



## PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

### FORTY NINTH SESSION – THIRD MEETING 2021

#### Journal [DAY NINE]

- 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 21 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	Declare that the practice of wearing neckties during Parliament Sittings on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are now optional
(f)	Obituary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Aketoa Pirioi Tairea Tutakiau (Mauke)</li><li>2. Mehau Maryann Tairea (Manihiki)</li><li>3. Vainetutai Aruia Tanga (Atiu)</li></ol>

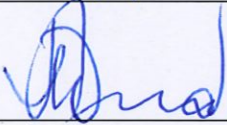
(g)	Statement by Ministers (Order 87)	Prime Minister, Mark Brown to defend the statement by Cook Islands businessman, Mike Pero, blaming Government the reason he did not proceed with his Pacifica Air project.
(h)	Personal explanations (Order 90)	Nil
(i)	Questions to Ministers and other members (Part XXIII)	<p><u>Question Time – 30 minutes</u></p> <p>1. MP V. Tupa question to Hon. V. Mokoroa – Swimming competition to be held on Sunday 27 of June which his Church does not approve. Can the Minister look into the issue and defer the event to another day?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> The President for Swimming, Romani Katoa confirmed that he does not know who sent the notice out but he thinks the notice was posted on FB by mistake. Katoa further confirmed that there would not be any competition held on Sunday.</p> <p>2. MP V. Tupa question to Minister G. Angene – there is an area at the Punanga Nui Market that needs upgrading. There is no allocation in this year’s budget, can the Minister explain why?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Yes, there is no allocation in this year’s budget maybe the Minister of Finance will consider an allocation in the next budget and to employ a Secretary under my leadership.</p> <p>3. MP T. Matapo question to Minister V. Mokoroa – The Registry Book on the island of Mangaia relating to Birth, Marriage and Death Registry. When are these services going to be given to Mangaia to administer?</p>

		<p><b>Response:</b> Hon. V. Mokoroa – I do not have the answer maybe I will get some clarification from the Secretary of Justice and respond tomorrow.</p> <p>4. MP S. Napa question to Minister V. Mokoroa – during the time when the Honourable Member Tingika Elikana was Secretary of Justice, some fees were put in place. Do you have any authority to reduce the fees or to exempt these fees during this difficult time of the COVID? If not, is there any way of helping our people?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Question answered by Minister R. Toki Brown – the matter is currently being discussed by the Secretary for Justice with Crown Law. The intention is to reduce the fees.</p> <p>5. MP S. Napa question to Minister R. Toki-Brown – the fees for the vaccination ID Cards are too high. Can the Minister guarantee that these cards will be accepted when travelling to NZ?</p> <p><b>Question Time Expired</b></p>
(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)	Nil
(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"> <li>1. MP A. Nicholas continued with his speech from last Friday 18 June 2021.</li> <li>2. Hon. R. Tapaitau</li> </ol>

		<p>3. Hon. T. P. Browne  4. PM, Hon. M. Brown concluded the debate on the second reading of the Appropriation Bill.</p>
(o)	Motions with notice for the adjournment of Parliament other than (1) above (Order 105)	<p>Nil</p> <p>Question put for the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2021.  Motion agreed to.</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY</b>  The Question is, that the sum of <b><u>\$1,450,581 for Agriculture</u></b> stand part of the Schedule?  Speakers:  1. Hon. R. Toki Brown  Committee of Supply interrupted by adjournment at 4.57 p.m.</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	MP T. Matapo
	Meeting adjourned at 4.57 p.m.	
	<b><u>Other occurrences in the House:</u></b> Hon. V. Mokoroa apologised for the use of the word “kamakura” in the House MP T. Tuavera accepted the apology.	
	<p>Members present:  Government:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hon. M. Brown</li> <li>2. Hon. R. Tapaitau</li> <li>3. Hon. V. Mokoroa</li> <li>4. Hon. R. Toki-Brown</li> <li>5. Hon. P. Arioka</li> <li>6. Hon. G. Angene</li> <li>7. Mr T. Elikana</li> <li>8. Mr A. Nicholas</li> <li>9. Ms T. Brown</li> <li>10. Mr T. Maki Kavana</li> <li>11. Mr T. Tangatapoto</li> </ol>	

	<p>12. Mrs A. Puna</p> <p>Opposition:</p> <p>13. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</p> <p>14. Mr W. Heather</p> <p>15. Mr T. Maoate</p> <p>16. Mrs S. Napa</p> <p>17. Mr V. Tupa</p> <p>18. Mr T. Tuavera</p> <p>19. Mr N. Baker</p> <p>20. Mr M. Kitai</p> <p>21. Mrs T. Matapo</p> <p>22. Mr M. Kitai</p> <p>23. Mrs A. Armstrong</p>	
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