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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

No. 51

Wednesday, 11th September, 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 six minutes past ten o'clock a.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At thirty 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 Sir Puka Temu (Minister for Public Service) to say Prayers.

2 **DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS (MR JIM YER WAIN AND MR SAM TULO):** The Speaker informed the Parliament of the deaths of the following former Members:-

- (a) Mr Jim Yer Waim on 25 April 2013. He was a former Member for the Kerowagi Open Electorate in the Fourth National Parliament from 1987 to 1992. He was appointed Minister for Environment and Conservation from 1988 to 1991; and
- (b) Mr Sam Tulo on 6 May 2013. He was a former Member for the North Bougainville Open Electorate in the Second National Parliament from 1977 to 1982. He was appointed Assistant Speaker and a member of the Subordinate Legislation Committee from 1977 to 1980. He was also appointed Minister for Education from 1980 to 1982. He was re-elected to the Third Parliament from 1982 to 1987 for the same seat and was appointed Minister for Education in 1985.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, all Members present stood in silence.

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

4 **AUDITOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORTS ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA PARTS I AND III, 2010 – PAPERS – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented the following papers –

- (a) the Public Accounts of Papua New Guinea – Part I, 2010; and
- (b) the control of and on transaction with or concerning the public monies and property of Papua New Guinea – Part III, 2010.

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

Question – put and passed.

5 **SUPREME COURT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORT OF THE JUDGES, 2009 – 2010 – PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:-** The Speaker, pursuant to statute, presented the following paper –

*Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea –
Report of the Judges, 2009 - 2010*

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

Question – put and passed.

6. **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2008 AND 2009 – PAPERS AND STATEMENT – PAPER NOTED:-** Mr Leo Dion (Minister for Inter-Government Relations) pursuant to statute, presented the following papers:

(i) ***Provincial Performance Reports Summary (Section 119 Reporting) 2008:-***

- a. *Central Provincial Government;*
- b. *East New Britain Provincial Government;*
- c. *East Sepik Provincial Government;*
- d. *Eastern Highlands Provincial Government;*
- e. *Enga Provincial Government;*
- f. *Fly River Provincial Government;*
- g. *Gulf Provincial Government;*
- h. *Madang Provincial Government;*
- i. *Manus Provincial Government;*
- j. *Milne Bay Provincial Government;*
- k. *Morobe Provincial Government;*
- l. *New Ireland Provincial Government;*
- m. *Oro Provincial Government;*
- n. *Sandaun Provincial Government;*
- o. *Simbu Provincial Government;*
- p. *West New Britain Provincial Government;*
- q. *Western Highlands Provincial Government; and*

(ii) ***Provincial Performance Reports Summary (Section 119 Reporting) 2009:-***

- (a) *Central Provincial Government;*
- (b) *East New Britain Provincial Government;*
- (c) *East Sepik Provincial Government;*
- (d) *Eastern Highlands Provincial Government;*
- (e) *Enga Provincial Government;*
- (f) *Fly River Provincial Government;*
- (g) *Gulf Provincial Government;*
- (h) *Madang Provincial Government;*
- (i) *Manus Provincial Government;*
- (j) *Milne Bay Provincial Government;*
- (k) *Morobe Provincial Government;*
- (l) *New Ireland Provincial Government;*
- (m) *Oro Provincial Government;*
- (n) *Sandaun Provincial Government;*
- (o) *Simbu Provincial Government;*
- (p) *Southern Highlands Provincial Government;*
- (q) *West New Britain Provincial Government; and*
- (r) *Western Highlands Provincial Government;*

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the papers.

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

Question – put and passed.

- 7 **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENS SERVICE AUTHORITY – ANNUAL REPORT, 2012 – PAPER AND STATEMENT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Rimbink Pato (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration), pursuant to statute, presented the following report:-

*Immigration & Citizenship Service Authority
Annual Report, 2012.*

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

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

- 8 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA CUSTOMS – ANNUAL REPORT, 2012 – PAPER AND STATEMENT - MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Don Polye (Minister for Treasury) pursuant to statute presented the following report:

*Papua New Guinea Customs –
Annual Report, 2012.*

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.

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

- 9 **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 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 Allan Marat, Mr Benjamin Philip, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Bob Dadae, Mr Boka Kondra, Mr David Arore, Mr John Hickey, Mr Johnson Tuke, Mr Joseph Lelang, Mr Kila Haoda, Mr Mao Zeming and Mr Paul Tiensten.

VELA KONIVARO
Clerk of the National Parliament