

**TUESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**

*The Legislative Assembly commenced its sitting at 9.00am in accordance to Parliament Sitting Program Schedule 2015.*

*Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.*

Prayer.

**MESSAGE FROM LE AO O LE MALO**

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

**“MEMORANDUM for:**

**Mr Speaker:**

Pursuant to Section 59, the Constitution of the Government of Samoa declares that the Standing Orders 95 presents its consent to the Legislative Assembly to review the following bill hereunder:

1. NPF Amendment Bill 2015

**GIVEN UNDER** my Hand today this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 2015.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe the House is complete given the presence of the dignitary members of the House this new morning in all its honorific salutations as chosen representatives of the Territorial Constituencies in the country. That is **the same honorary salutations of Samoa as a whole.** I extend warm greetings to you all as we gather here once again at the first day of business, congratulations and warm greetings. Well done on your patience notable members of the House.

Greetings also to His Highness and His Good Lady, the Council of Deputy and his Good Lady, the support of Samoa and its divisional statuses, the *alii ma faipule, faletua & tausi, saooa ma tamaitai*, the household employees and your service to the country. I also greet the heads of Government Ministries and Corporations here with us this morning. We have arrived at the scheduled business of the day pursuant to the Sitting Schedule Program and the Appropriation Supplementary Budget Statement.

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### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

*The Clerk read out the tabling Papers pursuant to S.O 48.*

1. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 180, Development Bank of Samoa Annual Report for the year 2014.
2. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 181, Samoa Law Reform Commission Report on the Judicature Ordinance 1961- Final Report 03/11.
3. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 182, Samoa Law Reform Commission Report on Child Care and Protection Legislation- Final Report 11/13.
4. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 183, Samoa Sports Facilities Authority Annual Report for the Year 2012/2013.
5. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 184, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 127, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 38, P.P. 2012/2013 No. 39 & P.P. 2012/2013 No. 40, Public Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 30th June 2008, 30th June 2009 & 30th June 2010.
6. P.P. 2014/2015 No. 185, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 56, Report of the Officers of Parliament Committee on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 12, Reports of the Controller and Chief Auditor to the Legislative Assembly for Periods ended 30th June 2010 & 30th June 2011.

### MOTION BY THE BUSINESS, STANDING ORDERS, HOUSE ELECTORAL AND PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE MOTION

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Chairperson of the Committee.

**Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA (Deputy Chairperson of the Business, Standing Orders, House, Electoral and Parliament Committee):** Mr Speaker, before I move the motion I firstly wish to thank you for the leading worship this morning which is our thanksgiving prayer to God for his guidance and protection upon everyone as we come to the first sitting day of the year. I greet the honourable Speaker, the Leader of the Government and the Cabinet, leader of the Opposition and the respectable members of the Legislative Assembly of Samoa.

Greetings also to the Office of the Legislative Assembly, the Government Heads and Samoa present this morning. I also greet His Highness, Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady and the members of the general public listening in to our proceedings this morning. Mr Speaker, I rise to move a motion, *“That the Legislative Assembly confirm the Schedule Sitting Program 2015/2016 presented herewith as confirmed by the Committee of the Business, Standing Orders, House Electoral and Parliament Committee.”*

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**Motion by the Business, Standing Orders, House Electoral and Parliament Committee Motion**

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>January 2016</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>20</i>		

With utmost respect.

*The motion was approved.*

*The motion was approved and the Schedule Sitting Program 2015/2016.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL(NO.1) 2014/2015  
– debate on second reading**

**MR SPEAKER:** Pursuant to the Standing Orders we shall progress debate on the second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2014/2015.

This is the chance for members to speak on the Supplementary Budget and the economic level of Samoa and the Government financial policies.

I also advise everyone that sections of this bill cannot be discussed one by one. You have already spoken about this bill hence you are allowed to speak on sections of this legislation during its consideration in detail hence direct your comments generally for transparency purposes in relation to the tabling proposed bill from the previous month.

This is the opportunity for members to speak. You have 30 minutes hence I shall give it to the floor for anyone to make submission on this bill.

I call the member for Faasaleleaga No. 2, Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity as well as the notable House. I support our prayer of thanksgiving this morning given God's merciful love that has guided the Parliament of Samoa to this New Year to resume its business as usual. Sincere thanks to the honorable Speaker for chairing our meetings for the past couple of years up to this morning. Well done on your efforts, congratulations for leading the Chamber forward. Thank you also to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet for the good developments and the implemented work done for our government. We are grateful for making it to the beginning of this New Year, well done on your efforts.

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I also convey appreciation to this side of the Chamber, the Opposition side. The recommendations submitted to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet is believed to be submissions from the Opposition side and everyone contributing to the development and welfare of Samoa.

Thank you also to the Clerk and the staff of the Legislative Assembly for the work done for the House.

On the same note, thank you Government heads, you are the right hand people (pillars) to the Government and the country, well done on your endeavors.

I beg forbearance to the support of the country and His Highness Le Ao o le Malo and his Good Lady, the Council of Deputy and partner, the Hon Chief Justice and the notable Judiciary. The various divisional status of the country from paramount chiefs to commoners, your dignified status remains forever.

I also extend sincere gratitude to the servants of God who are praying for the country's wellbeing. Thank you for the effort well done.

I also greet the constituency of Faasaleleaga No.2 in all its honorific salutations.

I wish to comment on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) Mr Speaker, well done Prime Minister for the Appropriation Bill beforehand. By observation I think we have about 10 million of the Supplementary Appropriation left this year. Well done Ministry of Finance and everyone who have contributed to making this Budget Statement possible for the year 2015.

Based on observation, we have \$2.58million remaining funds from the SIDS Conference in the Budget Statement. Such is the appreciation for this portion of available funds to assist our Budget. Through the findings, this funding allocation was approved by Parliament to assist with all related work of the SIDS Conference together with the assisting Ministries that were involved including the Ministry of Police; it was noted that they had presented a 16 working days allowance request. This matter should remain anonymous to Parliament given sincerity however the remaining funds have been returned yet the allowance and overtime for Police officers remain unpaid....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:**  
Mr Speaker a point of clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the members, I call the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:**  
These allowances have already been paid. The reason for the delay was due to a few queries required by the Ministry of Finance whereby the police sat on it for three months. That was the case as I too was being advised of this matter and gave instructions that responses must be provided to these queries which are important for the Ministry of Finance. The reason for the given queries is based on the Ministry of Finance's requirements to protect government funds.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well the clarification has been accorded notable member. Be upstanding to resume your speech.

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**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVA IOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Lest we continue exchanges with the Hon Prime Minister, but the allowance that you are referring to is in relation to the auxiliary Police officers but I am speaking about the allowance for regular police officers that have not been paid Hon Prime Minister.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, the Ministry has already been told as per directive from the Cabinet. This case has also been submitted to the Cabinet to endorse the Ministry of Finance to make payments for these (allowance) given normal procedures, which drew rising complaints against the government due to the fact that some government heads refuse to comply and lack insight of the instructions given which were approved Cabinet directives from the previous year to process allowances and income increments for the Police Officers of very few number, I think there were about four of them. I knew about it because I was approached directly by this Police Officer.

**MR SPEAKER:** I think the matter is now understood, regarding allowance paid to the police officers which has been done.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVA IOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Mr Speaker I get it, at least the Hon Prime Minister is not aware about the allowance.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I am talking about documented stuff but your arguments are based on gossips. That is reason why we are at fault, once statements are heard, you automatically jump to conclusion, but I am referring to documented stuff received in Cabinet not hearsay. But referring to the letter I received quoting, “we plead directly to you Tuilaepa we have no other way of seeking assistance”. This matter was referred (by myself) to the Tribunal to scrutinize and they responded that the police officers were correct. The Cabinet directive had already been given but was not implemented.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr Speaker....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance Leader of the Opposition, the morning has just begun....

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** No because my name was mentioned, with all due respect Mr Speaker.

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**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** What this side intends for is that the Police will come to us if you do not do (what they want).

**MR SPEAKER:** Well.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** I am talking about the police officers that were working for the SIDS that is what we are saying. They have not been paid.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, a point of clarification. Who were the police officers that came (to you)?

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg of you Palusalue.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** I refuse to make them know in case you sack them. Yes.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** If they come to you, fine go to Palu, what do you get out of Palu?

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** I am talking about allowance not increments.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg your pardon Leader of the Opposition.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, this is important, do not bring false statement to the House, do not....see the.....the same with this law....

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** These are not lies your honor, these are the overtime for the Police, that's what I mean.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg indulgence Leader of the Opposition.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Palu, your arguments are only based on gossips, stop listening to gossips and spreading gossips as that is injustice.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance respectable member, the matter is now well taken....

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** I also want to correct something, it's not an allowance we are talking about, it's the overtime for all the regular Police officers who worked during the SIDS.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of the Opposition, I advise the member to refrain from discussing payment which has been achieved direct your statement to the Budget Address member for Faasaleleaga No.2.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Well thank you, the most important thing is that the matter will be resolved because in truth, it is....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker a point of clarification. The case involves four policemen that does not involve SIDS, all SIDS related matters is now through, as I reiterated these payments have been made before we had the White Sunday. Do you recall White Sunday? It's the second week of October and this was done before White Sunday. You see, this was completed for quite some time now. October, November, December, January, talk about something new.

**MR SPEAKER:** Be upstanding notable member. Resume your speech on something new as the matter is now clarified.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Very well Mr Speaker, I will move on regardless of my discontentment. The Hon Minister is listening \$75 allowance per day for all police officers who have worked for the SIDS and up until today they still haven't been paid. This is my statement before Parliament....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance this matter is now clear....

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, payment for these police officers have already been given. Note that we had negotiations regarding salary scale for these employees. The Ministry of Finance had queries regarding the exact concerns that we are discussing now. What I am saying is what the government is working for which you should support instead of argue, argue, argue. But it would be good to get those policemen and take them directly to the office instead of approaching you, what will they get from you? You are no longer the Commissioner. But if they come to you, you are (now) a member of the Government, give them the correct statement. See they have approached you for so long hence you should've consulted the Minister.

That is the most righteous thing to do. But sitting on it and submit it now when the matter has been resolved long ago, speak of something new not rubbish (talks).

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the respectable member.

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**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIO MANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Very well, I get you now thank you, it is good to have this raising matter for the sake of the respective Minister, but I am not against your honor (Prime Minister) and the Cabinet but I guess the request has reached the Ministry as well as the Minister regarding this issue, in essence, the significant funds (for the SIDS) have been returned with incomplete processes using these funds, nevertheless, well appreciation Mr Speaker.

On to the Ministry of Finance pursuant to proposed funding. Funding allocation for the airport improvement is a must as this is the gateway to our visitors. In query as a member, the Public Trading Body is one of the Government's agencies. When will the Airport Authority contribute and assist with our Budget Address? That is my question. The intention behind this Public Trading Bodies query is to provide assistance. But we shall await their contribution and assistance to help fund our developments?

On to Appropriation Budget under the Ministry of Finance. I take it that there is allocation funds allotted for Associate Ministers offices. In query as a new member, does this regard new Associate Ministers or old reshuffling members? How were the old offices funded, seeing this new item in the Budget Address, it looks as if it refers to new Associate Ministers when truthfully it refers to old members for the current Parliamentary term. That is the question, why fund new offices for the new Associate Ministers?

On to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment....

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I am in awe of this very simple matter. Once we have changing line up for the Ministers, the same goes for the Associate Ministers sitting next to its Ministers not change Ministers in place of another Minister whilst you sit beside the old Minister, see how simple that is. Whatever rooms we have available is what we'll use, but you must still consult the new Ministers and the many roles such as what you are telling us to do, see how easy it is.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Leader of the Opposition.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** This question is totally right, \$700,000 was used to fund the offices of the Associate Ministers at NPF.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg indulgence Leader of the Opposition.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** A point of clarification. It is not \$700,000, see, do not be smart and exaggerate, you have effortlessly stated the total amount. The funding was very small compared to the number you state?



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**MR SPEAKER:** I call the member for Faasaleleaga No.2.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIONOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Next up, thank you Hon Prime Minister for the response. On to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, I see that we now have funds for the seawall area. I too presented a submission to the Hon Minister fortunately I think I am quite comfortable.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker I have already given instructions, the Budget Address shall not be discussed, yet the member is still considering this in detail, the Budget is gradually increasing, we are discussing this until referral to the Committee as per normal procedures.

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the respectable member, direct your comments in general as clarified in the beginning. I call the notable member.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIONOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Mr Speaker that is why this was mentioned in general given the constituency's unspecified request. Although the seawall area was specified, but generally speaking this was made in Parliament. In query, your distribution turns out to be rather suspicious Hon Minister. One of the men from Faasaleleaga No.1 gave a good share of the distribution until he was the only one left, then he quote, "Well, the children of Soanai is again not included". This is similar case with the current distribution by the present Minister.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg indulgence respectable member, I give the chance as the respective Minister who is the rightful distributor is now being accused. I call the Hon Minister.

**Tofa Hon Faamoetauloa Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii (Minister of Environment):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. No the budget mentioned here is the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2014/2015, which is recovery work funds from Cyclone Evans for improvement. That is a different [funding allocation you are referring to that covers seawall areas for the different constituencies.](#)

That is the explanation on this matter.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIONOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Well done, see how wonderful this is, the question was useful for us to understand this matter in depth. Thank you Mr Speaker, but that is our request for your consideration as the coastal area is located quite close to the lands of this district.

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On to special funds for technical services. Land is an essential subject matter raised in previous Parliamentary sessions, responsible by the Minister's Ministry who gives registration on freehold lands and customary lands.

We have issues from members of the public, pardon the village of Salelologa regarding many contacts received on land distribution for the village pertaining to its title. That title is the person's rightful possession then we contact them particularly the business owners who seek to purchase lands permanently otherwise, the problem is the land protection under the Customary Land Act which prohibits this doing. But as a recommendation to the Government, isn't it about time to obtain legislation on customary land or a category section on customary land involving cases of this sort. Rightfully, the land ownership also seeks interest in developing income for the family which is the same opportunity given to the land investors to develop new business ventures. That is the recommendation for the future.

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member I give opportunity to the Hon Minister.

**Tofa Hon Faamoetauloa Lealaialoto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. The stated point by the member is technically under customary land under leased land using unfertile lands. Supporting another issuing statement, customary land is prohibited from being purchased. This is under Section 102 of the Constitution as stated by other members. But there is chance to lease customary land to major businesses. But if the customary land owners refuse to lease, legally they are fine. Respectfully.

**MR SPEAKER:** Very well thank you. I call the member to resume his statement.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Well thank you. Just an advise moving forward, I get the current legislation but since we have received a number of people wishing to understand the legal processes, this is the reason for raising this since this isn't the first nor the second time we've been approached by these people. Perhaps the new landowners in Salelologa are hearing this, a land plot was bought by the Government. That is the recommendation for the future.

For instance, if the government wishes to allocate lands to the village communities in the future, that will be a chance for them to be given divisional lands if possible to pursue this process further and proceed with buying permanent land. Hon Minister I understand the existing legislation on retained authority incorporated however this is not the case anymore as implemented in the past. I believe it is appropriate to omit (this process) given the chiefly plans ahead of time. The legislation should omit sections of the customary land without having to deal with family lands that must be retained. This new process is for the Government's interest through interested investors wishing to buy lands from the village communities in assistance to (them) landowners in the future.

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On to the Ministry of Justice, generally speaking Mr Speaker from the things I see, there is also section for the wellbeing of fathers not just the mothers and children.

Hence, a careless father leads to difficulties, but in essence to funding, if that could be allotted to building a new Court House in Tuasivi, as the current one in the Tuasivi district is small in capacity, we have an increasing number of population in Savaii and majority of them would sit outside the court house during hearings. This court house has an air condition with missing louvers wasting the air condition. That is the reason for our request, have mercy as the Minister of Justice is not present before us, please consider a District Court House at Tuasivi.

On to the Land Board, this is one of the contributing sectors to our Budget Address. I am grateful to this well administrated body essentially its contribution to our Budget Address which I wholly support.

The only plea Hon Minister is the request, perhaps you came across the unachieved church service by the village of Falealupo due to the bridge at Sapapalii last Sunday. Yet, you've already announced that these bridges will be developed affirming Sapapalii Bridge first on the list.

That is reason for the plea considering the emerging reasons now before improvement. My utmost concern is the gap between Tuasivi and Salelologa whereby most of the emergency cases are blocked due to this bridge. Consider some assistance for the Sapapalii Bridge that is the plea Hon Minister.

**MR SPEAKER:** You have two more minutes.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Moving on to the Bureau of Statistics, thank you for the additional funds in the Budget Address. One of the major areas I raised when we had our general submissions on the Budget Address is setting a special fund to carry out the tasks of the various Ministries, particularly on health research and family development using to this funding, well done. It is good to have this raised and seeing that it is now being implemented.

On to the Ministry for Revenue, this is the backbone of our economic growth given the good works of this Ministry that I fully support. I also see that these funds seek to improve quality service and capacity building trainings which is also very important for the Ministry. In the presence of the Hon Minister, I give thanks for the collected revenue for our implemented tasks.

I believe those submissions will be very helpful and be considered by the Prime Minister and Cabinet moving forward specially for this district. Have a blessed meeting Mr Speaker and Parliament. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you. I advise you all in accordance to our normal Parliamentary procedures, as reiterated earlier, this Budget Address is our Supplementary Appropriation Budget.

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Your submissions and recommendations for our Main Estimates of \$10,790,000 in the previous year is far more than enough, whilst now, direct your statements and general comments to the current Budget Address and make submissions to the Government on ways to improve them for the constituencies. I plea whilst time is wasted, the floor is now open for further comments.

I call the member for Alataua West.

**Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALESA (Alataua West):** Mr Speaker, I rise with respect in the presence of the Leader of the Government, and the dignified representatives of the country and the constituencies support.

Before I proceed, I wish to greet Samoa. I also greet my constituency, I greet you in the spirit of Christmas and New Year, I believe you have had a relaxing break. I greet all members of the district in all your honorific salutations. Well done on your support and patience, we have come to the end of this Parliamentary term.

Lend me your support I shall be brief, the tabling Supplementary Appropriation has an estimated total of \$10,700,000+ which is quite small. But this figure will increase from year to year. Unforgettably, I acknowledge the Government heads and the staff of the Ministry of Finance who were engaged with drafting the Budget Address for the House.

We only intend to provide recommendation for improvement. Hon Minister of Education, we request a new school building for our district, we have two delayed school buildings in the district one being Falelima that had been demolished long enough, yet we are still striving.

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member for Alataua West, the Hon Minister has recognised your statement; I call upon the Hon Minister.

**Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu (Minister of Education, Sports and Culture):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. The Ministry of Education is not given in the Budget Address. Thank you.

**Afioga LAFATELE PATRICK LEIATAUALESA:** I though the Hon Minister was clear of the issued statement. I was not speaking about the Budget Address; I was only giving a recommendation and reminder. I only have one submission, hence be mindful, even if this is unachievable, I will return in the Elections.

Statements this morning does not intend to object the good Government developments Mr Speaker. In consideration, this district has been very pleased and rejoiced after receiving water supply that we desperately asked for in the past.

Hon Prime Minister and the dignified House, that is intention, I am not a high minded person, when I see a problem, I speak straightforwardly. I beg tolerance Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. That is our aim; we continue to remind you about the district's demands for improvement which is our calling during this stage of life.

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Mr Speaker I believe your task is not easy, I guess that is why God created your shoulders and chest wide to overcome the difficulties in this life.

Thank you Samoa for your support, whatever statement or custom that sounds irritating to you, we rely on your support, forgive us if we have wrong you this morning.

To my district, you have heard our submission regarding new school buildings, let us be patient, Rome was not created in a day, but I know you are a patient district like the new water supply request that we fought for countless times in the past until it was granted (to us) by the Government.

Mr Speaker, that is our statement this morning, if the Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Minister of Works pays a visit someday soon, the drinking water for the district is remarkable, the has sung joyfully to the heavens for the granted request. I do not know why there was a long delay, but there is belief that we did not ask the government desperately enough, otherwise we are gratefully thankful this morning.

Samoa, your support is not that easy, we pay deepest appreciation to you. I believe this House is the utmost aim of any member to pay their respects given the countless bills that was initiated by our forefathers and descendants until today. That is our statement this morning.

Have a blessed meeting for the country.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done on your speech member for Alataua West. The House is now available for another member. I call upon the member for Faleata East.

**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO (Faleata East):** First and foremost, let God be praised, Firstly, pardon the fields of Tiafau, the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet particularly the Parliament, the heads of Government Ministries, and the media.

Perhaps this morning, I wish to state Samoa's honorific salutations. In essence to saving time, I acknowledge Tuma & Pule, Faleupolu o Tofiga that holds significant lifetime connection. I also greet my constituency in all its honorific salutations. Lend me give your support, as I make a contribution regarding the Budget Address beginning of this year.

The tabling Budget Address given by other members is short involving a few critical factors I wish to consider in detail. The first section, I wish to provide a [short statement and recommendation to the Government Ministries](#) for the commencement of this year. The Ministry of Forestry has several recommendations by the previous Committee of Revenue and Expenditure, this recommendation exists; install solar panels to reduce electricity costs. Hence this is one significant costs incurred to pay electricity expenditure indicated in the current Budget Address. That is the query to the Minister of Works who is the respective Minister for EPC. In query, the Committee has numerous questions on installing solar panel for the Ministry; considerably we have about four solar panel companies now set up in the country.

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I know one New Zealand solar company that has initiated its services in Tuanimato, well correct me if proven wrong. If this undertaken is conducted, what assistance can they provide to the country since they progressed with this solar undertaking? Nonetheless, if the availability of all solar systems exists including the entire airport coverage area, what possible assistance or fewer burden can the Ministry forecast for this new solar undertaking for the country's information? How low can it go for electricity costs because this isn't an easy undertaking? I am asking the Committee who had prepared this report if they had thoroughly assessed the total financial expenditure required to install solar panels for each Ministry? How much expenditure in total? If this will be implemented, how much money will be required for this development? I wish to get an insight of these major solar companies with hope to obtain reduced electricity costs.

While the EPC still exists, perhaps it's been three years since the members of the EPC conducted a survey with my belief that the Ministry (EPC) members were purchasing wires used by companies exporting copper abroad which is now new. Perhaps this isn't new....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg indulgence member, I withhold such statements on this case due to....I call the Hon Minister of the Electric Power Corporation.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala (Minister of Works, Transport & Infrastructure):** Thank you Mr Speaker, I greet the dignified House this new morning. The raising matter is currently under investigation by the Police. Hence I advise to refrain talks on this matter until the police investigations are completed, but we get you. The Ministry (EPC) currently has set programs for the alleged, such as, they undertook....we have set plans to monitor all implemented tasks such as GPS installed in vehicles, consequently the matter is now investigated by the Police with appropriate laid charges.

On to solar matter raised by the notable member, looking at the overall summary of 2017, the renewable energy status is 100%. Currently, consents have been granted to solar power agreements. This is similar to 'don't count the eggs before they hatch', and the implemented works, the wordings pardon my lips and fire, is under a monitoring process including the new solar power companies. The projections we have in the future aims to achieve a huge and positive change by 2017 which is our main target.

The cost of electricity is also undertaken with the assistance of the Office of Regulator starting this year until the coming year. That is the assistance but we have received much help from the New Zealand Solar Company specially the wind executed in Aleipata, this is a good communication received within this Grid in relation to electricity and its services, as well as solar agreements already consented, plans are currently developed at the airport as well as Tuanimato, those are the set target we aim to achieve.

Respectfully Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you. I call the Hon Prime Minister.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, perhaps it has taken four years since Cabinet gave orders to seek the reported missing electricity wires alleging the people who had taken them. These started from telephone posts installed with copper wire.

It is not just in Samoa that this is happening; I read another story about wire copper theft in New Zealand that had happened during broad daylight. The family thought that the men removing copper were part of an official project. This doing took the whole day and upon the return of the family after two weeks time and questioned it. That's how they found out about this wrongdoing that they did in broad daylight.

Copper had a huge market value. No one exports metal overseas except for companies whose sole purpose is to deal with such metal. The investigation is looking into these types of companies. That is the clarification given by the Hon Minister.

Things like this will always happen. In this world, it is mixed with evil. Just like Jesus, among his followers was the devil.

Mr Speaker this is why it is important not to interfere with the works of the officials as based on investigations, although it took too long nonetheless it's become successful, the culprits have been found.

Mr Speaker that is the basis behind this question.

**MR SPEAKER:** Now that this matter is in the hands of the Authorities do not interfere with the works of the officials. At least we are aware now that the investigations are now undertaken for the culprits. But we cannot discuss it until reports are completed for the alleged persons.

I call the notable member, I believe the Hon Minister has clearly clarified regarding forecasts and positive statements on solar systems, but I call the member to resume.

**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO:** Thank you Mr Speaker, Hon Minister and the Hon Prime Minister for clarifying the matter but the only recommendation is to obtain a resolution to this matter in case the country misses the reducing costs to this initiative.

I convey appreciation to the Hon Minister for the fixing pipelines connected to Papaseea given the several unsuccessful attempts over the years due to the elevated Papaseea site. But given that this is one of the most visited attractions [sites in Samoa according to the Samoa Tourism Authority records](#), however, it is disappointing to note that the pipelines are not properly installed. Such is the plea to the Hon Minister; work is now in progress and needs to be completed, with respect.

On to the Ministry of Forestry, I give gratitude to the Hon Minister and the Ministry for the implemented work achieved. Viewing the Budget Statement, the Ministry is now being relocated to the opposite side since a new Chinese set up will be built on the old MAF location, but the assistance is good to take.

The recommendation by the Committee of Revenue on cattle is incorrect that the number of cattle recorded in the country is incorrect.

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I have a question Hon Minister, I guess you've asked that question far too often now, but I wish to ask about the SACEP program. In query, how many farmers we have so far for this (SACEP) program so far? As known, we have four years since we have this program. Such is the question to the Hon Minister, how many farmers do we have for Upolu and Savaii under this program. Note that this money is not small amount. Note that this common matter raised previously in Parliament is very beneficial for the country. How much expenditure spent on these farmers? This is a very critical program that should be executed for the people's benefit and welfare.

I wish to thank the Ministry implementing this \$5million program from cyclone in the village communities. As some village communities aim to visit the SACEP program, a few problems exists. But we will leave it to the Ministry to consider and submit recommendation in a future sitting.

On to the Ministry of Justice now that the Minister is present before us today, my question regarding the Budget Address is very simple. There was a concept I queried involving repays or fees service fees. What's happening now is that these fees have gone up to 100%. The Lands and Titles Court now has a \$100 fee from of \$40 for Title similar to the LTA 100% vehicles registration, starting this year and other services, I know all government services hold the same doing which is new solution for people seeking assistance. Such is the plea Hon Minister, have a look at these area to see if the fees have really gone up, do we have a formula to raise fees to 100% or 50% there must be a set standard for raising fees?

To be consistent, that it the main aim for this raise as stated by the Hon Minister of Finance, raise quality standards of the Ministries to better their services for the public's needs. The base fees must be standardised and set appropriately instead of imposing charges and fees freely by the Ministry. Hon Minister, this must be reviewed properly.

Thirdly, I wish to speak on environment. We now have several....

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the notable member, the opportunity is now given to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:**  
Mr Speaker, my world is going round and round in accordance to these members who keep to their words for us to reconsider the Ministries and Corporations' budgets and see if they are appropriately utilised. I think this \$40 fee existed for four years now, which is quite a long time, but I am perplexed with the Opposition Side and their argument about avoiding loans and look closely on revenue, yet they complain about the Private Sector in particular. They say stop bankrupt and develop revenue earning to support our Budget. What's happening now, if the Ministries and Corporations are implementing their work, they (Opposition) also complain. What exactly is the correct thing to do? And if the Government borrows, they also complain not to build up anymore debts as Samoa will be sold to China? What exactly do you mean? We do have far sighted wisdom. The recent statement is valuable to provide better services.



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I sincerely congratulate the Lady Minister, what we saw the previous week, once the update is on the computer, one affirmed, 'will give you a copy', once the key is pressed the printed copy is released, what we see now is just unbelievable. Years ago, you sweat all day long before you receive a copy, nowadays, it is far different. As we move towards the future, there will be less hassle, when you want to shower or use the toilet, you just press the button and it will be done for you...you only have to press the key. That is where the world is heading.

That is the answer to the member of Faleata West.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West):** Mr Speaker....

**MR SPEAKER:** You're name was not mentioned in the speech of the Hon Prime Minister member for Faleata West.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi (Faleata West):** Because the Hon Prime Minister is speaking in general against our side, no the raising fees is good, but what we are advising is to raise it by 5% or 10% rather than 100% or 200%, that is our recommendation.

**MR SPEAKER:** I get your point member.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui:** That is also why we are giving recommendation to review and incorporate necessary amendments every three or four years instead of waiting 20 years, this is now amended yet you are shocked. No stunning person is insightful, they are peaceful and understanding, but your frequent rising is alarming to see you get shocked. Mr Speaker that is the assistance, again another shocking member is now upstanding.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker a point of clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Leader of the Opposition.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Because the Hon Prime Minister's statement is negatively pointing at this side saying we recommended service improvement. That is our job, we recommend, but if the Government had closely monitored the misuse of funds, these service deliveries would not have been upgraded.....given in the Auditor General's Report. That is our recommendation but we do not object to services that must be improved, specifically the potholes in the roads....

**MR SPEAKER:** Your view is not well received. Pardon the Leader of the Opposition.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaioi:** Mr Speaker, a point of order. I have just given a statement on this, see, Judas the betrayer of Christ Jesus, and treasurer, after telling this story they proceeded to the poor, the rich left money before the apostles and some before the rich particularly the Romans, they leave gold then Judas was told to convert these gold into money, only God sees everything, Judas then got back with money and did one stupid thing one after another, stayed in a hotel, hired mistresses, and therefore, Jesus said, 'stop that behaviour of yours', which big mouth reported these things unto you. The reason why I am telling you this, see even Judas was a thief, liar and now a betrayer. That is how it is, because Satan exists in this world. No matter how hard the Government avoids something, it will still happen. I see that you are an elder deacon, but you do not understand these events. Now we have another upstanding deacon.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

**Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta (Falealupo):** Mr Speaker with all due respect. We are not talking about Jesus and his disciples. We are talking about the Ministries under the jurisdiction of the Prime Minister that are quite disappointing, taking up most of our funds....

**MR SPEAKER:** I get your view. I call the member for Faleata West. I believe your submission and recommendation to the Government is now through, move on to the next matter as your time is nearly finished.

**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO:** I request our side to give me a chance. On to environment, Leala has already given a response; I speak of this no more, thank you. Thank you for the countless initiatives achieved excluding a few matters. Firstly, I relate to the SIDS Conference. I received news that the air conditions have been distributed for free. Even one person was able to obtain 30 air conditions units. I queried how this was done and why? It was advertised.....

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the respectable member as your alleged statement against the Ministry is not well taken; I give the opportunity to the Minister.

**Tofa Hon Faamoetauloa Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity and the raising matter.

The matter on air condition and fluorescence lights distribution to the general public is false. These asset allocations have been prioritised to technical assistance projects involving climate change to Government Ministries and Private Corporations in relation to air condition units that have greenhouse effects on the ozone layer specifically preserving electricity. Such is the needful use of these units to replace old ones used by the Ministries to reduce greenhouse gas effects that can be alleviated in countries abroad.

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That is the status with this TAACC project but there is no evidence of this distribution free of charge. There is priority for these units with set plans to conduct a monitoring inspection in March to determine the use of these units under the technical assistance project that is the clarification on this matter according to the question.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for the elaboration Hon Minister. I call the member to resume as you have five minutes remaining.

**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO:** Thank you Hon Minister. The thing is they are freely distributed. They are distributed under the project free of charge. This also involves instalment service fees by the Ministry and this should've been submitted in the Parliament together with the name list of the companies and Ministries receiving air condition units. How many air condition units do each person gets as some individuals do not own companies, yet they receive units for free. Remember that....

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member, I given the chance to the Hon Minister's statement. I call the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.

**Tofa Hon Faamoetaulua Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance.

That is exactly why we have these projects. The selected people from the Ministry are known as the focus group for this project study.

That is the rightful intention without any false ideas that this is useless. This specific group is mainly used as a baseline for this survey with air condition unit leased agreements on the recipients.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Minister to give the chance to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I talked with the Hon Minister regarding the system used in connection with those conducting this program. I advised him if pilot testing were conducted in Samoa, I am sure it will not add up to 80,000 households. We should use all Samoan households instead of selecting a few to avoid biasness favouring a few over the majority. We'll see if we have any programs of that sort for the whole country. And if so, the member for Faleata West will be the first one to rise on that matter. But pilot testing in less populated countries is very important. If we get another program like this, make sure the country is entirely included.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the member to resume.

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**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO:** It is difficult to take statements relating to these projects. The SROS and Environment have known about this long ago efficiently supplying power energy. Personally, given the country's contribution on (the SIDS Conference), why weren't these distributed to pastors homes, churches and the like? We have received statements that individuals have obtained 30 to 40 air condition units. That is reason for questioning this matter otherwise, let's leave it aside.

**MR SPEAKER:** Perhaps the Minister has clearly said it, that won't take up air condition distribution because perhaps we may receive some more next month and perhaps the whole country will be covered according to the Prime Minister, but I call the member to resume his statement.

**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO:** On to Immigration. I wish to speak about visa for Australian travellers, as this is a difficult and expensive process in the country.

This is in relation to business trips as it is easier to apply (an Australian visa) through the Government however, I pity the public at large. I ask why these processes haven't been reviewed by the Australian Office. If the Australian Immigration Office is listening, the visa requirements and processes are very complicated. This process must be reviewed given its high costs.

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the respectable member; I call the Prime Minister for his clarification.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker this is totally up to the country, we also had this undertaken in Samoa before we moved it to Fiji. We also consulted with them (Australian Office) and they said that this is according to their policy requirement. They did not state the reason but I was well aware of it. The rising population of Fiji has almost reached a million. Hence the total number of Fijians travellers to Australia is not less than 100,000. Compared to us, I don't think we reach 50 or 100 travellers to Australia? Majority of our local travellers goes to New Zealand. That is the reason for this difficult process due to the less number of travellers to Australia. That is the main reason for pushing their office in Fiji, regardless of unsuccessful attempts with their Prime Minister and the indication of statistical figures.

That is reason for my numerous attempts against the family planning program that has retained our total population to 180,000. I am not quite sure if that number has been retained for over 30 years now. As once an old lady's skirt gets lifted by the wind, the old lady says, "Remember family planning." What else can be done? We are forever on family planning. It can affect our rugby and netball teams leading to fewer selections in number.

How many children do you have? *(To the member for Faleata West).* Perhaps you too have contributed less (children). You will get another chance during the consideration into detail.

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**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO:** Mr Speaker before I conclude, I wish to talk about the Ministry of Education.

What is the latest update with the case between Samoa College and Avele College? Lately, these two Colleges have been given special treatment by way of giving exams and school fees. The current system used nowadays is what the Opposition Side debated on in the past. All Year 8 students in the country no longer have access to this omitted opportunity. This competition involved all schools. How many made it to Samoa College and how many succeeded to Avele College. Vaipouli College is no longer under this program yet again, the entrance exam is again put into practice for Samoa College and Avele College. In query, why is this implemented?

**MR SPEAKER:** The Minister will provide the response. I call the Hon Minister to elaborate.

**Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu:** Thank you for the chance Mr Speaker. Government plans were not set yesterday. These plans have been in place long ago which I am sure you're aware of, which is good development for the schools in the countryside or the rural areas.

This involves both Secondary Schools and College Levels to avoid travelling (to Apia) and accidents on students.

It is not easy for our children to reside with families in Apia because of education; I speak from experience as I too use to go to school in Apia. The Government aim to encourage education in the rural area, which is the best solution. These Government initiatives and programs are currently carried out together with the assistance of the trust or Education Committees to administrate and monitor these implementation processes. Vaipouli College is the only government school in Savaii hence that is why it was closed, and another Itu o Tane No.1 College located near Vaipouli was set up, hence the number of students in Vaipouli had dropped given that majority have attended this new school in Itu o Tane No.1. The estimated construction value for this Vaipouli College is close to \$4 to \$5million in the past, but student numbers has now dropped. That is reason for its closure as students had to attend school in their districts. I believe this is good. Similarly to Avele College and Samoa College, time will come for them to be administrated by Ministry of Education Committees offering teachers the Education curriculum.

The Year 8 National Exams have been stopped because the only intention of having those exams is to determine the elite or the brightest students to attend Samoa College, second best students to enter Avele College and the average students to attend Leififi College. This is biasness, this is elitist system where its' gotten the students up to the point where they cram all subjects without understanding. We all know that school popularity is based on the elite students (attending that school).

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What the government aims to achieve is actuary access education for all schools. This sets to remove the normal Year 8 National Exams by sitting the exams set under the Ministry of Education's Curriculum to measure the intelligence and level of each student which should kick in with zones that initiated back in 1990, 1998 or 1997 that again exists, the school curriculums and zones correlate to push and retain students within their residential areas. Hence the best students of Faleata must remain in Faleata, the best students of Savaii remain in Savaii to lift their education standards instead of moving here to attend Samoa College that paves way to (Samoa College's) popularity, when Samoa College is nothing.

Since zones definitions have not yet completed, we have thought of conducting this exam once again for all the students aiming for Samoa College for this year only. By the end of the year we should have the final list of the zones that will separate Samoa College. The other zone will hold the other lot of students, we've also looked at shared zones and overlapping zones, whereby no entry exam is required. The idea is to integrate all best schools not categorising one top school so that the students will live and spend quality time with their parents who are there to give full support and assistance without having to face difficulty. This is reflected in exam results received from the start of the Primary Schools in the rural areas. The top student in Year 8 Level was from Savaii after the new system became effective. Imagine how remarkable that is after omitting the National Year 8 Exams whereby the best students get to go to Samoa College and next best to Avele, otherwise the new system in place now aims to retain all best students of the country in Savaii instead of migrating all the way to attend and gain popularity for Samoa College.

That is the clarification, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you. The presentation is now well taken; the member's time is up hence you may conclude as we near our recess.

**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO:** Thank you Hon Minister for the explanation on this section which is not new and recognisable with the intent to obtain the results for these two Colleges that is again in practice. The Hon Minister reiterated and personally, the top student for the Year 8 Exams should be given a chance to attend Samoa College.

**MR SPEAKER:** Member, I beg tolerance as your time is up.

**Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO:** I take this opportunity to thank Mr Speaker, although time is short but thank you Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for your efforts, members and officials of individual offices, female and male Government heads well done on your endeavours, our meeting is progressing well because of your commitment. If I have offended anyone, I beg tolerance everyone, those are the submissions from Faleata East. Have a blessed meeting.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Well done member on your speech. Since we now come to our normal break this morning, I suspend all proceedings for normal recess.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now suspended at 10.45am until 11.26am.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe we have rejuvenated energy from our tea break today. Congratulations and well done to everyone as we arrive at the second part of our business today. As reminded earlier today, take heed of our scheduled time and agendas. I ask all to be mindful of your speeches and submissions noting the transparent relationship with our Budget Address with regards to Government responses.

Before we had our recess, the member of Faleata East was concluding with his speech. I give the chance to anyone who wishes to speak. I call the member for Falealili, Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola.

**Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA (Falealili):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. Thank you Office of the Legislative Assembly for the breakfast this morning which has reenergised us especially the Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet and everyone in the House as we progress with our duties today.

I rise to make a short submission in regards to our tabling Budget Address. Mr Speaker, the honorific salutations of the country have been acknowledged. I greet Falealili district in all its honorific salutations.

I also greet the dignified Church servants, Susuga Reverend Elder Tunumoso Iosia and Faletua Susana, as well as the Congregation Secretary of Falealili, Susuga Amosa Vaetua and Faletua Punipua especially all the respectable church members here and outside the district. Greetings as we made it to the beginning of this New Year, let us rejoice and give praise to the Almighty God. Thank you for your prayers and the blessings upon your representative (me) to execute the roles and duties for Parliament and the country.

I rise with utmost respect as Falealili constantly supports anything. This Supplementary Appropriation or Budget is supported by this district, with belief that our appropriations aren't enough. We have a variety of tasks required by the Government Ministries and Corporations but we also stand by our norm, "the dress depends on the fabric and material we have left in achieving the proposed Budget from the previous year.

I fully support everything else. The only brief concern I have is the packed township area in regards to the many accidents affecting public properties accorded in this Budget Address specifically road accidents. I recommend that we conduct and revive defensive driving course and incorporate new change on the behaviour of drivers which is a practice that has been on hold for quite some time. I advise the Hon Minister and the Cabinet to resume the implementation of this program through LTA for CEOs in particular the start of the year which is the busiest time.

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Smoke emission and dispersion is widely witnessed on the roads given the rising number of vehicles in the country, I have received statements that previous funding assistance from some private companies no longer have absorption spectrum machine as reiterated in the beginning. But we should resort to other avenues to get funding assistance to assist LTA to reduce gas emission effects. This also concerns vehicle owners and poorly conditioned vehicles that lead to accidents.

On to the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, please be mindful of the request we gave in 2011, now that the Parliamentary term is almost complete we still haven't received a response regarding drinking water that is bound to be affected by the rising sea waters.

Those are the only submissions as for the Budget Statement, I wholly support it. Have a blessed meeting and may the remaining plans of Parliament be blessed. Have a very blessed meeting. Farewell and live well.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you for your speech member for Falealili, Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola.

The House is now open for any other member. I call the member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga.

**Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU (Aleipata Itupa i Luga):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance rendered to the district of Aleipata Itupa i Luga to make a contribution regarding our Budget Statement.

Firstly I beg tolerance to the sacred fields of Tiafau and the nation in the presence of the Hon Prime Minister and the respectable Cabinet especially members of the House. I also acknowledge the presence of the Speaker of the House, Leader of the Opposition and the notable members of this side of the House.

I also greet the heads of Ministries in all your honorific salutations; you are the heads and feet of this Government for Samoa's wellbeing. I leave it to you, I take this opportunity to greet my beloved constituency of Aleipata Itupa i Luga and all its honorific salutations.

Show your support as I give our contribution in regards to our Supplementary Appropriation.

Mr Speaker, I convey appreciation to the Hon Minister of Finance who is also the Prime Minister pursuant to this Supplementary Appropriation or Budget as well as the CEO of the Ministry of Finance and various Ministries that have contributed to developing and drafting this Budget Statement in essence to proceed the developments and complete the works for this financial year.

I fully support this Supplementary Appropriation. May I also give this opportunity to remind the Ministers some of our requests presented in the past? This involves very few Ministers, this is my third Parliamentary term and I am still trying....not only with written requests but oral requests as the district is listening in.



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Hon Minister of Works, we have had several requests on works that needs improvement for this district. I firstly extend appreciation for some of the fixed work done at our district including fixed roads from Samusu to Lalomanu which is very essential. I am sure that the current undertaken should be completed by the start of the year. That is the additional request to the list of requests from the public.

Water supply shortage as one of the common issues resulted to the fled of many constituents further inland to fetch water. For improvement purposes and frequent water cuts, we resort to water trucks for supplies. The existing proper roads would have been better off with pipelines instalment to provide efficiency. Well done also to the Electric Power Corporation, although we have unfixed street lights during Christmas and New Year, we still receive tons of people visiting our island discovering the dead street lights. We contacted the office and they responded that they will come and fix them otherwise, a new year has departed yet the street lights still remain unfixed.

We were given a response on seawall area construction for the sub village of Lata that was built before we were hit by the tsunami. It is possible to get a machine to collect stones that have.....to build new seawalls. The owner of this land has now returned to his residence. In summary Hon Minister, well done on your efforts although it took many years, nonetheless God has abundant days.

Mr Speaker, I request the Hon Minister to look into the seawall development connected to Tapaga. Secondly, the rubbish truck schedule is not well executed, rubbish collection is properly managed and majority of the public are disposing rubbish dispersedly at night, particularly when our tourism development sector is currently growing well.

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member as I give opportunity to the mentioning Ministry. I call the Hon Minister.

**Tofa Hon Faamoetauloa Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. I have one clarification regarding the seawall area, where exactly is this, as you mention another one for the sub village of Lata, where is the other one as you give in your second request.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the member.

**Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU:** The seawall area I mentioned connects to Tapaga whereas the one in Lata is more concerns the Ministry of Works. The matter regarding rubbish collection is a common issue, but in request, it would be beneficial to create a rubbish site in the rural area for efficiency purposes as proposed by the Ministry with regards to land space to locate a dump site. Hence, sincere appreciation for achieving other requests.

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Thank you also to the Minister of Education for the established College in Aleipata area. This year we have 6 students entering University, last year was the first time for the College to have achieved this, however we request better teachers as most of the successful students to University had tutorial lessons in Apia and their efforts have now being paid off. Therefore we need better teachers for the College to improve on....

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member as I give chance to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. I call the member.

**Afioga Hon Magele Mauiu:** I wish to get a response to the last question. You do require teachers. What sort of teachers? What subjects? Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the member.

**Tofa FAGAAIVALU KENRICK SAMU:** Thank you, as requested to the Ministry of Education, we requested for English and Science teachers.

Lastly, I wish to thank the Minister of Police, Prisons and Fire Emergency Services for the security work carried out during the festive season. Whatever problems faced in the previous year, let it be a challenge and lesson for this New Year in serving the country. I also request Hon Minister to look into the old Police Office at Lalomanu used by the nurses in the past, when it rains, water runs heavily inside the house, consequently we ask for your consideration into this problem. Mr Speaker, that is the appeal from this district, we shall continue reminding (you about our requests) since this is the fourth year for this term...yet we are still asking.

That is the contribution from this district, but we pray God to guide the Speaker and his set duties in managing the country's paramount meetings, God bless the Leader of the Opposition for reporting the decisions for the country, blessings also to the heads of various individual Ministries and its duties and responsibilities.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well, thank you for your speech member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga. Before I give another opportunity to another member, I wish to remind all that the Office of the Electoral Commissioner is currently carrying out a program hence whoever is available, this will only take two or three seconds, members make your way out in support of the Electoral Office work. It would be good to start from this side since most of you have finished speaking before we resume with this side. Be upstanding.

**Afioga TUFUGA GAFOALEATA FAITUA (Vaisigano No.1):** Mr Speaker. I am not ready yet I am being called. Nonetheless, I beg tolerance before the Legislative Assembly of Samoa, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet as well as the dignified members of the meeting of Samoa, Leader of the Opposition, Deputy and the Ministers preparing with their arrows to work in the sun.

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Thank you for the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2014/2015. Although it is only \$10million, but I am grateful to the Government's aim to distribute funds for the remaining works this year. Although we will not go back to June this year, but it would be appropriate to give submissions before the Elections 2016.

Given submissions from this constituency, the works of the Government have well been implemented including the fixed inner roads (auala galue) for Vaisala from the previous term. We had built inner roads since the start of this term, however we request two pipelines for these two inner roads, water supply and street lights for incessant maintenance works in the district. The village of Auala also needs tar sealed roads. I spoke of this in the past and since the creation of the world in the beginning, we have had inner roads since then. Now, it seems to look as if a bomb explosion had destroyed it.

Lights have been fixed excluding sealed road improvement for the people to fetch clean drinking water should funding distribution be adequate to fix the secondary school roads for (Auala) village measuring an estimated total road improvement of 10 to 20 meters.

As requested before, the roads of Asau have been constructed by the Government; hence we request pipelines connection for residents dwelling along this area plus seawall erection given the high sea level effects. We currently have built seawalls from Asau to Auala, but the concern is the darkness normally used by the public at night and likely violence that leads them to Tafaigata, although we have limited appropriations of \$10million, I will keep pressing like my Aleipata Itupa i Luga neighbour, keep knocking and surely it will be opened.

Similarly to Utulua area where the hotel development is situated, this area is very dark in the night because of no street lights, likewise parts of the wharf area situates affected residents from the coastal erosion. Possibly the Environment is supervising these areas, hence I request the Lady Minister for a court house in this part of the island, for efficiency purposes to avoid travelling to Tuasivi or Apia. That is the contribution to the Budget as my district is also listening in, Mr Speaker, I forgot one more thing, a TV as we near the All Blacks event and the remaining Sevens legs, power cuts is a common issue whereby, we hardly get any good laughs nowadays.

That is our submission for the Budget Address Appropriation.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done. Great input from the respectable member. This member is always prepared any time; hence thank you for the statement.

The floor is now available for anymore comments. I give the chance to this side; I call the member for Sagaga le Usoga.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUMATAGI PETER AH HIM (Sagaga le Usoga):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance, I greet everyone this morning, Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Associate Ministers and the side of the Leader of the Opposition.

Greetings also to His Highness, Le Ao o le Malo and His Good Lady, the Council of Deputies and their Good Ladies, specially the Church servants who are praying for the welfare of Samoa.

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I also greet my constituency in all its honorific salutations. Greetings to you all, congratulations on good health, have a very prosperous new year.

Mr Speaker, I first and foremost convey great thanks to the Minister and the Ministry in accordance to this Appropriation Address that I wholly support.

Firstly, I give submissions from my constituency. Hon Minister of Works, my village of Tuanai wishes for road improvement in connection to Aleisa, as well as new lights fixed to Aleisa. Perhaps I've already given this request hence we shall remind again.

Afega village also has destroyed inner roads to Aleisa, perhaps this road is under the Government and needs improvement under the Government program. The roads connecting to Afega also needs improvement.

Vailoa roads also need improvement in connection to Nu'u such as the improved roads of Malie, this is the same request for Vaitoelau roads to Afega between Afega and Malie. Those are a few submissions from this district particularly on inner roads.

Mr Speaker, EPC and its staff. Closely monitoring this matter today, oil costs have dropped, perhaps by the second half of this year, it would cost \$10 or \$20 per bucket of oil, which is a good sign given the high electricity cost in the past. In recommendation, wouldn't it be possible to remove the surcharge fee now that the oil charge has dropped that had raised the current diesel costs – and from the international perspective, perhaps the reduced oil cost will sustain, possibly we will receive free oil as tons are now available, hence America now holds the best quality than....

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member, I give the chance to the Hon Minister, I call the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala:** Mr Speaker, the only correction is that the surcharge fee have been removed for quite some time now, there have been current negotiations such as the new fee we now have for oil, that is how it is, once the oil costs is reduced, then the surcharge is also dropped, hence we are working together with the Office of the Regulator to sort out the costs and fees for this year and for the next three years, respectfully.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done. I call the member to resume his speech.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** Thank you Hon Minister if the surcharge fee has been removed, if we have other attached costs that's making electricity pricey I beg tolerance, have a look at that too Hon Minister and the Ministry. Those are the concerns for the welfare of the country, but if you are looking into it right now, we appreciate it Hon Minister.

On to the Hon Minister of Health, great appreciation to the Minister and the Ministry. The health awareness programs on TV demonstrates the effects of alcohol consumption, salt and sugar consumption, smoking, thank you for...particularly consuming salt.

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The only thing I wish to be clarified on is the competitive advertisements on alcohol that promotes drinking crowd and how good it feels after consuming alcohol using the Vailima or Taula brands which is quite contradictory. Smoking effect is strictly prohibited from being advertised on TV. This is quite unbalanced given the warning sign on the cigarette packet indicating the negative effects of smoking when the Tobacco Company is banned from giving advertisements on smoking effects (on TV). That is the unbalanced move witnessed on....given the legislations and its effects, which makes it seems like heavy penalty is not strictly laid on smoking and alcohol for balance and protection purposes. Based on strict observation, it seems that most people are affected by alcohol than smoking. That is the view on this matter for transparency purposes in relation to legislations to forbid smoking advertisements on TV in favour of alcohol, but we also have alcohol advertisements, hence appreciation to the Police Ad that is advising all not to drink too much, however once the ad on alcohol maker is on, my goodness, it makes me want to drink beer all day long until night falls.

Those are the submission Mr Speaker; that is good to form more views. Live well Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and the House, have a blessed meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done on your speech. The member for Sagaga le Usoga is now through with his statement, the House is now open for anymore speeches.

I call the member for Faasaleleaga No.3, be upstanding to close the speeches for the House.

**Tofa TUILEUTU ALAVAA VOI (Faasaleleaga No.3):** Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker on this notable day. *“O lea ua taoto le fiso ma ona lau,* whilst the country is listening in. Thank you dignitary members, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, the Ministerial level, the respectable Sides of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader and the Opposition side in the House. As leaders of Samoa we are one.

Greetings to His Highness, Le Ao o le Malo and the Council of Deputies and all of Samoa's honorific salutations.

Greetings also to the Church Ministers and the elder Reverend and the sacred pastors who are praying for the blessings upon Samoa and this district with God's grace.

I rise to support the Budget laid before us set accordingly, given our well implemented Good Governance other than wise counselling and far sighted wisdom that has achieved the Government's developments...from time to time. We give utmost thanks for making it to another new year in hope to meet the end of this term. Sincere congratulations to everyone. To the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the saying goes, *“e fai foi o le nofo i puna, ae fai foi o le tofu i puna ae o le nofo i tuaoa.”* This shall not discourage us from striving forward. Despite, we have countless recommendations for the country's improvement. During the previous week there was an incident in Savaii that regarded health safety concerns in relation to accidents.

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The accident was caused by a Water Authority vehicle that had affected quite a few people. With regards to Government assets, the EPC, Health, Plumbers, Water Authority and Police were under scrutiny. By observation, how is this done? I advise the Leader of the country, CEOs and the Ministers, if the country is carrying a heavy load; we must take heed of life and its essence. Looking at the high cost of living nowadays, that is not important, but putting them into effect from time to time with accounted measures, including the Health...and Immigration etc, things that are beneficial cannot be avoided.

In the previous week, the cost of chicken carton was \$95, and this was shocking to note considering the sudden rising costs. High cost comes with advice as some shop owners are untruthful with their item prices. The standard of life strives for itself...the living standard of this country is all good involving no bad intentions. The only request we have is for inner roads development. Thank you for the inner roads development in the villages of Saipipi and Saasaai in the list with slight additions. This regards the new road launching at Salimu fixed by one of the contractors I think back in 2010 which unfortunately, is in very poor condition at the current. This is due to improper road work done in the past for the villages of Faga, Luua, Malaefiliga and Sapini, respectfully.

I congratulate you all for this Budget Address in hope to secure better developments in the future for the people's benefit through the assistance of the Hon Leader, the Ministerial level and the notable meeting of Samoa. The main spirit is bearing witnesses in something. Because truthfully, the echoing sound to love indicates good works that we are grateful for in hope of good winds to assist our sailing for the remaining days of the year. Past events will remain endless; regardless let the Living God be praised.

We also pray for the House, the support of Samoa as we end this year well. That is addition to the submitting Budget, may your support be blessed, so as the heads of various Government Ministries and Corporations, bless our meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you member for Faasalelelaga No.3. Thank you for your contribution to our Budget. We shall have two more members before we recess at 1pm. Any other member wanting to speak?

I call the one of the senior members of the House. I call the member for Gagaemauga No.2.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU (Gagaemauga No.2):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I believe all matters have been well clarified given our Budget Address. We have several questions but we shall submit them when the Bill is considered in detail taking heed of general comments. Before I give submissions, I extend sincere appreciation to the Minister for the enhanced roads for our village in Savaii. Thank you for granting our request as frequently submitted in the past. I shall be brief.

Firstly, the servicing of local aircrafts including Poly Blue and the new seat sales which is quite costly. The most attractive route for Virgin Blue is the Auckland to Apia route.

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That is one reason for raising this matter; hence have a look into it if negotiable as it only benefits the business people and passengers that can afford the airfare which they can plan three to four weeks before. That schedule booking cannot be changed for businesslike interest in relation to those who wish to travel to urgent family obligations like funeral to New Zealand and other countries, they have no such plans. We are not benefiting from this; hence it would be good to get another aircraft. I too know that a leader is afraid of doing something like this. I know the Hon Prime Minister very well, he is not a fearful leader, get us another aircraft to assist us with our development.

Secondly Mr Speaker, I also wish to raise the road maintenance with the Minister of Works. I raised it before, but now I see that all companies have compact machine. I drove through the village of Malie and none of this has been fixed. It's like a norm that we only seem to discuss things here, but after that, things go back to normal (whereby nothing is being done about it). That is the recommendation Hon Minister, this is the connecting road from the airport welcoming our visitors hence improvement work must be implemented.

Lastly Mr Speaker, the Prime Minister's statement is settled in the House on renewable energy supported by the Hon Minister to meet the 2017 target. Seeing the time we have left, we have 24 more months; hence I should recommend and remind you that the process takes a great deal of time. It takes two to three months to order materials from a country like China, then another six to eight months before construction of solar modules is needed to produce solar panels. The process is quite lengthy given the three months requirement before we receive our order in order to take the next step and in accordance to the shipping service schedule as we are not the only ones utilising this service....

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the member speaking let me give the chance to the interjection of the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, you now have a different statement. When this matter was addressed before, the proposed statements were issued like a strike lightening. Now that we are nearing the end of the year yet the airport undertaking is still incomplete. How many more months left before it....?

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, the concern showed by the [member regards the importation of goods from one shipping](#). But be mindful, there are different shipping vessels; one has a deck in the rear to cater for additional loads at times. Respectfully.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** It is good that I now am aware of these matters, the only shipping vessel that Levaopolo and I see that we are about to get some more Chinese people. It seems that you are using gallon vessels to bring in your supplies.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I call the member to resume his statement.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** Thank you. The reason for presenting all these time periods is to prepare the Prime Minister and his issued statement, we have 24 months left, the Prime Minister is relying on six companies, we are unaware of the other five, by now this would have been completed. At least now, I have proven the Hon Prime Minister....

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance member for Gagaemauga No.2, I give the opportunity to the response of the Minister of Works.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala:** The only proof indicated by the New Zealand Solar system is the 2.2 megawatt which took them four months, hence the process should not take any further given the result from this implementation process. This is the set standard required for all signed surcharge agreement when executing this process. Only with the exception (of companies) that lack resources. But if we comply with the set requirements and agreement, then we are set accordingly, the scheduled time is also included in the process.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the intervention of the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, we have 14 companies showing interest in this doing, we are attempting to avoid them (in a peaceful manner) as they all affirm that they can cater (this solar energy) electricity for the whole of Samoa. So far, the Minister and the Ministry is now distributing all 14 companies (to supply solar energy) so that when we receive additional companies, the majority of these (solar) companies from China are confident enough in most of these processes. Now that most of these processes are completed which I have just heard, if your company delays (*to Levaopolo*), then I will ask Palu to go and get his lot of the Chinese people.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** Mr Speaker something to....

**MR SPEAKER:** I am surprised that you're recognising these matters.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** No I am talking about the recent speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Leader of the Opposition.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II:** I now see that without this side, this process will not go through. That is reason for my upstanding. The members of Tautua aim to provide electricity for the country, because if not, it won't come into effect swiftly.



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**MR SPEAKER:** I call the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, a point of order, this lad known as Le va o...is brothers with Muagutu. Both are co-owners of this company. These people are well known businessmen. That is my advice, if you delay bringing in your company from China, the only rapid solution is getting Palu to bring in a company of his own as he too is another outstanding business person that remains secreted.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the notable member. Pardon the member as I call Muagututagata.

**Afioga Muagututagata Faamausili Auimatagi Peter Ah Him:** To save the Hon Prime Minister's time, no I haven't had any Chinese people in a long time. That is the correction, thank you very much.

**MR SPEAKER:** Who has taken your Chinese men Muagutu?

**Afioga Muagututagata Faamausili Auimatagi Peter Ah Him:** The Chinese people have been washed away.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call the member of Saleaula to resume.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** Thank you. The statement I gave does not mean anything else as the Prime Minister has rightfully pointed out. Seriously, we have five companies now holding the job whilst the rest of the companies aim to contribute to this (electricity supply) process. The statement made by the Minister on the timeframe of four months is correct; it takes four to six months for installation. The other monthly time period I mentioned is quite lengthy. The whole purpose is to take up urgent measure to meet the 2017 set target as forecasted.

Furthermore, I have seen the EPC Scale System at Fuluasou, if you have time Minister; you can get confirmation by visiting the site yourself to see the 2.2 megawatts monitoring level set by the New Zealand (Company). I was there the previous week and a megawatt was not formed from 7.00am until 12.00 in the afternoon. That is one recommendation for interested solar companies to note **when bringing in the best quality solar panel system**. The country and the Government are putting in a lot of assistance and contribution in these areas. Hence we should ensure that this is appropriately provided and properly utilised including payment that must be assessed Hon Minister. Now going back to what I said earlier regarding 2 megawatts for the entire process, the EPC read and recorded less than a megawatt before 12.00pm. If it rises to 1.2 or 1.3 the solar panel does not produce enough for 2 megawatts. That is the result received from the panel. That is the contribution in terms of development. That is the speech from this district, thank you Mr Speaker, have a blessed Parliamentary meeting today.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Well done on your speech member for Gagaemauga No.2 and your vital contribution to the Budget this part of the day. We shall conclude the member for Palauli, I call upon the member.

**Afioga AFOAFOUVALE JOHN MOORS (Palauli):** I beg forbearance to His Highness, the Le Ao o le Malo and the Deputy Council of Deputies, Hon Chief Justice and Judges and the supporting members of the public and Samoa listening in.

Greetings to the honourable Speaker, Leader of the Government, the Hon Prime Minister and members of the House. I wish not to speak of your significant divisional statuses that remain forever.

I also greet my constituency of Palauli in all its honorific salutations. I believe your support has paved way to the wellbeing of the member of Palauli.

I convey sincere appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Ministry with regards to the legislation and the proposed plans and developments for the better welfare of the country regardless of the financial shortage. There is belief that it will be manageable according to this year's Budget until midyear in June.

I wish to acknowledge the Government of Japan and its people. We had submitted a new school building request to the Japanese Ambassador in compliance to its set requirements— and we positively awaited their response. We also remind the Ministry of Education about our sports ground submission for Faala village two years ago. Additionally, we also remind the Minister of Works about the inner roads for Vaitoomuli village. Similarly, the public roads of Vailoa also need improvement in relation to the works of the Water Authority and the Government assets. Before I conclude, I refer to Afioga Leituala and the passing of Tupua, we convey our deepest condolences.

Mr Speaker, that is it from Palauli, may you be blessed and so as all the members, have a blessed meeting, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done member, I think we...listeners of the House, we still have five minutes remaining, it will be good to finish off today and conclude early tomorrow.

I call one of the Individual members, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him, I call the member to finish off today's speeches before we have our final prayer to end our meeting.

**Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM (Individual Members):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance, I believe the remaining time is suitable for my brief comment.

First of all, I wish to thank the support of His Highness, Le Ao o le Malo mainly Samoa listening in to Samoa's paramount meeting. The deliberations this morning is well taken, I wish to state something before I press my views, I heard that the Chinese people are being brought in by the majority. The Chinese Ambassador asked me why China is frequently mentioned in the House.

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I told him that it was not bad as they have a valuable contribution to Samoa which is why...it is known...and he said, but why are they (Chinese) faultily mentioned according to what we hear? The reason why that's the case is because the Chinese people work too hard and do not rest, then he uttered, goodness sake, I shall advise them to work and relax then, although I drag them to work, these kind of people insist that they do not want to rest.

Regardless Mr Speaker, I congratulate you all for today's sitting. I firstly extend our appreciation to the Minister of Police and Prisons for one thing in particular. According to what we hear and observe about the Ministry, the importance is in relation to all sorts of appropriate and inappropriate attributes or behaviours involving the Police or not, the intention is seeking justice and fairness. We feel secured and protected as majority of the public lack insight of our laws and regulations, hence gratitude to the Police officers for all the good security work they do especially on the road.

I also convey much appreciation to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure considering the many fixed road works and good developments completed, although more works need to be done, such as our improvement for our inner roads, that is our request. But I shall lay it near you for your well distribution. The road near the gas station at Vaitoloa and Alamagoto is unsafe and narrow connecting to Aleisa, Moamoa and Palisi. The roadside area is also dangerous for passing vehicles.

We congratulate the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment for the seawall area construction. There is a small residential area close to Mapuifagalele at Vailele for pastors that is affected by sea erosion, hence is the request to the Minister to have a look into it as this is part of the urban area. Thank you Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture for the clear clarification about our school standards, that is the purpose for all our children to grow up well in education and get them equal motivation...for the schools' benefit specifically the students, I truly reject discrimination which is something that must be avoided, regardless, thanks for the new initiative.

I congratulate the Government for the set plans for our airport which is one of the matters that I speak on countless times given the number of visitors visiting our shores, this sector used to be a stronger sector to the government before compared to now, the airport is the entry point for all visitors into the country, yes we do not necessarily need to depend on family planning, why? We can also depend on the number of tourists, which is the Government's remedy to revenue growth to improve our developments.

**MR SPEAKER:** I interrupt the member as we come to our adjourned time, I thank the current speaker, you shall resume your statement tomorrow.

By record we have a total of eleven speaking members today; I congratulate all eleven of you for your contribution and assistance to today's business. Let us be hopeful to resume tomorrow thus we move a motion as per normal procedures.

I extend utmost gratitude to everyone for your well support and forbearance as well as members who are prepared to speak tomorrow.

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Thank you Samoa for your dedication and support today. We shall adjourn and seek strength to resume again tomorrow. We believe we shall meet again in good health and spirit. The same with the dignitary orators and heads of Government Ministries and Corporations specifically the presence of various Enterprises today in support of the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2014/2015.

I call one of the Individual Members, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him to end us with a prayer to finish off our meeting.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned at 1:04 pm until 9:00 am on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015.*