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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 Goldmine.
- (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.

*(Notice given 21 March 2013)*

4 **MR GARRY JUFFA:** To ask the Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS -

- (1) Will the Minister inform Parliament whether the Health Department is making an effort to conduct an assessment of the extent of multi drug resistance tuberculosis in the country.
- (2) What awareness and educational programs are being carried out so that people are made aware of this emerging threat.
- (3) Is it a fact that we have the highest percentage of women with cancer of the uterus.
- (4) Will the Minister ensure that the Government provide cancer facilities treatment for all provinces.
- (5) Will the Minister and his Department make appropriate legislations to prevent the sale of counterfeit medical products being sold on the streets.

5 **LAUTA ATOI:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Government Relations -

- (1) Will the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Government Relations confirm or deny the commitment made by the National Government under the Malagan Accord 1990, to seal the Buka ring road.
- (2) If so, will the Government honor that agreement and seal that ring road on Buka Island.

*(Notice given 28 March 2013)*

6 **MR JOE SUNGI:** To ask the Minister for Works and Implementation -

- (1) Is it the fact that in May 2012 a total of K8.6 million was released by the Department of National Planning to the Department of Works for maintenance and upgrading of the Nuku to Arakos/Ame Road in Nuku District.

- (2) Is it also a fact that K1 million out of the K8.6 million has already been spent by the Department of Works to hire unserviceable machineries and equipment that belong to persons from the East Sepik Province.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the private company owners are related to senior officers with the Department of Works.
- (4) Will the the Minister instruct the Department of Works to terminate work on the Nuku to Arakos/Ame Road and transfer the remaining funds to Nuku District Treasury.

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