



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO. 16**
18, 22-24, 26, 29-30 JUNE 2015

JUNE 2015				
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BILLS

1.01 Bills Introduced

Three Bills were introduced on Monday 29th June: the National Prosecution Office Bill 2015, Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2015 and the Village Fono Amendment Bill 2015. The Bills were introduced on a Message from Le Ao o le Malo and were consequently first read by the Assembly.

Standing Orders: 95, 99.

Constitution: Article 59

1.02 Eight Bills Second Read

Five bills were second read on Monday 29th June; the Infants Amendment Bill 2015, Tax Information Exchange Amendment Bill 2015, Police Service Amendment Bill 2015, Constitutional Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015 and the Value Added Goods and Services Tax Bill 2015.

On the 30th June, the National Prosecution Office Bill 2015, Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2015 and Village Fono Amendment Bill 2015 were second read.

Standing Order: 100

1.03 Bills considered in detail

On Monday 29th June, three bills were considered in detail: the Community Law Centre Bill 2014, Media Council Bill 2014, and the Geneva Convention Bill 2014.

Standing Order: 101

1.04 Five Bills passed by the Assembly

The debate on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2014/2015 & Appropriation Bill 2015/2016 commenced on Thursday 18th June. After

the conclusion of second reading debates, both Bills were considered in detail and third read on Monday 29th June and passed by the Assembly. On the same day, the National Provident Fund Amendment Bill 2015 was third read and passed by the Assembly.

On the 30th June, three bills were third read and passed by the Assembly; the Community Law Centre Bill 2015, Media Council Bill 2015 and the Geneva Convention Bill 2015.

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

1.05 Motion for the withdrawal of a Bill

The Income Tax Amendment Bill 2015 was withdrawn from the Assembly on Monday 29th June regarding to a motion moved by the Prime Minister to permit further corrections to be made. The motion was approved.

Standing Order: 64(1) (k), 113

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.06 Message from Le Ao o le Malo

After the opening prayer at 9:00am, the Speaker read out a Message from Le Ao o le Malo pursuant to Article 59 of the Constitution and Standing Order 95 to permit the consideration of three bills: the National Prosecution Office Bill 2015, Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2015 and the Village Fono Amendment Bill 2015.

Standing Order: 75(1), 95

Constitution: Article 59

1.07 Other Announcements by Mr Speaker

On Tuesday 30th June, the Speaker acknowledged the presence of the Manu Samoa team and welcomed the team to the House to show their support for their game against the All Blacks.

Standing Order: 44 (1)(e)

1.08 Obituary Speeches for a former member

After opening prayers on Monday 22nd June, the Speaker read out an obituary speech for a former Member of Parliament. Afioga Toomalatai Lauivi II was sworn

in on the 30th May 1995 as a member for the Human Rights Protection Party and was the representative for the Territorial Constituency of Aleipata Itupa i Luga. The House observed a minute of silence as a gesture of respect for the former Member.

Standing Order: 44(1)(f)

1.09 One Government Response tabled.

The Government tabled one response to Samoa Airport Authority Annual Report for the year 2012 on Thursday 18th June.

Standing Order: 54

Parliamentary Paper: 2015/2016 No.20

1.1 Statements by Ministers

On Friday 26th June, Le Mamea Ropati announced that he will not run for next year general election.

Standing Order: 44(1)(i)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.2 Two Select Committee Reports were tabled.

On Thursday 18th June, the Finance and Expenditure Committee tabled its report on the Supplementary Estimates of Receipts and Payments of the Government of Samoa for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 and the Main Estimates of the Receipts and Payments of the Government of Samoa for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

Standing Order: 51

Parliamentary Papers: 2015/2016 No. 23 & No.24

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1.3 Change to Meeting Times

On Monday 22nd June the Honourable Prime Minister moved a motion to extend the hours of sitting from (9:00am-1:00pm) to set aside SO 31(1) and resume at (3:00pm-7:00pm); the motion was approved.

On Tuesday 23rd June, the Honourable Prime Minister moved a motion to allow the continuation of sitting hours until 11pm; the motion was approved. On Monday 29th June, the Honourable Prime Minister moved a motion to set aside Standing Order 30(1) to allow an extension of sitting hours (9:00am-1:00pm) and resume at (7:00pm-11:00pm) for the budget to be considered in detail.

Standing Order: 31(1), 45.

STATISTICAL DIGEST

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LEGISLATION	18, 22-24, 26, 29-30 JUNE 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 3 - Certificate of Urgency 0 - Private Members Bills 0 • Bills referred to Committees 0 		48 12 0 36
OTHER BUSINESS	18, 22-24, 26, 29-30 JUNE 2015	Oct 2013 to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Sitting days 7 • Total hours of Sitting (excluding suspensions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business of the Assembly 54 mins - Government Business 43 hours 3 mins - Private Member's Business 0 mins - Other opportunities for Private Members 0 mins 	43 hours 59 mins	53 280 hours 39 mins 44 hours 57 mins 227 hours 27 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	1	3
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	2	136