



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.3**
JANUARY 21 - 24 2014

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20	21	22	23	24		
25	26	27	28	29		

BILLS

1.01 Bills introduced

Eight Bills were tabled on Tuesday 21 January: the Central Bank of Samoa Amendment Bill 2014, Family Court Bill 2013, National Kidney Foundation of Samoa Amendment Bill 2013, Fair Trading Amendment Bill 2013, Plumbers Bill 2013, Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa Amendment Bill 2014, Statistics Bill 2014 and the Slaughter and Meat Supply Bill 2014. All bills, with the exception of the Central Bank of Samoa Amendment Bill 2014, were first read on Friday 24 January. All bills were presented to the Assembly on a message from Le Ao o le Malo.

Standing Orders: 95, 99

1.02 Medical Practitioners Amendment Bill 2013 second read and referred to select committee

On Friday 24 January, the Medical Practitioners Amendment Bill 2013 was read a second time and referred to the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community & Social Development Committee.

Standing Orders: 100, 101, 137

1.03 Bills passed by the Assembly

On Thursday 23 January, the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014 and the Constitution Amendment Bill 2014 were read a third time and passed by the Assembly.

Standing Orders: 94 (1), 101, 102, 106, 107, 108, 109 – 112, 131-137.

1.04 Amendment Bill considered under Certificate of Urgency

On Friday 24 January, the Central Bank of Samoa Amendment Bill 2014 was introduced under a Certificate of Urgency signed by Le Ao o le Malo. The Certificate of Urgency received by the Speaker circumvents the usual requirement that Bills must be publically 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. The above

Bill passed all requisite procedural stages in one sitting day and was effectively passed by the Assembly.

Note: Unless a Certificate of Urgency has been signed by Le Ao o le Malo and presented to the Assembly, a Bills 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

1.05 Message from Le Ao o le Malo

A message from Le Ao o le Malo to permit the introduction of eight Bills on Tuesday 21 January, 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(s) has been sworn in by the Speaker.

Standing Orders: 75 (1), 95

Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa: Article 59

1.06 Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014

Debate on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014 commenced on Tuesday 21 January; followed by Government responses on Thursday 23 January. The Bill was passed by the Assembly, without amendment on Friday 24 January.

Note: Appropriation Bills are to be considered within 14 days and therefore the Business Committee is able to rearrange the sitting schedule to enable consideration within this period. The sitting hours were extended for the four days that Parliament sat: 9.00am – 1.00pm and 3.00pm – 7.00pm.

Standing Orders: 107(4), 108-112, 133, 131-137

1.07 Proposed sitting program agreed to

A motion was made for the proposed sitting program for 2014/2014 to be approved and was subsequently agreed to by the Assembly.

Standing Order: 169 (3) (i)-(iii)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.08 Motion of the Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee

On Wednesday 22 January (Parliament's second sitting day), the Deputy Chairman of the Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee moved a motion for the Assembly to approve the programme of Sittings and Proceedings for the calendar year 2014/2015 as per Committee recommendation.

Note: A recommendation of an Assembly sitting Programme must be presented to the Assembly no later than the 3rd sitting day of January each year.

Standing Order: 169 (3) (i)-(iii)
Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa: Article 52

1.09 Government to respond to Finance and Expenditure Committee Report Recommendations

The Finance and Expenditure Committee Report on the Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Corporate Plan 2013 – 2015 (presented and debated on 9 October 2013, re-considered on Friday 24 January 2014), was approved by the Assembly. The Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 54 advised the Government to provide a full response to the Committee's recommendations within 90 days.

Committee Reports: P.P.2013/2014 No.30 & P.P. 2012/2013 No. 92
Standing Order: 54(1)

1.10 Officers of Parliament presented its Report

On Friday 24 January 2014, the report of the Officers of Parliament Committee on the Reports of the Controller and Auditor General for period ended 30 July 2009 – 30 June 2010 & 30 July 2010 – 30 June 2011 was considered, with the Assembly taking note of the recommendations presented by the Committee Chair.

Committee Reports: P.P. 2012/2013 No. 13 & P.P. 2013/2014 No. 12
Standing Order: 53

STATISTICAL DIGEST

21 - 24 JANUARY 2014

LEGISLATION	21 – 24 January 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 - Certificate of Urgency - Private Members Bills • Bills referred to Committees 	3 1 0 1	13 2 0 10
OTHER BUSINESS	21 – 24 January 2014	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 	4 20 hours 59 mins 18 hour 15 mins 2 hours 44 mins 0 mins 0 mins	7 30 hours 20 mins 19 hour 45 mins 11 hours 15 mins 0 mins 0 mins
Questions lodged	0	0
Urgent Questions lodged	0	0
Answers to questions (written)	0	0
Answers to questions (oral)	0	0
Petitions presented	0	0
Divisions	1	1
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	1	16