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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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**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, 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 28 November 2017*)

**2 MR SASINDRAN MUTHUVEL:** To ask the Minister for Treasury –

- (1) Will the Minister inform the Parliament on the delay in implementing the NEC decision numbers 135 and 237/2020 in constructing the Kimbe, Mendi and Tari Provincial Hospitals.
- (2) Will the Minister also inform the Parliament on the status of securing funding from European Union agencies such as the Dutch Banking or the Netherlands Bank (*Notice given 7 September 2021*)

**3 MR JOSEPH LELANG:** To ask the Minister for Treasury –

- (1) Is the Minister aware that interest payments on loans and personal emoluments have risen from K7.571 billion in 2019 to K8.0 billion in 2020.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the rise in personal emoluments and interest payments that has absorbed up to 75% of domestic revenue and has reduced funding to other government expenditure priorities.
- (3) Can the Minister admit that he had failed to address budget expenditure and dwindling revenue collections and that he had resorted to debt borrowing as the only option to feed the rest of Government's expenditure plan.

- (4) Can the Minister admit that such a policy of not addressing expenditure and more borrowing is an unsustainable policy, if not addressed, will affect the integrity of the Budget.
- (5) Does the Minister have any plans to address this matter now and into the medium term. (*Notice given 12 October 2021*)

**KALA AUFA**  
Clerk of the National Parliament