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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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*(Notice Given 13 February 2013)*

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 forces 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 we 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 legislation to stop 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 Bukaring road.
- (2) Ifso, 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 K1million 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 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.

7 MR AMKAT MAI: To ask the Minister for Communication and Information -

- (1) Is it a fact that access to Internet is very expensive in this country whereas it is cheaper in Asian countries like Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philipines.
- (2) Will the Minister consider and put in place systems to minimize the cost so that citizens can have cheaper access to the Internet.

(3) Will the Minister consider those citizens living along the border accessing Internet from Indonesia.

8 **MR PHILIP UNDIALU:** To ask the Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology -

(1) Is it a fact that most private institutions in the country are charging huge amount of money in excess of K20,000.00 to K30,000.00 per year on tuition fees.

(2) Will the Government consider putting in place mechanisms to control the excessive fees charge by these private institutions.

(3) What is the Governments overall policy on graduate programmes for those who graduated each year from our universities and colleges.

(4) Is it a fact that industries such as mining, oil, gas, fisheries and others do not have graduate programmes.

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