



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA
**PROCEDURAL &
STATISTICAL DIGEST NO.22**
JUNE 22-24 & 27 2016

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27	28	29	30	1		

BILLS

1.01 Bills introduced

A total of six bills were tabled on Friday 27 June: the *Coroners Bill 2016*; *Village Fono Amendment Bill 2016*; *Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016*; *Landing Limited Bill 2016*; *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill 2016*; and the *Excise Tax Rates Amendment Bill 2016*. Five bills were presented on a Notice from the Leader of the House and one on a Message from *O Le Ao o le Malo*, namely the *Excise Tax Rates Amendment Bill 2016* which was presented under a Certificate of Urgency.

Standing Orders: 96 & 100.

1.02 Bills first read, second read and referred to Parliamentary Committees

On Monday 27 June, a total of four bills were first read, second read and were then referred to their allocated Parliamentary Committees: the *Coroners Bill 2016*; *Village Fono Amendment Bill 2016*; *Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016*; and the *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill 2016*.

Standing Orders: 96, 100 & 101.

1.03 Bills third read and passed by the Assembly

A total of four bills were third read and were effectively passed by the Assembly. After the second reading debates on the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2015/2106*, and the *Appropriation Bill 2016/2017* on Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 June, both bills were second read, considered in detail and passed by the Assembly.

On Monday 27 June, the *Excise Tax Rates Amendment Bill 2016* and the *Landing Limited Bill 2016* were first read, second read, considered in detail and third read on the same day. The *Excise Tax Rates Amendment Bill 2016* was presented on a Message from *O Le Ao o le Malo* under a Certificate of Urgency. Notably, the *Landing Limited Bill 2016* was first read, second read, considered in detail and passed by the Assembly on the same day under the Speakers discretion.

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 102(2), a bill may be read under urgency pursuant to the Speaker's, if he or she feels that it is necessary to do so for a matter of public interest.

Standing Order: 102(2) & 108.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

1.04 Message from O Le Ao o le Malo

A message from *O Le Ao o le Malo* to permit the introduction of *the Excise Tax Rates Amendment Bill 2016* was read out by the Speaker, following 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

Mr Speaker read out a Notice from the Leader of the House to permit the introduction of five bills on Monday 27 June: the *Landing Limited Bill 2016*; *Coroners Bill 2016*, *Village Fono Amendment Bill 2016*, *Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016* and the *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill 2016*.

Standing Orders: 76(1) & 96.

1.06 Ministerial statement

The Hon Prime Minister gave a ministerial statement and moved a motion to establish a special inquiry committee to consider the rules and procedures of Lands and Titles Courts Judges; in particular their appointment and the existing scrutiny processes of judicial conduct.

**Standing Order: 63.
English Summary, Friday 27 June 2016: p18.**

1.07 Obituary Speech

On Friday 27 June, Hon LAUTAFI Fio Selafi Purcell, Minister for Public Enterprises gave his condolences regarding the passing of the Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour, Peseta Margaret Malua and acknowledged her work within the Ministry.

Standing Order: 45(f).

1.08 Other Announcement by the Speaker

On Wednesday 22 June, Mr Speaker acknowledged the presence of participants for the Parliamentary College Program and welcomed them to the House.

Standing Order: 45(e).

1.09 Supplementary Appropriation Bill considered in detail and third read

On Wednesday 22 June, debate on the second reading of the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2015/2016* commenced until Friday 24 June. The *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.2) 2015/016* and the *Appropriation Bill 2016/2017* were both considered in detail, third read and passed the Assembly on Friday 24 June.

Standing Orders: 132-138.

1.1 Maiden speech by Members of Parliament

A total of 37 Members delivered their maiden speeches; sixteen (16) Members of Parliament on Wednesday 22 June and nineteen (19) on Thursday 23 June.

English Summary, Wednesday 22&23 June 2016.

SPEAKER

1.2 Point of Order raised by the Speaker

On Wednesday 22 June, Mr Speaker reminded the Member for Aiga i le Tai that he must adhere to speech time limits as per Standing Orders.

On Thursday 23 June, Mr Speaker reminded the Member for Anoamaa West that the present debates were restricted to the general principles and merits of the budget; specific details are to be discussed during the consideration in detail stage.

Note: Maiden speeches are a parliamentary convention whereby members are able to address the Assembly uninterrupted for a maximum of one hour.

Standing Order: 91.

1.3 Speaker's Ruling

On Wednesday 22 June, Mr Speaker denied a motion moved by the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, LAAULI Polataivao Leuatea to grant additional time for the Member for Palauli Sasae to continue his speech.

Mr Speaker denied a motion moved by Hon AEAU Leavaiseeta to extend the speech time for the Member for Faleata East, SALAUSA John Ah Ching.

Note: Under the Speakers discretion the Landing Limited Bill 2016 was first read, second read, considered in detail and passed by the Assembly within the same day pursuant to Standing Order 102(2).

Standing Order: 181.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

1.4 Two Committee reports tabled

Two reports were tabled on Wednesday 22 June by the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the *Second Supplementary Estimates 2015/2016* and the *Main Estimates of Receipts and Payments of the Government of Samoa 2016/2017*.

Standing Order: 131.
Parliamentary Paper: 2016/2017 No's 40 & 41.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1.5 Change to Sitting Hours

On 22 June, the Hon Prime Minister moved a motion to extend sitting hours to 7.00pm; the motion was seconded and approved.

On 23 June, the Hon Prime Minister moved a motion for the extension of sitting times from 9.00am-1.00pm; 3.00pm-7.00pm and 7.30pm to 11.30pm; the motion was approved.

Standing Order: 32.

1.6 Government Response to Members Requests.

All 13 Cabinet Members delivered government responses to requests put forth by Members in their maiden speeches: Six Members of Cabinet on Thursday 23 June and seven on Friday 24 June.

English Summary, Thursday 24 & 25 June 2016.

STATISTICAL DIGEST

22 - 24 & 27 June 2016

LEGISLATION	22-24 & 27 June 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 	5 1 4	62 17 0 52
OTHER BUSINESS	22-24 & 27 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 	4 21 hours 24 mins 12 hours 56 mins 8 hours 28 mins 0 mins 0 mins	69 354 hours 19 mins 59 hours 33 mins 286 hours 20 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	2	168