

DAY 2: Wednesday 21st January
TIME: 3pm – 7pm

I. GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY continued

1. Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2014/2015 –

A. Debate resumed

1) *Tofa ALO Fulifuli Taveuveu, Member of ANOAMAÁ EAST*

- a. Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure - request to repair access roads in Falefa, particularly Manunu where the road is in very poor condition.
- b. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment – The Member requested on behalf of Falevao for the constructing of a seawall for Sauano and Saletele.

2) *Afioga TAEFU Lemi, Member of FALELATAI and SAMATAU*

- a. The Member commended the appropriated sum of \$4 million given to the Ministry of Revenue.
- b. The Member sought assistance to fix potholes in the tar sealed road from Falelatai to Faleaseela.
- c. Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure – The Member noted the movement of ships between Ports in Mulifanua and Salelologa during the festive season and directed the attention of the Minister to passengers' disregard of rules for restricted areas.

- d. Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure – The Member noted that many pedestrians use the Main Island Road between the SNPF Plaza, RSA Club and the old Agriculture Store and asked for an additional pedestrian crossing.
- Interjection of the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure – The Minister agreed with the Member’s comments but stated that no further measures can be taken as the crossings are in close proximity, adding another pedestrian crossing is illogical and would impede traffic flow in the middle of town.
- e. Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture – The member stated that a national standard should be set for all secondary schools and colleges as there are discrepancies in policies set by the two School Committees. There are children who have not taken advantage of the free education policy and requested whether it is better to give student allowances or enable the School Board grants in ensuring student attendance within their area.
- Interjection by the Prime Minister – The only issue in the giving grants is their management. The sole objective is that School Boards will gradually become self-sufficient and will no

longer have to rely on the government for funds in the administration of their schools.

- Interjection by the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture – In a recent national School Committee meetings, it was shown that many Committee Members work for free and have no use for grants. Many have made fundraising plans as well as placing requests in their villages for assistance. One exemplary example noted was the Faleula village school committee who have already set a framework for their activities this year.
- f. Ministry of Health – The Member appealed for a supply of oxygen machines for the constituency's health centre. There have been cases where constituents have had to urgently travel to Faleolo in order to acquire this service but have died before accessing the assistance required.

3) *Afioga IFOPO Matia Filisi , Member of AIGA I LE TAI*

- a. Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure – The Member supported Taefu Lemi's appeal for access roads for the Aana Alofi No.2 High School as well computers. As well as the construction of access roads for Manono Tai. Access to water for Manono Uta and Apolima.

- b. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries – The Member raised the subject of the Disaster Relief Program where an inspection was carried out following Cyclone Evan, where it was found that fishing boats were badly damaged. The member asked for its why no help was given.
 - Interjection by the Minister of the Agriculture and Fisheries - The Minister clarified that the project was a under a previous Minister and hence cannot comment.
 - Interjection by the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure – Help was not necessary as damages sustained were only limited to fishing boats whereas much of the island was unaffected similar to the island of Savaii.

4) *Afioga TIALAVEA Fea Tlonisio Seigafolava, Member of VAA O FONOTI*

- a. The Member is a member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee.
- b. Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure/Land Transport Authority – The Member noted that repair work is needed for access roads in Uafato, and from Fagaloa to Musumusu as well as the construction of seawalls within this area. The main roads in the Constituency are in much need of repair (measuring up to 1,600

metres). The Member commented on the approved budget to build a main road in Matautu (400 metres). The Member commented on the new budget released in the new Financial Year and hope that a billion tala is set aside to meet all Constituency demands.

- Interjection by the Leader of Opposition – the Leader fully supports the construction of this road as it is in terrible condition. The Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure responded to the Leader’s comments.

5) *Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA Amataga Alesana-Gidlow, Member of FAASALELEAGA NO. 1*

- a. Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure – The Member is appreciative of the Cashpower’s availability however there are connection issues for Savaii residents particularly through the service provided by local shops in its partnership with the National Bank of Samoa. The Member recommended whether a 24-hour Cashpower service provided by Electric Power Corporation to Upolu is also made available for Savaii.
- b. Ministry of Police, Prisons and Fire Emergency Services – The Member asked whether there is a

way to solve rising incidences of verbal abuse cases reported in Savaii.

6) Afioga TAFUA Maluelue Tafua, Member of ALEIPATA ITUPA I LALO

- a. Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure –
The Member appealed for repair work to the access road in Lalomanu. The Member also rationalised whether the good condition of roads resulted in 4 car accidents in the constituency and has sought the help of the Minister of Police, Prisons and Fire Emergency Services in implementing a program that would minimise this number.
 - Interjection by the Prime Minister – The Government has to sort out the contradicting requests of Members who wish for repair work of roads to be sub standard and some wish for exceptional standard.
 - Interjection by Lealailepule – Noted the comments made by the Member and stated that the issue is not the road itself but the drivers who use them.
 - Interjection by Leaupepe – Policies should be changed where the Member’s constituency is excluded from improving or repairing access roads so that Government can concentrate on access roads of other constituencies.

Proceedings adjourned for its usual break 4:45pm

Tofa TAFUA Maluelue Tafua *continued.*

- b. The Member acknowledges road contract workers for a job well done for main roads at Saleaumua of Utufoalafala and Samusu.
- c. Fire and Emergency Services – The Member conveyed gratitude to the Minister and the Ministry for the proposal for a Fire Service in the constituency to assist the wharf as well as future plans for an Airport.
- d. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment – appealed to the Minister to grow mangroves in behind the Assembly of God so as to return fish, as mangroves were destroyed during the tsunami causing a decrease in fish caught around the mangroves.

7) Tofa AGAFILI Patisela Eteuati Tolovaa, Member of PALAUI SISIFO

- a. Ministry of Police – the Member acknowledges K9 Unit search of Mulifanua wharf for passengers from Upolu to Savaii with narcotics. Appealed to the Minister that this be an ongoing operation, furthermore that inspection should also be done for passengers coming from Savaii.
- b. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and Land and Transport Authority – the Member raised the issue regarding parking spaces at Salelologa,

- appealed to the Ministry and Corporation to consider re-open parking on the left side of the wharf.
- c. Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture – Member conveyed gratitude to the Minister and the Ministry for removing scaling of students final marks. As compared to previous years which raw marks of students were scaled to standardize marks for all students. Furthermore, the Member discussed concerns about mathematics and relocation of Principals. In addition the Member appealed for a school vehicle given the distance between villages yet there is only one school. Member also acknowledge consideration by the Government of teachers salaries.
 - d. Ministry of Health – Member appealed to the Minister for a permanent doctor.
 - e. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries – acknowledged ongoing assistance through the SACEP and Cyclone Recovery programmes.
 - f. Ministry of Communication, Information and Technology – appealed to the Minister to carry out a study to resolve frequency problems of radio and television.
 - g. Scholarship Scheme – Member queried whether Samoan exam marks are included in scholarship averages. Appealed that if it is not included,

Samoa should not be a compulsory subject for students but rather an optional subject.

8) Afioga Hon FAUMUINA Tiatia Liuga, Member of PALAULI FALEFA

- The Member appealed to the Government to reconsider policies for energy. With the proposal that by 2017 renewable energy will be used. Green Climate Fund of 100 billion a year is to find a solution to be resilient to climate change, 60% is used for fuel and 20% on electricity. This is one bonus for a large sum of money. Government should propose a legislation to consolidate these policies for easier facilitation and drawing from international funding available.

9) Tofa LEALALEPULE Rimoni Aiafi, Member of FALEATA WEST

- Acknowledged the construction of new roads, buildings and developments within the Constituency. Furthermore for the construction of connecting four lane road from Lepea to Puipaa, the relocation of Prison from Tafaigata to Tanumalala plus having a Police Academy for the Ministry of Police of which will be a great assistance to the Ministry.
 - a. Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure -
The Member appealed to the Minister for the road at Falelauniu to Aleisa which needs to be repaired.

This road is important as it is used by mostly by the general public

- b. Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture - There is only one Govt College at Faleata yet there are 4 primary schools within Faleata.
- c. Electricity costing - With the decrease in petrol prices, this should include electricity, goods and others, yet the reason why there were increases is due to petrol cost, however the cost of petrol has dropped. Surcharge has been removed, however, the fuel charge has increased.
 - Interjection by the MIN MWTI - Categorised in three - Debt charge, Fuel Charge and tarriff charges - these prices are set by the Regulator.
 - Interjection by PM - if there is an decrease in fuel, yet we buy in bulk this is a loss to the govt cost the fuel was purchased at a larger amount.
- a. Reconnection fee for electricity – cost \$50tala to reinstall supply of electricity to a home.
 - Interjection by Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure – stating that cashpower has been installed nation wide yet MP is opting for his post paid service instead
- b. Electric Power Corporation and Samoa Water Authority – the Member raised issue regarding

- paying off debts of former landowners by new landowners.
- c. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - set out a calendar programme for cleaning of drains so that the Ministry can monitor cleaning of drains before raining seasons which cause flooding.
 - Interjection by Prime Minister - agreed with recommendation by the Member. The Ministry will need to find the source that causes flooding.
 - d. Government Lands – the Member appealed as to whether possible to transfer all land under one Corporation
 - Interjection by Prime Minister - with the WESTEC when export of coco decreased this caused problems, which is why land is distributed to various corporations in order to ensure that this problem might occur again.
 - e. Minister of Natural Resources and Environment – Member appealed to the Minister to repair trail leading to Tusitala
 - Interjection by Minister of Natural Resources and Environment - the Minister stated that the Ministry had recently conducted work along the short and long trail.
 - f. Member continued with appeal to the Minister to consider having a road leading to the mountain with only 200metre walk, as majority of tourist on

- cruise ships wish to see the site but are unable to due to distance.
- g. National Provident Fund - Recommendation that the previous practice should not take place but increase portion for loan entitlements by a further 10%. Interest rates should decrease for loans.
 - h. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - full security through export.
 - i. Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure & Samoa Port Authority – Member appealed for improvement of wharf to ensure safe passage between both islands.
 - j. Science teachers – Appealed to the Minister of Education and the Government to recommence bringing in of Indian teachers for Government and Churches Colleges not just for science but also for maths.
 - k. Public Service Commission – Member raised two issues about the Commission regarding incorrect process and decision making process. The Member went on the state that in his opinion there only task is to facilitate and standardise.
 - l. PM – Sought clarification on the status with the Bumble Bee Company.
 - Interjection by PM - internet, facebook, anything that happens here is known worldwide instantly. Govt is trying to attract investors such as big

- companies, but jumping to conclusions and instant social media negativity is keeping businesses away.
- Interjection by Leader of Opposition – Stating that the Member had only asked one question about Bumble Bee
 - Interjection by Prime Minister – Prime Minister clarified that Bumblebee might start this year. Status of negotiations should be received sometime this week.
- m. Ministry of Health – Member commented on SPAGHL initiative about healthy diet - only Mormon schools are encouraging this practice. In addition member raised an issue about services provided by the Ministry for outpatients and emergency services.
- PM - Emergency section is allocated so as to avoid a block in the lines. Prime Minister asked the Minister of Health about issue raised by the Member.
 - Minister of Health - Accidents and Emergency Service is separate from Outpatient so services are uninterrupted. Those who are employed for this service are specialists. For example in cardiac arrest and other emergencies.

Parliament proceedings suspended to resume at 9am Thursday 22 January.