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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 taken 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 been 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 provides 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.

(Notice given 21 March 2013)

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)

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.

(Notice given 28 March 2013)

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 charged by private institutions.

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

(4) Are there any plans by the Government in terms of graduate programmes.

(Notice given 16 May 2014)

9 **MR SAM BASIL:** To ask the Minister for Public Enterprise and State Investment –

(1) Will the Minister confirm or deny that a supply and purchase agreement was in place between PNG Power or the Independent state of Papua New Guinea and Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) for the supply of two 26.2 mw gas turbine power generators to PNG Power.

(2) Is it a fact that LR Group Ltd, in a public advertisement in the Post Courier dated 15 May 2014, confirm that K50 million was paid to the company in December 2013 for two 15 mw gas turbine power generators which were later revised and upgraded to two larger 26.2 megawatts generators.

(3) Will the Minister confirm that K50 million paid in December 2013, and the K94 million approved by NEC in February 2014 which gives a total of K144 million for these two larger 26.2 mw gas turbine power generators.

(4) If so, did the Minister and the Prime Minister who both co-signed the NEC submission, disclose to cabinet that the K50 million was deposited in December 2013.

(5) Will the Minister confirm to the Parliament the total cost of the two large gas turbine power generators was in the vicinity of K144 million, and not K94 million.

(6) Is it a fact that PNG Power is about to pay additional K8 million for the spare parts for these generators, taking the total for these generators to a massive K152 million.

(7) Will the Minister inform the Parliament as to why public tender was not called for the supply of these two generators.

(8) Will the Minister confirm or deny that the Chief Legal Officer of the Independent Public Business Corporation (IPBC) is writing to seek legal advice and clearance from Attorney General's Office for the purchase of the two large gas turbine power generators.

(9) Will the Minister confirm or deny that legal clearance was sought from the Attorney General's office before the deposit was made to the company.

(Notice given 10 February 2014)

10 MR TITUS PHILEMON: To ask the Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology –

(1) Is the Minister aware that students sponsored by government instrumentalities are not allowed to register and begin classes at tertiary Institutions and universities while awaiting their sponsors to remit the funds to these institutions.

(2) If so, will the Minister direct his department to inform the tertiary Institutions and universities to accept assurance letters from their sponsors.

(3) Is it a fact that these tertiary Institutions and universities have rejected the assurance letters and demand full payment up front.

(4) Will the National Government create a policy that would penalise these institutions that impose such punitive and antagonistic rules that go against the governments priorities on education.

(5) Will the Government increase the national government's portion of fees under the HECAS Scheme so that the parental component is lowered and is more affordable for the parents and sponsors.

(Notice given 10 February 2014)

11 MR ISAAC WAIGAVARA: To ask the Minister for Works and Implementation–

(1) Is it a fact that TAC Company building a road from Rapinga to Okapa packed up and left for unknown reasons.

(2) Is the Minister aware that complaints have been lodged with his office, however there has not been any response.

(3) If so, will the Minister direct his department to investigate this issue in order for Company to return to the site and complete the road project.

(4) If not, why.

(5) What happens to the balance of the money left.

(6) Can the Minister engage new contractor to the site for the completion of the road.

(Notice given 2 June 2015)

12 MR GISUWAT SINIWIN: To ask the Minister for Communication –

(1) Is the Minister aware of the very high cost of the internet charges in the country compared to other countries.

(2) If so, than what are the Government's plans in reducing the internet rate.

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