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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 84

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Wednesday, 27 August 2014

1. The Parliament met at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc) took the Chair and in accordance with Standing Order 34, invited Mr Bob Dadae (Member for Kabwum) to say Prayers.

2. **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR JOHN MUINGNEPE) – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER:** The Speaker informed the Parliament of the death on 23 June 2014 of Mr John Muingnepe, a former Member for the Bulolo Open Electorate in the Seventh National Parliament from 2002 to 2007. He was appointed Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mining, Immigration, Trade and Industry between 2002 and 2004 and was a Member of the Pensions and Retirement Benefits Committee from 2002 to 2007.

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

3. **CERTIFICATION OF ACTS AND LAWS:** The Speaker informed the Parliament that he had, in accordance with Section 110 of the *Constitution*, certified eighteen Acts and five Laws made by the National Parliament –

*Business Name Act 2014*  
*Conservation and Environment Protection Authority Act 2014*  
*Crocodile Trade (Protection) (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Environment (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Internal Revenue Commission Act 2014*  
*Juvenile Justice Act 2014*  
*Marine Pollution (Ballast Water Control) Act 2013*  
*Marine Pollution (Liability and Cost Recovery) Act 2013*  
*Marine Pollution (Preparedness and Response) Act 2013*  
*Marine Pollution (Ships and Installations) Act 2013*  
*Regulatory Statutory Authorities (Appointment to Certain Offices) Act 2014*  
*Road Traffic Act 2014*  
*Small Craft Act 2011*  
*Treasury Bills (Amendment) Act 2013*  
*Village Court (Amendment) Act 2014*  
*Constitutional Amendment (No. 38) (Appointment of Certain Offices) Law 2014*  
*Constitutional Amendment (No. 39) (Calling, etc of the Parliament) Law 2014*  
*Constitutional Amendment (No. 40) (Independent Commission Against Corruption) Law 2014*  
*Constitutional Amendment (No. 41) (Motions of No-Confidence) Law 2013*  
*Organic Law on Provincial Governments and Local-Level Governments (Amendment) (No. 13) Law 2014*

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

5. **OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA - INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING ON ALLEGED IMPROPER LICENSING OF SECTION 36, ALLOTMENTS 1-6 AND 21-26 IN KIMBE, WEST NEW BRITAIN PROVINCE- PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Speaker (Mr Theo Zurenuoc), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

– *Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea*

- *Final Report on the Investigation into the Department of Lands and Physical Planning on alleged improper licensing of public institutional land (Section 36, Allotments 1 to 6 and 21 to 26) under special purpose to Solar Industries Limited for commercial purpose in Kimbe, West New Britain Province.*

Mr Bob Dadae (Deputy Chairman) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper, and that the report be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

Question – put and passed.

- 6 **AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – PERFORMANCE AUDIT ON THE MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING OF TRUST ACCOUNTS - PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Speaker presented the following paper pursuant to statute: -

***Auditor-General of Papua New Guinea –***

- *Performance Audit on the Management and Reporting of Trust Accounts*

Mr Bob Dadae (Deputy Chairman) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper and that the report be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

Question – put and passed.

- 7 **AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – DISTRICT SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Speaker presented the following paper pursuant to statute: -

***Auditor-General of Papua New Guinea –***

- *Report on the key findings resulting from the 2012/2013 District Audits of Expenditure relating to the District Services Improvement Program*

Mr Bob Dadae (Deputy Chairman) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper and that the report be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

Question – put and passed.



8. **AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA – REPORTS ON THE ACCOUNTS OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND STATUTORY BODIES, PART IV 2010 - PAPER – MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER – REFERENCE TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** The Acting Speaker presented the following paper pursuant to statute: -

***Auditor-General of Papua New Guinea -***

- *Report on the Review of the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) Project.*

Mr Bob Dadae (Deputy Chairman) moved – That the Parliament take note of the paper and report be referred to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

Question – put and passed.

9. **REPORT OF THE EMINENT PERSONS GROUP – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - PAPER NOTED:** The Prime Minister (Mr Peter O'Neill) made a ministerial statement informing the Parliament on the State's initiative and intentions to renegotiate the scheme of arrangements relating to BHP Billiton's exist from Ok Tedi Mine in 2001 and the change of ownership of Ok Tedi Mining Limited, the compensation of mine communities and the setting up of Papua New Guinea Sustainable Development Program.

Mr Kerenga Kua moved – That the Parliament take note of the Paper.  
Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Patrick Pruaitch (Minister for Treasury) moved – That the question be put – put and passed.

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

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

And then the Parliament at half past three o'clock p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m..

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at sometime during the sitting) except Mr Anderson Agiru, Mr Ano Pala, Mr Anton Yagama, Mr Benny Allan, Mr Bire Kimisopa, Mr Camillus Dangima, Mr Charlie Benjamin, Mr Ezekiel Anisi, Mr Francis Marus, Mr Francis Potape, Mr Isaac Waigavara, Mr Jim Simatab, Mr John Hickey, Mr Joseph Lelang, Sir Julius Chan, Mr Koi Trape, Mr Labi Amaiu, Mr Mehrra Minnie Kipefa, Mr Nixon Duban, Mr Paul Isikiel, Mr Richard Maru, Mr Robert Atiyafa, Mr Ross Seymour, Mr Wera Mori and Mr William Tongamp.

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Acting Clerk of the National Parliament