



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO. 18**
OCTOBER 20 2015

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BILLS

1.01 Bills considered in detail and passed by the Assembly

A total of seven bills were considered in detail, third read and passed by the Assembly on Tuesday the 20 October: *the Acts Interpretation Bill 2015, Value Added Goods Services Tax Bill 2015, Constitution Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015, Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Bill 2015, the Land Titles Registration Amendment Bill 2015, the Evidence Bill 2015 and the Citizenship Investment Bill 2015.*

Standing Orders: 94(1), 101, 102, 106, 107, 108 &109-112.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.02 Obituary speech for former Member

The Speaker read out an Obituary Speech for the former Member of Parliament: Afioga AEAU Taulupoo, former representative for Falealupo from 1970-1972 and 1973-1976; AEAU was also Deputy Speaker from 1979-1981. The House observed a minute of silence as a gesture of respect for the former Member.

Standing Order: 44(1) (f).

1.03 Select Committee reports & Motions.

On Tuesday 20th October 2015, TUISA Tasi Patea, the Hon Chairperson for the Justice, Police and Prisons & Land and Titles Committee moved a motion for the Assembly to adopt its Committee reports on the *Acts Interpretation Bill 2015*, and the *Citizenship Investment Bill 2014*; the motion was approved.

The Hon Chairperson for the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Revenue Committee SOOALO Mene, moved a motion for the Assembly to adopt its Report on the *Value Added Goods and Services Tax Bill 2015*; the motion was approved.

TUSA Misi Tupuola, the Hon Chairperson for the Works, Transport and Environment Committee moved a motion for the Assembly to adopt its Report on the *Lands, Survey and Environment Amendment Bill 2015* and the *Land Titles Registration Amendment Bill 2015*; the motion was approved.

The Hon Chairperson for the Finance and Expenditure Committee, Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang moved a motion that the Assembly adopt its Report on the *Evidence Bill 2015*; the motion was approved.

Standing Order: 127.

SPEAKER

1.04 Point of Order Raised by Speaker

Mr Speaker stated that a clause may not be discussed when amendments to it have already been approved by the Assembly.

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 82(4), Mr Speaker has the discretion to permit or deny member interjections based on the merits and relevance of the interjection.

Standing Orders: 58, 59, 60&61, 61(2)&(3) & 100(2).

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.05 Nine Select Committee Reports tabled

Nine Select Committee Reports were tabled on Tuesday 20 October: 3 from the Works, Transport and Environment Committee, 2 from the Finance and Expenditure Committee, 2 from the Justice, Police & Prisons and Land & Titles Committee, and 1 from the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Revenue Committee and the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee.

Standing Order: 51.

Parliamentary papers: 2015/2016 No's 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60.

ORDER OF BUSINESS**1.06 Change to Sitting Hours**

The Hon Prime Minister moved a motion for the suspension of Standing Order 31 to permit the extension of sitting times on Tuesday the 20 October.

Standing Orders: 31(1) & 45.

STATISTICAL DIGEST

20 OCTOBER 2015

LEGISLATION	20 October 2015	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 	0 0 0 0	55 13 0 46
OTHER BUSINESS	20 October 2015	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 4 hours 05 mins 8 mins 3 hours 57 mins 0 mins 0 mins	59 308 hours 28 mins 45 hours 30 mins 254 hours 47 mins 1 hour 13 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	5
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	9	149