



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA  
**PROCEDURAL &  
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.29**  
JUNE 21- 23 & 26-27 - 2017

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19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

## BILLS

### 1.01 Bills introduced

A total of 5 bills were tabled on Wednesday 21 June: *Conventional Arms Bill 2017*; *Police Service Amendment Bill 2017*; *Sex Offenders Registration Bill 2017*; *Film Production (Tax Incentives) Bill 2017*; and *Energy Efficiency Bill 2017*.

**Standing Orders: 101 & 102.**

### 1.02 Bills introduced under Certificate of Urgency

On Friday 23 June, two bills were presented under Certificate of Urgency on a Message from O Le Ao o le Malo: *Income Tax Amendment Bill 2017* and *Excise Tax Rates Amendment Bill 2017*.

*Note: Unless a Certificate of Urgency has been signed by O 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.**

### 1.03 Bills Second Read and Referred to Parliamentary Committees

A total of five (5) bills were second read on Tuesday 27 June and were referred to their responsible Parliamentary Committees: *Conventional Arms Bill 2017*, *Police Service Amendment Bill 2017* and *Sex Offenders Registration Bill 2017* were referred to the Social Sector Parliamentary Committee; *Film Production (Tax Incentives) Bill 2017* was referred to the Economic Sector Parliamentary Committee; while the *Energy Efficiency Bill 2017* was referred to the Infrastructure Sector Parliamentary Committee.

**Standing Orders: 101, 102(1).**

### 1.04 Bills considered in detail

On Monday 26 June, after second reading debates on the *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018*, the Bill was considered in detailed and was then passed by the Assembly.

A total of six (6) bills were considered in detail on Tuesday 27 June: *Income Tax Amendment Bill 2017*; *Excise Tax Rates Amendment Bill 2017*; *Fees and Charges (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2017*; *Casino and Gambling Control Amendment Bill 2017*; *Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2017*; and *Public Service Amendment Bill 2017*. The bills were then third read and passed in Parliament on the same day upon a motion moved by the Deputy Prime Minister.

**Standing Orders: 102-105.**

### **1.05 Bill third read and passed by Parliament**

The *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018* was third read and passed by Parliament on Monday 26 June 2017.

On Tuesday 27 June, six (6) bills were passed by Parliament: *Income Tax Amendment Bill 2017*; *Excise Tax Rates Amendment Bill 2017*; *Fees and Charges (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2017*; *Casino and Gambling Control Amendment Bill 2017*; *Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2017*; and *Public Service Amendment Bill 2017*.

**Standing Orders: 108-113.**

### **1.06 Appropriation Bill 2017/2018 considered in detail and third read**

The debate on the second reading of the *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018* commenced on Wednesday 21 June and was then considered in detail and passed by the Assembly on Monday 26 June.

**Standing Orders: 132-138.**

## **ASSEMBLY BUSINESS**

### **1.07 Message from O Le Ao o le Malo**

A message from O Le Ao o le Malo to permit the consideration of the *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018* and the introduction of the *Film Production (Tax Incentives) Bill 2017* was read out by the Speaker, following the formal opening of the Sitting day and prayers at 9.17am.

Pursuant to S.O 100(2) Mr Speaker read a message from O Le Ao o le Malo to permit the introduction of the *Income Tax Amendment Bill 2017* and *Excise Tax Rates Amendment Bill 2017* under Certificate of Urgency on Friday 23 June 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 Order: 76(1), 96 & 100(2).  
Constitution: Article 59.**

### **1.08 Notice from the Leader of the House**

Mr Speaker read out the Notice from the Leader of the House to permit the introduction of the *Conventional Arms Bill 2017; Police Service Amendment Bill 2017; Sex Offenders Registration Bill 2017; and Energy Efficiency Bill 2017.*

**Standing Order: 100 (2) & 96.**

### **1.09 Other announcement by Mr Speaker**

Mr Speaker acknowledged the presence of participants for the Parliamentary College Program and welcomed them to the House.

**Standing Order: 45(e).**

## **SPEAKER**

### **1.1 Point of Order raised by Mr Speaker**

Mr Speaker advised the member for Satupaitea that due to there being a limited time to pass the *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018*, it was best for the member to provide a general response to the issues raised by the member for Vaisigano No.1 instead of attempting to clarify each issue in depth.

On Tuesday 27 June, Mr Speaker reminded the member for Salega East that the Standing Order provides for appropriate language to be used in the House; therefore the member should refrain from making offensive statements in the House.

**Standing Order: 91.**

### **1.2 Speakers Ruling**

At the discretion of Mr Speaker, proceedings of the Assembly were delayed for five(5) minutes in order to allow Cabinet members at the CDC meeting to be present in the House for the second reading debates on the *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018*.

On Friday 23 June, proceedings were set aside at the Speaker's discretion, due to technical difficulties causing the audio recording system to shut down; proceedings resumed when the problem was fixed.

**Standing Orders: 62 & 181.**

## MOTIONS

### ***1.3 Parliamentary Committee reports & Motions***

Hon FIAME Naomi Mataafa moved a motion to set aside S.O 108(4), to allow the bills which were considered in detail, to be third read on the same sitting day; the four (4) bills were: *Fees and Charges (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2017; Casino and Gambling Control Amendment Bill 2017; Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2017 and Public Service Amendment Bill 2017.*

**Standing Orders: 52, 65 & 108(4).**

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

### ***1.4 Three Parliamentary Committee reports tabled***

There were 2 reports tabled on Wednesday 21 June, 1 report by the Finance and Expenditure Committee while the other report was by the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee.

Another report by the Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Constitutional Offices Committee was tabled on Thursday 22 June.

**Standing Order: 52.**

**Parliamentary Paper: 2017/2018 No's 51-53.**

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### ***1.5 Changes made to Sitting Hours***

On Wednesday 21 June, the Prime Minister moved a motion to extend the usual sitting hours of 9am -1pm to continue on from 3pm-7pm until the *Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2016/2017* was passed by the Assembly.

On Friday 24 June, the Prime Minister moved a motion to suspend proceedings of the Assembly at 12pm until Monday 26 June at 9am.

On Monday 26 June, the Prime Minister moved a motion to set aside S.O 30(2) to allow the suspension of proceedings at 1pm on Tuesday 27 June and reconvene on Tuesday 4 July at 9am.

**Standing Order: 32.**

### **1.6 Government Responses to Members Requests.**

A total of thirteen (13) Cabinet Members delivered government responses to requests put forth by Members regarding the *Appropriation Bill 2017/2018*.

**Parliamentary Sitting Summary, 22-23 & 26 June 2017.**

## **WITHDRAWALS**

### **1.7 Withdrawal of Words**

Mr Speaker ordered that the statement made by the member for Salega East against pastors, were withdrawn from parliamentary records, pursuant to standing order practice.

*Note: Words or statements given within the Chamber may be ordered to be removed from the official Hansard at Mr Speaker's discretion; particularly words or statements which may be interpreted as offensive, inaccurate or contentious.*

**Standing Orders: 61(c) & 83(2).**

## STATISTICAL DIGEST

### 21-23 & 26-27 June 2017

LEGISLATION	21-23 & 26-27 June 2017	Oct 2013 to date
<i>Bills presented to the Assembly</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government Bills:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Normal Passage</li> <li>- Certificate of Urgency</li> <li>- Private Members Bills</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bills referred to Committees</li> </ul>	5 2 0	76 25 0 58
OTHER BUSINESS	21-23 & 26-27 June 2017	Oct 2013 to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Sitting days</li> <li>• Total hours of Sitting (excluding suspensions):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business of the Assembly</li> <li>- Government Business</li> <li>- Private Member's Business</li> <li>- Other opportunities for Private Members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	5 18 hours 56 mins 24 mins 18 hour 32 mins 0 mins 0 mins	81 391 hours 5 mins 62 hours 38 mins 319 hours 57 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	3	243