



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.15**
MAY 26 2015

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BILLS

1.01 Bills introduced

Eight Bills were introduced on Tuesday 26 April: the *Infants Amendment Bill 2015*, the *Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2015*; *Police Service Amendment Bill 2015*; *Income Tax Amendment Bill 2015*, *Constitution Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015*; *Value Added Goods and Services Tax Bill 2015*; *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2014/2015* and the *Appropriation Bill 2015/2016*. All bills were presented to the Assembly on a message from O Le Ao o le Malo.

Standing Orders: 95 & 99.

1.02 Bills Second Read and Referred to Select Committees

Two Bills were second read: the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2014/2015* and the *Appropriation Bill 2015/2016*, and were referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee together with the *Supplementary Estimates (No.2) 2014/2015* and the *Main Estimates 2015/2016*.

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 131(2) the Minister of Finance shall move a motion for the Second Reading of the Bill and read the Financial Statement. Also note that Standing Order 132 does not permit debates on the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill. Debate is adjourned for not less than fourteen days and the Bill and Draft Estimates stand referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

Standing Orders: 131(2) & 132.

1.03 Bills considered in detail and Third Read by the Assembly

A total of 5 Bills were considered in detail together with their respective Committee Reports, and subsequently third read: the *Food Bill 2013* (P.P 14/15 No. 227, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee), the *Slaughter and Meat Supply Bill 2014* (P.P 14/15 No. 228, Report of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee), the *National*

Provident Fund Amendment Bill 2014 (P.P 14/15 No. 229, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee), the Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2015 (P.P 15/16 No. 14, Report of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee) and the Constitution Amendment Bill (No.2) 2014 (P.P 15/16 No. 15, Report of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee).

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 108, after the third reading of the Bill no further questions are to be put and the Bill is passed by the Assembly. It should also be noted that last two Bills noted above were introduced under a Certificate of Urgency which circumvents normal passage as set out in Standing Order 99(1).

Standing Orders: 55, 99, 101 - 103 & 106 - 108.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.04 Government Responses tabled

The Government tabled a response to the Report of the Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology Committee on the Annual Reports of the Samoa Qualification Authority for the Financial Years, 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.

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. Note also that pursuant to Standing Order 54(2), Government Responses are not required for the following: reports on Bills, Supplementary Order Papers, questions of privileges, Estimates and Supplementary Estimates.

Standing Order: 54.

Parliamentary Papers: 2014/2015 No. 225 – 226 & 243.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.05 Eight Select Committee Reports tabled

Eight Select Committee Reports were tabled on Tuesday 26 May: 2 by both the Primary, Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee and the

Education Science, Communication and Information Technology Committee; and the following Committees each tabled a Report: the Justice, Police and Prisons and Land and Titles Committee, the Finance and Expenditure Committee, the Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee and the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Revenue Committee.

Standing Order: 51.

Parliamentary Papers: 2015/2016 No's 11 – 18.

STATISTICAL DIGEST

26 MAY 2015

| LEGISLATION | 26 May 2015 | Oct 2013 to date |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Bills presented to the Assembly</i> | | |
| • Government Bills: | | |
| - Normal Passage | 6 | 45 |
| - Certificate of Urgency | 0 | 12 |
| - Private Members Bills | 0 | 0 |
| • Bills referred to Committees | 1 | 37 |
| OTHER BUSINESS | 26 May 2015 | Oct 2013 to date |
| • Number of Sitting days | 1 | 46 |
| • Total hours of Sitting (excluding suspensions): | 5 hours 44 mins | 236 hours 40 mins |
| - Business of the Assembly | 7 mins | 44 hours 03 mins |
| - Government Business | 5 hours 37 mins | 184 hours 23 mins |
| - Private Member's Business | mins | 1 hour 13 mins |
| - Other opportunities for Private Members | 0 mins | 0 mins |
| | 0 mins | 0 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 | 1 | 2 |
| Parliamentary Committee reports presented | 8 | 134 |