

FRIDAY, 20TH JUNE 2014

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayers.

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES

Mr Speaker announced the Message from the Council of Deputies.

“MEMORANDUM for:

Mr Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa and in accordance with the Standing Orders of Parliament, consent is hereby given to the Legislative Assembly to consider the following Bills:

1. Constitution Amendment Bill (No.2) 2014.
2. Personal Property Securities Amendment Bill 2014.
3. Public Holidays Amendment Bill 2014.

GIVEN UNDER my own **Hand** this Thursday 19th June 2014.

(Signed): Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II
COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES”.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Clerk read out the list of Papers pursuant to Standing Order 48.

1. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 52, Annual Report of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment 2010-2011.

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Presentation of Select Committee Reports

2. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 53, Public Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2011.
3. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 54, Public Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2012.
4. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 55, Public Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2013.

PRESENTATION OF SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk read out the list of the Select Committee Reports pursuant to Standing Order 51(5).

1. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 56, Report of the Justice, Police & Prisons and Land and Titles Committee on the Family Court Bill 2013.
2. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 57, Parliament Commission of Inquiry Report on Allegations made by the member for Gagaemauga No. 2 against the Ministry for Revenue.
3. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 58, Report of the Justice, Police and Prisons and Land and Titles Committee on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 78 & P.P. 2013/2014 No. 79, Ministry of Police and Prisons Annual Reports for the Years 2007-2008 and Financial Year 2008-2009.

MR SPEAKER: I greet the respectable Parliamentarians this new morning, giving praise and thanks to God for his everlasting guidance that has enabled us to assemble back here today. We've worked effortlessly last night with much intention to conclude our Budget Statement discussion for government to proceed with its set plans and developments for the country. Thankfully, we've witnessed no sign of disruption whatsoever as the quorum is complete with a few more arrivals.

I officially greet and welcome everyone at Tiafau which is the House and place for our decision making as representatives of Samoa. This is a short day according to our sitting program comprising of bills and reports prepared by the Legislative Office and myself, before we ensue next week.

I believe we will now progress with orders of the day, I pray for God's blessings upon our program scheduled for today.

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CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2014
 – first reading

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Prime Minister): Mr Speaker I move with respect to extend sincere thanks to the Chairperson and members of the House. I rise at this initial sitting bearing witness to the good health and strength shown giving praise and glory to the Almighty God.

Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That this important Constitution Amendment Bill (No.2) 2014 be read for the first time.*

Seconded by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour and Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Motion approved and the Bill was read for the first time.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Orders the second reading of the Bill will be on the third sitting day following.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURITIES AMENDMENT BILL 2014
 – first reading

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour, the Deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon FONOTOE NUA FESILI PIERRE LAUOFO (Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Commerce Industry and Labour): Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Personal Property Securities Amendment Bill 2014 be read for the first time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Motion approved and the Bill was read for the first time.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Orders the second reading of the Bill will be on the third sitting day following.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL 2014
 – first reading

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon FONOTOE NUA FESILI PIERRE LAUOFO: Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Public Holidays Amendment Bill 2014 be read for the first time.*

Seconded by Minister of Women Community and Social Development.

Motion approved and the Bill was read for the first time.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Orders the second reading of the Bill will be on the third sitting day following.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS

P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 19, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 31, REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2012/2013 NO. 41, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Minister of Finance, the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILA EPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move a motion that, *That the Assembly approve P.P.2014/2015 No.19, Government Response to P.P.2013/2014 No.31, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No.41, Annual Report of the Samoa International Finance Authority for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2011, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Finance.

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**P.P. 2014/2015 No.19, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No.31,
Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P. 2012/2013 No.
41, Annual Report of the Samoa International Finance Authority for the
Financial Year Ending 30th June 2011**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI
SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker for the clarification of the House and
country I present the government response on the recommendation by the
Finance and Expenditure Committee for P.P. 2012/2013 on the report stated
above, I humbly present as follow:

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON THE REPORT OF THE
FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE ON P.P. 41
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA INTERNATIONAL
FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING
30th JUNE 2011.**

Recommendation 1:

To consider other alternatives which can attract foreign and overseas
companies to register and utilize the services provided by the Samoa
International Finance Authority (SIFA)

I have chosen this recommendation because it signifies foreign
companies overseas which means every country in the world excluding
Asia.

Reply:

The Authority recognizes as a primary aim that in the international
finance arena there is a need to continually keep abreast the latest
developments in order to remain competitive and attract foreign and
overseas companies. To this end, SIFA had considered new products like
trusts and asset protection structures and arrangements. For instance the
new Trusts Bill passed recently by Parliament was considered by all the
stakeholders and refined over two years in light of evolving international
standards. Moreover a draft foundations legislation is being considered
as an additional product. Besides diversifying its product base, SIFA is
also implementing its long term marketing plan which seeks to attract
businesses with substantial activities to physically establish in our
jurisdiction, hence the need to improve our infrastructure. All of SIFA's
financial services are regularly promoted in conferences and workshops
in Asia and most recently in Latin America, with advertisements and
articles in specialist publications circulated worldwide.

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P.P.2014/2015 No.19, Government Response on P.P.2013/2014 No.31, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No.41, Annual Report of the Samoa International Finance Authority for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2011.

Recommendation 2:

That the Authority thoroughly scrutinize every foreign company before registering to ensure such company have no affiliation to money laundering.

Reply:

The Authority continues to work closely with the Money Laundering Prevention Authority in pursuing compliance with international standards especially as SIFA is a member of the Task Force mandated to advise the Money Laundering Prevention Authority on all matters relating to money laundering and or the financing of terrorism.

Recommendation 3:

To comply with reporting obligations and submit Annual Report to Parliament as required by law.

Reply:

With utmost respect, the Authority apologies for the lateness in submitting its Annual Reports. At this juncture, the Authority has already submitted its Annual Report for 2012 whereas its 2013 financial statements whilst already audited by external auditor Lesa and Penn await reports from other sections of the Office to facilitate full completion of the Report in its entirety for filing.

We convey our sincerest appreciation from the *Pulega* to the Hon Minister I have received and there's no reason for you to hear it.

Mr Speaker that is the response, this Organisation was officially established in 1992. This new establishment seeks to develop more earnings to our economic development and has contributed to the Government's Budget Statement in years. They frequently conduct trips to meet foreign business partners normally during the Hong Kong Sevens and other countries. This trip gives us the opportunity to promote Samoa worldwide including other capitals that is visited.

Question put and when the Ayes have it, the Government Response on P.P.2013/2014 No.31, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No.41, Annual Report of the Samoa International Finance Authority ended 30th June 2011 was approved.

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**P.P.2014/2015 NO.20, GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON P.P.
2013/2014 NO.32, REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND EXPENITURE
COMMITTEE ON P.P.2011/2012 NO.95, ANNUAL REPORT OF
SAMOA LIFE ASSURANCE COPORATION FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/2011.**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister who is also the Minister of Finance.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Assembly approve P.P.2014/2015 No.20, Government Response on P.P. 2013/2014 No.32, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2011/2012 No.95, Annual Report of Samoa Life Assurance Corporation for the financial year 2010/2011 pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour and Minister of Women Communication and Social Development and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister to read out the response.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker in accordance to the Report of Parliamentary Committee upon the Annual Report of the Samoa Life Assurance Corporation 2010/2011 a response has been submitted to adhere its recommendations.

**“GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON P.P.2011/2012 NO.95, ANNUAL
REPORT OF SAMOA LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/2011.**

Recommendation 1:

To take leading role at promoting and encouraging all Government and Public Sector Employees to have Life Assurance policies with the Samoa Life Assurance Corporation.

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P.P.2014/2015 No.20, Government Response on P.P.2013/2014 No.32, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2011/2012 No.95, Annual Report of Samoa Life Assurance Corporation for the Financial Year 2010/2011

Response:

The Corporations marketing and promotions programs are continuing on radio, newspapers and TVs on various services and types of life policies available together with concerted efforts by our full-time life consultants who are required to go out into the market and to all Government and Public Sector organizations, private sectors and individuals in search for new business.

Recommendation 2:

To discourage Policyholders from withdrawing and surrendering their policies on their own accord but to promote long term savings and encourage policyholders to maintain their policies for the intended duration in order to claim benefit entitlements such as bonuses and sum assured when they are paid on maturity dates.

Response:

It is extremely important that Policyholders fully understood the benefits of taking up a life insurance policy with Samoa Life. They should be encouraged to maintain their policies until maturity in order to claim full benefits such as sums assured and bonuses and to discourage them from early withdrawals or surrendering of policies.

The division within the Corporation who are directly involved with life policy conservation work to improve policy retention and minimize early termination have been strengthened with more qualified and well-trained staff.

All Government and Public Sector employees must work together to collect insurance premiums by regular salary and wage deductions from their payrolls. This will not only be great assistance to policyholders but will also ensure the continuation of the life policy to its maturity date. It is a concern that some Government Corporations have decided to discontinue premiums deductions from their payrolls causing early termination of employee's policies.

Recommendation 3:

The Management and Board of Directors assess and develop other appropriate and quality Insurance schemes other than Life Assurance Policies.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.21, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.83,
Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2013/2014
No.3, Annual Report of the Unit Trust of Samoa for the
Year Ending 30 June 2012**

Response:

Management and Board of Directors will carefully consider looking into other types of insurances other than Life Insurance we can undertake in accordance to the Life Assurance Corporation Act 1976 to promote our services to our policyholders and to members of the public.

Mr Speaker those are the responses with recommendations by the Committee.

Question put and when the Ayes have it, Government Response on P.P. 2013/2014 No.32, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2011/2012 No.95, Annual Report of Samoa Life Assurance Corporation for the financial year 2010/2011 was approved.

**P.P.2014/2015 NO.21, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P. 2013/2014
NO.83, REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE ON P.P.2013/2014 NO.3, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
UNIT TRUST OF SAMOA FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2012**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Finance.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Assembly approve P.P.2014/2015 No. 21 Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 83, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2013/2014, No. 3, Annual Report of the Unit Trust of Samoa for the Year ending 30 June 2012, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Minister, the Hon Prime Minister to read out the responses.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker it seems that the reports are too small I have been ready from last to read out all these responses but it looks like Palu is sleeping.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.21, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.83,
Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2013/2014
No.3, Annual Report of the Unit Trust of Samoa for the
Year Ending 30 June 2012**

**“RESPONSE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO THE P.P 2013/2014
No.83, GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE P.P 2013/2014 No.3, UNIT TRUST OF SAMOA
(MANAGEMENT) LTD ANNUAL REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2012.**

Mr Speaker our Management has completed its review of the Parliament Committee regarding the Annual Report of the Unit Trust of Samoa (Management) Ltd as submitted to our office on the 31st March 2014.

We wish to submit our responses to the recommendations provided by the Parliament Committee in its report. Our responses are detailed below:

1. The Management has noted the recommendation to seek a suitable location to the relocation of the office. However, the current financial status of the Company is not strong and management has given priority to achieving a profit in order to comply with the requirements of the Public Bodies Act 2001. The Company is currently using the IT server and employees of the Ministry of Finance. This is done because the Company did not have the funds to purchase its own IT server and employ its own IT personnel. It is planned to wait until the new proposed Ministry of Finance building is constructed, then the office of the company can be relocated into that new building.
2. The Management agrees and supports the recommendation to continue awareness programmers and plans to attract potential local and overseas investors.
3. The Management agrees and supports the recommendation to consider together with the Board of Directors stable partnership between UTOS and other companies.

Overall, Management believes that the report is acceptable given the situation and status of the Company during the period covered under the Annual Report that is being reviewed by the Committee. We would like to convey our sincere gratitude to the Chairperson and the members of his Committee for the hard work and efforts put into the preparation of this report.”

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P.P.2014/2015 No.22, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.84, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No.44, Statement of Corporate Objectives of the Unit Trust of Samoa for the Years 2013-2015

Mr Speaker this is the report from the Unit Trust Organization. We should remember that people go to this organization to deposit savings that can be used as investments to become a shareholder to companies that have potential. Currently, the investors are the only ones who can buy shares, the initial planning of this organization began 40 years ago but is now officially established. It began with shares by the SamoaTel Company in 2011 based on the advice by the Cabinet which led to the privatization of Samoatel. This main objective of having UTOS is to assist the locals with high shares including the business entrepreneurs. Mr Speaker that is the response in relation to the report.

Question put and when the Ayes have it, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 83, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2013/2014, No. 3, Annual Report of the Unit Trust of Samoa for the Year ending 30 June 2012 was approved.

P.P.2014/2015 NO.22, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P 2013/2014 NO.84, REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2012/2013 NO. 44, STATEMENT OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIT TRUST OF SAMOA FOR THE YEARS 2013-2015

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister also Minister of Finance.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Assembly approve P.P 2014/2015 No. 22, Government Responses on P.P 2013/2014, No. 84, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No. 44, Statement of the Corporate Objectives of the Unit Trust of Samoa for the Years 2013-2015.*

Seconded by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Revenue, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister to read out the response.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.22, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.84,
Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2012/2013
No.44, Statement of Corporate Objectives of the Unit Trust of Samoa
for the Years 2013-2015**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI
SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker this is one significant aspect of the
report it states 2015 but we still have not reached it.

**“GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO P.P 2013/2014, NO. 84,
REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE FOR P.P 2012/2013 NO. 44, UNIT TRUST OF
SAMOA (MANAGEMENT) LTD STATEMENT OF CORPORATE
OBJECTIVES 2013-2015.**

Our Management has completed its review of the Parliament Committee
report regarding the Unit Trust of Samoa (Management) Ltd Strategic of
Corporate Objectives 2013-2015 as submitted to our office 3rd April
2014.

The Management agrees and supports all of the recommendations by the
Parliament provided in section 8 of the report.

We wish to acknowledge our sincere gratitude to your Honorable for
your support provided to the Company to achieve its outputs over the last
three years. Almost all of the outputs planned for the period 2013-2015
have been achieved except for “*online marketing and purchasing of
units*” which is planned for the implementation in the next financial year
if the financial status of the company continues to improve.”
Mr Speaker this is a reply to the report.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I speak of something brief, poor
Hon Prime Minister, he has been talking all morning.

MR SPEAKER: What is the matter Palusalua?

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: I just have a few questions regarding the
response by the government.

MR SPEAKER: I appease the member that there is no debate upon
Government Responses pursuant to Standing Orders. There is no such provision
to debate a government response tabled in the House. I beg tolerance Leader of
Opposition.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.26, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.106,
Report of the Primary, Production, Commerce, Industry & Labour
Committee on P.P.2013/2014 No.5, Annual Report of the Development
Bank of Samoa for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012**

Question put and when the Ayes have it, Government Responses on P.P 2013/2014, No. 84, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No. 44, Statement of the Corporate Objectives of the Unit Trust of Samoa for the Years 2013-2015 was approved.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker a point of clarification, I believe that these Reports and Government Responses should be open for discussion in Parliament to comment on. Where in the Standing Orders does it say, no debate is allowed?

MR SPEAKER: This is exactly what I mean. Let me reiterate it. Palu you are disrupting our orders this morning yet you have just woken up. See Standing Order 54, read it thoroughly, if you have any doubts, bring it up later.

**P.P. 2014/2015 NO.26, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014
NO.106, REPORT OF THE PRIMARY, PRODUCTION, COMMERCE,
INDUSTRY & LABOUR COMMITTEE ON P.P 2013/2014 NO.5,
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SAMOA
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2012**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Finance.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move a motion that, *The Assembly approve P.P. 2014/2015 No. 26, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 106, Report of the Primary, Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 5, Annual Report of the Development Bank of Samoa for the financial year ending 30 June 2012, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Revenue, and Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister to present the Government Response.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.26, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.106,
Report of the Primary, Production, Commerce, Industry & Labour
Committee on P.P.2013/2014 No.5, Annual Report of the Development
Bank of Samoa for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI
SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker I would like to read the response is
accordance to the request.

**“GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO.106,
REPORT OF THE PRIMARY, PRODUCTION, COMMERCE,
INDUSTRY & LABOUR COMMITTEE ON P.P 2013/2014 NO.5,
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF
SAMOA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30JUNE 2012.**

Recommendations by Committee:

1. To execute advertisements in publicizing to the public various development sectors and their importance where the Development Bank of Samoa can assist through the provision of loans.

Response

In March 2014, the Bank launched its new website to publicize its products and services for lending assistance including its lending guidelines. The Bank's lending assistance covers all development sectors of the economy such as agriculture, fishing, tourism, commerce and industry, infrastructure (schools, hospitals), SBEC and micro financing for women's committee in rural areas. The Bank is also a partner with the Ministry of Agriculture and SBEC for the SACEP project funded by the World Bank to revive agriculture development for livestock, fruit trees and vegetables.

The Committees recommendation is noted and Management is working on leaflets detailing general information about the Banks mandate and services for circulation at its main office and branch at Salelologa. We will also look at advertisements in the local papers to promote the services of the Bank.

2. To continue its collaboration with Samoa Tourism Authority, Ministries and State Owned Enterprises in providing suitable advice during its review of application for loans.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.26, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.106,
Report of the Primary, Production, Commerce, Industry & Labour
Committee on P.P.2013/2014 No.5, Annual Report of the Development
Bank of Samoa for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012**

Response:

Management has continued its collaboration with STA for advice given the increase in lending assistance to the tourism industry for the Cyclone Evan recovery programs and the upcoming SIDS meetings and Commonwealth Youth Games in 2015. For lending applications in sectors that the Bank does not have the expertise, Management seeks the advice of the relevant Ministry of State Owned Enterprise as required to assist with its review and assessment. The Bank values this assistance and will continue to strengthen collaboration to improve its services.

3. For the Bank to provide its support in promoting the agriculture sector through the provision of loans especially to clients who have successfully sold their products overseas. This is an important initiative that would serve the Banks priority in developing the country's economy, especially in preventing the issue of non-accrual loans from occurring.

Response:

The Bank in support of the Strategy for the Development of Samoa (SDS) 2012-2016 have prioritized its lending to the key sectors of tourism and agriculture. The existing client base for agriculture is mainly small to medium with a few semi commercial farmers. The Bank will support applications from export providers to improve export level in the economy. Management has also held a meeting with Women in Business (WIBDI) to discuss how we may work together in partnership to improve export of agricultural products. We will also initiate meetings with other key stakeholders to strengthen collaboration in support of export development. Women in Business is currently exporting Virgin Oil into England spending a quarter million a year also organic products. They are also exporting Misiluki bananas and also dried packed bananas, Samoa cocoa, coffee and fetau oil. I recommend members of Opposition to buy the fetau oil to use as a moisturizer on your face to make it smooth as stated by the Minister of Women yesterday. It is not only women who use these products.

Mr Speaker this is the wonderful Report by the Development Bank of Samoa prepared by the new CEO, Miss Susana Laulu who is single.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.27, Government Responses to P.P.2013/2014 No.95,
Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2013/2014
No.77, Annual Report of the Attorney General Office for the
Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012**

Question put and when the Ayes have it, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 106, Report of the Primary, Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour Committee on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 5, Annual Report of the Development Bank of Samoa for the financial year ending 30 June 2012 was approved.

**P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 27, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO P.P.2013/2014
NO.95, REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO.77, ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2012**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: I move a motion, *That the Assembly approve P.P. 2014/2015 No. 27 Government Response on P.P. 2013/2014 No.95, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P 2013/2014 No.77, Annual Report of the Attorney General Office for the financial year ending 30 June 2012, pursuant to Standing Orders.*

Seconded by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Revenue, Minister of Works, Minister for Women, Community and Social Development, Minister of Communication and the Minister of Agriculture.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister to present the response.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker with respect to the House and country I read out the following response as:

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO.95,
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT
ON P.P.2013/2014 NO.77, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING 30 JUNE 2012.**

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.27, Government Responses to P.P.2013/2014 No.95,
Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2013/2014
No.77, Annual Report of the Attorney General Office for the
Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012**

My office has received on Wednesday, 7th May 2014 the Government Administration Committees Report dated 29 April 2014 with regards to our Annual Report for financial year ending 30 June 2012.

In accordance with Parliament Standing Order 54 as relayed in the Committee's report, my office is happy to submit our responses to the recommendations provided by the Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. There are 2 recommendations provided by the Committee and below are our responses:

1. My office noted the first recommendation and would like to advise that our proposal for our offices restructure was submitted to the Cabinet on 20 February 2014 and we have yet to receive Cabinet's decision.
2. The second recommendation is also noted and also would like to advise that this matter has already been discussed and agreed upon. The decision has been made for the Law and Justice Sector to be moved to the Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration in July 2014 when the new financial year 2014/2015 start.

These are the responses to the recommendations provided by the Government Administration Committee's report. I would like to use this opportunity to convey my sincere gratitude to the Chairperson and members of the Committee for the completed report.

The issue mentioned has already been reviewed by the Cabinet especially the division that is in charge of payroll. The Cabinet puts emphasis on payroll and financial related areas including sufficient Budget. The Ministry of Public Service Commission is in control of remuneration packages for public servants. The Tribunal provides recommendations to the Cabinet about these remuneration packages. They also recommend payroll output to the services of the public servants in general.

This action taken is done to ensure appropriate remuneration packages as nobody in the world doubts that income earning is sufficient. This is not different from the complaints made by Palu in relation to high health costs. Despite an increase by a few cents, it is still too much and given zero earning received. This is the same nature for remunerations even if you are paid \$2 million it is still not enough some will ask for another 2 million. This is human nature nevertheless it is the Cabinet's decision to overlook certain aspects of services provided.

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P.P.2014/2015 No.28, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.92, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No.61 & P.P.2013/2014 No.75, Annual Reports of the Polynesian Airlines Company for the Financial Years Ending 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2013

This determines the rate of pay they receive also to balance fees amongst employees even if they are not under the Public Service Commission supervision. Mr Speaker that is the brief clarification to the Attorney General's response.

Question put and when the Ayes have it, Government Response on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 95, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2013/2014 No. 77, Annual Report of the Attorney General's Office for the financial year ending 30 June 2012 was approved.

P.P. 2014/2015, NO.28, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO.92, REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND EXPENITURE COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2012/2013 NO. 61 & P.P. 2013/2014 NO.75, ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE POLYNESIAN AIRLINES COMPANY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS ENDING 30 JUNE 2012 AND 30 JUNE 2013

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Minister responsible for Polynesian Airlines, the Deputy Prime Minister.

Tofa Hon FONOTOE NUA FESILI PIERRE LAUOFO (Deputy Prime Minister): Mr Speaker I move a motion that, *The Assembly approve P.P. 2014/2015 No.28, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No.92, Repot of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No.61 & P.P.2013/2014 No.75, Annual Reports of the Polynesian Airlines Company for the financial years ending 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2013.*
No debate shall be made upon this response as stated within Standing Order 54.

Seconded by Minister of Revenue, Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Deputy Prime Minister to proceed.

Tofa Hon FONOTOE NUSFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO: Mr Speaker it is my privilege to present the response given to the House and public listening in:-

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With reference to the recommendations by the Committee following their review of the above mentioned Reports we submit hereunder the Governments responses.

Recommendation 1:

That the Corporation in partnership with the Samoa Airport Authority (SAA) work hand in hand to identify and work out ways to improve its services not only to the public, but also to cater for international airlines that use Faleolo International Airport.

Response:

Polynesian Airlines tries to achieve a working relationship with the Samoa Airport Authority at all times not only for the improvement of services to the travelling public but also to maintain the right to perform these services at Faleolo International Airport.

Recommendation 2:

To review and identify benefits in the privatization of the Company in managing and implementing of its own services in order to accumulate profits. The Committee recommends this review on the basis that income of the Corporation continues to increase under the current Management, as reflected in the annual reports of the Company for the two Financial Years.

Response:

This recommendation is being looked at by a Special Team under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance. A recommendation from this Special Team via the Ministry of Finance will be considered by Cabinet before a final decision on the matter is made.

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Recommendation 3:

To review whether operations of the Fagalii Airport should continue or use the Faleolo International Airport for all airway travels.

Response:

The reopening of the airport at Fagalii in July 2009 since its closure in January 2005 is confirmed to be the main cause for the increase in the number of people travelling between the two Samoas. The main reason for this is the convenience of travel for the majority of passengers because of the proximity of Fagalii airport to the town of Apia and where the majority of businesses and people are in Samoa. It is very important to the Government that our people and those from overseas are given this convenience of travel available to Fagalii airport. Not only that it encourages people to travel between the two Samoa's, but it brings economic benefits to our people and businesses.

Recommendation 4:

That the Corporation follows up the outstanding debts of Samoa Air in order to increase the income of the Company.

Response:

The Management of the Company is already doing this as a normal business activity that should apply to this type of transactions because debt is a normal part of doing business.

Mr Speaker this is the response with respect.

Question put and when the Ayes have it, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No.92, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No.61 & P.P.2013/2014 No.75, Annual Reports of the Polynesian Airlines Company for the financial years ending 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2013 was approved.

MR SPEAKER: I believe we have reached our normal recess hour this morning, therefore we shall take recess because it is a short day, we will finish at 12.00 o'clock. This means we should now take tea before the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure presents the next Government Response.

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Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly are now set aside for its usual morning recess.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its usual morning recess at 10:14 until 10:50am.

MR SPEAKER: I announce the resumption of proceedings of the Legislative Assembly.

I thank everyone for your patience this morning; I believe we have regained strength from morning tea to enable to complete today's orders. As mentioned, today is a short day we finish at 12:00. This is based on our schedule and shall ensue proceedings next week.

Another thing for Parliament's information this is new morning considering the new sitting schedule program. We now have the chance for government to respond to the Parliamentary Committee reports tabled in the House. Today is a day for government to elaborate on the Government Ministries services particularly the responses to the Committee reports and findings.

I pray for your patience and dedication to the greatness tasks especially the Government Responses presentation. We have already received 6 Government Responses. Recommendations by the Parliamentary Committees have also been presented and clarified specifically the output by the various Ministries. That is the importance of today's sitting.

We are now up to the next process on Bills and Reports including the official Government Responses. There is schedule that we will continue proceedings next week with some urgent bills Urgency that must be deliberated. Therefore I ask members to have patience to attend and be present to proceedings.

Before recess this morning we were going to read No.8...

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Leader of Opposition.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker I apologize for the constant interruptions to Government Responses. Although we get the normal procedure, I believe we have available responses for debate pursuant to the clear provision under Standing Order 54, debate are allowed for Government Responses which should be case whenever necessary.

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MR SPEAKER: The Leader of Opposition I understand your concern, Palu your opinion has been noted, I will decide on it. In confirm all the raising issues to be provided under Government Responses. Government Responses is that, but we have another chance during the Committee's review pursuant to Parliamentary Committee schedule meetings. As with the current Standing Orders, the responses submitted by the Government are the official responses.

**P.P. 2014/2015 NO.29, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P. 2013/2014
NO.59, REPORT OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO.73, ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2010.**

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure): Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Assembly approve P.P.2014/2015 No.29, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No.59, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 73, Annual Report of the Land Transport Authority for the financial year ending 30 June 2010 pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by Minister of Police & Prisons, Fire and Emergency Services, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour and Deputy Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister to present the response.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker based on the fact that the responses are only stated within this paper I will try and put them together with the recommendations given by Committee. With all due respect we submit our responses as per recommendations given by the Parliamentary Committee of Works, Transport and Environment as mentioned above.

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YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2010.**

Recommendation 1:

Recommends the Authority to monitor the performance of the successful Road Construction Contracts, to ensure the achievements of quality performance, to minimize expenses on road maintenance with regards to torrential rain and heavy load trucks.

Response:

Monitoring of contractor performance is an on-going process, all contractors must comply according to standards/ specifications, any non-compliance can lead to termination of contract or other penalties.

Recommendation 2:

The Authority should work closely with the Samoa Water Authority and Electric Power Corporation in constructing maps of underground electricity lines and water pipe lines to avoid road destruction when relocating underground electricity lines and water pipelines.

Response:

A Utilities Committee has been set up which includes all the Ministers and Corporations that conducts works on the Road Reserve.

The Committee consists of:-

- Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure
- Ministry of Women Community and Social Development
- Electric Power Corporation
- Samoa Water Authority
- Land Transport Authority
- Bluesky
- Digicel

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Recommendation 3:

Conducts public awareness program on the community's role in maintaining village access roads. Having the public to play their role will save public funds.

Response:

Public Awareness for maintaining of access roads is an on-going process during and after every road opening.

Recommendation 4:

Considers Dealer Plates which illegally used by some Car Dealers to register their sold cars.

Response:

This is conducted in accordance with the Road Traffic Ordinance 1960, Part 19 in reviewing proposals for those companies who request for Dealer Plates. The first review whether is capable to operate as a Car Dealer Company. It satisfies, then condition of using dealer plates and penalties for non-compliance are explained accordingly.

Process for using Dealer Plates:

- To enable the vehicles to travel from Matautu Wharf to the Car Dealer Company
- Use for test driving vehicle on the road
- Use when the vehicle is taken to Engineering Workshop
- For the vehicle to be brought over to be registered and licensed at LTA
- The usage of Dealer Plates can only be used as set out on the process above

Recommendation 5:

Recommends the Board and the Management to consider the registration of vehicles in order to ensure the compliance of registration requirements for the safety of road transport.

Response:

The important part of work is conducted through the registration and licensing of any vehicle, ensuring that conditions under Road Fitness Guide 2002 are met including both left and right hand drive vehicles.

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Commercial vehicles including taxis and buses are registered and licensed twice a year to ensure the vehicles are road worthy and safe for transportation.

Any new vehicle imported to Samoa has to be registered and licensed. The vehicle cannot not be registered or licensed if owner does not provide relevant documents such as the Deregistration Certificate of Export Certificate and Port of Entry form the Customs Section of the Ministry of Revenue.

Recommendation 6:

Reconsider reduction of speed humps as road switch project smoothly continues. The Authority should also continue its Awareness Program on road signage, in order to assist traffic transport. Road signage also should be both in English and Samoan version.

Response:

- Speed Humps over the country have been reduced by 30% since the road switch in 2009. Further reductions will be based on the result of safety audits and investigations.
- Give Way Sign – Promotion and awareness programs are continued for the public to further explain the usage and importance of the signs on our roads.
- The Authority is working on appropriate translation for each Road Sign. Some signs will use longer words for translation, for e.g. Give Way – Tuu Avanoa. If the translation is put on the signs, letters/font will be too small and will not be in line with specifications of signs. It is also conducted during sessions for Drivers License the meaning and usage of these signs. Also note the Authority is using both Samoan and English for its signs, this can be confirmed with the Rehabilitation works for the East Cross Island Road from Tanugamanono to Siumu.

Recommendation 7:

Recommends the Authority to submit its Annual Reports to Parliament in compliance with the Act.

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Response:

The Authority are working in compiling the annual report (2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013) we are hoping to table it to Cabinet before June 2014.

Recommendation 8:

Conduct staff training to improve public relation skills with regards to receptionist's role, as the Committee noted public concerns and complaints to the Authority.

Response:

Customer Services sessions for the Authority continues as we value serving our clients on the telephone and when they visit the Authority at its location.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang (Individual Voters): Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang: I move with respect to express a concern on the state of how the report is compiled. It is titled in the Report 'Recommendations' when it should be Responses. I ask the Hon Mnister to instruct the Ministry to submit both Recommendations and Responses. The Report states Recommendations, but we are unsure of the Responses. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: The opinion made by the member is clearly understood and I believe the Hon Minister also understands that government responses should state both recommendations and responses like the previous ones presented.

Question put and when the Ayes have it, the Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 59, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No. 73, Annual Report of the Land Transport Authority for the financial year ending 30 June 2010 was approved.

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P.P.2014/2015, NO.31, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 85, REPORT OF THE FINANCE EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2012/2013, NO. 51 & P.P.2013/2014 NO. 14, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE BETTING TOTALISATOR AGENCY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS ENDING 30 JUNE 2011 AND 30 JUNE 2012

MR SPEAKER: I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker and respectable members of the House in response to my letter dated 29th April 2014 I respond as follows:

- I do not accept recommendations 1, 2 and 3 of the Committee because the Totalisator Agency Board has already actioned these same recommendations and is continuing to do so.
- I accept recommendation 4 and this is now being considered by the Totalisator Agency Board in their plans.

With respect.

Question put and when the Ayes have it, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 85, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 51 & P.P. 2013/2014 No. 14, Financial Statements of the Betting Totalisator Agency for the Financial Years ending 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2012 was approved.

P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 30, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 91, REPORT OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 6, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister responsible for the Airport Authority.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Assembly approve P.P. 2014/2015 No. 30, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 91, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 6, Annual Report of the Samoa Airport Authority for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2011, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by Minister of Natural Resources and Environment and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour.

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Report of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee on
P.P.2013/2014 No.6, Annual Report of the Samoa Airport Authority
for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2011**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister to present the response.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker, I present the response as follows:

Based on its Findings the Committee recommends to the Government:-

1. To consider provisions in returning groundling services under the Airport Authority as the Committee is certain that it is solely their responsibility. Furthermore, it would solve the Management's revenue issues in financing their operations.

Government Response:

As the airport operator, the Ground Handling contract at Faleolo belongs to the Airport Authority. Even though it will not operate it directly, it can tender it and be able to earn a percentage from it.

Due to Polynesians past financial issues, the Ground Handling contract was awarded by Cabinet to the airline to assist with its revenues. Polynesian should have been paying an annual 10 % commission fee to the Airport Authority,(approximately \$400,000) but it is only paying \$1000 a month. This will be much needed additional revenue to the Authority considering its continuing inability to earn a profit to enable a Government dividend.

With Governments plan to privatize Polynesian and also to return Fagalii to the Authority, this maybe a good opportunity to return the Ground Handling contract as well so that it can be tendered for the best service and earn additional revenues from it.

2. Management should consider Community Services Obligations in financing its services as was the purpose and reason behind the set up of these funds.

Government's Response:

For many years up to now, the Authority has been operating Maota and Asau airports at a loss due to limited revenue flights. It has to maintain certain airport standards in accordance with its MWTI issued airport operator license and be subjected to annual Regulatory Safety Audits. In a pure business sense, these airports should be closed down as they are not making money.

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However, due to the need to maintain these airports for the future access of air travelers, some compensation for Community Service Obligations is justified.

3. Recommend Management to conclude their Master Plan that would set out their priorities and way forward. The Committee believes that the Airport Authority has numerous services which would require an intended plan.

Governments Response:

The prime function of an Airport Master Plan (20 years) is to plan for future airport land development and usage. The peer review of the Authority's Draft MASTER Plan is included in the World Banks project for Samoa.

Mr Speaker these are the responses to the Committees recommendations.

Question put and when the Ayes have it, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 91, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 6, Annual Report of the Samoa Airport Authority for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2011 was approved.

MR SPEAKER: I believe we have reached the conclusion of our work pursuant to the Order Paper this morning. Therefore I think it is due time for a recess. As I have mentioned earlier there other government matters and other Parliamentary responsibilities engaged by other members, we must conclude for today. I take this opportunity to thank members of the House for your patience and endurance of today's sitting. The Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the Leader of Opposition and his party and all members, well done on your efforts as we arrive at the end of the week.

This is an opportunity for members to recuperate over the weekend that comes Monday next week, we have an urgent bill together with the approval of other legislations for government work to progress. I pray for your patience next Monday or Tuesday pursuant to our program schedule.

I extend sincere blessings for the weekend and pray for the Deputy Leader of Opposition Aeau and his illness, hopefully to return next week. May the good Lord guide our Parliament safely to Salafai to attend the funeral of the late Tuiloa, hence we shall meet again tomorrow.

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Thank you Samoa for the support rendered today. This morning has been a blessing to us all with hope that all duties are achieved especially preparation for the weekend and Sabbath.

I extend appreciation to the Government Heads and the private businesses before us today, praise the Lord for our services to Parliament.

Before we adjourn proceedings I call on Susuga Tuuu to conclude our day with a prayer.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned at 11.21am until
9.00am Monday 23 June 2014*