



PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

FORTY NINTH SESSION – THIRD MEETING 2021

Journal [DAY THREE]

- Constitution Article 38**
- (1) There shall be a Clerk of Parliament
 - (2) The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of Parliament and shall transmit a copy of those records to the [Queen's Representative] as soon as practicable.

Standing Order 64 Order of Business – PART XVII (a) Formal Entry of Speaker; (b) Prayers; (c) Swearing in of new Members (order 32); (d) Messages from the Queen's Representative (Order 84); Other announcements by the Speaker; (f) Obituary; (g) Statements by Ministers (Part XXIII); (j) Presentation of Bills (Order 219); (k) Presentation of Papers (Order 72); (l) Presentation of Petitions (Order 78); (m) Orders of the Day (Order 70); (n) Consideration of Papers (Orders 74); (o) Motions with notice (Order 105); (p) By leave of the Speaker (Alteration of the Order of Business); (q) Closing prayers.

MONDAY 31 MAY, 2021

64 (a)	Formal entry of Speaker	Hon. T. Tura
(b)	Prayers	Rev. Oirua Rasmussen
(c)	Swearing in of new members (Order 32)	Mrs Akaiti Puna
(d)	Message from the Queen's Representative (Order 84)	Nil
(e)	Other announcements by the Speaker	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Appointment of new Clerk of Parliament, Mr Tangata Vainerere, as of Tuesday 20 April 2021.2. Resignation of Deputy Clerk of Parliament, Ms Jeannine Daniel (Acting Clerk), as of Friday 23 April 2021.3. Appointment of Acting Deputy Clerk, Mrs Tai Manavaroa (Editor

		<p>of Debates), as of Tuesday 27 April 2021.</p> <p>4. Transfer of Acting Corporate Services Manager, Mrs Tangi Mataio, to the Office of the Prime Minister, as of 29 May 2021.</p> <p>5. Appointment of Mrs Rakera Herman as Interim Finance Manager, for the period Wednesday 19 May 2021 to Friday 30 July 2021.</p> <p>6. Congratulations and best wishes to Mama Trish Marsters, our long-serving Transcriber, based in Mangaia on her retirement from the Hansard Division of Parliamentary Services.</p> <p>7. Engagement of new Interpreter, Nooroa Numanga, former Parliamentary Services Interpreter.</p>
(f)	Obituary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Papa Henry Heather (Arorangi) 2. Papa John Mateara (Arorangi) 3. Papa Daniel Apii (Arorangi) 4. Mama Taruku 'Shine' Tei (Tupapa) 5. Papa Ramea Ngata (Takuvaime) 6. Mama Tonina Browne (Tupapa) 7. Papa Fred Tereva (Mitiaro) 8. Papa Jon Lindsay (Auckland) 9. Papa Pura Pura (Mauke) 10. Papa Vaine Vaine Keu (Mauke) 11. Mama Ierei Crummer (Ngatangia)

(g)	Statement by Ministers (Order 87)	Nil
(h)	Personal explanations (Order 90)	Nil
(i)	Questions to Ministers and other members (Part XXIII)	<p>1. MP V. Tupa question to Minister, G. Angene – What is the purpose of the building constructed at the Constitution Park and has there been any discussions about it?</p> <p>Response: Minister Angene, purpose for our people during celebration times eg; weddings, prayer gathering Zumba events etc. Construction was supported by Government and all Cabinet Ministers.</p> <p>2. MP W. Heather question to the Prime Minister, Hon. M. Brown – The distribution of drugs in our community – what is happening in our community, is our community a safe place?</p> <p>Response: Hon. PM, Mark Brown, our Police working with our border agencies have a very comprehensive programme to try to combat illegal substance, illegal drugs, contraband coming into our country. I will be discussing the issue with the new Police Commissioner.</p> <p>3. S/Question – MP S. Napa to Minister, R. Toki-Brown – a couple was denied the right to use hyphenated name. Their right is defined in our Constitution – what steps has the Minister and the Ministry of Justice taken to change the outdated practice?</p> <p>Response: Minister R. Brown, processes are currently being undertaken and system reviewed to address the issue.</p> <p>4. MP S. Napa question to Minister, R. Toki-Brown – According to the lawyers there are ways to address</p>

		<p>this issue – when will the Act be amended and brought to this House?</p> <p>Response: Hon. PM, M. Brown responded – there is nothing to stop parents from getting their child the hyphenated name of the mother and the father. The legislation is being reviewed but we should be careful not to make a mistake.</p> <p>5. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne question to Minister, R. Toki-Brown – How long shall I wait for the confirmation of the appointment of two ladies to JP for Rakahanga?</p> <p>Response: Minister R. Brown, still waiting for Head of Ministry to confirm the appointments.</p> <p>6. MP V. Tupa question to Minister, G. Angene – the tree cutting project has skipped Matavera, from Ngatangia it jumped to Tupapa. Is the Minister not troubled with this practice?</p> <p>Question Time Expired</p>
(j)	Presentation of Bills (Order 219)	Nil
(k)	Presentation of Papers (Order 72)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paper No. 95 – Public Service (Remuneration of Selection Panel for Public Service Commissioner) Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/01 Presented by Hon. M. Brown 2. Paper No. 96 – Employment Relations (Minimum Rate of Pay) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/02 Presented by Hon. V. Mokoroa 3. Paper No. 97 – Police (Appointment of Commissioner) Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/03 Presented by Hon. M. Brown

		<p>4. Paper No. 98 – COVID-19 (Maritime Border) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/04 Presented by Hon. R. Toki-Brown</p> <p>5. Paper No. 100 – The Annual Report of the Ombudsman Office for period 2019-2020 Presented by Hon. V. Mokoroa</p>
(l)	Presentation of Petitions (Order 78)	Nil
(m)	Orders of the Day (Order 70)	<p>1. Immigration Bill – Interrupted Debate on the Second Reading (Hon. M. Brown) No. 2 – 1</p> <p>2. To Tatou Vai Authority Bill – Interrupted Debate on the Second Reading (Hon. M. Brown) No. 24 - 1</p> <p>3. Crimes Bill – Interrupted Debate on the Second Reading (Hon. M. Brown) No. – 1</p>
(n)	Consideration of Papers (Order 74)	<p>Presented 1st July 2020 Paper No. 58 – Cook Islands State of Environment Report 2018 – Interrupted Debate on the Question That the Paper be received (Hon. R. Tapaitau)</p> <p>Presented 23 September 2020 Paper No. 60 – <u>The Interim Report of the Agriculture Bill 2020 Select Committee, September 2020</u></p> <p>Presented 28 September 2020 Paper No. 61 – <u>The Interim Report of the To Tatou Vai Authority Bill 2020 Select Committee, September 2020</u></p>

		<p>Paper No. 62 – <u>The Interim Report of the Crimes Bill 2019 Select Committee, September 2020</u></p> <p>Paper No. 63 – International Labour Organizations (ILO) submissions to Parliament – Convention 190 and Recommendations 206</p> <p>Presented 27 November 2020</p> <p>Paper No. 64A – <u>Entry, Residence and Departure (Award of Honorary Residence) Order 2020, Serial No. 2020/17</u></p> <p>Paper No. 65 – <u>Maritime Zone (Contiguous Zone Outer Limits) Regulations 2020, Serial No. 2020/18</u></p> <p>Paper No. 66 – <u>Maritime Zone (Exclusive Zone Outer Limits) Regulations 2020, Serial No. 2020/19</u></p> <p>Paper No. 67 – <u>Maritime Zone (Territorial Sea Outer Limits) Regulations 2020, Serial No. 2020/20</u></p> <p>Paper No. 68 – <u>Maritime Zone (Baselines of Territorial Sea) Regulations 2020, Serial No. 2020/21</u></p> <p>Paper No. 69 – <u>Seabed Minerals (Exploration) Regulations 2020, Serial No. 2020/22</u></p> <p>Paper No. 70 – <u>Seabed Minerals (Exploration Fees) Regulations 2020, Serial No. 2020/23</u></p>
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		<p>Bill Select Committee, November 2020</p> <p>Presented 22 March 2021</p> <p>Paper No. 82 – <u>Customs Tariff (PACER Plus Schedule of Commitments on Tariff) Amendment Order 2020, Serial No. 2020/28</u></p> <p>Paper No. 83 – <u>COVID-19 (Cook Islands National Superannuation Extension) Order 2020, Serial No. 2020/29</u></p> <p>Paper No. 84 – The Management Report of the Cook Islands Government Financial Statement for 2015 to 2017</p> <p>Paper No. 85 – The Management Report of the Cook Islands Government Financial Statement for 2018 and 2019</p> <p>Paper No. 86 – The Performance Audit Report into the management of Payments on Behalf of the Crown (POBOC)</p> <p>Paper No. 87 – The Public Expenditure Review Committee (PERC) Report into CITC complaint against the Revenue Management Department</p> <p>Paper No. 88 – Review Audit Reports that covers the following individual special reviews issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sealing of the Punanga Nui Market Project - Missing funds at the Penrhyn Islands Admin
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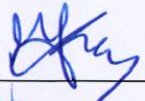
		<p>- Income Expenditure of the Office of Leader of Opposition</p> <p>- Ministry of Corrective Services</p> <p>- EO of Mitiaro Island Admin misuse of Public Funds</p> <p>Paper No. 89 – The Annual Report of the Financial Supervisory Commission of the Cook Islands for period 2019-20</p> <p>Paper No. 91 – Government of the Cook Islands Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018</p> <p>Paper No. 92 – Government of the Cook Islands Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019</p> <p>Paper No 93 – <u>Final Report of the Agriculture Bill Select Committee – Interrupted Debate on the Question That the Paper be received – (Hon. R. Tapaitau)</u></p>
(o)	Motions with notice for the adjournment of Parliament other than (1) above (Order 105)	<p>Nil</p> <p><u>Other Motions moved:</u></p> <p>1. MP S. Napa – to postpone some Papers for Consideration Seconded by Hon. M. Brown Motion agreed to</p> <p>2. Motion by MP T. Elikana – to extend the Crimes Bill Report to 6 months to enable the final drafting of the Crimes Bill 2019 to be completed. Seconded by Mrs S. Napa</p>

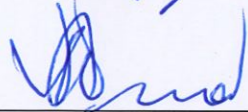
		<p>Motion agreed to</p> <p>3. Adjournment Motion – Leader of the House Ms. T. Brown at 3.55 p.m. Seconded by Hon. G. Angene Motion agreed to</p>
(p)	By leave of the Speaker the order of business set out in the Order Paper may be altered on any particular day	Nil
(q)	Closing Prayer	Hon. G. Angene
	Meeting adjourned at 4.04 p.m.	
	<p>Members present:</p> <p>Government:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. M. Brown 2. Hon. R. Tapaitau 3. Hon. V. Mokoroa 4. Hon. R. Toki-Brown 5. Hon. P. Arioka 6. Hon. G. Angene 7. Mr A. Nicholas 8. Mr T. Elikana 9. Ms T. Brown 10. Mr T. Maki Kavana 11. Mr T. Tangatapoto 12. Mrs A. Puna <p>Opposition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne 14. Mr W. Heather 15. Mr T. Maoate 16. Mrs S. Napa 17. Mr V. Tupa 18. Mr N. Baker 19. Mr M. Kitai <p>Leave of absence request by Hon. T. P. Browne and granted by the House:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20. Mr T. Tuavera 21. Mrs T. Matapo 22. Mr W. Kareroa 23. Mrs A. Armstrong 	

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NOTE:

All underlined Papers dropped from the Order Paper.

Signature: Clerk  Date: 31/05/2021.

Signature: Speaker  Date: 31. 05. 21

