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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 22

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Wednesday, 13 February 2013

- 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 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 Bob Dadae (Member for Kabwum) to say Prayers.

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- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were being asked -  
*Suspension of standing orders - Extension of time for questions without notice:* Mr Francis Potape (Member for Komo-Magarima) moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the time for questions without notice this day being extended by twenty minutes.  
Question – put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.  
Questions without notice continued.

- 3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – RE-ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved – That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent him presenting the *Public Finance (Management) (Amendment) Bill 2013*.  
Question – put and passed.
- 4 **PUBLIC FINANCE (MANAGEMENT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013:** Mr James Marape (Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Finance (Management) Act 1995* to increase the kina threshold amount for major procurement of goods and services (properties and stores).  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr James Marape, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Charles Abel – Minister for National Planning and Monitoring), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.
- 5 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Charles Abel (Minister for National Planning and Monitoring) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.  
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at fifteen minutes to three 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 Aide Ganasi, Dr Allan Marat, Mr Asik Tommy Tomscoll, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Daniel Mona, Mr Don Polye, Mr Douglas Tomuriesa, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr Joseph Lelang, Mr Justin Tkachenko, Mr Kelly Naru, \*Mr Ken Fairweather, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Paul Tiensten, \*Mr Pesab Jeffery Komal, Mr Peter Ipatas, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Roy Biyama, Mr Wera Mori and Mr Westley Nukundj.

**SIMON ILA**  
**Acting Clerk of Parliament**

*\*Leave of Absence.*