



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.10**
DECEMBER 16 2014

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BILLS

1.01 Bills introduced

Four bills were introduced on Tuesday, 16th December 2014: the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2014/2015*, *Citizenship Investment Bill 2014*, *Ports Authority Amendment Bill 2014* and the *Public Bodies (Performance and Accountability) Amendment Bill 2014*. All bills were presented to the Assembly on a message from *Le Ao o le Malo*.

Standing Orders: 95, 99.

Refer to 1.02.

1.02 Bill considered under Certificate of Urgency

The *Public Bodies (Performance and Accountability) Amendment Bill 2014* was introduced under a Certificate of Urgency (COU) signed by *Le Ao o le Malo* on Tuesday, 16th December 2014. The Certificate of Urgency received by the Speaker circumvents the usual requirement that Bills must be publicly published and distributed to members prior to introduction. It also allows for a bill to be first read, second read, considered in detail and third read in a single sitting day. It should be noted that despite being introduced under a COU, Assembly proceedings were adjourned before further consideration of the bill was possible.

Note: Unless a Certificate of Urgency has been signed by Le Ao o le Malo and presented to the Assembly, a Bill's passage through the Assembly must follow the normal procedure as set out in Standing Order 99(1).

Standing Orders: 99 – 112, 99(2), 100(1), 101(2), 107(4).

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.03 Message from Le Ao o le Malo

A message from *Le Ao o le Malo* to permit the introduction of four bills on Tuesday 16th 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 has been sworn in by the Speaker.

Standing Orders: 75 (1), 95.

Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa: Article 59.

1.04 Other Announcements by Mr Speaker

After the conclusion of opening prayers on Tuesday, 16th December, Mr Speaker acknowledged and welcomed the participants of the *Women's Parliamentary Programme 2014* who were to observe the morning's Chamber proceedings as part of their scheduled activities and three women Australian MPs who were also present for the Women's Programme.

Standing Order: 44 (e).

1.05 Four Government Responses tabled

Four Government Responses were tabled during the Assembly's December sitting. Responses to the two Justice Committee reports, a Health and Social Services Committee report and a Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee report were tabled.

Note: Once a Select Committee Report has been adopted by the Assembly, the Government must table its response within ninety days with the exception of Finance and Expenditure Committee reports on any Estimates or Supplementary Estimates.

Standing Order: 54.

Parliamentary Papers: 2014/2015 No.112, 113 & 114.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.06 Six Select Committee Reports tabled

On Tuesday 16th December, six Select Committees tabled their reports. The Primary Production Committee tabled three reports, with the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Revenue Committee, Government Administration Committee and the Officers of Parliament Committee each tabling one report.

Standing Order: 51.

Parliamentary Papers: 2014/2015 No.s 165, 167, 168, 170, 172 & 173.

STATISTICAL DIGEST

16 December 2014

LEGISLATION	16 December 2014	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 3 30 - Certificate of Urgency 1 9 - Private Members Bills 0 0 • Bills referred to Committees 1 24 		
OTHER BUSINESS	16 December 2014	Oct 2013 to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Sitting days 1 30 • Total hours of Sitting (excluding suspensions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business of the Assembly 13 mins 41 hours 10 mins - Government Business 48 mins 75 hours 41 mins - Private Member's Business 0 mins 1 hour 13 mins - Other opportunities for Private Members 0 mins 0 mins 	1 hour 1 min	119 hours 26 mins
Questions delivered in the Chamber	0	0
Urgent Questions delivered in the Chamber	0	7
Answers to questions (written)	0	0
Answers to questions (oral)	0	7
Petitions presented	0	0
Divisions	0	0
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	6	102