



PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

FORTY NINTH SESSION – THIRD MEETING 2021

Journal [DAY SEVEN]

- 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.

THURSDAY 17 JUNE, 2021

64 (a)	Formal entry of Speaker	Hon. T. Tura
(b)	Prayers	Rev. Oirua Rasmussen
(d)	Message from the Queen's Representative (Order 84)	Nil
(e)	Other announcements by the Speaker	Nil
(f)	Obituary	Nil
(g)	Statement by Ministers (Order 87)	Nil
(h)	Personal explanations (Order 90)	Nil
(i)	Questions to Ministers and other members (Part XXIII)	<p><u>Question Time – 1 hour</u></p> <p>1. MP S. Napa question to Minister, G. Angene – you mentioned on TV about reducing the remuneration for PM, DPM, Ministers and Associate Ministers. Is that still your intention?</p> <p>Response: Minister, G. Angene – the reduction of remuneration must be an</p>

		<p>approval by all MPs and the PM. If someone raise the issue again I will support it.</p> <p>2. MP V. Tupa question to Minister, G. Angene – The Library and Archive building at the Ministry of Culture are in a very bad state, is there any chance of upgrading the two facilities?</p> <p>Response: Minister. G. Angene – Yes, there are plans to renovate the two buildings. I held discussions with the HoM for MOC and we are ready to begin the work soon.</p> <p>3. MP W. Heather question to the Prime Minister, Hon. M. Brown – what is happening to the dump in Arorangi, the place is almost full, can the PM give an update on it?</p> <p>Response: PM, Hon. M. Brown, landowners are reluctant to give their lands for disposing waste. There is a plan to look at a high temperature incinerator which does not emit toxins into our atmosphere, but will reduce the waste that is in our land fill.</p> <p>4. MP T. Tuavera question to Minister Mokoroa – can we dispose our wreckages in our ocean?</p> <p>Response: Minister V. Mokoroa, personally, I support the idea to dump these waste into the ocean because no landowners will give their land for dumping waste. However, if we do, what conventions or laws are we breaking?</p> <p>5. MP V. Tupa question to Minister, G. Angene – last night on TV you spoke about</p>
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(j)	Presentation of Bills (Order 219)	Nil
(k)	Presentation of Papers (Order 72)	Nil
(l)	Presentation of Petitions (Order 78)	Nil
(n)	Consideration of Papers (Order 74)	<p style="text-align: center;">Presented 28 September 2020</p> <p>Paper No. 63 – International Labour Organizations (ILO) submissions to</p>

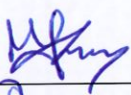
		<p>Parliament – Convention 190 and Recommendations 206</p> <p><u>Presented 27 November 2020</u></p> <p>Paper No. 71 – Government of the Cook Islands Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2015</p> <p>Paper No. 72 – Government of the Cook Islands Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2016</p> <p>Paper No. 73 – Government of the Cook Islands Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2017</p> <p><u>Presented 22 March 2021</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 – Special 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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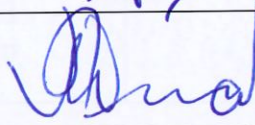
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Expenditure of the Office of Leader of Opposition • Ministry of Corrective Services • EO of Mitiaro Island Admin misuse of Public Funds <p>Paper No. 89 – The Annual Report of the Financial Supervisory Commission of the Cook Islands for period 2019-20</p> <p>Paper 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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Presented 31 May 2021</u></p> <p>Paper No. 95 – Public Service (Remuneration of Selection Panel for Public Service Commissioner) Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/01</p> <p>Paper No. 96 – Employment Relations (Minimum Rate of Pay) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/02</p> <p>Paper No. 97 – Police (Appointment of Commissioner) Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/03</p> <p>Paper No. 98 – COVID-19 (Maritime Border) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/04</p> <p>Paper No. 100 – The Annual Report of the Ombudsman Office for period 2019-2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Presented 15 June 2021</u></p> <p>Paper No. 101 – Maritime Zones (Exclusive Economic Zone Outer</p>
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(m)	Orders of the Day (Order 70)	<p>Interrupted debate on the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2021.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. P. Arioka 2. Hon. V. Mokoroa 3. Mr T. Elikana (interrupted by adjournment time)
(o)	Motions with notice for the adjournment of Parliament other than (1) above (Order 105)	<p>Nil</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion moved by the Leader of the House, Ms. T. Brown to dispose Papers 95, 96, 97, 98, 101 & 102 without debate. Seconded by MP. T. Elikana Motion agreed to. 2. Motion moved by MP S. Napa to receive Paper No. 63 – International Labour (ILO) submissions to Parliament, Convention 190 and Recommendations 206.

		<p>3. Motion moved by Hon. V. Mokoroa for Parliament to take note of Recommendations 206 and the actions currently being undertaken by Government through the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Seconded by MP S. Napa Motion agreed to</p> <p>4. Motion moved by Hon. T. P. Browne – to group Papers 71, 72, 73, 91 and 92 and dealt with as one. Seconded by MP S. Napa Motion agreed to.</p> <p>5. Motion moved by Hon. T. P. Browne – to group Papers 84 and 85 as well as they relates to the Report of the Audit Office. Seconded by MP S. Napa Motion agreed to.</p> <p>6. Motion moved by Hon. T. P. Browne to receive Paper No. 88 – Special 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 Island Administration - Income Expenditure of the Office of the Leader of the Opposition - Ministry of Corrective Services - EO of Mitiaro Island Admin misuse of Public Funds
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(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	MP A. Armstrong
	Meeting adjourned at 4.53 p.m.	
	Members present: Government: 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 T. Elikana 8. Mr A. Nicholas 9. Ms T. Brown 10. Mr T. Maki Kavana 11. Mr T. Tangatapoto 12. Mrs A. Puna Opposition: 13. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne 14. Mr W. Heather 15. Mr T. Maoate 16. Mrs S. Napa 17. Mr V. Tupa 18. Mr T. Tuavera 19. Mr N. Baker 20. Mr M. Kitai 21. Mrs T. Matapo 22. Mr M. Kitai 23. Mrs A. Armstrong	

Signature: Clerk  Date: 17/06/2021

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