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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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No. 7

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Thursday, 25 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 five minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting:* At twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members being present and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr Kelly Naru (Governor for Morobe) to say Prayers.

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

- 3 **AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 2009, PART III – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Speaker, pursuant to Statute, presented the following paper,–

*Constitution–*

*Auditor General of Papua New Guinea- Report:*

*Part III - Auditor General of Papua New Guinea – Report on Public Accounts of Papua New Guinea, Part III, 2009.*

Mr Benjamin Poponawa (Deputy Chairman – Public Accounts Committee) moved –  
That Parliament take note of the paper, and that the paper be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.  
Question – put and passed.

- 4 **INVESTMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION, TECHNICAL COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr David Arore (Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology), made a ministerial statement informing Parliament of the Government’s initiatives to arrest the declining quality of higher education and challenges in the education system to address the human resources needs to drive the country forward.  
Debate ensued.  
Question – put and passed.

- 5 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved –  
That Parliament do now adjourn.  
Question – put and passed.

And then the parliament at 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 Dr Allan Marat, Mr Beleden Namah, Mr Benjamin Philip, Mr Byron Chan, Mr Charlie Benjamin, \*Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Awesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr John Hickey, Mr John Simon, Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Ludwig Shulze, Mr Lukas Dekena, Mr Malakai Tabar, Mr Mao Zeming, Mr Mark Maipakai, Mr Pias Wingti, Mr Patrick Pruaitch, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Peter O’Neill, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Steven Kamma and Mr Tobias Kulang.

**SIMON ILA**  
Acting Clerk of the National Parliament

*\*Dismissed by the Court of Disputed Returns.*