencies of government.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I must applaud the Minister for Agriculture who sits next to me and his Department. I must also applaud the Minister for Works and his Secretary and the team for developing climate smart resilient infrastructural development policies in this country. Climate change is real and it is here and part of our lives. We need to develop climate change smarter agriculture policies. There is no other way. If we have to exist and be resilient and adapt to the fact of climate change then we need to be innovative and be smarter. I will be delivering a detailed statement as I deliver the Climate Change Management Bill hopefully by next week and I ask all Members of Parliament to support.

Mr Deputy Speaker, my third point is about the fact that we celebrated a memorial day yesterday. Greater love than no man than he that laid his life for his brethren. I am responsible for the Kokoda initiatives and I think it is indeed a great opportunity for me to reflect on the fact that there were great soldiers from Australia and our own people that fought for peace and gave us this freedom that we so enjoy in our nation today. I am not trying to take this opportunity to mislead you all but let us remember lest we forget the rich historical heritage that this nation has.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Kokoda Trail is not about Australia that so many of our leaders in Parliament and our people think. We are so grateful to the fuzzy wuzzy angels. To those Papua New Guineans who so decided to trust that white colour and to call them brothers and be able to lay their lives for them in as much as they were prepared to lay their lives for us and so we enjoy this freedom and peace. We thank God for those who laid down their lives for global peace. Thank so much Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr SASINDRA MUTHUVEL (West New Britain) – Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Before I contribute to this Grievance Debate, I would like to thank all the Cabinet Ministers and all those Members of Parliament who have been present up until now because every time we want to raise issues the concerned Ministers are absent.

I would also like to personally thank the Prime Minister who sits and listens to all the grievance debate faced by every Members of this Parliament. Thank you, to him, all the Ministers, and the Members of Parliament present.

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I would like to raise those two points concerning my province West New Britain.

One is the need for additional electorate, which has been a common discussion since the beginning of this Parliament, and the second is the need for our infrastructure in next year's hosting of the PNG Games.

In that context, I also join all my colleague members in congratulating the Cabinet Ministers, the Government, the Sports Minister and the Prime Minister for making this 2015 Pacific Games a success and I was blessed to witness the opening ceremony, unfortunately I could not attend the closing ceremony due to personal family situation. It was a grand event, which I have ever witnessed in the last 22 years of my stay in PNG and I congratulate everyone who have, participate in the grand success of this Game in PNG. I thank the Member for Chuave for mentioning that West New Britain is one of the economic province and it justifies clearly to invest in West New Britain in order to get a return not just for West New Britain but the whole country.

Mr Speaker, West New Britain has been contributing since the 1960's that is before the Independence, starting from the colonial government, through agriculture and everybody is so excited to talk about agriculture and West New Britain is one of the successful provinces in terms of implementing large scale agriculture. Even the Prime Minister has mentioned that we have to adapt that concept in other provinces especially in bringing all the people together through the land settlement scheme through oil palm and that oil palm is almost like K1million export revenue industry and it employs over 100,000 farmers. When we talk about small medium enterprises, each block holder is like a small business holder because they're working for themselves and that apparently also brings some of the social issues because of the economic potential we have people from all over PNG Living and working in West New Britain. Even currently we are facing lots of law and order issues, in

Bialla there was a double murder incident, and in Buwusi, two children were killed and some other issues in Talasea. Therefore, the economic potential also brings some of the social issues because of the various ethnic people living within the province and that poses huge challenge for us. West New Britain being over 23,000 square kilometre and having a population of over 300,000 that remains at only two districts within the province. I do not have to give justifications because the Planning Minister passionately talks about it and he knows exactly. The formula they adapted is based on the number of province like the Prime Minister mentioned Morobe getting K45 million for PSIP and that is purely because they have nine districts. Whereas West New Britain deserves a minimum of five districts yet has only two districts and the Government knows that if two districts I only get K10 million where as an open member gets K15 million for their district to govern that 300,000 population. We also get K10 million to spread our resources. If the Government cannot really implement the Electoral Boundaries Commission Report because the previous recommendations have been rejected by the Parliament in 2007. In the event that if they cannot really establish those electorates for West New Britain, then it is sensible or appropriate that, the Government allocate reasonable funding in order to bring service delivery to those 300,000 people.

In addition, West New Britain is one of those difficult provinces in terms of service delivery because more than 50 per cent of the population are living in maritime areas. For example in Talasea district, Baivitu is an island which takes more than five hours to go to from Kimbe and Kandrian-Gloucester takes more than 12 to 128 hours to reach the island so the cost of delivery is also quite expensive in terms of delivering those projects to those rural areas. I sincerely appeal to the Government that in the absence of setting up these electorates please consider for those additional funding so that we can also bring service to more than 80,000 people living in the rural areas especially in the Kandrian-Gloucester district and more than 20,000 in Balivitu.

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Oil Palm is the lifeline for West New Britain and the Minister is aware of the depressing formula. It is being more than 12 years that the Minister is fully aware of it and, yet, we have not come to a conclusion as to what is the best formula where by our people can receive an amount that is equal to other parts of the world like in Malaysia or in any other oil palm growing countries. The formula is so complex where the ordinary people cannot really

understand but we only understand that the price we received is too low compared to the same situation in Malaysia or any parts of the world.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I sincerely appeal to the Minister to bring solution for this pricing issue because of the ownership issue. We are so excited and personally, I must admit that I was so eager and anticipating by saying that the ownership issue will address some greater things happening in the province, which, I have not seen, or they have not started fulfilling any of those promises. Therefore, that is why that additional electorate is important because West New Britain is really too big to a governor.

Thus, with two districts, I know the hardship the Member for Talasea had to go through because Talasea district alone had a population of over 175 000 people. Mr Deputy Speaker, in West New Britain, a population of one LLG is more than 50 000, which exceed many of the districts even in Central province or Moresby.

I think, in many district having less than 50 000 where called 'districts' where as in West New Britain, it is only called as LLG. We have 12 LLGs, which are overpopulated. Is there a possibility of bringing that recommendation by the National Planning Team to implement those selected provinces based on the population and the landmark?

Mr Deputy Speaker, I do appeal to you to please implement and execute those recommendations so that the West New Britain can also have that additional district and in the absence of our additional funding through our Special Support Grant should come together with our DSIP funds.

It is a common knowledge that the West New Britain is hosting the 2016 PNG Games, of course, we are starting from the track and the honorable Governor for NCD was talking to host the game. Of course, he won the bid and I do understand his sentiment because after the Pacific Games, he has all the facilities in Port Moresby. However, the spirit of PNG Games is to promote the custom and culture of each province within West New Britain so that, the entire population or the entire players of various provinces can come and witness each province.

I would strongly urge the Government to support the free courses where every province can strengthen its sport infrastructure because of this PNG Games.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not a very good sportsman and I am not very excited about sports but I do understand that because that time we bided for that one, I use my personal money of K10 000.00 bid for this game. I believe the main reason was that that through this game, at least we can bring some infrastructure change in terms of sport, education and other

infrastructures like roads and bridges. It is so thankful that through the initiative of Government of PNG and the donor agencies like ADB who are fixing some of our bridges. They are replacing some more than 12 temporary bridges into permanent bridges.

By the time, 2016, when you come to West New Britain, you could witness new runway and a new small terminal, which were supported through Government of PNG and ADB. Mr Deputy Speaker, we are so fortunate to have this project also to support this game.

However, I also sincerely appeal to the Government that since the Pacific Games are over, I want the support from the National Government to start implementing some of these. We are not asking for some of the sophisticated structure but we want some basic sporting infrastructure where we can host the game and also we can use it to develop our sport potential in the province.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I will be giving a comprehensive development for the PNG Game. We must also not forget that 2017 is an election year and the Games in 2016. I sincerely appeal to every Member, especially the Governors and the Open Members –

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER – Honourable Member, your time is up.

Mr SASINDRAN MUTHUVEL – Mr Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I sincerely wish to appeal to every Member to allocate enough funding well before the game because the Provincial Budget starts between November and December when we conclude the budget. I appeal to every Member to include some of the expenses, especially for sending your team to West New Britain because I do understand that it is a bit expensive for teams from Highlands and other parts because everybody has to travel by plane.

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Thank you.

Motion – That grievance be noted – agreed to.

• ADJORNMENT

Motion (by **Mr James Marape**) agreed to –

That the Parliament do now adjourn.

The Parliament adjourned at 1:00p.m..