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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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*(Notice given on 28 November 2017)*

- 1 **MR ALLAN BIRD:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Treasury -
- (1) Will the Minister assure the people of East Sepik that the forty-five million kina, still outstanding in the form of functional grants which includes health, education and infrastructure maintenance, will be delivered to my people of East Sepik.
  - (2) If so, when will that be.
  - (3) If not, why.
  - (4) Will the Minister also inform the Parliament that all provinces who have outstanding functional grants be given these funds before the close of the 2017 accounts.

*(Notice given on 29 May 2018)*

- 2 **Dr ALLAN MARAT:** To ask the Minister for State Enterprises -
- (1) Will the Minister inform the Parliament who the shareholders of Kumul Telekom Holdings Limited (KTH) DataCo and its subsidiary DataCo Pacific and the percentages of their shareholdings.
  - (2) Will the Minister also inform the Parliament who the shareholders are of BeMobile, Vodafone and the percentages of their shareholdings.
  - (3) Will the Minister further inform the Parliament as to whether there is any business connections that any member of the National Leadership has with DataCo and its subsidiary DataCo Pacific, and BeMobile Vodafone
  - (4) Will the Minister inform Parliament of the Directors of DataCo and its subsidiary DataCo Pacific, and of BeMobile Vodafone
  - (5) Will the Minister also inform the Parliament who the Chief Executive Officers of Telikom are, National DataCo and its subsidiary DataCo Pacific, and of National BeMobile Vodafone

- (6) Will the Minister confirm or deny that Telikom claimed that it was owed a substantial amount of money (K177 million) by BeMobile which was written off by a former Telikom Board Chairman without the Board's approval.
- (7) Will he confirm that Telikom owes a substantial amount of money to a commercial bank.
- (8) Will the Minister confirm that Telikom makes about K3 million a month whereas the other two are alleged to be insolvent.
- (9) Will the Minister inform the Parliament as to which of Telikom, BeMobile, DataCo companies have been the most profitable. If Telikom is the most profitable, why is it that in the ongoing merger you Minister are not bringing BeMobile and DataCo under Telikom.
- (10) Will he confirm or deny that Telikom and its citizen employees have been forced to come under BeMobile and DataCo.
- (11) Can the Minister confirm or deny that some citizen employees of Telikom who served Telikom for many years have not supported the Merger, because Telikom has the ability to sustain and build up profitably. These citizen employees have been forced allegedly by the Government to sign some papers which will see them terminated.
- (12) Will the Minister inform Parliament on the status of entitlements due to the employees of Telikom as a result of the merger.
- (13) Will the Minister inform the Parliament on his reasoning for not meeting with the PNG Communications Workers Union in spite of the fact that on numerous occasions they made appointments to meet and talk to you before the merger started.

**VELA KONIVARO**  
Clerk of the National Parliament