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- 63 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO THE AUDITS OF PROVINCIAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND PROVINCIAL SERVICES GRANT OF THE NEW IRELAND PROVINCE FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2015 TO 2020 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 October – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 64 AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – PART 3 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATING TO THE AUDITS OF PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL-LEVEL GOVERNMENTS AND ASSOCIATED ENTITIES FOR THE YEARS 2017 TO 2021 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 4 October – Mr Richard Masere – Chairman – Public Accounts Committee, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Richard Masere – That the Parliament take note of the paper.

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PRIVATE BUSINESS

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- 13 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021 – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2022 – Prime Minister, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Luther Wenge – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 14 MINISTRY OF STATE ENTERPRISES – STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES REFORM PROGRAM – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 30 November 2022 – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Sasindran Muthuvel – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 45 AGREEMENT ON DEFENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 14 June*) on the motion of Mr Joseph Lelang – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 46 MINISTRY OF TREASURY – 2022 FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME – DELIVERING BUDGET REPAIR AND HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 15 June – Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Douglas Tomuriesa – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 47 SIR JULIUS CHAN (*Member for New Ireland Provincial*): To present a Bill for an Act to amend the ***Provincial Health Authority Act 2017*** and for related purposes. (*Notice given 1 August*)
- 48 MR MICHAEL MARUM (*Member for East New Britain Provincial*): To present a Bill for an Act –
- (a) to enable the establishment, development, operation and regulation of free zones in the East New Britain Province of Papua New Guinea with independent stand-alone administrative entities specifically constituted for the purpose of regulating and administering zones; and
 - (b) to provide for the establishment of East New Britain Free Zones Corporation and –
 - (i) to define its powers and functions; and

- (ii) to administer and regulate the free zones and to provide for the promotion and facilitation of investments and the development of enabling environment for such investments in the free zones; and
- (iii) to grant the Corporation partial extraterritoriality status to administer and regulate the developmental areas of a zone independently but attached to the existing governmental frameworks; and
- (c) to enable the downstream processing of products for the New Guinea Island region, Papua New Guinea and other Pacific Island countries; and
- (d) to encourage the undertaking of development activities, local and foreign direct investment, capital and talent in a zone under independent and separate regulatory frameworks; and
- (e) to encourage the establishment, conduct and expansion of enterprises and investments in and for the granting of certain exemptions and fiscal incentives to persons engaging in such enterprises and investments in a zone,

and for related purposes. (*Notice given 1 August*)

- 51 DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT – ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Resumption of debate (*from 2 August*) on the motion of Mr Luther Wenge – That the Parliament take note of the papers.
- 53 SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH MATTERS – PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FACT-FINDING MISSION TO ASCERTAIN THE STATUS OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL DISTRICT, EAST SEPIK AND EASTERN HIGHLANDS PROVINCES – REQUEST MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE WAY FORWARD – PAPER AND STATEMENT – MOTION FOR ADOPTION: Resumption of debate (*from 3 August – Leader of Government Business, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Elias Kapavore – That the report and its recommendations be adopted.
- 57 SIR PUKA TEMU (*Member for Abau*): To present a Bill for an Act to repeal and replace the *St. John Council Incorporation Act 1976* for related purposes. (*Notice given 11 August*)

- 58 MINISTRY OF PRIME MINISTER AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE IN AUGUST 2022 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 August*) on the motion of Mr Joseph Lelang – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
- 59 MINISTRY OF TREASURY – MID-YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK, 2023 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Resumption of debate (*from 11 August*) on the motion of Mr Allan Bird – That the Parliament take note of the paper.
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KALA AUFAClerk of the National Parliament

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

SPEAKER

Mr Job Pomat

DEPUTY SPEAKER

AND

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Mr Koni Iguan

ASSISTANT SPEAKERS

Mr Agena Gamai
Mr Johnson Wapunai

Mr Casmiro Aia
Mr Kansol Kamdaru

COMMITTEES

PERMANENT

APPOINTMENTS: Mr Philip Undialu (*Chairman*), Mr Tony Wouwou (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Lohia Boe Samuel, Mr Noah Kool, Mr Sasindran Muthuvel, Mr Simon Kaiwi and Mr Taboi Yoto.

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: Mr Speaker (*Chairman ex-officio Member*), Mr Gordon Wesley (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Jacob Maki and Mr Kansol Kamdaru.

CITIZENSHIP MATTERS: Mr Robert Naguri (*Chairman*), Mr Thomas Opa (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Daniel Tindipu, Mr Elias Kapavore, Mr Garry Juffa and Mr Ramsey Pariwa. (*one vacancy*)

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr Marsh Narewec (*Chairman*), Mr Sam Basil Jr (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Alexander Orme, Mr Ereman ToBaining Jr, Mr Ricky Morris, Mr Sasindran Muthuvel and Mr Simon Dumarinu.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS AND ACTS AND SUBORDINATE LEGISLATIONS: Sir Peter Ipatas (*Chairman*), Mr Wai Rapa (*Deputy Chairman*) Mr Agena Gamai, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Chris Haiveta, Mr Daniel Tindipu and Mr Simon Dumarinu.

CULTURE AND TOURISM: Mr Charlie Benjamin (*Chairman*), Mr Alexander Orme (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Agena Gamai, Mr Anderson Mise, Mr Ekime Gorosahu, Mr Eremam ToBaining Jr, Mr Freddie Kumai, Mr Jacob Maki, Mr Maso Hewabi, Mr Ricky Morris and Mr Theo Pelgen.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS: Ms Rufina Peter (*Chairman*), Mr Billy Joseph (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Casmiro Aia, Mr Freddie Kumai, Mr John Kaupa, Mr Lucas Dekena and Mr Saki Soloma.

EDUCATION: Mr Benjamin Mul (*Chairman*), Mr Simon Kaiwi (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Anderson Mise, Mr Johnson Wapunai and Mr Michael Marum. (*two vacancies*)

***EMERGENCY:** Mr Marsh Narewec (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Benjamin Mul, Mr Daniel Tindipu, Mr Maino Pano, Mr Michael Marum and Mr Ramsey Pariwa. (*one vacancy - Chairman*)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE: Mr Belden Namah (*Chairman*), Mr Taboi Yoto (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Chris Haiveta, Mr Gordon Wesley, Mr Tony Wouwou and Mr William Powi.

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT: Mr Powes Parkop (*Chairman*), Mr Allan Bird (*Deputy Chairman*), Ms Rufina Peter, Mr Marsh Narewec, Mr Lohia Boe Samuel, Mr Ricky Morris and Mr William Bando.

LAW AND ORDER: Mr William Bando (*Chairman*), Mr Elias Kapavore (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Billy Joseph, Mr David Arore, Mr Luther Wenge and Mr Robert Naguri. (*one vacancy*)

LEGISLATION: Mr Speaker (*Chairman*) *ex-officio Member*, Mr Keith Iduhu (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Lohia Boe Samuel, Mr Lucas Dekena, Mr Robert Atiyafa and Mr William Hagahuno. (*one vacancy*)

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT: Mr Speaker (*Chairman*) *ex-officio Member*, Mr Michael Marum (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Robert Naguri and Mr Taboi Yoto.

PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS: Mr Chris Haiveta (*Chairman*), Sir Peter Ipatas (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Luther Wenge, Mr Robert Atiyafa and Mr Sasindran Muthuvel.

PLANS AND ESTIMATES: Mr Joseph Yopyyopy (*Chairman*), Mr Johnson Wapunai (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Benjamin Mul, Mr Chris Haiveta, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Simon Kaiwi and Mr Wai Rapa.

PRIVATE BUSINESS: Mr Speaker (*Chairman*), Mr Deputy Speaker (*Deputy Chairman*) *ex-officio Members*, Mr Allan Bird, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Taboi Yoto and Mr William Powi.

PRIVILEGES: Mr Charlie Benjamin (*Chairman*), Mr Casmiro Aia (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Chris Haiveta, Mr Jacob Maki and Mr Simon Dumarinu.

***PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:** Mr Richard Masere (*Chairman*), Mr Freddie Kumai (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Benjamin Mul, Mr Billy Joseph, Mr Casmiro Aia, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Francis Alua, Mr Jacob Maki, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mr Lohia Boe Samuel, Mr Ramsey Pariwa, Mr Sam Basil Jr and Mr Theo Pelgen. (*one vacancy*)

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr Ereman ToBaining Jr (*Chairman*), Mr Robert Naguri (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Benjamin Mul, Mr Billy Joseph, Mr Daniel Tindipu, Mr David Arore, Mr Francis Siune, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mr Kansol Kamdaru, Mr Maino Pano, Mr Marsh Narewec and Mr Sam Basil Jr. (*two vacancies*)

STANDING ORDERS: Mr Speaker (*Chairman*), Mr Deputy Speaker (*Deputy Chairman*) *ex-officio Members*, Mr Allan Bird, Mr Chris Haiveta, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Elias Kapavore, Mr Garry Juffa, Mr Luther Wenge and Mr Taboi Yoto.

SELECT COMMITTEE

OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION: Mr Luther Wenge (*Chairman*), Dr Allan Marat (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Allan Bird, Mr Elias Kapavore, Mr Keith Iduhu, Sir Peter Ipatas, Sir Puka Temu and Mr William Bando. (*one vacancy*)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

2022 GENERAL ELECTION: Mr Allan Bird (*Chairman*), Sir Puka Temu (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Elias Kapavore, Mr Jacob Maki, Mr Keith Iduhu, Mr Robert Naguri and Mr Saki Soloma. (*one vacancy*)

PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM AND SERVICE DELIVERY: Mr Garry Juffa (*Chairman*), Mr Elias Kapavore (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Allan Bird, Mr Marsh Narewec, Sir Peter Ipatas, Ms Rufina Peter and Mr William Powi.

HEALTH MATTERS: Mr Elias Kapavore (*Chairman*), Mr Freddie Kumai (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Jacob Maki, Mr Lohia Boe Samuel, Mr Ricky Morris and Mr Simon Dumarinu.

CUSTOMARY LAND AND LAND REFORM IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Mr Keith Iduhu (*Chairman*), Mr Anderson Mise, Mr Ereman ToBaining Jr, Mr Lohia Boe Samuel, Mr Ricky Morris, Mr Simon Dumarinu and Mr Wai Rapa.

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS IN PNG: Mr Theo Pelgen (*Chairman*), Mr Francis Alua (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr David Arore, Mr Marsh Narewec, Mr Maso Hewabi, Mr Noah Kool and Mr Simon Sia.

MEDIUM TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 4: Mr Sasindran Muthuvel (*Chairman*), Ms Rufina Peter (*Deputy Chairperson*), Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Chris Haiveta, Mr Michael Marum, Mr Philip Undialu and Mr Simon Sia.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS AND AIRLINE INDUSTRIES: Mr Sam Basil Jnr (*Chairman*), Mr Alexander Orme (*Deputy Chairman*), Mr Francis Alua, Mr Freddie Kumai, Mr Joseph Yopyyopy, Mr Kansol Kamdaru and Mr Michael Marum.

(*) *Death of Mr Maso Karipe, MP (Member for Pogera-Paiela) on 7 November 2023.*