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The Parliament met at 2 p.m. according to the Terms of Resolution of Wednesday 6 April, 2016.

The Deputy Speaker (**Mr Aide Ganasi**) took the Chair.

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

Sitting suspended.

The Speaker (**Theo Zurenuoc**) again took the Chair at 2.40 p.m., and invited the Governor for Western Province, Honourable **Ati Wobiro**, to say Prayers:

“Our Gracious heavenly Father we want to thank you again for giving us this one more day to live for you, we acknowledge your greatness and your Lordship over the universe, over Papua New Guinea, over this honourable House and everyone that is a part of this House,

Thank you Father God for bringing us together again to discuss issues that are affecting this country, your country and your people, we thank you father God for the leadership of the Speaker, we continue to pray for your anointing and your blessing upon him, for our Prime Minister and all the Ministers, and all the Members and the Governors of this Honourable House, we pray God that you might give us your own heart, and your own ears and your eyes that we might truly understand your calling upon our lives to save the people on this land.

Thank you Lord Jesus, we commit all the struggles and the difficulties that this country is facing into your hands and we thank you that you are the answer for everything, come now and Lord bless us in this Meeting in the next couple of weeks as we meet to discuss issues affecting this country. Amen!”

**RETURN TO WRIT –
SAMARAI-MURUA ELECTORATE**

Mr SPEALER – Honourable Members, I have to announce that I have received the Return To Writ which His Excellency the Governor-General issued on 31 March 2016 for a by-election of a Member to serve for the Samarai-Murua Open Electorate following the decision of the National Court of Justice dated 29 November 2014 in a Matter of a Disputed Return between Mr Isi Henry Leonard who was the petitioner and Mr Gordon Wesley the First Respondent which ordered that the election was declared void and that the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Mr Gordon Wesley was duly elected Member for Samarai-Murua Open Electorate.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND OF LOYALTY

The honourable Member for Samarai-Murua, Mr Gordon Wesley made and subscribed to the Declarations of Office and of Loyalty as required by the Constitution.

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Adapted by the Constituent assembly on 15 August 1975 as altered from time to time in accordance with its provisions and promise that I will uphold the *Constitution* and the laws of Papua New Guinea.

**BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS –
STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER**

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I have to inform Parliament that the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings met today and resolved that;

(a) The *National Broadcasting Corporation* will be allowed to broadcast and televise live Questions Without Notice, and;

(b) *TVWAN* will be allowed to film Questions Without Notice for news purposes only and for the duration of this meeting.

CERTIFICATION OF ACT

Mr SPEAKER – I have to inform Parliament that, I have in accordance with *Section 110 of the Constitution*, certified the following *Act* (as having been) passed by the National Parliament:

Papua New Guinea Planning and Monitoring Responsibility Act, 2016.

QUESTIONS

TFF for Schools

Mr JOE KOIM KOMUN – Thank you for giving me the opportunity to ask my questions. Before I do that, on behalf of my people, I would like to express my condolences to the people of Hela on the passing away of their late Governor, Honourable Anderson Agiru.

I direct my questions to the Minister for Education and it is in regard to the TFF. Many schools are complaining that contractors who have been contracted to supply school materials are usually running late with school calendars.

My questions are as follows:

(1) Is there any way we can put money directly to the schools so that they can in turn decide when and how they can get their supplies efficiently and on time?

(2) Can I also know if all the schools in Anglimp the electorate have received their TFF from the distribution agents of the Education Department?

03/01

Mr NICK KUMAN – Thank you, Mr Speaker, I also want to thank the Member for Anglimp South Wahgi.

Firstly, on the Teachers-Student resource, the only trial that we did was a contract being awarded to a private company back in 2013. That trail commodity component distribution submitted a report to the committee yesterday on the Teacher-Student Resources.

Now, apparently, this was a pilot project worth about K40 million. Apart from that, since the inception of the TFF Policy introduced by the Government, the material component of that money which is 30 per cent of the appropriation was parked together with the cash component paid to the schools system right throughout the country.

The Department did not hold back any funds for the Student-Teacher Resources so it is the responsibility of the school to acquire their own resources until recently in December last year, the Cabinet in its wisdom has made a decision as part of the single TFF Policy. That Policy I am yet to announce to the nation is the detail of the decision that will structure the TFF and we will see greater visibility of money going to the schools right throughout the country. So that is the answer.

Secondly, with regards to Angilmp South Wahgi dispatchments of TFF, yes, all the schools throughout the country have received their TFF in the first quarter of this year. The last quarter of last year's money was paid in the beginning of this year and those money should be more than enough to keep the first term of this year.

Regarding the second part of the TFF, we only got the warrant of about K75.6 million two weeks ago and this money will be dispatched hopefully by next week to all the schools in the country.

So as far as I am concerned, if there is any issues with Angilmp South Wahgi on a specific school, its better you either give me a note or come and see me to deal with those issues.

Thank you.

Mr KEN FAIRWEATHER – I was trying to ask my question to the Minister for Agriculture but I don't actually see him so perhaps I have to reserve it until tomorrow. Thank you.

Dispatching of ADB Loans

Mr WERA MORI – I would like to ask a simple question to the Minister for Works and this is on the dispatchment of foreign aid and in particular, it pertains to the dispatchment of ADB Loan transits 1-4.

Mr Speaker, why is it that certain provinces are given preferential treatment when it comes to receiving foreign aid? Many a times, they have been given preference because they host very important development resources in this country. This is the catalyst of creating disunity. There is an apparent lack of transparency by TSAB when processing tenders especially ADB Funded Projects.

Can the Minister inform Parliament and the people of Chuave during this session when the Alimbadi ring road will go on tender? The District had met all the requirements to make sure that all processes involving and tendering that project was completed at least 16 months ago.

It is only fair for the benefit of Chuave. They are part of this country and they are noble citizens of our country.

04/01

The road should go on tender simply for the fact that it will create an economic corridor for the development and advancement for the proposed Chimbu dam and also the proposed Chimbu limestone project. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr FRANCIS AWESA – Thankyou Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the Honourable Member for Chuave for this important question. I will provide a detailed reply to him and for that matter any Members of Parliament who are interested in the funding of projects under ADB or World Bank, AUSAid and various others.

I want to state here that there is no discrimination or preference for certain provinces or certain Members of Parliament getting preference over others. Much of the trench one and trench two projects under ADB program for roads in the highlands region was managed under the former Works and Transport Minister and now the Opposition Leader.

As far as I am concerned, in the last three years, we have been able to put various road projects nominated by various Members and provinces in trench three and trench four. As to your road in your electorate, I am not aware whether it is in trench three or trench four, but I will check and advise you in writing.

Mr Speaker, I want to emphasise that there is not bias or preference for any province or region. Most of these projects coming under donor agency funding is selected by the donor agencies themselves in close consultation with the National Government of Papua New Guinea. But I want to say that the projects that are funded under ADB program, trench one,

two, three and various other projects have been funded by the World Bank and other agencies.

I will make a statement as to where these projects are located, how much they are and what the criteria for funding has come about. Thankyou Mr Speaker.

Mr SAM BASIL – Mr Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister for Higher Education.

Mr Speaker, a few weeks ago, the country has seen many students in the higher learning institutions call on the Prime Minister to resign because of the allegations of corruption in Parliament and allegations raised against him. This has caused one of our Universities to suspend its first semester.

Mr Fabian Pok – Point of Order! The statement ‘corruption in Parliament’ reflects the whole lot of us here.

Mr SPEAKER – Deputy Opposition Leader, rephrase your question.

Mr SAM BASIL – I rephrase my statement, we are all clean from corruption.

(Laughter in the Chamber)

05/01

Extension of Academic Year

Mr SAM BASIL – I direct my questions to the Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science & Technology.

(1) I want the Minister to clarify himself whether semester one of the academic year of 2016 will be extended or not because this is the main concern from all the parents of the students.

Vice Chancellor’s Position in Question

(2) Can the Minister also confirm whether the Chancellor for the University of Technology in Lae, Sir Nagora Bogan has been removed from his position as the Chancellor or not?

Mr MALAKAI TABAR - Mr Speaker, I want to thank the Deputy Opposition Leader and Member for Bulolo for his questions.

Yes, the students of UPNG held a public forum at the main forum area five weeks ago. Up until now, they are still in protest and don't want to go back to classes.

Therefore, for semester one, the University Academic Board has met and suspended the first semester. Which means that they have to reorganise themselves and look into different faculties and schools to see how they can continue from where they left.

The Academic Board of UPNG or for any universities, these are very important group of people who decide on the future of the academic programs in all the institutions.

If we try to seek further legal advice basing on the rules and regulations set by the academic board, then we are prolonging this schedule to complete or bring back semester one. Because semester one is basically suspended all they need to do is to reorganise various lectures and groups to consider on certain areas that they will do remedial work on it which will create avenue for semester one to be brought back.

And that's for UPNG but for University of Technology in Lae, they have assured me that they will return to classes starting this week.

So semester one is suspended and a Stay Order has been granted. Tomorrow, this case will be heard and the Academic Board of UPNG will go to court as defendant.

With that, I appeal to all the parents that the University has the responsibility to take care of all the academic program for all the students and we won't interfere or disturb.

But only if the students would calm down and agree to resume classes again because your name tag is called student and you should be in school learning.

If you listen to other people and continue to strike, then you are considered not to be a student of a highest institution.

Whilst having this opportunity, I also want to pass my condolences on behalf of my Department to Professor John Kola, who was one of the first Papua New Guinean to get his PhD but unfortunately, he passed away. I appointed him to be the Vice Chancellor of the University of Goroka until his passing.

Today, the Prime Minister chartered a plane and flew his body back to Goroka and on to Chimbu, his home province.

All we want is for the students to resume classes and finish off semester one. We don't want to continue on to semester two and close the school for Christmas.

On the second question of terminating Sir Nogara Bogan as the Chancellor of the University of Technology is not correct. I have seen and read it in the Facebook which was posted by the faceless people and making all sorts of comments, let me say that he is still the Chancellor of the University of Technology.

06/01

Supplementary Question

Mr MARK MAIPAKAI – My questions are; in the event that the students do a mass withdrawal.

- (1) Would your Government be responsible for their actions?
- (2) How would you manage the cascading effects?

Dr Fabian Pok – Point of Order! This question is asking for the Minister's opinion and is not allowed as stated by the *Standing Orders*.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member, your Point of Order is in order.
You cannot lead the Minister and ask a question that agrees with your opinion.

Mr MARK MAIPAKAI – Mr Speaker, the cascading effects of a mass withdrawal is very high given the current financial scenario.

I am seeking advice from the Chair in relation to my questions.

(3) Therefore, what will the Government do to address this issue and when can the students come back to school?

Thank you.

Mr SPEAKER – The *Standing Orders* is very clear and that, you are asking the Minister for an opinion.

If you want to inquire about some facts you, can ask questions but you cannot just ask questions that will lead the Minister to answer your opinion. Therefore, Honourable Member, I will not allow your questions.

New Screening System for Lands Department

Mr GARRY JUFFA – Thank you, Mr Speaker, my questions are directed to the Minister for Lands. Before I ask my questions, I would like to commend the Minister for his efforts to clean up the Lands Department, which has for a long time been renowned for corrupt activities.

My questions are in relation to a contractor for land management system that was highly paid which he came out in the media.

(1) Could the Minister explain exactly how much was exactly paid?

(2) What efforts will the Department undertake to investigate and prosecute the persons who may be responsible for any possible crimes?

(3) Will there be an effort to put in place a new system that will better manage our land in the country?

Thank you.

Mr BENNY ALLAN – I thank the Governor for Oro for his series of important questions.

Mr Speaker, the system that he is referring to is called LAGIS. The LAGIS system was put in place some time ago to administer the process in which land titles are processed. What had happened at that time, a contract was given to a company from Australia called Technology No.1, to put in place this system so that it would address the issues of duplication of titles, fake titles and so forth.

However, the company under the contract was supposed to complete the task and received the amount which was approved in the contract to the value of AUS\$2.8 million but that did not happen. What then transpired over time was that, the company was giving invoices to the Department up until we discovered the problem back in 2013 and 2014. What we found was that, the company had received AUS\$40 to AUS\$50 million and we have therefore put a stop to these payments. We have also brought this issue to CACC. The CACC has now commissioned an investigation into the payment and the contract that was awarded to that particular company.

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At the moment, we are waiting for the audits to be carried out to establish what has happened and what was the actual amount paid to this company.

I think this was the best system that was designed to address the duplication of titles and any other related issues.

Every information for lodgement of application and the process of getting the title out is now transparent.

In my view a transparent system is now in place.

The Department will allow the investigation to be completed. We can deal with the contractor and get another company to put the same system in place so that the Department can be able to address all these issues on titles.

Delay in release of Lae DSIP Funds

Ms LOUJAYA TONI – Thank you Mr Speaker. On behalf of the people of Lae District, I direct my question to the Finance Minister.

I would like to ask that the Finance Minister tell us the truth in regards to the size of the Bible that is in front of us. On record, Mr Speaker, the –

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member, what do you mean when you make reference to the Bible?

Ms LOUJAYA TONI – I am emphasising the size of that Bible to hear the truth.

Mr SPEAKER – How does it relate to your question? You are making an insinuation. I am giving you a warning?

Ms LOUJAYA TONI – Thank you Mr Speaker; I am saying, I want the truth to come out for the people of Lae.

Mr SPEAKER – Ask your question to the Minister while you have the Floor.

Ms LOUJAYA TONI – Thank you Mr Speaker, since September to December 2015 and this year, Lae District CEO has travelled to Port Moresby four times. He was asked to comply with acquittals which he has done. But he was unsuccessful four times coming here from Lae.

Two officers based in Port Moresby were sent to the Finance Department and they were told there that a first list of DSIP were released for PNC Members, a second list was released for Coalition Party Members and the third list is yet to be approved for the Opposition Members.

Can the Finance Minister tell us what has happened to the K1 million for Lae District from September to December 2015 and from January to May 2016? The Finance Minister is not persecuting me, he is persecuting the people of Lae District.

Mr JAMES MARAPE – Thankyou Mr Speaker and I thank my good sister, Honourable Member for Lae.

Firstly, the insinuation relating to the Bible is not new to her. On record, she has been making inferences to the fact that I go to a church that she was previously part of. She is now wondering around and is continuing to search the Bible so she is making reference to that.

She is trying to make inferences that we on this side and especially me is continuing to lie in the face of the Bible. So I appreciate where she is coming from. If she needs to understand some facts then she may.

I must commend her for mentioning some facts that her District has received K1 million right up to this year. My District of Tari-Pori has received K1 million. Wau-Bulolo District has received K1 million as well as Wau-Bulolo, Kandep, Aitape-Lumi and Ialibu-Pangia, in fact all districts received their funds this year.

08/01

That is a fact and I do not intend to lie. My honourable brother from Kikori, Honourable Mark Maipakai knows that his District received K1 million this year. On record, may I also confirm that from 2013-2015, all districts, if not most districts received K30 million each in DSIP from this Government. But some of our learned friends from the other side continuously drum every time that we on this side continue to be unfair to them.

Mr Speaker, it is public record and the district treasuries are aware, they cannot continue to say that we are unfair on this side all the time. They continue to use the DSIP issue on the basis where by this Government maintains strength.

Every Member representing their district has been receiving K30 million since 2013. K10 million each for 2013, 2014 and 2015.

She is right in saying that this year, every district received K1 million. May I take this opportunity to commend the Members of this Parliament and especially Members on this side all have equally received K1 million and are not voicing their concerns. It shows some of the reasons why she is on the other side. Money alone is not the reason why we exist as leaders.

Firstly, our business is in this Parliament and I commend all of us as we have been faithful in passing record volumes of law since 2012.

Mr Speaker, when the economy is facing difficult times and our revenue has dropped by 70 per cent as a result of closure of Ok Tedi which contributed close to 25 per cent of this nation's economy and also from 70 per cent drop in oil prices. Members from this side of the House understand what we are going through. And for a Member who has been fairly treated right from 2013, 2014 and up to this time; insults my intelligence when she feels we are lying in front of this bible, she deserves to apologise to this House, for making insinuations on the face of this bible and also saying that we are lying from this side.

Mr Don Polye –Point of Order! The Honourable Member for Lae asked a question and the Minister should answer the question. There is no need to apologise. If she has touched the bible, it is only material. If you live by the words in the bible than you are talking about the bible and living by it. Let us not talk about the book. And the Speaker has made a ruling and the answers have been given and there is no need for her to apologise. She is a leader and has a right to ask her question.

Mr JAMES MARAPE –Mr Speaker, I will conclude my statement very shortly and I take the comments from the Opposition Leader. I congratulate him for assuming to the Chair of the opposition Leader again, after the Deputy kept it for him for a short while.

Let me assure the Member for Lae that as we have been doing for the last three years, that we are mobilising resources. And for this year's budget, our core priorities remain, and as a Government, we will deliver to the core focus of our budget.

09/01

When the next tranche of DSIP and PSIP is ready, her district, just like every other districts in Papua New Guinea will receive their next DSIP.

Allowance for Ward Councillors

Mr TITUS PHILEMON – Thank you, Mr Speaker, I want to raise my series of questions to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Provincial and Local Government Affairs, but since he is not here, I will direct them to the Minister for Finance.

But before I do that, I wish to, on behalf of the Government and people of Milne Bay, congratulate Honourable Gordon Wesley for his re-election to the seat of Samarai Murua, thank the government for the funding, the Electoral Commission for conducting the election and the people of Samarai-Murua for an exemplary peaceful by-election.

I know Mr Wesley is not new to the electorate and the Chamber and now team Milne Bay is complete.

Mr Speaker, my question in relation to the payment of ward councillors, not only in Milne Bay but also throughout the country are as follows:

Can the Minister inform the Parliament as to why our ward councillors have not received their allowances as of January this year?

This is very important because they are our partners in terms of leadership at the community level and we have to recognise them.

In the case of Milne Bay Province, we have a total of 395 councillors still awaiting their allowances. This is a very big concern because they are also mandated leaders.

In the beginning, since the Department of Provincial and Local-Level Government took responsibility of this function, they were advised to open their bank accounts and since then no money has gone into those accounts. Some had to travel very long distances to check and that is a very expensive exercise for them.

Mr Speaker, the same also applies to the village court officials, especially the village court magistrates, peace officers and so on. But I know that this is for the Department of Justice and Attorney-General to address, but can the Government also look into their plight and do something immediately?

Mr Speaker, I am appealing to the Minister for Finance and the government to act on this immediately as we are already half way through the year and yet our people, our partners, our leaders at the community level have not been paid what is due to them.

Mr JAMES MARAPE – Mr Speaker, let me thank the good Governor for his good question that relates to our leaders on the front line of our service delivery mechanism.

Mr Speaker, we have set aside money in the budget but one or two provinces, including those that some of us belong to have yet to fully submit the names of their councillors.

I'll get the Minister responsible to make a full statement to this Parliament with regard to the status of the councillors on payroll. We will try to expedite these payments at the earliest possible time because we acknowledge as a Government that the policy of bringing councillors to the payroll is a creation of this Government and we intend to honour it fully. I will pass on word to the Minister concerned to make the appropriate statement in that regard.

10/01

PNG Power -Constant Management Changes

Mr POWES PARKOP – Thank you, Mr Speaker for giving me the opportunity to ask my questions without notice. My questions are directed to the Minister for Public Enterprise regarding PNG Power.

Mr Speaker, I think we are all aware and frustrated over PNG Power not just here in Port Moresby but all over the country. The strategy of the former Minister, Honourable Ben Micah and other Ministers in the past is that, we keep on changing the Board or the CEO. Up until now, I am confused as to who the Board Chairman is or who the CEO is. Is Tangit still there or did Bais come in already? I am not sure who the CEO is at the moment?

Mr Speaker, I think that strategy is not working. We are changing the Board members and the CEOs but it is still not working. PNG Power continues to fail our people and the nation. It is not delivering reliable and affordable power and it is affecting industries and everyone's social and economic life. So my questions are:

(1) Is the new Minister going to come up with a new strategy or maintain the old strategy?

(2) Can the Minister look at restructuring the PNG Power if they cannot effectively and adequately supply power nationwide?

(3) Can we looking separating PNG Power so that they only provide power while the other entity looks after power lines connecting to households and other industrial? That's one idea.

(4) Another idea is that can the Provincial Government also become partners by bringing in investors and own those assets in the provinces so that we run reliable power supply in our provinces or cities? We are tired of PNG Power because they fail all the

time. The Minister must come up with a solution and if not restructure it. Do not listen to the union because we are doing the same thing expecting a different outcome and the outcome is not being delivered. We have no reliable and affordable power to support our growing economy. When are we going to get there?

WILLAIM DUMA – Thank you Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the Governor of National Capital District for raising these very important questions.

It's a bit surprising that the Governor has decided to wait silently for many years until he decided to raise it now. He has three years to raise this issue.

The fact Mr Speaker, is that I have been appointed by the Prime Minister to be the Minister only in January this year so it does not take months for someone to turn around an organisation which is already entrenched in corruption and incompetent people and the whole works.

So, it will take someone who has ultimate superpower to turn this organisation around. But Mr Speaker, what has been happening to this organisation is that we all have ourselves to blame.

We all knew our only utility company had problems and yet we decided to turn a blind eye. Only when it started affecting us, we are starting to jump up and down. So all of us here are important stakeholders in that company.

Mr Speaker, what I can say here is that since I was appointed Minister responsible, I decided to look into what was really wrong with this organisation. The company engaged one of the leading forensic accounting firm in Australia called KordaMentha.

It took them many weeks and couple of months to look into what was wrong and they have identified number of areas which we, as a Government must stand up and make important decisions.

One of them is whether in the interest of this company, we should strip this company into three or four different companies; one responsible for transmission, one responsible for generation, one responsible for retailing etc. PNG Power is a really big company with a gross turnover of about K700 million, an important asset this country has. If all of us really sit down and look at what KordaMentha have said and I need all of you to help me to go through it, we can turn this company around.

Mr Speaker, when I assumed this Ministry, Cabinet in its wisdom decided to make some changes with the Board. Mr Adrew Ogil is the Chairman of the Board and he is a

very experience national, who was a former CEO of Air Niugini, former CEO of National Airports Corporation and a man with a lot of experience. He needs time to be able to turn this company around.

Mr Speaker, he is supported by very well qualified and very experience businessmen and one of them is Mr Seth Maso who was a former CEO of PPL or PNG Power Limited. We also have a very good Board so if given time, we can turn this company around.

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In relation to the issue of the CEO, we have had two CEOs; One was Mr Yanis who decided to resign for personal reasons. He is another experienced and competent national that we had. The current CEO is Mr Chris Bais, who is a long serving employee of PNG Power with more than 30 years of experience.

We have given him an opportunity to re-establish a new management team and turn the company around. It will not take three months or three years for us to expect immediate results but if given time, we will turn this company around into a one that we are all proud of. We can do it in such a way that all our children graduating from universities will want to join it just like the army in the 1960s.

Mr Speaker, this is an asset that we have but for instance, for fuel costs alone for one year, it amounts to K380 million. This is a challenge for us and we need to work about how we reduce those prices.

Mr Speaker, I am thankful for the Governor in raising those issues and if given time, I can assure this Parliament that we can turn this important company around so that it can contribute to the government's budget.

Mr William Samb – Point of Order! Can the Minister tell us what is happening to the two generators that we bought from Israel?

Mr SPEAKER – I can allow you to ask a supplementary question because this is not in relation to the question asked. Let the Minister finish.

Mr WILLIAM DUMA – Thank you Mr Speaker, I thank the Governor for asking the question but like I said, all we need is time. We can turn this company around. It is an important asset we have. After we turn this company around and make it attractive for

potential investors, we can then split it into three or four different companies like in Australia and Malaysia.

Supplementary Question

PNG - Imported Generators

Mr WILLIAM SAMB – Can the Minister tell us what happened to the two generators that we bought from Israel? Secondly, PNG Power seems to be a company where CEOs are changed frequently. Why can't we appoint a management team and let them do their job without interference? I think the current makeup of the Board have enough experience to run that important institution.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Member, I think your second question has been answered already so I will allow the Minister to answer the first part of the question only.

Mr WILLIAM DUMA – We have only had two changes and it is not as if it has been changed more than that.

Mr Speaker, we have acquired those two generators from Israel and there were some adjustments that needed to be made so our engineers in Lae are currently making those changes. In the case of the other generator it has been in operation so we have been operating those two generators contrary to what other people are saying.

12/01

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – EXTENDED TIME FOR QUESTIONS

Motion (by **Mr Jim Kas**) put –

That so much of the *Standing Orders* be suspended as would prevent the time for questions this day being extended by 20 minutes.

Objections being raised, motion negatived.

PMIZ Project

Mr JIM KAS – Thank you, Mr Speaker, once again, I would like to ask my question to the State Enterprise Minister and it is in relation to the PMIZ in Madang. The Project is based in Madang and there is so much propaganda that this is a con project.

Mr Speaker, my simple question is, is PMIZ really a con project? I want to just to satisfy some people who are promoting propaganda in the Province. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr WLLIAM DUMA – Thank you, Mr Speaker and the Governor of Madang for this important question.

The simple answer is no, it's not.

Our hard working Minister for Commerce and Industry has spent years trying to develop a concept and if it is managed properly will provide a basic foundation for our country to go down a path of industrialisation so that most of our stuff can be manufactured there so it is not a con project and it needs the support from both side of the Parliament.

We cannot continue to export raw materials such as coffee, tea and copra. We have to go down that path and the PMIZ Project is something that this country has to look forward to and support it with everything that is available and make it a reality. So, Mr Speaker, we have attracted funding from our own companies in this region, it is a goer and it is only a matter of time. We will establish a board that will comprise of the stakeholders and if provided with the necessary support and financing, this will pave the way for our country to move to the next stage. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

OBSERVING STANDING ORDERS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, we have run out of Question Time. Just before we move to recognise the Leader of the Government Business, with great respect, Honourable Members, I must remind you of the *Standing Orders*. The Member for Kikori has raised a Point of Order which I ruled against and I would like to direct your attention to the rules in *Standing Orders 141(c)(i)*; it explicitly states and I quote here that questions should not ask a Minister for an Expression of Opinion and on that basis I have ruled against the Honourable Member for Kikori.

**AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF
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EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BUDGET PROCESS – 2013 APPROPRIATIONS –
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Effectiveness of the Budget Process – 2013 Appropriations.

Ordered – That report be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

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AUDITOR-GENERAL ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA,
PART 1, 2012 –
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MOTION BY LEAVE

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

Leave granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion (by Mr James Marape) agreed to –

That a Leave of Absence be granted to Honourable Solan Mirisim, Member for Teleformin on the grounds of ill health for the duration of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (by Mr James Marape) agreed to –

That the Parliament do now adjourn.

The Parliament adjourned at 3. 40 p.m..