



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.25**
DECEMBER 20 2016

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BILLS

1.01 Bills introduced

A total of four bills were tabled on Tuesday 20 December: one bill was presented on a Message from *O Le Ao o le Malo*, the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2016/2017* and three bills were presented on a Notice from the Leader of the House, the *Constitution Amendment Bill 2016*; *Constitution Amendment Bill (No.2) 2016* and *Police Services Amendment Bill 2016*.

Standing Orders: 96 & 100.

1.02 Bills Second Read and Referred to Parliamentary Committees

The *Police Services Amendment Bill 2016* was second read on Tuesday 20 December and was then referred to the Social Sector Committee. On the same day, the *Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2016* was second read and was referred to the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

Standing Orders: 101 & 102(1).

1.03 Bills considered in detail

Two bills were considered in detail on Tuesday 20 December: the *Coroners Bill 2016* and the *Village Fono Amendment Bill 2016*.

Standing Orders: 102-105.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.04 Message from O Le Ao o le Malo

A message from *O Le Ao o le Malo* to permit the consideration of the *Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2016* was read out by the Speaker pursuant Article 59 of the Constitution, after the formal opening of the Sitting and prayers at 9:00am.

**Standing Orders: 76 (1) & 96.
Constitution: Article 59.**

1.05 Notice from the Leader of the House

The Speaker read out a Notice from the Leader of the House to permit the introduction of three bills on Tuesday 20 December; *Constitution Amendment Bill 2016*; *Constitution Amendment Bill (No.2) 2016* and the *Police Services Amendment Bill 2016*.

Standing Orders: 76(1) & 96.

1.06 Obituary speech for former Member

The Speaker read out an Obituary Speech for the former Member of Parliament: Afioga Hon LEIATAUA Vaiao, former representative for Aiga i le Tai from 1988-1990 and 1991-1996. He was a HRPP member and was appointed as the Minister for Works in 1988. The House observed a minute of silence as a gesture of respect for former Member.

Standing Order: 45 (f).

1.07 Parliamentary Committee reports & Motions.

The Chairperson for the Special Inquiry Committee, LOPAOO Natanielu Mua, moved a motion to table its report before Parliament for referral to the Ministry of Justice for a response on Tuesday 20 December; the motion was approved.

On the same day, the Chairperson for Economic Sector Committee, Hon LAUOFO Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo moved a motion pursuant to S.O 52 to extend the time period for the consideration of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Annual Report; the motion was approved.

Standing Orders: 52 & 65.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.08 Eighteen Committee reports tabled

A total of eighteen reports were tabled on Tuesday 20 December: 5 reports from the Finance and Expenditure Committee; 5 from Economic Sector Committee; 3 from Social Sector Committee; 2 from Infrastructure Sector Committee; 2 from Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions & Constitutional Offices and 1 from the Special Inquiry Committee on the Land and Titles Court.

Standing Order: 52.
Parliamentary Papers: 2016/2017 No's 114-122 & 124-132.

STATISTICAL DIGEST

20 December 2016

LEGISLATION	20 December 2016	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 	3 0 0 2	66 20 0 54
OTHER BUSINESS	22, 23 June 2016	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 1 hour 48 mins 5 mins 1 hour 43 mins 0 mins 0 mins	72 359 hours 16 mins 60 hours 4 mins 290 hours 46 mins 1 hour 13 mins 0 mins
Questions lodged	0	0
Urgent Questions lodged	0	7
Answers to questions (written)	0	0
Answers to questions (oral)	0	7
Petitions presented	0	0
Divisions	0	5
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	18	220