



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO. 19**
NOVEMBER 17 2015

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BILLS

1.01 *Bills considered in detail*

A total of three bills were considered in detail together with their respective Committee Reports: the *Teachers Bill 2015*, *District Courts Bill 2015*, and the *Criminal Procedure Bill 2015*.

Standing Orders: 102 -106.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.02 *Other Announcements by the Speaker*

I. *Vacancy of Gagaemauga No.2 seat.*

The Speaker noted that the seat previously occupied by Levaopolo Talatonu was now vacant. It was stated that the Member was no longer registered under the constituency which he was elected from, namely, Gagaemauga No.2. The Member was noted as having re-registered under the Salega constituency. Pursuant to the *Electoral Act 1963*, the change in registration meant that the Member was no longer eligible to be a Member of Parliament for Gagaemauga No.2; which meant that he had effectively given up his seat. It was further noted that there was no need for a by-election as the Member's constituency switch fell within the 6 month time period prior to General Elections.

II. *Complaints against the Samoa Parliamentary Advocacy Group on Healthy Living (SPAGHL).*

The Leader of the Opposition, Hon PALUSALUE Faapo II, made allegations in the House as to the misuse of funds and Government resources by the SPAGHL Committee to aide its Member's election campaigns. Mr Speaker stated that the

allegation was unfounded, consequently warning Members that if the allegations persisted there would be consequences, as would be determined by the Chair.

The Leader of the Opposition was called to apologise to Parliament.

Standing Order: 44(e).

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.03 Ten Committee Reports tabled.

A total of ten Committee Reports were tabled on 17 of November 2015. Two reports from the Education Committee on the *Teachers Bill 2015* and the Statement of Corporate Objectives of the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa 2014-2017. Two reports from the Justice Committee on the *District Courts Bill 2015* and the *Criminal Procedure Bill 2015*. One report from the Finance and Expenditure Committee on *the Sentencing Bill 2015*, and five reports by the Primary Production Committee on the *Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2015*, the *Fisheries Management Bill 2015*, the *Competition and Consumer Bill 2015*, the Annual Report of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour 2013/2014 and the Annual Report of the Samoa Trust Estates Corporation 30 June 2013.

Standing Order: 51.

Parliamentary Papers: 2015/2016 No's 63-69, 74-76.

STATISTICAL DIGEST

17 NOVEMBER 2015

LEGISLATION	17 November 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 0 55 - Certificate of Urgency 0 13 - Private Members Bills 0 0 • Bills referred to Committees 0 46 		
OTHER BUSINESS	17 November 2015	Oct 2013 to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Sitting days 1 60 • Total hours of Sitting (excluding suspensions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business of the Assembly 11 mins 45 hours 41 mins - Government Business 2 hours 44 mins 257 hours 01 mins - Private Member's Business 0 mins 1 hour 13 mins - Other opportunities for Private Members 0 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	0	2 5
Parliamentary Committee reports presented	10	159