

**TUESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

*The Legislative Assembly met at 9.00am pursuant to the Parliamentary Sitting Program 2012.*

*Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.*

Prayer.

**GREETINGS BY MR SPEAKER**

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe we are all gathered in good health. I greet the distinguished Members of the Parliament in accord here today. I acknowledge the presence of the Leader of Government and Cabinet, the Leader of the Opposition and the esteemed Members of the House. I commend you for your patience.

I convey gratitude to you all for this morning is our last Prayer Meeting of the Term. Glory and Praise be returned to our Lord God for safeguarding us to the end of our five year Term. What else can we say but words of gratitude for being chosen and being acknowledged? It is not always simple as we greatly value the support and observance of Samoa. I greet the presence of the CEOs and Heads of Government Corporations and Departments this morning.

Furthermore, I greet the presence of the ladies and distinguished *faletua ma tausī, saoa ma tamaitai* present here to witness and support the Womens Parliamentary Program.

I greet and welcome you in the Parliamentary Chamber. You all have valuable roles in observing the procedures of the Parliament so that you may have hindsight especially for the choice of the nations upcoming elections.

Bless your duties of the day.

**MESSAGE FROM O LE AO O LE MALO**

*Mr Speaker announced the Message from His Highness, O le Ao o le Malo.*

**“MEMORANDUM To;**

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:

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**Certificate of Urgency**

1. Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016.
2. Yazaki Samoa Enterprise Bill 2015.
3. Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Bill (No.2) 2015.

**GIVEN UNDER** my own Hand this Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

(Signed): **Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi**  
**O LE AO O LE MALO.**

**CERTIFICATE OF URGENCY**

Pursuant to Standing Order 99(2) I, **TUI ATUA TUPUA TAMASESE EFI, O LE AO O LE MALO**, hereby issue the Certificate of Urgency to the Legislative Assembly to consider the Bill listed hereunder in its current Meeting.

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(Signed): **Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi**  
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### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

1. S/R 2015/9, Metrology Act 2015- Notice of Commencement.
2. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 78, Report of Operations and Statement of Accounts of the Samoa Senior Citizens Benefit Fund 2014-2015.
3. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 79, Samoa Airport Authority Annual Report 2014.
4. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 80, Ministry of Finance Annual Report 2014-2014.
5. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 81, Samoa National Provident Fund Annual Report 2015.
6. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 82, Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Report 2015.
7. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 89, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Annual Report 2013/2014.

### PRESENTATION OF SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 84, Report of the Works Committee on P.P. 2015/2016 No.29, Annual Report of the Samoa Ports Authority 2012/2013.
2. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 85, Report of the Works Committee on P.P. 2015/2016 No.30, Statement of Corporate Objectives of the Samoa Ports Authority 2015-2017.
3. P.P. 2015/2016 No. 86, Report of the Foreign Affairs committee on P.P.2015/2016 No. 6, Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2011/2012.

### SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (No.1) 2015/2016 – first reading

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI (Prime Minister, Minister of Finance):** Mr Speaker I stand with all due respect to move a motion, *That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016 be read a first time.*

*Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Justice Courts and Administration, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.*

*Motion approved and the Bill was read a first time.*

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**FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2015/2016 – tabling**

*The Minister of Finance, Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Auelua Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi, tabled the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (No.1) 2015/2015  
– motion for second reading**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016 be read a second time.*

*Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour, Ministry of Works, Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, and the Minister of Communication and Information Technology.*

**STATEMENT ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL  
2015/2016**

**Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA AUELUA LUPESOLIAI NEIOTI AIONO SAILELE MALIELEGAOI:** Mr Speaker and the distinguished Members of Parliament, it is with the utmost respect on behalf of the Government, that I table in Parliament the First Supplementary Estimates 2015/2016.

Mr Speaker, the First Supplementary Estimates 2015/2016 is themed “to live within our means.” The budget was carefully determined in consideration of the budget. It means that the fiscal deficit is not included as announced by the Government in the Main Estimates 2015/2016.

Summary of Estimates:

The Supplementary Appropriation totals \$8.58million sourced by the following:

- Additional revenue from Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA) of \$4 million;
- Additional revenue from dividends received of \$2.83 million;
- Additional revenue collected from the Office of the Regulator of \$1.1million;

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- Additional revenue from the Ministry for Natural Resources & Environment (MNRE) \$217,396;
- \$432,952 in VAGST from Ministries and Corporations.

**SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES:**

The First Supplementary Estimates 2015/2016 is prioritizing development and programs of the Government totaling \$9.06million and inclusive of VAGST. It is done so in the hopes of encouraging the Ministries and Departments of the Government to better the services to the nation.

The total excess expenditure amount of \$477, 205 is funded from the savings of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme and the Minister of Revenue.

The following developments are the priority expenditures:

Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

- \$350,000 to assist with development programmes for Women in Business;

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology

- \$1.1million is appropriated to fund Communication (Samoa Broadband Highway Project);

Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture

- \$1million is appropriated to support teacher's salary;
- \$511,887 will be used to support retired teachers who have returned to teaching to assist the development of Samoa's educational system;
- \$500,000 is for the support of scholarship students at the National University of Samoa.

Ministry of Finance

- \$151,044 is appropriated for the wages and salaries of the staff of the Ministry of Public Enterprises;
- \$70,000 will be allocated to cover utility costs for the Commonwealth Youth Games in August and September 2015;

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- \$57,500 will be allocated for the hosting of the PFTAC in February 2016;

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- \$116,879.40 is appropriated for operational costs for the Samoan embassy in Wellington;
- \$27,363 is allocated for end of contract salaries for the Embassy in Auckland;
- \$32,626 is allocated for operational costs for the Embassy in Brussels;
- \$19,266 is allocated to fund the salary of new student counselor in Fiji starting in January 2016;
- \$31,338 is allocated for the Ministry in Apia for end of contract benefits and salaries for local staff;

Ministry of Justice

- \$45,900 is appropriated for the salaries for personnel engaged for the Alcohol and Drugs Court (Drug and Alcohol Court Psychologist);

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

- \$29,400 is appropriated for the Customary Land Advisory Committee;

Ministry of Police

- \$63,805 is appropriated to cover the costs of outstanding invoices for building materials used for the Dog Management Unit;

Ministry of Revenue

- \$144,000 is appropriated for the financing of 2 new vehicles for revenue collection;

Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development

- \$1million is appropriated for the development of village water schemes;
- \$151,500 is allocated to fund the allowance increase of women representative from villages;

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- \$62,406 is reserved for the preparations of the upcoming General Elections in March 2016;

Attorney General

- \$64,753 is reserved for salary of the Director of Public Prosecution Office;

Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure

- \$1million is appropriated to fund contractual works for the Samoa Water Authority Division;

Ombudsman

- \$34,636 is appropriated for the Ombudsman for the salary of the Special Investigations Officer;

National Health Service

- \$1.5million is appropriated to support and continue programmes for the transfer of patients requiring overseas medical treatment;

Land Transport Authority

- \$1million is appropriated to fund contractual work for drainages in the urban area.

**Concluding Remarks**

Mr Speaker and esteemed Members of the Assembly, that concludes the First Supplementary Estimates. The allocation has been for the profit of improving the service to the public.

The consideration of the Appropriation has been done so in the hopes of better serving our people and maintaining the future well being of our people.

Mr Speaker, distinguished Members of the Legislative Assembly, on behalf of the Government, I wish to extend warm wishes to the respective Members of Parliament and all of Samoa this Christmas and New Year.

Bless this Meeting and soifua.

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### ADJOURNMENT

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to Standing Order 132, Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2015/2016 will adjourn for no less than 14 days. The Supplementary Estimates (No.1) 2016 will be referred to the Finance & Expenditure Committee for consideration to report back to the Assembly.

I believe we have come to the end of our orders of the day. I observe the Members of the Parliament and can conclude that we are indeed in need of a rest, as we were present earlier morning. I believe the Chair requested consideration of our backlog and I have here with me the list, nonetheless I believe time is available for this before the end of the Parliamentary Term.

This morning however, the Hon Prime Minister has extended Christmas and New Years wishes and so does the Speaker of the House.

I acknowledge the support of Samoa and I pray the Lord guides us all in good health to Christmas and the New Year.

The Speaker of the House and Office of the Legislative Assembly are currently handing out small tokens in the form of flash drives, neck ties, and small golden pins for Christmas in relaying our gratitude and respect to the Members.

Before we depart, I ask Afioa Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga to conclude us in a prayer.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly adjourned at 9.28am until 9.00am on Tuesday 26 January 2015.*