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**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**DAY 5  
6:02pm**

**I. GOVERNMENT ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- 1. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.2) 2021/2022 – debate on second reading continues**
- 2. APPROPRIATION BILL 2022/2023 – debate on second reading continues**

**Afioga LEANA Ronnie Posini – Member for Safata 1**

The Member for Safata 1 highlighted that the number of students enrolled in the TVET program has increased; however, the appropriation provided in the budget continues to decrease. He then queried how the program will continue to progress with a minimal budget as the appropriation allocated may only cater for only half of the FY.

**(i) Afioga Hon SEUULA Ioane – Minister for Education Sports and Culture.**

The Hon Minister responded that the University of Samoa and APTC’s priority is educating the student to enable them to find work upon graduation. In regards to the Member for Safata 1 concern on financing equipment for the TVET program, he assured that the Government and the University are slowly purchasing and attaining essential equipment and in time when there is enough funds the Government will obtain more.

**Afioga LEANA Ronnie Posini – Member for Safata 1 continues**

The Member emphasized that the TVET programmes was established since 1993 as the Polytechnic.

**Afioga Hon SEUULA Ioane – Minister for Education Sports and Culture continues**

The Hon Minister clarified that the TVET programme was established for a while but there was a paucity of programming and planning hence an addition fund allocated for the program in order to develop and improve its function. He then highlighted that there are 28 Sports Associations and an allocation of \$2 million will assist to develop respective Associations and Sporting Events.

He further clarified that in the previous FY21/22, an allocation of \$1 million was appropriated for Sports Associations which includes 5 Sports Associations; however, the Ministry found during its deliberations that there are actually 18 sports Association in our country. In this regard, he asserted that if the estimate allocation of \$2 million in the budget is passed, then the Ministry will be able to provide funding for all 18 Sports Associations.

**Afioga LAUOFO Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo – Member for Anoamaa 2**

The Member for Anoamaa 2 asserted that the Hon Minister is speaking on one of the matters he raised during his main speech, particularly on an allocation that was under his Ministry which has now transferred to a different Ministry. In this regard, he only posed a question as the allocation before was mainly for Sports Association that were registered under SASNOC – stating about 50 were registered associations at the time whereas 30 association were still paying its subscription or membership fees for each FY. He then queried how the Ministry will distribute the allocation in the current budget in order to cater for all Sports Associations given that it's now transferred to a different area other than Sports regardless its increase from \$1 million to \$2 million.

**Afioga Hon SEUULA Ioane – Minister for Education Sports and Culture continues**

The Hon Minister clarified that the current allocation is still for Sports Associations registered under SASNOC; however, this fund is reserved for Olympics. In this regard, the Ministry is currently formulating strategies for an allocation to cater for other Sports Associations.

The Ministry will consult and correlate with each associations in regards to the distribution of the budget

**The Samoan Language Commission**

The Hon Minister mentioned the language used by the public online and asserted his disappointment on the hateful, disrespectful and insulting language used by our people. The Hon Minister noted the importance of our language as part of our identity and urged the public to be mindful and respectful with what is posted online.

**Susuga MAUOLO Tavita Aмоса – Member for Sagaga 2**

The Member commended the Minister for acknowledging the online posting and advised the Ministry to use social media and internet as a medium for school lectures. Furthermore, the Member stated that, this could be a good initiative for the students and our children to make use of the internet and social media.

**Afioga NIUAVA Eti L Malolo – Member for Vaisigano 1**

The Member urged Parliament to set the example, and act accordingly as parliamentarians and leaders, it is imperative that they lead by example.

**(i) Afioga Hon SEUULA Ioane – Minister for Education Sports and Culture continues**

The Hon Minister then emphasized that a speech is not complete if you don't address the customs and tradition of our country. He then acknowledged the Head of State in its respective salutation and the Council of Deputy and his good lady for their support. He further addressed respective clergies from different denominations and complimented families overseas for assisting their families in Samoa. He then concluded by acknowledging his constituency in its honorific salutations as well as the additional member for his constituency, ALIIMALEMANU Alofa Tu'ua and emphasized that they should work together for the betterment of their constituency and our country. He further wished the Hon Speaker for his good health so that he will continue to be the mediator in Parliament and commended all Members of Parliament and urged them to put aside their difference but work together for the development of Samoa

**5. Tofa. Hon MATAMUA Seumanu Vasati Sili Pulufana: Minister of Justice, and Courts Administration**

The Hon Minister addressed Samoa in all her honorific salutations. She then acknowledged Mr. Speaker and Parliament, the Judiciary, Executive and all Office heads who are assisting the Legislative Assembly's proceedings. The Minister acknowledged the clergies locally and abroad then acknowledged her constituency in all its honorific salutations, then conveyed sympathies to the wife of the EFKS Reverend. She also greeted the youth and children of her constituency and the CEO, management and staff of her Ministry.

In regards to the process of work, the Hon Minister commented that on the 19<sup>th</sup> May the Land and Titles Court resumed operation and is operating as usual. There are many challenges faced by the Office since election up to this date, and it has influenced the daily operations of the office. In regards to a matter whereby a special inquiry committee was established after being taken to court, a verdict and a report of the special committee, which was passed by parliament, has allowed the LTC daily operations to continue. There are no other works that have been suspended at the moment but only those cases that were instructed by the Supreme Court.

On the issue of registration of Matai Titles, the Hon Minister asserted that the process remains the same, however the Ministry is strictly monitoring the names of registered Matai titles. The problem faced by the Ministry is that some Matai titles registered use nicknames which differ to the names on the passports and birth certificates.

**Afioga PESETA Vaifou Tevagaena – Member for Faasaleleaga 5**

The Member commended the Minister on her clarification regarding his requests/queries. However, the member noted that he raised Appealed cases mainly in Savaii which have already been paid for however are put on hold, and sought confirmation whether the same process applies in Tuavsvivi.

**Tofa. Hon MATAMUA Seumanu Vasati Sili Pulufana: Minister of Justice, and Courts  
Administration Faasaleleaga 1(cont.)**

The Hon Minister confirmed that appeals are not on hold nor were these proceedings stopped, however there are people willing to put on hold their cases until the three bills have been finalized.

In regards to the Separation of Judiciary Budget project, the Hon Minister elaborated that the project is in progress and there was money appropriated for this project from the previous FY 2021/22 thus, the proposal is currently with MOF for proper funding to be placed in Reserves while the process is on-going.

**6. Afioga Hon LEOTA Laki Lamositele – Minister of Women Community and Social  
Development**

The Hon Minister greeted the whole House, acknowledged his constituency and commended all Members who spoke on the guidelines for the 200k, further clarifying that this fund needs relevant personnel (committee members) to regulate, administer and monitor the projects and developments. Furthermore, in regards to the 800k that was queried by a Member if they will be able to receive these funds, the Minister answered, this is dependent on the proper spending of the current 200k received together with the vision, mission and planning for the remaining funds proposed in the tabled budget.

The Hon Minister commented on the figures of Non-Communicable Diseases and further clarified that there is a time limit given to each constituency to use these funds and follow proper guidelines. The main purpose of the 1million project is to change health/wellbeing of our country. The funding can provide Committee Houses for those constituencies without houses and offices. These Houses are entitled to 10k. The Minister further noted that the fund may also assist with Women's committees with their developments; noting 70 committees in Upolu and 61 in Savaii and temporary committee houses 89 in Upolu while Savaii has 24.

The Hon Minister spoke on the issue of advocating for the elimination of violence against women and the beautification program for Samoa. He confirmed that the le o Samoa and beautification of villages has no appropriation in the current budget as the Ministry conducts a review of these programs to determine its benefits for the people.

The Hon Minister mentioned the three measures of development utilized by the Ministry;

1. Gross Domestic Product
2. Consumer Price Index
3. Poverty line

The Minister elaborated on the poverty line and possible measures for a country to determine whether it is below or above the poverty line. According to research carried out by the Ministry in 2018 it found 43,946 people living under the poverty line. Therefore, this is a challenge for the government to focus on and improve the wellbeing of people by ensuring an equal standard of living so everyone can live comfortably and content.

- **Susuga MAULOLO Tavita Aмоса – Member for Sagaga 2**

The Member queried the measures used by Government, and sought clarification from the Minister whether the GDP and the poverty line have any relation.

**Afioga LEOTA Laki Lamositele – Minister of Women, Community and Social Development (cont.)**

The Hon Minister responded that he will gather the correct figures for the Member. He then clarified that 28.6% of people in the urban areas are below the poverty line, 23.8% at Aana, Savaii 17%

- **Afioga LUPEMATASILA Tile – Member for Falelatai ma Samatau**

The Member queried whether he ever considered reading up cases where the GDP of a country is high but the gap between the wealthy and poor is also high thus a large number of its population still live below the Poverty Line.

- **Tofa Hon LAUOFO Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo – Member for Anoamaa 2**

The Member queried what measures were in place which defines the poverty line for Samoa whether this measure was similar to the United Nations which also measures the Poverty Line in overseas countries like Africa which differ greatly when compared to Samoa.

**Afioga LEOTA Laki Lamositele – Minister of Women, Community and Social Development (cont.)**

The Hon Minister asserted that the measures used are similar to those which were used in 1970, for the Household and income survey however, it is the first time a report is given verbally on this account. He further noted that, the government is planning on improving this as part of their goals and initiative. As of the end of 2021, \$10,955 per capita for our population however, our minimum wage which is \$3 does not reflect this per capita amount.

- **Tofa Hon LAUOFO Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo – Member for Anoamaa 2**

The Member queried whether the 1million initiative is Government's solution to the problem.

**Afioga LEOTA Laki Lamositele – Minister of Women, Community and Social Development (cont.)**

The Hon Minister informed the Member that everything is possible if the Members support this initiative and encourage their constituencies to develop and improve their lifestyles as well as build Samoa's economy.

- **Afioga LUPEMATASILA Tologata Tile – Member for Falelatai ma Samatau**

The Member echoed sentiments from the Deputy Leader of Opposition regarding the measures used to determine families below the poverty line, and asserted that the previous Government also assisted Samoa through different means to assist families.

- **Afioga ALIIMALEMANU Alofa Tuuau – Member for Alataua West**

The Member clarified that the argument by the Minister may sound new to certain Members of the Assembly, however these measures have existed for many years, however the measures are not the issue, rather the ways in which Samoa as a nation can counter this poverty line. The Member also noted that, the former government had their own measures in place to improve Samoa's standards.

- **Afioga MAGELE Sekati Fiaui – Member for Faasaleleaga 2**

The Member iterated that Samoa is not a nation under poverty, noting that having no access to electricity and water does not amount to poverty.

**Susuga Hon LAAULI Leuatea Polataivao Fosi, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries**

The Hon Minister made reference to the year when Samoa graduated from Least Developed Countries and explained that the figures are different when compared to the realities of Samoa.

- **LUPEMATASILA Tile: Falelatai ma Samatau**

The Member noted his disappointment to the statements made by the Minister for Agriculture insinuating that the previous Government and those who prepared the reports were not honest with the figures and information provided.

**Susuga Hon LAAULI Leuatea Polataivao Fosi, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries**

The Hon Minister emphasized that the exports and agriculture of Samoa during 2016 did not match to the statistics recorded by the Ministry, then posed that the Member would not know this as he is new to Parliament. The Minister clarified that in 2014- 2015, we advanced from least developing nation, meaning having to take care of our own. Stated that there's a difference in statistics presented by the Minister, thus requested to look into the accurate numbers and information on what happened in the past and what is happening now. He stated that our nation reported a high GDP, yet problems and challenges were also heightened. The Hon Minister

referred to high criminal rate as well as high domestic violence, noting that these are indicators of poverty, as poverty is an underlying factor for most crime.

- **Afioga Hon TAPUNUU Niko Lee Hang – Member for Vaimauga 3**

The Member for Vaimauga 3 reminded the Minister of Agriculture that the measures used by Least Developing Countries are created by UN not the former government which might imply false information regarding the difference in recorded stats and the standard of living for a country.

**Afioga LEOTA Laki Lamositele – Minister of Women, Community and Social Development (cont.)**

The Hon Minister acknowledged all Members who commented and queried the work and projects of his Ministry, he then urged his Ministry to work diligently for the development of Samoa as well as encouraged Members of the Assembly to visit the Ministry if there are any queries regarding the projects anticipated to roll-out.

- **Tofa Hon LAUOFO Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo – Member for Anoamaa 2:**

The Hon Member asserted the importance of speaking in simple and clear terms that can be easily grasped by our people; then noted that times have changed as a box of chicken was 40+ is now 70+, where a cement and building materials and other products have increased immensely.

**Speakers Ruling:**

The Hon Mr Speaker ruled to remove the words by the Minister for Women to ensure the integrity of Parliament is upheld.

**7. Susuga Hon. MULIPOLA Anarosa Ale Molioo - Minister of Finance**

The Hon Minister noted that 70%-80% of the budget are from development of our people. The Minister further clarified the factors that contributed to the increase of the cost of living for Samoa, such as the lockdown due to COVID, War between Ukraine and Russia, climate change, and political instability. Furthermore, Hon Minister asserted that the costs associated with the quarantine and isolation of travelling passengers impacted the budget immensely. The Minister further explained that the Tourism industry which contributed about 500million was now recording nil, was another major impact for Samoa's economy.

**Proceedings were set aside at 7:48pm and resumed at 8:26pm.**

**Susuga Hon. MULIPOLA Anarosa Ale Molioo - Minister of Finance**

The Minister touched upon Government's approach to decentralize the implementation of developments within Samoa, such as placing the implementation and monitoring phase in the hands of the constituency, while funding is provided by the Government. The Hon Minister then mentioned the 1million project which is Government's intention that all Samoans make a contribution to the development of Samoa. The Minister iterated that the 51million initiative enables all of Samoa, from Matai's, Elders, Ministers, Children and people with disability to contribute to the overall development of our country. This is in addition to the continuous remittances sent from our families living abroad.

The Hon Minister continued her response and recalled that Members commented on the different approach and changes of focus in the budget. Hon Minister elaborated that the focus has shifted to provide assistance to disabilities group, women and children who suffered domestic violence, as well as the development of constituencies which are areas highlighted in the 2021/2022 – 2024/2025 period. The Hon Minister explained the responsibility and duty of the government is to look for new initiatives and ways to garner revenues for the country. The Minister commended the Opposition and the importance of their voice in their preparations with hopes that it will lead to prosper our nation.

- **Afioga Aliiemalemanu Moti Momoemausu Alofa Tuuau - Member for Alataua Sisifo**

The Member made reference to the Hon Minister of Finance response which noted the focus on victims of domestic violence; the Member for Alataua West then queried where an allocation for these victims are reflected in the budget.

**Susuga Hon. MULIPOLA Anarosa Ale Molioo - Minister of Finance (cont.)**

The Minister clarified that the allocation for victims of domestic violence has been placed with the appropriation for Non-Government Organization. The focus on the prevention of domestic violence has an appropriation of \$500k and some of the budget that will be rolled over from 2021/2022 which is about 100k that could be used for these initiatives.

The Minister reflected on all the challenges encountered by the country during the FY 2021/2022, and with the Government's plans to implement certain projects within 9months. The Minister touched on the drop in GDP by 7.4% in 20/21 which was further projected to drop in 21/22 by only 3% all due to the Pandemic and rapid increase in global cost of living. The vision for the 2022/2023 is the increase in the revenue by .6% further emphasizing the effects of the war between Ukraine and Russia, climate change and other viruses to take into account as to why there is only a slight increase in projected revenue.

- **Afioga LUPEMATASILA Galumalemana Tologata Tile – Member for Falelatai and Samatau**

The Member queried the decrease of the revenue for 2021/2022 was -3% but wants to know what the forecast for the revenue was for the year. He also noted that Russia stated that the high cost of living is not from the pandemic of the ongoing between them and Ukraine, however it is the poor planning and decision making of governments' running the countries

#### **Susuga Hon. MULIPOLA Anarosa Ale Molioo - Minister of Finance (cont.)**

The Minister clarified that the budget includes, challenges that have been mentioned by the Members, also noted that the 1million project is the initiative to boost and revive our economy from the multiple effects of the pandemic. She further explained that the businesses will also benefit from this, as people will be buying resources from our local businesses. The 51 million will help revitalize businesses that were affected by the pandemic, these revenues were collected from tax from the people of Samoa and it will go back to them. It will also provide employment opportunities for our young people.

The Hon Minister noted that \$2.5million for the Tourism Authority is an addition to the current 5million appropriated for the FY21/22 which is currently used for the Authority's operations.

- \$3million to SAMOA BUSINESS HUB for small business ventures
- \$5million to DBS for other bigger businesses and corporations
- dividend for SNPF Contributors

The Minister further emphasized the taxation on goods that are detrimental to our health, such as cigarette, alcohol and junk food like; iterated the importance of healthy eating and healthy lifestyles to decrease Non-Communicable Diseases in the country.

- **Afioga Hon TAPUNUU Niko Lee Hang – Member for Vaimauga 3**

The Member queried the 10million reduced from the budget for Tourism Authority, and recalled the Minister for MNRE noting that there is \$12million reserved for STA. Hon Member queried whether this money will be for promotion of the tourism industry and the provision of packages such as; reduced airfares and hotel prices for instance which could all help attract tourists. Furthermore, the Hon Member queried the roll-over process which the Ministers have mentioned and reminded the Minister on policies for remaining funds from previous FY's and how these funds are returned to Treasury for proper allocation. Further stating that these unused funds are 'estimates' not actuals'. Moreover, the Member followed up on his question regarding the Government's plan to make up for the 28million revenue which could not be collected, and the million deficit.

- **Afioga SULAMANAIA Fetaiai Tauilili – Member for Vaimauga 1**

The Member queried the tax added on unhealthy products mentioned as this will be an added burden on our people who are already going through hardships.

**Susuga Hon. MULIPOLA Anarosa Ale Molioo - Minister of Finance (cont.)**

The Hon Minister clarified that the Government is new into Office and sought the Assembly's forbearance as the Government attempts its approach for the development of the nation. The Minister also mentioned the importance of historical sites to garner revenues from tourism. In regards to the roll-over process for unused funds for respective Ministries/Offices, the Hon Minister asserted that the CEO for Finance has the authority under the PFMA to perform the roll-over process.

- **Tofa Hon LAUOFO Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo – Member for Anoamaa 2**

The Hon Member queried the policy for 'roll over' as his understanding, all funds must seek the Assembly's approval before it can be processed and utilized, therefore all remaining funds are subject to auditing before such funds can be utilized. The member emphasized that the Budget is an act of parliament - Appropriation Bill, it includes all government funds that will be utilized within a FY which should be passed by parliament. Furthermore, the Member queried how much percentage for the 'sin tax' which the Government plan to impose on unhealthy products.

**Deputy Prime Minister – Afioga Hon TUALA Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio**

The Hon Deputy PM informed the Member that he will response when it is his time.

- **Afioga Tapunuu Niko Lee Hang - Member for Vaimauga 3**

The Member also queried the roll-over process as it has a foundation; the Hon Member commented on the process and explained that remaining funds after the financial year goes back to the Ministry, for proper allocation and re-distribution for the next FY. He further stated that it may be problematic if the proper process is not followed, as to why he asked, because it is very vital to follow these procedures as mandated

**Susuga Hon. MULIPOLA Anarosa Ale Molioo - Minister of Finance (cont.)**

The Hon Minister referred to Part 8 s.55 and s.56 PFMA 2001 requires an Establishment of Special Purpose Fund and Establishment of Special Purpose Accounts, this enables the government to roll over these funds.

- **Afioga Tapunuu Niko Lee Hang - Member for Vaimauga 3**

The Member stated that the special account as mentioned by the Minister is not related to the Roll over matter that he raised.

**Susuga Hon LAAULI Leuatea Polataivao Fosi, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries**

The Hon Minister clarified that the new Government is following new policies.

- **Tofa Hon LAUOFO Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo - Member for Anoamaa 2**

The Member stated that he was not talking on policies, rather the Appropriation Act.

- **Afioga ALIIMALEMANU Alofa Tuuau – Member for Alataua West**

The member for Alataua advised the Minister of Finance that it is important to note normal protocols where all unused funds from any FY must be included in the Appropriation Bill for the next FY such as the discussed on 22/23 so that there is a better estimate of overall amount of money which will be used within a FY.

**Susuga Hon. MULIPOLA Anarosa Ale Molioo - Minister of Finance (cont.)**

The Hon Minister noted the inflation rate in Samoa - 8.2% which could lead to 8.7% highlighting that these figures may change due to the global increase in goods and services. Thus the Government is encouraging the cultivation of our lands to ensure there is enough food for our people. Furthermore, the Minister mentioned passing Cabinet's Government Guarantee Policy which is the first of its kind considering the government's concern with the repayments of debts by Corporations lending from the government; taking into account the inability of these Corporations to meet repayments, the government will end up paying for these debts themselves. He then commented on the criteria for selection, the conditions of the guarantee policy, the indicators and measures. The Minister noted the total of 119.1million guarantees as of March 2021, compared to 213.3 million recorded in 2021.

In regards to queries on the Airline, the Hon Minister asserted that these comments will be referred to the relevant Minister.

The Hon Minister proceeded to clarify the differences of financial audit and forensic audit and their focus/scope.

The Minister stated that the implementation of the forensic audit was approved by Parliament, approved by the Cabinet for the advertisement of this position, to find the relevant person with necessary capabilities to ensure the development of Samoa. The Hon Minister elaborated on the projects which will require Forensic Auditing, noting that the Government has approved that the projects ensures the following:

1. Current developments are highly expensive but are not beneficial for the people
2. The continual occurrence of accidents because of poor projects maintenance
3. Time consuming and expensive projects which could not be completed within a given timeframe
4. Projects impacted because of deficit thus, debts could not be paid back,
5. Death of people in the country due to lapse of government in carrying out their duties and responsibilities

6. Write-off assets because of poor maintenance

She then addressed comments and queries made by several Members;

In regards to the location of gas tanks in the urban area, the Minister took this into consideration. She further clarified that the safety guidelines used were based on the Australian measures; whereby the pipes are well monitored and structured so that it will not affect the people living in the town area.

In regards to the expenditure over revenue ration; the Hon Minister reiterated the impacts of COVID on all countries around the globe, thus possible consideration for more funds to run the economy. Furthermore the Minister confirmed that the government is following the guidelines by the Commonwealth in regards to ways for the utilization of funds and finances for the development of the country. The Minister also touched on the request for buses for Gagaemauga 2, and informed the Member that busses will be made available for villages that have requested in this matter.

- **Tofa SEUAMULI Fasi Toma - Member for Gagaemauga 2**

The Member stated that for two days, students and children were not able to go to school as there was no bus servicing these villages, and this is the reason why he requested for a bus as it is a need in his constituency.

**Susuga Hon. MULIPOLA Anarosa Ale Molioo - Minister of Finance (cont.)**

The Hon Minister further clarified that they will look into reduction of revenues and increasing of expenditures to boost our economy. Furthermore responded to the query by the Member for Vaimauga in bringing in more competition for providing gas in order to decrease the price of the gas

- **Afioga SULAMANAIA Fetaiai Tuuilili Tuivasa - Vaimauga 1**

The Member mentioned the increasing cost of petrol, he asked if there was a way to attract other companies that are also providing petrol and diesel at a lower cost to make sure that we have another option to fall back to, and to save money.

**Susuga Hon. MULIPOLA Anarosa Ale Molioo - Minister of Finance (cont.)**

The Hon Minister further clarified that we only have company supplying as well as the distributor which are both operating on contractual terms but they will await for the contracts to end then they will review and look into it in the future.

The Minister answered to the claims that there are no major projects but clarified that it is mentioned in page xiv - xx of the budget; lists the major projects by the government and grants from their partners overseas which includes:

development of roads, airports, and the Cross Island road funded by ADP, GCF which will renovate the bridge at Lelata, NUS building which the china Aid assists, SAFPROM and IFAD are continuing. She then iterated that this is the largest budget to date which is a first time in Samoa's appropriation history.

2022/2023: 983million overall including 700m for Ministries operations

2020/2021: 966mi overall, and 689m for Ministry

2019/2020: 914MIL overall and 514million for ministry work

\*The minister stressed that it is important to note the constant increase in funds appropriated for Ministries over the years.

New budget policies such as the 51million; the government have prepared Guidelines and standards/measures to process the 51million. She then accentuated that the Government has formulated appropriate guidelines to implement the 200k allocated to each constituency and 1 million allocated for each constituency for 5 years for their own developments. The Minister further clarified the breakdown for the usage of these funds; such as the 15% for the office, allowance for committees, salaries for the committee Members and 85% for other committee works and developments.

**Proceedings adjourned at 10:05pm; and will reconvene at 9:30am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
2022**