



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.2**
DECEMBER 17 2013

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BILLS

1.01 *Bills introduced*

Five Bills were introduced on Tuesday 17 December: the Family Court Bill 2013, National Kidney Foundation of Samoa Amendment Bill 2013, Fair Trading Amendment Bill 2013, Plumbers Bill 2013 and the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2013/2014.

Standing Orders: 95, 99

1.02 *Bills second read and referred to select committees*

Following first reading on Tuesday 8 October 2013, the Allied Health Professions Bill 2013, Health Promotion Foundation Bill 2013, Lands, Survey and Environment Bill 2013, Police Offences Amendment Bill 2013, were second read with ensuing debates and subsequent referral to the following select committees for inquiry:

- Allied Health Professions Bill 2013, Health Promotion Foundation Bill 2013, were referred to the Health & Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee;
- Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Bill 2013, referred to the Works, Transport and Environment Committee;
- Police Offences Amendment Bill 2013, referred to the Justice, Police & Prisons and Land & Titles Committee;
- Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014, referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee

Standing Orders: 100, 101, 137

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.03 *Message from Le Ao o le Malo*

A message from Le Ao o le Malo to permit the introduction of five Bills on Tuesday 17 December was read out by the Speaker, following the formal opening of the Sitting and prayers at 9:00am.

Note: All messages from Le Ao o le Malo addressed to the Assembly shall be read immediately after Prayers or after a Member(s) has been sworn in by the Speaker.

**Standing Orders: 75 (1), 95
Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa: Article 59**

1.04 Obituary Notice

The Speaker moved a motion of condolence regarding the passing of two former Members of Parliament, Tofa Hon Lefua Leana and Afioga Hon Leota Toomata Siaki. Tofa Hon Lefua Leana was a former representative for Vaisigano No.2 Constituency. He was a Member of Parliament from 1982 – 1985 and 1985 – 1988. Afioga Hon Leota Toomata Siaki was a former representative for the Anoamaa West Constituency, a Member of Parliament from 1967 – 1970. The House observed a minute of silence as a gesture of respect for the two former Members.

Standing Order: 44 (f)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.05 Motion of the Special Enquiry Committee

On Tuesday 17 December, the Chairman of the Special Enquiry Committee moved to extend another 3 months for the Committee to complete and finalise its report. Presentation of its report was set down for the Assembly's March 2014 sitting.

Standing Order: 64(q)

1.06 Prime Minister amends the Motion of the Special Enquiry Committee

The Prime Minister acknowledged the work of the Special Enquiry Committee and gave amendments on the Motion by the Chairman for the completion of their report, to be presented within 3 months.

Standing Orders: 64 (d), 73(1)

1.07 *Officers of Parliament Report tabled*

The Officers of Parliament Committee tabled its report highlighting its findings and recommendations on the Reports by the Controller and Auditor General for the period ended 31 July 2009 – 31 June 2010 and 31 July 2010 – 30 June 2011.

**Parliamentary Papers: 2012/2013 No.13 & 2013/2014 No.12
Standing Orders: 48(2), 50.**

1.08 *Supplementary Appropriation Bill and Estimates tabled*

The Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2013/2014 Bill and Supplementary Estimates (P.P. 2012/2013 No.54) were tabled in Parliament and referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee after its second reading for consideration and to report back to the Assembly on 21 January 2014.

**Parliamentary Paper: 2012/2013 No.54
Standing Order: 48(6)**

STATISTICAL DIGEST

17 DECEMBER 2013

LEGISLATION	17 December 2013	Oct 2013 to date
<i>Bills presented to the Assembly</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Normal Passage - Certificate of Urgency - Private Members Bills • Bills referred to Committees 	5 0 0 5	10 1 0 9
OTHER BUSINESS	17 December 2013	Oct 2013 to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Sitting days • Total hours of Sitting (excluding suspensions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business of the Assembly - Government Business - Private Member's Business - Other opportunities for Private Members 	1 3 hours 17 mins 0 hour 26 mins 2 hours 51 mins 0 mins 0 mins	3 10 hours 1 mins 1 hour 30 mins 8 hours 31 mins 0 mins 0 mins
Questions lodged	0	0
Urgent Questions lodged	0	0
Answers to questions (written)	0	0
Answers to questions (oral)	0	0
Petitions presented	0	0
Divisions	0	0
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	13	15