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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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(Notice Given 13 February 2013)

***1 MR EREMAN TOBAINING JNR:** To ask the Minister for Mining –

- (1) Will the Minister inform this Parliament and the people of East New Britain whether Sinivit Goldmine is categorized as a small gold mine.
- (2) Will the Minister inform the Parliament that the mine will cease operation as per the conditions as stated in the agreement.
- (3) Will the Minister confirm or deny that there is an exit and rehabilitation plan put in place by the operator, Niugini Gold.
- (4) Is the Minister aware of the action of his Department and the Mineral Resource Authority under the revised agreement to change the leaching system currently employed by the mine to a modern conservational system of the gold processing.
- (5) Will the Minister direct Sinivit Gold Mine to have a contingency plan in place to address a disaster that may occurs as a result of chemicals spill into the river system.
- (6) Is the Minister aware that there is already evidence that the river system has been contaminated.
- (7) Will the Minister confirm whether a monitoring system had been put in place to ensure compliance by the mine operator as stipulated in the agreement.
- (8) Will the Minister address the concerns of the landowners and the people of East New Britain regarding the compliance audit of the Sinivit Gold Mine.
- (9) Will the Minister confirm or deny that a foreign owned company had taken over Sinivit Gold Mind and that the company does not have IPA registration.

***2 MR NIXON MANGAPE:** To ask the Minister for Mining -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the safety of the people living within the vicinity of the Porgera Gold mine.
- (2) Will the Minister table the report of Chief Mining Inspector in Parliament of their findings regarding the safety of the people in surrounding the communities.
- (3) Will the Minister inform Parliament what actions he intends to take to address the issue of the landowners who were displaced by the mining company.
- (4) What actions will the company take to address the interest of the children who are displaced by the mining company for the past 15 years.
- (5) Will the Minister inform Parliament of the exact time the outstanding MOU funds be paid to the landowners.

***3 MR FRANCIS POTAPE:** To ask the Minister for Labour and Industrial Relations -

- (1) What step has his Department take to create more employment and to reduce the number of unemployed in 2013 and beyond.
- (2) What is his Department's overall policy regarding localization in the country.
- (3) Will the Department conduct a major audit of all work force in Papua New Guinea, particularly in the mining, petroleum, fisheries and forestry sectors where foreigners are dominating the work force.
- (4) Will the Minister direct his Department to put a plan in place to establish a registry office throughout the country to allow the unemployed and university graduates to go and register their names for employment purposes.
- (5) Will the Department review all foreign work permits in this country.

- (6) What category of work permits are issued to foreigners in order to protect our citizens from getting employment opportunity.

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