



NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION – THIRD MEETING

SITTING DAY OF TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2020

BUSINESS PAPER NO 35

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NEW ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS

(No new items of business)

BUSINESS BEFORE THE HOUSE

**1. QUESTIONS**

Question No. 33 – Noni and Kava Industries

Hon. John Deane Kuku, MP for North New Georgia to ask the Minister for Finance and Treasury:  
Can the Minister update the House on incentives offered to noni and kava industries?

(Notice given Business Paper No.29 on 16 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 21 March 2020).

Question No. 32 – Mining Bill and Regulations

Hon. Samson Maneka, MP for North Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification:

Can the Minister inform the House on the progress of the new Mining Bill and Regulations and when it will be tabled in Parliament?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 31 – Solomon Islands Electricity Authority Tariff Rates

Hon. Samson Maneka, MP for North Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification:

Can the Minister update the House on the progress of the review process on the Solomon Islands Electricity Authority tariff rates?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 30 – Price of Bauxite

Hon. Samson Maneka, MP for North Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification:

Can the Minister inform the House on the progress of the setting and gazetting of the price of bauxite based on the international stock market price?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 29 – Gold Ridge Mine

Hon. Samson Maneka, MP for North Guadalcanal to ask the Minister for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification:

Can the Minister inform the House on Gold Ridge Mine in relation to:

- a) the progress of activities at the Gold Ridge Mine in terms of company arrangements, compliance with laws and standards, including dealing with resource owners who are now complaining about the company;
- b) results of the feasibility study on the life span of the mine; and
- c) steps taken to deal with the Gold Ridge Tailings dam concerns?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 28 – Ban on Plastic

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

Can the Minister inform the House on the implementation and progress of the ban on plastic policy?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 27 – 400 Meters Above Sea Level Restrictions on Logging

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

Can the Minister inform the House on how the government will enforce the 400 meters above sea level restrictions on logging activities?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(c) on 13 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 18 March 2020).

Question No. 25 – Climate Change

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr., MP for East Are'are to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology:

Can the Minister inform the House on:

- a) the status of the Climate Change Bill and when is it expected to be brought to Parliament; and
- b) any plans for the relocation of affected communities in Solomon Islands, especially by sea level rise, in places like Ontong Java, Lau, Walande and Langalanga?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 20 – Infrastructural Needs of Courts

Hon. Matthew Wale, MP for Aoke/Langalanga to ask the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs:

Can the Minister inform the House on what steps the government will take to address the infrastructure needs of the courts in view of the complaints by the Chief Justice?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 18 – Learning and Development Needs

Hon. John Deane Kuku, MP for North New Georgia to ask the Minister for Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs:

Can the Minister inform Parliament of the Ministry's policy and strategy to:

- a) accommodate the learning and development needs of children within the ages of 3 – 4 years old; and
- b) encourage continuous learning and development for women and girls who have been pushed out of the formal education system?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

Question No. 15 – Early Childhood Care and Education

Hon. John Deane Kuku, MP for North New Georgia to ask the Minister for Education and Human Resources Development:

Can the Minister inform Parliament of the status of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) program in the light of the newly introduced Pre Primary Year (PPY) program?

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.29(b) on 12 March 2020. Question to be answered on or after 17 March 2020).

## 2. **MOTIONS**

Motion No.7 – Motion to Approve State of Public Emergency and for its Continuation.

Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare, Prime Minister moved:

That Parliament approves the Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General declaring a State of Public Emergency exists in Solomon Islands, on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 pursuant to Section 16, subsection 3, of the Constitution; and that Parliament approves that the State of Public Emergency shall continue in force until the expiration of a period of four months, unless revoked by a resolution of Parliament pursuant to Section 16, subsection 6 of the Constitution.

(Motion moved on 6 April 2020).

Motion No.5 – Consider Paper, Report of the Foreign Relations Committee on the Inquiry into the Question of severing of existing ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jnr, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee to move:

That Parliament resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole House to consider National Parliament Paper No.21 of 2019, the Foreign Relations Committee Report on the Inquiry into the Question of severing of existing ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan).

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No.19 on 2 December 2019. Motion to be moved on or after 6 December 2019).

Motion No.4 – Motion of Confidence.

Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare, Prime Minister to move:

That Parliament has confidence in the Government and its policies.

(Notice given Provisional Business Paper No. 14(c) on 15 November 2019. Motion to be moved on or after 19 November 2019).

3. **BILLS**

Tax Administration Bill 2020: Bill to be introduced by the Minister for Finance and Treasury.

Payment Systems Bill 2020: Bill to be introduced by the Minister for Finance and Treasury.

Tribal Land Panels Bill 2019: Bill to be introduced by the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs.

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