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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 6

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Wednesday, 24 October 2012

- 1 The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair.
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*Absence of quorum:* The Speaker reported to the Parliament that a quorum of Members was not present, and announced that he would again take the Chair, at the ringing of the Bells.

*Suspension of sitting:* At fifteen minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At twenty minutes to eleven o'clock a.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mrs Loujaya Toni (Minister for Community Development, Religion and Family Affairs) to say Prayers.

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2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

3 **EMPOWERMENT OF PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT –**

**PAPER NOTED:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning and Monitoring) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament that the National Government would present a Budget that will incorporate the Alotau Accord and the Government's long term strategic plans to empower Provinces and Districts to improve services as the way forward for Planning and Monitoring and the Development Budget to improve government services in all communities throughout the country.

Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament take note of the Paper.

Debate ensued

Question – put and passed.

4 **HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE**

**OF PAPER:** Mr Michael Malabag (Minister for Health, HIV and AIDS) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament of the commitment of the Government to implement the National Health Plan and its policies for the benefit of all citizens.

Mr James Marabe (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper, and was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed at a subsequent sitting.

5 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.

Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at twenty-five minutes to one o'clock p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Amkat Mai, Dr Allan Marat, Mr Belden Namah, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Simon, Mrs Julie Soso Akeke, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Ludwig Shulze, Mr Lukas Dekena, Mr Malakal Tabar, Mr Mogorema Sigo Wei, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Patrick Pruaitch, Mr Sasindra Muthuvel, Mr William Duma and Mr William Powi.

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