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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 38

Thursday, 23 May 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 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 Mr Mehra Minnie Kipefa (Member for Obura-Wonenara) to say Prayers.

- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **TABLING OF PAPER:** Mr Belden Namah (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, laid upon the table the following paper: -

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Correspondence.*

- 4 **AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL, PART II, 2010 – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper: -

Constitution.

Auditor General of Papua New Guinea –
Report on the Public Accounts of Papua New Guinea, Part II, 2010.

Mr James Marape (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper and the report be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

Question – put and passed.

- 5 **STATE OF THE ECONOMY – FUTURE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND IMPROVED BUDGET TRANSPARENCY – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) made a ministerial statement on economic update, the new economic outcomes for 2012 including final budget outcome and estimates for 2013.

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

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr James Marape – Leader of Government Business), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for a subsequent sitting.

- 6 **MINISTRY OF SPORTS, PACIFIC GAMES AND NATIONAL EVENTS – STATUS AND PROGRESS OF PREPARATIONS ON 2015 PACIFIC GAMES - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:** Mr Justin Tkachenko (Minister for Sports, Pacific Games and National Events) made a ministerial statement on the preparations of the 2015 Pacific Games.

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

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr James Marape (Leader of the Opposition) moved – That the question be now put – put and passed.

And the question – That the Parliament take note of the paper, was put accordingly, and passed.

- 7 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – FIRST QUARTER REPORT, 2013 – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr James Marape (Minister for Finance and Acting Minister for Education) made a ministerial statement on the four investment priorities in education including tuition fee free and subsidised fee, outcome based education, quality of teacher education, and infrastructure and maintenance.

Mr Peter O'Neill (Prime Minister) 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.

- 8 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Peter O’Neill (Prime Minister) moved – That the Parliament do now adjourn.
Question – put and passed.

And then the Parliament at five minutes to four o’clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at ten o’clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Ano Pala, Mr Asik Tommy Tomscol, Mr Ati Wobiro, Mr Ben Micah, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Bir Kimisopa, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr James Lagea, Mr Jeffery Kuave, Mr Kelly Naru, Mr Leo Dion, Mr Louta Atoi, Mr Mai Dop, Mr Michael Malabag, Mr Nixon Mangape, Mr Paias Wingti, Mr Paul Tiensten, Mr Philip Undialu, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ron Ganarafo, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Tobias Kulang, Mr Westley Nukundj and Dr William Tongamp.

VELA KONIVARO
Clerk of the National Parliament