

*TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2014*

*Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am*

Prayers.

**MR SPEAKER:** Trust the Lord has been gracious and merciful in guiding us here regardless of the terrible weather conditions. I also extend sincere thanks to everyone that regardless of family matters, district and other urgent matters, you have sacrificed everything for our business today. Leaving aside other matters and attending to today's business.

I give thanks to the presence of the Hon Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet, Hon Associate Ministers, Leader of Opposition and the Respectable members of the Parliament. I implore a reminder as the Speaker that in order to save time and energy we should abide with today's set program. I also observe that some members have just arrived hence I bid them to please stay alert as we are about to commence.

#### **PRESENTATION OF SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. P. P. 2013/2014 No. 134, Report of the Education, Science, Communications and Information Technology Committee on P. P.2012/2013 No. 23, P. P. 2012/2013 No. 78 .2012/2013 No.79, Annual Report of the Samoa Sports Facilities Authority for Financial Years 2008/2009, Financial Year 2009/2010 and Financial Year 2010/2011.
2. P.P.2013/2014 No. 135, Report of the Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology Committee on P.P 2013/2014 No. 24, P.P. 2013/2014 No. 25, Annual Reports of the Office of the Regulator for the Financial Years ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**P.P. 2012/2013 NO. 88, REPORTS OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2011/2012 NO. 87, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT FOR 2008/2009 – CONSIDERATION**

**Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA (Chairperson of Works, Transport and Environment Committee):** Greetings and good morning to the Honorable Speaker and the respective members of the Parliament.

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**Motion to Amend Sitting Hours (S.O.31(1))**

**MR SPEAKER:** Before adjournment I call upon the Associate lady Minister, one of the members for Faasaleleaga No. 1, Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow to conclude us with a prayer.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned at 1.00pm until 9.00am on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014.*

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Thanks and gratitude has also been delivered to the Lord for yet another day and also for the commencement of our todays sitting.

Mr Speaker I move to amend the motion that the Legislative Assembly should prioritize the Committees Reports containing its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Thank you.

*Seconded by the member for Palauli.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I call upon the respectable Chairperson for the reading of Recommendations and Resolutions.

**Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA:** Mr Speaker and the dignified members of the Parliament, these are the Recommendations and Resolutions of the Committee.

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:**

At the conclusion of its considerations, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Assembly to:-

1. Consider alternatives to prohibit unlawful trespassing within the Tafaigata Land field searching for valuable items. It is strongly recommended that a security fence to be constructed to solve the issue of trespassing government properties.
2. Promotes the Ministry’s Initiatives of encouraging Environmental Conservation and the redevelopment of land that was affected by flooding during the recent cyclone.
3. Strengthen working relationships with the Samoa Water Authority to protect water catchments areas to ensure sufficient water storage for the Authority. The Committee believes that priority should be given to this matter to prevent shortage of water supply, and government should enforce regulations to preserve these catchment water areas.
4. That the Ministry of Police and Prisons to investigate and file criminal charges for unlawful usage of public funds under the Marine Protected Area Program for the districts of Aleipata and Safata. The Committee is concerned of the un-sustainability of the Project due to misuse of public funds.

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5. That the Ministry of Natural Resources to consult with the Public Service Commission to review monitoring guidelines of utilizing overseas funded projects in Samoa to ensure that funds are efficiently and effectively accounted for.
6. To carefully consider the issue of developing government land within some villages in Savaii, which have been cultivated unlawfully and develop cattle farming within government properties by village residence. It is strongly recommended that the government should initiate renegotiations with the village councils to address these issues.
7. To review and upgrade the Plan for Vaiala Landfield mainly to preserve natural water resources underground. The Committee noted that this natural resource may contaminate if it is not well sealed and protected from waste water that may be sinked to the ground.
8. Considers the establishing of a permanent staff post at Vaipouli Catchment Area to manage this Project and to assist the Forestry Division Principal Officer who resides farther from other parts of its services. The Committee also recommends a security fence for the Asau Office to ensure safety of all assets.
9. The Ministry to comply with Reporting Requirements stipulated by Law in regards to submitting Annual Reports to Parliament on time for consideration.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the end of its considerations, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Assembly that the:

P.P.2011/2012 No. 87, Annual Report of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment for the Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 be approved.”

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done Committee Chairperson for the Report, it is now time for comments.

Member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo you may take the floor.



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**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA (Aleipata Itupa i Lalo):** Thank You Mr Speaker for this opportunity. Thank the Lord for the fortunate health upon everyone, greetings to the distinguished members of the Parliament, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet, to the Associate Ministers and also the Opposition.

I also acknowledge the honorable Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and staff, also to the various Ministries and their Leaders, Talofa and good morning.

I stand with all due respect to question two sections; Firstly, the Report of the Committee of Works, Transport and Environment: The first recommendation is against the people collecting disposals. Why is a fence not constructed to avoid the free access along these premises?

Secondly, I have observed the mention of the district of Aleipata in relations to the unlawful use of funds. I ask why this has not been reported to the police if it was proven. On the other hand, it is good to be certain of the culprit and the mismanagement of funds along with the details of how it was utilized and the total amount.

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you, I guess this is the only comment. I ask the Chairperson to stand. If there are additional comments by the Minister, we still have chance before the question is put.

You may take the stand honorable Chairman.

**Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. The gate at Tafaigata was not erected when the 2008/2009 report was made, at the present there is a gate. This is confirmed during the Committees site visit. Given the growing number of youths residents in this area, they would scavenge through valuables in the rubbish site. That is why the Committee has advised the setting up of a secured fence and proper road to be utilized by residents in this significant part of the country.

The second part is related to the districts of Aleipata and Safata; this is rightfully known by the Committee established in 1996, that paved way to establishing the Marine Protection Project which received a total funding of \$242,000 to execute their policies and operations. However, the problem stemmed from a former MNRE public servant who became part of this Committee without the Ministrys knowledge. The alleged person is held accountable for making the Committee use funds to execute their duties. The main concern is that the identity and reputation of the Ministry of the Natural Resources and Environments along with the Government has been tainted in regards to international foreign aid programs.

Thank you.

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**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II (Leader of Opposition):** Mr Speaker I stand to correct an error because my constituency was mentioned.

**MR SPEAKER:** I now give the floor to the Leader of Opposition.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Thank you Mr Speaker and the Chairperson for the clarification but I am concerned with the blame pressed upon the member of this constituency. This case is still being investigated by the police until the court gives confirmed results. This must be considered in depth given the rumors that can affect the person and the districts reputation. That is the reason for my upstanding.

**MR SPEAKER:** Who is the accused member of your constituency Leader of Opposition?

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** As clearly stated in the statement by the Chairperson. The accused has fled to New Zealand.

**MR SPEAKER:** Who is this person?

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** I will not mention it because it is unclear.

**MR SPEAKER:** The members concern is well taken given the mention of your constituency.

I ask the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment to take the stand.

**Tofa Hon Faamoetauloa Lealaiauloto Ulaitino Faale Tumaalii (Minister of Natural Resources and Environment):** Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity, however I stand to provide normal elaboration on this issue.

It is true that the Police are undergoing investigations but since the Ministry is mentioned, I firmly elucidate that the Ministry is not involved in the handling of funds. One of the Board representatives is the member from the (ASMPA) Aleipata Safata Marine Protected Area who acts as an advisor based on the expertise on Marine Protected Areas; that is all. The Board of Trustees; include three members from Aleipata, three from Safata and a Trustee rep; are responsible for managing this funds transferred directly by the (CI) Conservation International. At the moment the Accounts have been frozen as investigations are being carried out, and the people who were involved are sought... as a Minister I do not take it lightly therefore the case must progress so that the culprit is held accountable. The Trustee has re-negotiated to have this fund allocation and management under the Ministry instead of entrusting it to outside organizations. That is the clarification.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I trust the matter has been clarified reference to the concerns of the member. I call upon the Vice Chairman to take the stand.

**Afioga Afoafouvale John Moors (Vice Chairman for Justice, Police and Prisons and Land and Titles Committee):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I stand to shed light to the concern of the member for Safata. The case is pressed legally with charges that is yet to be confirmed by the Court and law that is referred to the Commissioner and their Ministry.

With all due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. The members query is now clear as well as the response by the respectable Chairperson regarding the 2009/2010 Report. As aware, this Report contains lapsed business that involves previous events hence the Hon Minister has clearly elaborated, the matter is now well taken.

A question was also put forth by the member from Aleipata Lepa regarding an established fence which was clearly given by the Chairperson. The misuse of funds matter is also under Police investigation and the Justice Department which we shall not dread upon any further. I believe that everything has been clearly defined by the dignified Chairperson.

*Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Order 54, the Government is to present a statement to the Legislative Assembly in response to the Recommendations put forth by the Select Committee within 90 days time.

**P.P 2012/2013 NO. 89, THE HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES,  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P 2011/2012  
NO. 29, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL KIDNEY  
FOUNDATION OF SAMOA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF 2009-  
2010 - CONSIDERATION**

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW (CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT):** Thank you honorable Mr Speaker, I would also like to add to your word of thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing us and guiding us all here today.

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**P.P 2012/2013 No. 89, The Health & Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee Report on the P.P 2011/2012 No. 29, Annual Report of the National Kidney Foundation of Samoa for the Financial Year of 2009-2010 - Consideration**

**MR SPEAKER:** I stand with all due respect to firmly ask the Legislative Assembly to prioritize the Report of the Committee that presents its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.

*Seconded by the member of Alataua West*

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Honorable Chairperson to present the Recommendations and Resolutions.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:**

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:**

At the conclusion of its Findings, the Committee recommends Government:

1. To consider and prioritize Non Communicable Diseases preventing measures and for the Foundation to encourage more public awareness programs to counter this problem.
2. To strengthen Health Promotion Campaigns across the country especially within rural communities, to lower the risk of non communicable diseases infections.
3. To consider alternatives to prohibit digestion of healthy food products which prevents serious health problems and thus saves costs with regards to overseas treatment scheme.
4. To continue lending sufficient Financial Assistance every Financial Year to the National Kidney Foundation to ensure sustainability of its operational services.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its consideration, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Assembly:

That the P.P.2011/2012 No.29, Annual Report of the National Kidney Foundation of Samoa for the Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to be approved.”

Thank you.



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**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you to the honorable Chairperson. I now call upon members to voice concerns in relation to this important Report on Kidney Failure. I call the Aana Alofi No. 3 member to take the stand.

**Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER (Aana Alofi No. 3):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity, Chairperson and the Committee for the detailed report. However, there are a few questions your honor if I may.

Firstly, based on the Committees review there is no recommendation about the Foundations initiative to seek funds as one of its main aims other than the government grants. The aim is to formulate a large contribution by the Board Committee as well as the Ministry in seeking funds. According to the Annual Report 2009-2010 the total income received from donations was \$25,000; whilst \$73,000 was earned in 2010. In comparison to the \$4million plus grant received by government, there is belief that this contribution remains insignificant. This goes to most organizations within and outside Samoa to consider seeking funds to implement developments without having to rely on finance allocated by the government. If such Foundations are set up, fundraising should be the main avenue first. That is the indication whether it was investigated by the Committee and whether they recommended fundraising through this Committee. A total of \$150,000 is spent on this Board Committee whilst limited is received from the tasks implemented. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. Member for Faleata West take the stand.

**Tofa LEALAI PULE RIMONI AIAFI (Faleata West):** Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. I wish to be clear of this recommendation.

Firstly, I would like to be clarified on the continuation of Health Promotion Campaigns, what exactly are these programs and its set priorities?

Secondly, the third recommendation states for law enforcement on food banning. We have just passed a law on food importation that is once again permitted. A follow up process needs to be monitored particularly when we had the Samoan TV show that was held thrice or monthly. The issue is insufficient awareness programs to inform and educate our people about healthy eating. That is the issue that requires clarification pursuant to the recommendations beforehand. With all due respect.

I think that is it I call on the honorable Chairperson.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:** Thank you Mr Speaker and members for the questions. It is good to ask to gain understanding.



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The first question by the member from Aana Alofi No. 3 whether the Foundation has initiative in seeking funds. Firstly the National Kidney Foundation is carrying out promotional health awareness programs to various Ministries, Ecclesia and through this, they receive monetary assistance.

Secondly we have \$1 deduction program that has been undertaken for some time now upon the persons consent to assist with our Foundation Funds. This \$1tala deduction is normally reduced from the public servants earnings that with Parliament members consent, I totally support it.

Additionally the NKF use to have radiophones that died out given the small earning received. Nevertheless Churches have been extremely helpful particularly the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa donates roughly \$1million tala or \$50,000 annually. Ecclesia's like the Methodist and Mormon have also shown generosity through monetary donations as well as in kind donation through dialysis machinery to undergo operation. We also have international communication links one of them being the establishment for a new hospital otherwise, that did not go as planned. Hence the Foundation is still striving to seek ways to assist our government in maintaining this health service for Samoa.

The second question by the member of Faleata West states for the purpose of this Health Promotion Program in the village community. This is 2009-2010 Report, that was the year when this program was undertaken where the Ministry would conduct a health visit involving all doctors and nurses to provide medical check-ups on things like blood pressure, sugar levels and so forth. The program also informed the public about proper meals to take to prevent them from kidney failure disease. One of the recommendations during this time period was to resume this program the financial assistance from abroad as our government no longer afford to fund this through the Ministry. But that recommendation was based on that particular time period. What kind of food should be banned? Salt is the best example that comes to mind, specifically oxidized salt which is good for consumption. Flour is also another example, and there is a process that dilutes and produces flour to guarantee a healthy consumption as flour is widely consumed by our people. We can abolish the importation of unnecessary flour but we all know it is highly unlikely since the banning of turkey tails in the previous years has been lifted. That is why the Ministry humbly asks the government to formulate other ways that will not affect trade restrictions. Mr Speaker I believe I have answered the questions put forward. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you honorable Chairperson.

**Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster:** Honorable Mr Speaker....

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**MR SPEAKER:** You may take the stand member for Aana Alofi No. 3

**Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster:** Thank you Mr Speaker and Chairperson for the thorough explanation. I stand to alert everyone as most of the Chairpersons statement is not mentioned in the report. The advice for future reports calls for clarification on the implemented tasks particularly fundraising activities.

Given this long established Foundation and its service, I urge future reports to include recommendations that promote and encourage fundraising events. This is one main issue indicated in the report given the financial constraints. It is essential to raise funds to assist those in the Board Committee.

**MR SPEAKER:** I now grant the floor to the Deputy Prime Minister.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo (Sui Palemia):** Mr Speaker, the NKF is very important as well as raising concerns. The Chairperson has also spoken about the report considering matters that ought to be noted by the members. The discussed report is at a 2009-2010 time period. This specific year had a total \$4,376,000 fund allocation donated by the government to NKF that is an average approximation of \$967,486 compared to the \$5,343,486 distribution in 2008-2009. The main report clearly defines that despite this reduction, the NKF tasks were achievable earning them a profit compared to the total expenditure of \$1,078,144. Hence we still have profit earnings and positive revenue earning for the Foundation to provide and maintain its services.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for the enlightenment, gratitude also to the Chairperson for clarifying blurred issues. I wish to remind the House that this report is based on the financial year of 2009-2010 and I trust that a future report would cater for your raising concerns.

*Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** According the Standing Order 54, the Government is required to produce a document that responds to the Governments recommendations brought forth no later than 90 days after the Report was approved.

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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P.2011/2012  
No.33, CORPORATE OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL PROVIDENT  
FUND FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014- CONSIDERATION**

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:**  
Thank you Mr Speaker, I move for the Legislative Assembly to carefully consider the Committees Report containing its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.

*Seconded by Deputy Speaker, a member from the Individual Votes Group, Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang and member from Sagaga le Usoga.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I now call upon the Chairman to rise and discuss Findings and Resolutions.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:**  
Honorable Mr Speaker;-

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on its findings the Committee recommends that the Government:-

1. The Fund should you find ways to further improve the managing of its investments and profits for the benefits of the Members as well as the country.
2. To consider other alternatives in which the percentage (bonus) paid out to the Members can increase annually.
3. To continue with the up-skilling process for the employees to further improve their knowledge and skills in offering the quality services needed.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its consideration, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Assembly:

That the P.P.2011/2012 No. 33, Corporate Objectives of the National Provident Fund for the Period 2012-2014 approved.”

Thank you.

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**P.P. 2012/2013 No. 90, The Health & Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee Report on the P.P.2011/2012 No.33, Corporate Objectives of the National Provident Fund for the period 2012-2014 - Consideration**

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you honorable Chairman for your speech, I now grant the floor to the member from Faasaleleaga No. 2.

**Susuga Hon PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU (Faasaleleaga No. 2):** Thank you Mr Speaker and Chairperson for the thorough report summary. It is important to be informed of the NPFs investment earnings.

Taking into account the Committees findings, \$25million profit earned from the investors loan interest which is very large amount. A request to the Hon Minister and NPF, what is the review upon the investors and their huge contribution to NPF? Should not they be declared some form of subsidies or return rate for its members considering the huge profit and revenue generated from the members contribution. That is the basis with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Member from Salega you may take the floor, and later we will give the chance to this side of the House.

**Afioga Hon AFUALO WOOD UTI SALELE (Salega):** Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity. Thank you Chairperson for the NPF Report 2012-2014. Firstly I thought we will be receiving some strong recommendations pursuant to this submitted NPF Report. This is the core area of Samoas developments. Although everyone makes NPF contribution, the major projects have been given the Ministrys assistance that should spearhead further developments but I have never heard of any recommendation on investment loans. In reality, borrowing is done by other banking institutions including the Development Bank with additional bank interest fee that comes time for further developments, the burden falls heavily on the business entrepreneurs specifically those involved with building the economic development of the country. This is crucial for the countrys economic status going forward. We cannot create further investments with the Ministries, government entities and the private sector given the NPF economic investment. Hence is the request upon the Hon Minister of Finance, consider this into detail. Given the \$25million collected from interest fees, it is quite significant. But we must ensure to expand the economic cycle process to boost our developments including the many business plans and strategies for the future.

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you, I ask the member from Faleata West to have patience while I give this side the chance.

Associate Minister Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang please rise.



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**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG (Independent Voters):** Thank Mr Speaker for the opportunity, I wish to express gratitude to the Chairperson and Committee for the report. I wish to ask the Committee if there was any mention or thought about considering an Actuary person in clause 3 of the report to up skill the workers. I am concerned because getting an overseas Consultant to conduct this service is very expensive. But with an Actuary Person it can be a very profitable choice for the Foundation and the SLAC Insurance Company. That is all Mr Speaker, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. You can stand member from Faleata West.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI (Faleata West):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity, thank you to the Committee for the Report and a special Thanks to the Hon Minister for the managing the NPF for our people, especially since we are on a different scheme.

The recommendation on interest rates that we raise every year to assist the public servants...\$2million is received from interest rates within a year which is large amount of money with a bonus of 7% return to our people; however I notice that the interest rates range around 10%, 12%, 13%, 14%. The businesses are a little affected by this percentage; however, individuals on the other hand are mainly affected from personal loans considering the many family obligations (faalavelave), village and church. Personally I would rather not receive any bonuses than having to pay a higher interest rate. It is common practice that people borrow at the beginning of the year to fund school fees and other events like Easter and White Sunday. People would borrow every year to get financial assistance. Such is the humble request to the Ministry to lower the interest rates to get create more jobs, businesses will grow, more NPF contributors/members and revenue earning will increase.

Reports on the NPF funding of the New Zealand and Australian Houses is set to meet payment within 30 years. Whilst the majority of borrowers do not meet the 15 or 20 years requirement that even with a spread out timeframe, small repayments are incurred. If the government can meet the 30 years payment requirement, the local businesses should also share the same benefit by allowing a lengthy timeframe to pay off their loans. In truth, the NPF and ACC are known as the financial controller institutions for all banks in terms of investments and monetary contributions. Hence they too share a large pool on investment interest rates. And with their set policies and regulations that can benefit the contributors given a spread out time frame...sharing the economic burden with the general public in particular the public servants, that would be easier on the overall perspective. The government has set up UTOS consisting of lower interest rate that is limited to the SOEs alone.



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Hence the main concern is to lower interest rates for personal loans at NPF. This would lessen the burden for the public, local businesses and create more employment with increased income tax contribution from NPF members.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I now give the last speaker the stand, please carry on member from Faleata and Samatau.

**Afioga TAEFU LEMI (Falelatai and Samatau):** Thank you Mr Speaker, I also extend gratitude to the Chairperson of the Health Committee pursuant to the NPF Health Report.

Mr Speaker, views on interest rate imposed on loans have been highly considered but personally, the interest incurred on a persons investment loan deserves a lower interest considering a new house or land. NPF is unbiased of its members as well as non NPF members who share the rights. We tend to seek funds that now bear a higher income level for NPF given our interest rates. Otherwise, lower the interest rates for the NPF contributors when borrowing personal investments. That is the first case.

On another note Mr Speaker, I wish to ask the Chairperson and Committee with reference to the NPF Parliamentary Scheme considering its long term strategies and the Ministrys established framework, is there policy regarding us? The Parliamentary Pension was with the Betham & Company that fixed deposited the savings obtaining a higher percentage return. This is an Investment Portfolio seeking funds given the interest that we mentioned. Is there benefit for Parliamentary members under this Investment Portfolio or Parliamentary Pension in the future? Considering the 49 members at present, this is not our fault given our NPF contributions. The overall perspective should provide some benefit to us as NPF contributors although we are classified under a different category, that is the plea your honor.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you to the member, I now call upon the Chairperson to respond to the raising concerns.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:** Thank you Mr Speaker and the member for the raising queries. I believe the Minister and Ministry are listening intently. It is clear that the main issue raised is the lowering of interest rates on personal loans and raise interest on personal investments.

Mr Speaker, with any business, finance management is vital in maintaining the business operation leaving no room for bankruptcy. That is similar aim for NPF to maintain the \$25million addition instead of reduced \$25million. NPF are playing a vital role in maintaining our investments here and abroad to ensure a growing income level and better returns for our people.

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Thank you to the member of Individual Voters, Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang for the recommendation. Your concern is noted for the Committees review.

Next is the Parliamentary Pension Scheme. Mr Speaker I wish to inform the member that the Committee does not deal with this matter. I believe those are all the issues raised by the members Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Is there anything else member for Faleata West?

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you Chairperson. The Committee has stated has given the Ministrys response on raising interest rates is to meet the bonus paid to the contributors on a yearly basis. I affirmed that the bonus cannot be raised if the interest rate is lowered. Hence if the interest rate is lowered, less burden is justified with reduced bonuses for the majority. By looking at the less burden implemented by the government on our developments, we can still lower the interest to 3% if we intend to develop Samoa. I am not saying to less this to 3% for the individuals small loans in particular. But the purpose is to benefit the NPF investors for the general public sake.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Minister will now respond as the Chairpersons presentation was clear, I call upon the Minister of Finance.

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA (Minister of Finance):** Mr Speaker I firstly like to thank the Chairperson and the Committee for reviewing this report considering the main objectives that were achieved. The main concern of the member is the imposed interest rates on loans. There are different levels of interest rates for investors, borrowers and private owned businesses.

Mr Speaker, if it is a loan for family obligation, the interest rate is at 10%, 11% or lower, some also mentioned bonus or dividends.

In the previous year, 1% was added to the normal 7% to get the total contribution per member. The total NPF members is 29,000 hence if a household consists of 6 or 7 employed people, we are talking about the 200,000 population in total that is affected by this benefit. On the same note, we are not looking at one particular investment organization. We also have the Development Bank, UTOS and the Trading Bank. Having a competitive market reduces interests on loans whilst increased interests on investments. Having a monopoly financial market is impossible whereas more than one caters for a competitive in terms of investment rates. The Development Bank re-profiling has now been laid out to assist the private sector by giving lower interest rates that automatically sets a lower interest rate benchmark.



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One of the member for the Individual Voters, Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang spoke about Actuary which is very correct. The NPF is raising the capacity building in executing this particular task. It is expensive and difficult but the NPF is pushing to up skill the locals instead of having to rely on overseas expertise for assistance.

With regards to the Parliamentary Pension, as mentioned by the member from Faleata and Samatau, the Cabinet has approved the recommendations from the NPF Board on those executing the Pension Scheme with 5% dividend added to our savings that came into effect since the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, and who ever wishes to withdraw that amount can do so. This is where we get additional 6% revenue compared to the low income received from previous bank investments. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you.

*Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance with the Standing Order 54, the Government is expected to produce to the Legislative Assembly a Document that responds to the Recommendations brought forth to the Government by the Select Committee within 90 days since the approval of the report by the Legislative Assembly.

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**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:**  
Hon Mr Speaker, I call a motion that this Legislative Assembly prioritizes the Committees Report that issues its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Thank you.

*Motion seconded by Deputy Speaker, a member from the Individual Voters, Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang and a member from Sagala le Usoga.*

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**MR SPEAKER:** I call upon the Chairperson to take the floor.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:**  
Hon Mr Speaker;-

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on its findings the Committee recommends that the Government:-

1. That the Samoa National Provident Fund continues to monitor and comply with the guidelines to improve the services provided.
2. That the Samoa National Provident Fund (SBCF) liaises with other Government Ministries for assistance in collecting updated data needed to avoid people from, illegally withdrawing pensions of those who have passed away or permanently moved overseas.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its consideration, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Assembly:

That the P.P.2011/2012 No. 66, Report of Operations and Statement of Accounts of the Samoa Senior Citizens Benefit Fund 2010/2011 & P.P.2012/2013 No. 59, Samoa Senior Citizens Benefit Fund Report of the Operations and Statement of Accounts 2011/2012.”

Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Mr Chairperson, I believe the House is well aware of the various Reports to go about this morning; however I would allow this opportunity to the Associate member from Faasaleleaga No. 2.

**Susuga Hon PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:**  
Mr Speaker I just want to share thoughts on this crucial report. It is vital to receive modern communication connection involving pensions with other government Ministries, particular the legal side of...pardon the listeners concerning the deceased and emigrants. This is due to the lack communication. But according to the Minister, large investment total is received and communication links should be prioritized and improved to reduce expenditure.

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Most deceased elderly pensioners are not aware to the NPF but if laptops are available to the village majors to contact NPF about these pensioners, it will lessen responsibilities, reduce expenditure about illegal pensions drawn by others.

Another issue is the frequent traveling of the elderly abroad for three months that when they return, the pensions are cut. Upon their return after three months, will they receive a pension benefit or not? Because compared to New Zealand and Australia when they travel abroad, the pensioners still receive a pension entitlement. Never mind the citizens that reside permanently overseas, but the traveling elderly to and fro, that is the question. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I now give the last chance to the Hon Tuiatua Faanofonofu, the member for Aana Alofi No. 3 before the Chairperson gives response.

Please stand member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Mr Speaker the matter is very short. I fully support the crucial matter raised by the member from Faasaleleaga No. 2. Firstly, the traveling citizens residing permanently overseas should have contacted the Immigration Department and NPF regarding drawing pensions as personal detail information should be provided automatically to indicate that the pensioner is leaving the country. All these detailed information are computerized under NPF systems but it is disappointing to hear the lack of local technological communications systems.

The pensioner should be granted a six months permit abroad like New Zealand and Australia. That by the time they return, they at least have some money in their accounts.

Secondly, the matter raised by member for Faasaleleaga No. 2, deceased pensioners should permit a one month grace period. This responsibility should be delegated to the pulenuu to confirm the deceased person in the district for NPFs records. If only the Pulenuu is accessible to Computers, once the button is pressed the Ministry automatically receives confirmation. We should also have signage or notices board at the Funeral parlors in assistance to NPF about the deceased death certificate registrations and notify the NPF about the deceased within one grace period before pensions are drawn. With all due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you; take the stand member from Aana Alofi No.3.



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**Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand to second the raising concerns by previous speakers. Additionally the one grace period for the traveling pensions that by taking one or two traveling days and receive no monthly pension entitlement upon returning, I recommend that this should be reviewed so that the travelers can still claim their pensions. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I grant the opportunity to the member from Faleata West.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you Mr Speaker. This topic is very important, if it happened to one of mother of this family. Upon her two months return, she was not able to receive her pension. This was confirmed when we visited her. The traveling records are available once a person departs the airport. I then suggested that records should be made available for travelers departure and arrival given the automatic payments that some are unclear of by legislation. A time period and benefit for the elderly should be considered given the limited time with us on earth. That should not take much that traveling for three months, we will receive abundant blessing from them. This is critical to them seeing that they should receive a huge benefit from it including these small increments when traveling.

Lastly, the entitlement time period involving a series of complicated process in support of the elder citizens and its initial practice. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Last chance to the member from Falelatai and Samatau.

**Afioga TAEFU LEMI (Falelatai ma Samatau):** Thank Mr Speaker, I am glad we are now up to the report that is related to the recent reviewed report of the NPF.

Mr Speaker, the only intention of mentioning the Parliamentary Pension Scheme is because NPF is for everyone, we are not talking about annual reports but the corporate objectives of the organization. Hence this is broad. They should also include an Elderly Pension Scheme. Anyway I will now make use of this opportunity.

This Committee deals directly with the Ministry of Women, Community and Development as this particular government sector has not been properly managed, the Pulenuu(s). An old woman and man whom are called by God should be able to obtain confirmation from the Sui o le Malo or Pulenuu. The mere issue that we are still facing is poor communication network between the respective Ministries neither the organizations.

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Mr Speaker I propose better communication links for effective networking. Secondly, the \$5 tala bank fee imposed on the pensioners leaves them with small amount. Hence, even \$5tala is needed by the elderly on a daily basis.

**MR SPEAKER:** Take the stand Hon...

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Hon Mr Speaker, I was listening intently if the recent speaker will raise this particular matter...

**MR SPEAKER:** You know very well I have declared the final speech or are you triggered to comment given the previous members views?

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** No, if a member had mentioned it I would not have stood up.

**MR SPEAKER:** You may continue as your opinions are based on the views of others lest I will recognize you out of respect.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I apologize if I have disobeyed your orders.

What I aim to accentuate out of the previous speakers comments is prioritizing the elderly as that is the Faa-Samoa (Samoan way of life). Some have mentioned the pension scheme and the increment that came into effect recently, I am very disappointed. I second as a Tautua member that the elderly receive this on a fortnightly basis. The elder people are listening in.

Another thing your honor...

**MR SPEAKER:** Listen carefully. This is exactly why I was worried about giving you the opportunity. We do not intend to follow up other speakers concerns. We cannot reverse what has already been passed. We have already discussed matters about the elderly pension increment given the wise distribution. Again, you are digging up what has not recommended by the Committee.

Pardon me Leader of Opposition but you are also slotting in a confession. Are you able to do that? That is why I urge you to be direct.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** I would if I was the Governments leader. That is not difficult.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I am saying that we comply with our oath. "*E lele lava le faalele a o lea e matau tagata*", 'We have amongst us the talkers as well as the examiners'. The country cannot be easily swayed, the Committees recommendations are precise, but I advise you to direct your recommendations and not speak of the past any further.

The Committee has recommended the two recommendations. Commit to the old aged people and their concerns. This report was prepared four, five years ago before this new report was received with its proposed changes. We need not steer to and fro but go straight to the point, be considerate and assist with our business.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** No we are not going back and forth but simply reminding the country.

Another thing is the cutting fees on the pensions 'entitlement. \$1, \$2 or \$3 it does not amount up to the total benefit allocated to the pensioners. That is the plea before government, take heed of this concern. When the aged is satisfied, even with a very small amount, they will be forever gratified. Even if the old age sees a \$2 cut, they will get upset, hence what is the use of the \$5 raise when \$2 bank fee is deducted?

That is the motive for my upstanding.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your point is well taken Leader of Opposition. I am still giving opportunity. This matter was also raised before. People have different bank institutions whereby some do not charge bank fees whilst others are charged free. It is the pensioners choice.

I am keeping records from previous years, hence let us not talk about matters that have been discussed and approved in the past. Let us not stress ourselves out on this as we have experts who are managing this service.

I will give the opportunity to the assistance of the Hon Minister of Finance.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** I have one more thing to say...

**MR SPEAKER:** Then please finish...

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** It is very unsettling to hear you say not to raise issues of the past. I am very saddened of how this is taken. We cannot do this with this report? The Opposition side will continue to give reminders.

**MR SPEAKER:** May I remind you that this report is two to three years old. I am reminding you that we now have a new thorough reviewed report. That is the reminder not to linger in the past given the load of work in our hands.

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The heads of the Ministries are listening in lest we take square one again prolonging our meeting. Did you want something Hon Minister for Finance?

**Afioga Hon FAUMUINA TIATIA FAAOLATANE LIUGA:** Mr Speaker I wish to assist the Chairperson the Committee and the reviewed report.

Mr Speaker, you are absolutely right about financial institutions bank fees policies. Westpac does not incur bank charges hence I have already liaised with Westpac to increase in-store banking in Salafai given the six in-store banking available now and was agreed to by the Westpac CEO.

Samoa Commercial Bank and the National Bank of Samoa imposes a \$2 tala bank fee; \$5 tala cut for ANZ and Western Union and Samoa Post was \$1.50 but is now raised to \$2 in the hopes of earning revenue for business operations, people have the freedom to choose where they wish to bank.

This old report states for 8,500 senior citizens in total whereas currently, we have approximately 10,000. The appropriation fund for the pensioners comes out of the Governments Appropriation but not directly from NPF.

This is a very significant issue concerning our passing citizens. I too receive a number of people needing assistance with regards to pension benefit. There are also cases involving unclaimed pensions for the elders in New Zealand and Australia when traveling hence the views on this is essential for Governments decision through the NPF considering a policy requirement of three months limitation given the passing legislations for NPF. With all due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you. Pardon the members, I give the chance for government responses to be completed before the Leader of Opposition. I firstly call the Hon Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

**Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau:** Thank you for the opportunity. I trust this is a good chance to shed light on the issues mentioned by some of the members including Tuiatua Faanofonofu with regards to the senior citizens traveling policies before appropriate action is taken.

One of the initiatives is the launching of the Samoa National Broadband services next month for effective networking between the Ministries taking into account new updates for communication improvement.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Hon Minister for Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

Please take the stand Deputy Speaker.

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**Tofa Agafili Patisela Eteuati Tolovaa:** Thank you Mr Speaker for this opportunity.

A point of order on a matter related to pulenuu playing a part in verifying the passing NPF members. Under the policies and regulations of the Office of Births, Deaths and Marriage Registration, the village pastors are in charge of this undertaken. The reason being is because the pastors will always conduct the final service ceremony for the deceased instead of the Pulenuu who may be engaged with traveling etc. The pastors must pass the death registration to the Registrar for registration four days after the victims death.

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Member from Siumu you may stand.

**Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota (Siumu):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I just want to ask the Leader of Opposition, when exactly does he intend to lead the government, is it this year, next year or never? With utmost respect.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker. Good question but we are prepared for that too, I am not kidding here, we have been prepared given the countless mistakes of that side.

I rise in regards to the \$5, \$2 and \$1 bank fees mentioned by the Hon Minister of Finance which is extra points for you if you are willing to execute this. See the 10,000 senior citizen member that can take up a small \$30,000 benefit from government. The cut bank fees must be preserved for them.

That is the humble request, despite our countless knocks, we shall ensue to do so. What does the Hon Prime Minister normally say to us? Hon Minister of Finance and the Government, have a look at this as more and more senior citizens are complaining about these cut bank charges. With all due respect. Why not give it all to Westpac for their charge free service?

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I understand Leader of Opposition, but just a few things to clarify.

You may take the stand Deputy Prime Minister.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo:** Mr Speaker I just wanted to clarify that there is nothing wrong with this Committee. The only slight hiccup is the member for Siumus dominance of the Leader of Opposition and we had no idea how that ended.



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**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker I wish to clarify this matter.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo:** That was in the documents.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Is the country with you, you lied about the Hon Prime Ministers sickness? And now you are again lying about the competence of that side.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo:** There is no lie.

**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of Opposition, Palu, Palu you are disobeying orders. You do as you please.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo:** He does that all the time.

**MR SPEAKER:** Yes.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo:** Mr Speaker I speak of a different matter moving away from this issue.

Let me remind the Pension Scheme started with only \$50 tala only. Now what? It is now raised. These are good government works and efforts for the elder women and men of the country. In 2011, we had 9,325 senior citizens, plus 200 more eligible members amounting to a total expenditure of \$15million. \$300,000 is paid to general practitioners for medicine supplies including doctors in the House. This is not small money. See the additional 200 senior members from 2011 to 2012 on this scheme. Why? Because NPF can still afford it. What is the aim behind it? Long service and long lifespan and people now have better lifestyle given government initiatives every day. The government will also be attending the Asau water launching project in Savaii. These government programs are endless including the large assistance for our senior citizens. Hence, the Leader of Opposition should not be leading [the government because we can still handle it.](#)

**MR SPEAKER:** We have arrived to our recess hour.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its usual recess at 10.48 am and will continue until 11.24am.*

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**MR SPEAKER:** I now declare the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly in continuance.

I take this moment to thank each member for the patience and understanding in our work. I trust you have all been well rested and well fed during our recess. We have come to the second part of today's schedule.

We went for recess after the government responded to issues raised by members of the House. Therefore, I ask whether the Chairperson has anything to add before I put forward our question. Take the stand Chairperson.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Hon Mr Speaker may I please be allowed to clarify some things in response to the Deputy Prime Minister with reference to the issues I raised.

**MR SPEAKER:** What other things do you need to clarify?

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** The old \$50 tala pension scheme 20 years ago may I remind the Hon Deputy Speaker, bread was less than \$1, herring and milk were also less than \$2 tala value priced compared to today. That is the clarification to the Hon Prime Minister.

**MR SPEAKER:** I get it Leader of Opposition...

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** There is a vast difference between valued prices 20 years ago and the \$50 pension scheme legislation today.

**MR SPEAKER:** Take the stand Deputy Prime Minister

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo:** Mr Speaker I believe the Leader of Opposition still does not get the intent of the discussed issue. We have an additional 200 senior citizens from 2011-2012 in the program. Why? For healthy living. How? From the better living standard and better government developments, that is the precise reminder.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Hon Mr Speaker he is talking about a whole different issue.

**MR SPEAKER:** I get your concern, but the \$50 was relevant to the standard of living for that time period. The laid charges on the pensioners clarified by the Hon Minister of Finance began with enveloped money distributed to the pastors homes without any bank fees.

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However, theft was the main issue back then involving thousands of dollars. That is reason for the change of system from cashing out pensions to individual bank deposits. The Deputy Speaker has also pointed out the old \$50 tala and the \$165 tala pension benefit incurred from our Annual Budget Appropriation as money does not fall from heaven. But your view is now clear.

I call upon the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure):** Mr Speaker, the only overlooking bit concerns the shipping officers (pensioners) traveling to Savaii and Tutuila whom are also paid by government. With utmost respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for the assistance. I call upon the Chairperson.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I notice the incalculable queries for Parliaments insight spoken by the Hon Ministers with additional points to complete the Committees response.

Mr Speaker, first issue involves the illegal drawing of the deceased pensions. Appropriate actions have been taken on this regard. This is through a one year validity document that is renewed annually to confirm a pensioners life and death.

Another clarifying matter by the Hon Minister of Communications and Information Technology involves an E-Government network including cases of this sort (deaths) through a Broadband connection. As the member for Faasaleleaga No. 2 mentioned, drawing a deceased pension benefit illegally is an offence. The intention is for everyone to work collaboratively to maintain this pension scheme benefit for the elder and future generation.

For travelling senior citizens, they can always claim pensions by submitting a confirmed health certificate for a back date process to claim full pension. *The issue involving bank charges involving issues in the past as clearly laid out by the Hon Minister.*

I beg tolerance to the member for Falelatai and Samatau for the incomplete response as Parliamentary Committee involves different reviewed sections whereby we also wanted to raise the Parliamentary Scheme Pension, nonetheless we are excluded as we are reviewing this particular matter – that is clearly defined by the Hon Minister.

With all due respect Mr Speaker, that is the Committees response. Thank you.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you, member for Faasaleleaga No .2 you may stand.

**Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaio manu Taeu Masipau:** Mr Speaker I would like to confirm whether the Hon Minister for Works, Transport and Infrastructure statement implicating the American Samoa passengers, is this true as the country is listening in as well as the pensioners.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Hon Minister of Finance will elaborate.

**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga:** Mr Speaker, thank you for the question. This does not involve Tutuila which is international...if pensions are made for travelers to Tutuila, so too is New Zealand, Australia and America, will all due respect.

*The Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Orders 54, the government is expected to present a paper to the Legislative Assembly in response to the recommendations to the Select Committee within 90 days since the Report was approved.

**P.P.2012/2013 NO. 95, HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON P.P 2012/2013 NO. 94, MINISTRY OF HEALTH FINANCIAL REPORT 2009-2010 - CONSIDERATION**

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:** Hon Mr Speaker I move, That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

*Seconded by a member from the Individual Voters, Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang and Hon member from Sagaga le Usoga.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson of the Health & Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee you may stand.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:** Hon Mr Speaker:



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“RECOMMENDATION:-

1. To further encourage awareness programs to minimize the expenses on treatments not only in Samoa but overseas countries as well.
2. To encourage partnership between the Ministry, Private Doctors and other sectors and organizations with similar services in gathering information on the health status of the country and for providing quality health care needed for the public.
3. To consider the challenges with the health services being provided to the public; should be given without delay and must be easily understood to avoid complaints that will jeopardize the services of the Doctors and Nurses..

**RESOLUTION:** At the conclusion of its consideration, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Assembly:

That the P.P.2012/2013 No. 94, Annual Report of the Ministry of Health for the Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 be approved.”

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Malo. Thank you for elucidating that Chairperson. The floor is now available for dialogue. Take a stand member for Faleata West.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I will be brief about the report. Thank you for the clear report by the Committee on the lack of health promotional awareness programs. I mentioned the heart foundation based on the many existing diseases a week ago. The pink eye disease was only conducted once. Government schools are now on break, but private schools are still ongoing. I asked one of the teachers yesterday where my son attends school, why they were not going on break, the replied came that they were not issued a Cabinet Directives about any notices. I spoke with one of the Health representatives who affirmed that they are awaiting something about statistical records. I then said, What do you mean by waiting when the Pharmacy is running out of eye drops treatment? Why wait when you should be issuing an alert notice for schools in particular?

But it is now clear in the report that there is no coordination between the two Ministries, i.e. Ministry of Health and the National Health Services given the statistical records search. But the issue should be well addressed to be in line with the health alert notices not only with government schools but also private schools given the clear indication of....

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Hence we have been talking about health awareness programs and the specific time and action should be taken when coordination is now lacking. That is the concern to the Ministry, consider appropriate measures and action for this vital service around the country.

Another matter indicates Section 2, to encourage and promote collaboration efforts with the private doctors. However this does not seem to be the case. According to the Committees Findings, a collective partnership between doctors, nurses and stakeholders must be shown to provide quality service delivery. That is the recommendation for the Committee, is there a collaborating problem at present? Those are some of the questions with all due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you, Chairperson I believe there are no more queries, you may respond.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:** Thank you Mr Speaker and the member for Faleata West for the recommendations.

Firstly, your queries are exactly right, we do not have enough awareness programs given the limited funding available. As for the collaborating efforts of the Ministries sections in Recommendation Two, there is a patient information system that is lacking. We did ask them but they explained that it is costly and difficult. But investigations are still undertaken to make things possible, whether it is a patient in Savaii, we only press the button and the patients full information pops up to assist the doctors with performing the operation. The Heart Promotion Foundation was also queried, for your information, that bill is in the second reading of our order paper.

Mr Speaker, that is the explanation thank you for the opportunity.

*Report was approved.*

**P.P.2012/2013 NO. 96. THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P.2011/2012  
NO. 64, SAMOA NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR 2011 - CONSIDERATION**

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson for the Health and Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee please take the stand.

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**P.P.2012/2013 No. 96. The Health and Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee Report on the P.P.2011/2012 No. 64, Samoa National Provident Fund Annual Report for the Year 2011 - Consideration**

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW:**  
Hon Mr Speaker I move, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*

*Seconded by the Deputy Speaker and member for Individual Voters, Susuga Papalii Niko Lee Hang.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Hon Chairperson you may read out the Recommendations and Resolutions of the report.

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on its findings the Committee recommends that the Government:-

1. Advise the Fund to thoroughly consider the future of the businesses and companies to which the Fund plans to invest in to avoid losses.
2. Advise the Fund to increase its capital/money being invested overseas to obtain profits that will then be given back to the members.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its consideration, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Assembly:

That the P.P 2011/2012 No 64, Samoa National Provident Fund Annual Report for the year 2011 be approved.”

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Chairperson for the report. I believe it is clear and recommendations brought about are appropriate, and if there are no objections than I will ask the question.

*Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Orders 54, the government is expected to present a paper to the Legislative Assembly in response to the recommendations to the Select Committee within 90 days since the Report was approved.



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**P.P 2013/20114 NO. 18, THE JUSTICE, POLICE & PRISONS AND LAND & TITLES COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P 2012/2013 No.43, SAMOA LAW REFORM COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2010-JUNE 2011 - CONSIDERATION**

**Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA (Chairperson of the Justice, Police and Prisons and Land & Titles Committee):** Thank you Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*

*Seconded by the associate member for Alataua West, member for Gagaifomauga No.2, member for Palauli and Falelatai and Samatau.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may read out the Recommendations and Resolutions of the Report.

**Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA:** Hon Mr Speaker;

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on its findings, the Committee recommends the Government:-

1. To provide sufficient funds for the Commission to carry out Public Consultations and to sustain its intensify awareness programs and campaign calling for public view to ensure that the laws of Samoa are in line with current developments and reflects and maintains the Samoan custom and traditions;
2. To provide for sufficient working space for the Commission in order to accommodate the increase in its staff.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its consideration the Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly:

To approve P.P2012/2013 No.43, Samoa Law Reform Commission Annual Report July 2010-June 2011.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank Chairperson for that clear explanation. The floor is now open for discussion. Member for Aana Alofi No. 3 you may stand.

**Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER:** Thank Mr Speaker, I also thank the Chairperson and the Committee for the report.

In observing the Committees recommendations on insufficient funds for the Commissions operation, how much funds is required to executing the work of the Commission? Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity.



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**P.P 2013/20114 No. 18, The Justice, Police & Prisons and Land & Titles  
Committee Report on the P.P 2012/2013 No. 43, Samoa Law Reform  
Commission Annual Report July 2010-June 2011 - Consideration**

**MR SPEAKER:** I gather this is all but I call upon the Chairperson to respond to the required amount given in the recommendation.

**Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA:** Thank you for the question. As it is known the Law Reform Commission has recently been separated from the Attorney Generals office, and it is new. It needs more staff because the work they are doing is piling up, not only that but they also need more office space. I assume our Commission is liaising with the Commission about the required funding that I cannot confirm at the moment.

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you.

*Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Orders 54, the government is expected to present a paper to the Legislative Assembly in response to the recommendations to the Select Committee within 90 days since the Report was approved.

**P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 19, THE PRIMARY PRODUCTION, COMMERCE,  
INDUSTRY AND LABOUR COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P  
2012/2013, NO. 3, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA TOURIST  
AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011  
- CONSIDERATION**

**Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI (Chairperson of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labor Committee):** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*

**MR SPEAKER:** You may read out the Recommendations and Resolutions of the Report.

**Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI:** At the conclusion of its findings , the Committee recommends that Government:-

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To look at possible ways to improve the Authority’s Website as the best way to promote Samoa and local tourism industries in the outside world.

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2. Continues its normal inspections to local industries to ensure that the cost of services provided is in line with information on their website pages.
3. Conducts awareness program to cease the illegal increase of taxi fares when travelling with Tourists for site seeing.
4. Recommends the Authority to conduct Promotions for local villages with historical significance like Falealupo for the continuous attraction of tourists.
5. The Authority should advertise its Cultural Centre Activities.
6. The Authority should reconsider a new plan for future relocation of its Cultural Center while the new Five Star Hotel is planned to be constructed at the Reclaimed Area where the Authority's Main Office is located.

**RESOLUTIONS:-**

At the conclusion of its considerations, the Committee resolved to recommend that the Assembly approves the P.P.2012/2013, No. 3; Annual Report of the Samoa Tourism Authority for the Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011."

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Chairperson for that brief explanation. The floor is open for discussion. Member for Faleata West you may take the stand.

**Tofa LEALAILPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you Mr Speaker and the Chairperson for the report.

This Ministry plays a very vital part in preparation to the upcoming conference that Parliament has talked about to generating more revenue in the country.

During our January sitting, I had emphasized the Apia town area. Up to date, stray dogs continue to be problem in all parts of the town area.

Secondly, light posts appear to be unfixed at the current. Light posts situated along the seawall area from Mulinuu and the residence of the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. People would feel safe walking along the sea wall in the evenings. This matter is not new. Mowing the lawn is done dispersedly leaving out other premises. Furthermore, the bridge at Mulivai has overgrown grass that is reaching the main road. I am curious to know where....these crucial areas must be looked into and monitored on a daily basis.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon the speaking member, let me give the stand to the interjection of the member for Faasaleleaga No. 4.

**Afioga PESETA VAIFOU TEVAGA (Faasaleleaga No. 4):** Mr Speaker I wish to stress out the stray dog issue within the town area. Since I and the Associate member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo are part of this program, I wish to explain the delay on this issue. The delay is because special guns are ordered from abroad to eradicate stray dogs. Although they are gunned down but once they are dumped, they are still seen alive. That is the reason behind the Committees recommendation. With all due respect.

**Tofa LEALAILPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Deputy Prime Minister, the matter concerning the stray dogs is not something new but something that has been long debated. If the Tourism Committee has now taken over this project, we hope to see some productive changes. Why not give the Associate Minister the gun as he is very familiar. Hence this problem continues to exist today.

Hon Mr Speaker, this evening if you are willing to head out for a ride to view the town area, you will see the unkempt status I am talking about. The people are longing to enjoy the Eleele-Fou area, sightseeing and have a picnic with family and friends. But due to the eyesore sight, people are unaware of where to go. However, it would be nice to clean the Government Building backside, install proper lights as one beautification move to attract the locals to enjoy the scenery of the town area. It would also be good to conduct tours around Mulinu and Matautu.

People from overseas enjoy early morning walks and evening walks, but that is unsafe now given the unfixed lights and roaming stray dogs.

Another construction work by government is the new beachfront at Vaisigano which is beautiful and new that is destroyed by the scattered disposals, who is responsible for this. I am alarmed if no government Ministry is responsible for cleaning this site every day. This should be done on a mandatory basis given the numerous government employees we have now, more resources available including trucks, contractors etc. Now that we have read the many difficulties publicized about the Ministry today. Therefore, we should be working collectively to support the Tourist Office. That is the advice with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I will now hand over to this side of the House.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I wish to talk about two things in accordance to the Committees recommendation, one involving the raising of taxi fare charges when a cruise ship arrives.

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Is there plan by the Committee and LTA to settle a suitable price rates for taxi and bus drivers to reduce the issue of overcharge rates? In specific, has the Committee and LTA plan to install taxi fare meters to reduce overcharging rates?

Secondly, where exactly is the Committee planning to relocate the Tourist Office? Whilst standing, I wish to respond to my friend, member from Faleata Wests concerns. Light posts along the town area have been noted by the Accommodation Committee in preparation for the SIDS through the EPC. The concern with the Vaisigano Beach; the MNRE has confirmed that they will be responsible for this undertaking according to the Committee member for Aana Alofi No.1.

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** This will be the last speaker. Member for Aana Alofi No. 1 you may stand, and thank to the member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo.

**Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you Chairperson and Committee for reviewing the Samoa Tourism Report.

The main aim behind all concerns and views is preparations for the SIDS conference. In addition, the Beautification Committee may be responsible for beautifying and maintaining the township area including Aggies waterfront to the market. I recommend that the respective Ministry should ensure the cleanliness of our town area.

To recommendation your honor, I wish to be clarified about online bookings given received complaints from some companies. They avowed that the Tourism website is now updated and online bookings should be taken into account thus some local companies could assist in this to earn some money. The fourth recommendation states for marketing and promotion strategy given my experience 20 years ago, we are marketable. The tourist maps used by the Tourist Office for promotional purposes also cover tourist sites that lack maintenance but could generate good revenue earning.

A good example is the Seuao cave in Safata village within the district of Saanapu. This is all in the tourist map unfortunately it cannot be visited due to the poor road access. This requires improvement before the upcoming conference.

Moving on to recommendation 6 on seeking a new site for the Culture Centre, I humbly urge the Committee to value our Faa-Samoa (Samoan way of life) which is richly embedded in our homes and villages. Let us not follow suite with other countries who build culture centers for tourists to gain an insight alone, rather, let the tourist explore and experience the true values and custom in a real village that will furthermore assist with the village maintenance earn some income for the village.



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That is my input Mr Speaker. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I now ask the Chairperson to respond to the questions before the question is put.

**Afioga Hon LEAUEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI:** Thank you.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker I did not that this was the Chairperson, but I wish to comment on the subject matter.

**MR SPEAKER:** Pardon me but there is another following report. It is quite late as the decision has been made. I call upon the Chairperson.

**Afioga Hon LEAUEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI:** I respectfully stand to elaborate the matters raised by some members.

I extend my thanks to the member for Faleata West. In the countrys proverb, "E sau le fuauli e toa ai le moa", meaning, it is good to know that our views are taken into consideration. I am not boasting but am only giving advice as a leader to assist the Samoa Tourism Authority. I did not get everyones suggestions.

The issue with stray dogs is in the hands of the Ministry despite the difficulties they face. But bear with us as we aim to combat this problem to reduce the harm effects of stray dogs for our tourists and our locals. Overgrown grass and street lights is the collaborating efforts of all government Ministries.

All involved Ministries should take heed of this notice for improvement, to maintain and keep Samoa in essence to the SIDS conference in September. I am sincerely thankful for the constructive views by the members.

One of the members raised concerns about the unlawful taxi overcharge. This is not a new issue whereby one fly destroys the good works of the rest including bus operators. But its good to note these comments for improvement for the business persons.

The query on new site relocation of the Samoa Tourism Authority is handled by the Authority to finding an appropriate land space. One member has mentioned that its better to implement this in the village community where it involves handicrafts and other cultural aspects that assists well with the tourism promotion. This is a good recommendation hence we shall leave it to the CEO and staff of the Tourism Authority and report back to Parliament. Online bookings and tourism site promotion on the STA website were reviewed by the Committee. The main thing to consider is working collectively for the countrys prosperity.

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Samoa you have the Leader of Opposition in his reasoning upon pension bank fees deductions. That is rightfully the intention of working closely together to promote and improve working standards.

Online bookings are prearranged. Visitors can go directly to STA or the hotel of their choice. Both services are available and hopefully will push more visitors into our shores.

Those are the recommendations and without further a due, I hope the responses are well taken in receipt of future STA reports 2010/2011.

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Chairperson.

*Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Orders 54, the government is expected to present a paper to the Legislative Assembly in response to the recommendations to the Select Committee within 90 days since the Report was approved.

**P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 31, REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE ON THE P.P.2012/2013 NO. 41, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA INTERNATIONAL FINANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011 - CONSIDERATION**

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*

*Seconded by Deputy Speaker, Associate Minister for the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, member for Sagaga le Usoga, member for Falelatai and Samatau and member from Aleipata Itupa i Lalo.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may rise and illustrate on the report.

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**P.P. 2013/2014 No. 31, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the P.P.2012/2013 No. 41, Annual Report of the Samoa International Finance for the Financial Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - Consideration**

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker, at the conclusion of its findings, the Committee recommends the Government:-

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:-**

1. To consider other alternatives which can attract Foreign and overseas Companies to register and utilize the services provided by the Samoa International Financial Authority.
2. That the Authority to thoroughly scrutinize every Foreign Company before registering to ensure such company have no affiliation to money laundering;
3. To comply with the reporting obligations and submit Annual Reports to Parliament as required by Law.

**RESOLUTION:-**

At the conclusion of its findings, the Committee resolved to Recommend the Assembly that the:-

P.P.2012/2013 No. 41, Annual Report of the Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA) for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.”

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Chairperson. The floor is now open; please stand member for Faasaleleaga No. 2.

**Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you also to the Chairperson and the Committee for the wonderful report.

The main spirit is extending a thank you note to the Authority for funding our sportsmen on international sports like judo, netball and rugby. This is one way of marketing Samoa internationally. It is possible to involve the cricket teams from the rural area given open opportunities for any sport?

Another thing is the financial year reports submission to Parliament in a timely manner that legally binds the Public Management Act which is very important. The same should apply to other organizations. Thank you Chairperson and the Committee.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank. Chairperson you may respond.

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**P.P. 2013/2014 No. 31, Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the P.P.2012/2013 No. 41, Annual Report of the Samoa International Finance for the Financial Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - Consideration**

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Thank Mr Speaker. Thank you members for sharing your views on this report. The request for a cricket teams inclusion in the international games can be done directly with SIFA. I am grateful for the very requisite recommendations. We as a Committee should comply with government policies by meeting the financial reports deadline on a yearly basis. SIFA also contributes annually to the Appropriation Funds that is shared with other government entities. With respect.

*Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Orders 54, the government is expected to present a paper to the Legislative Assembly in response to the recommendations to the Select Committee within 90 days since the Report was approved.

**P.P. 2013/2013 NO. 32, THE FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P. 2011/2012 NO. 95, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/2011 - CONSIDERATION**

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*

*Seconded by Deputy Speaker, member from Aleipata Itupa i Lalo and member from Falelatai and Samatau.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may stand.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker, at the conclusion of its Investigations the Committee resolved to recommend to the Assembly:-

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:-**

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



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on the P.P. 2011/2012 No. 95, Annual Report of the Samoa Life  
Assurance Corporation for the Financial Year 2010/2011  
- Consideration**

2. To discourage Policyholders from withdrawing and surrendering their policies on their own accord but to promote long term savings and encourage policyholders to maintain their policies for the intended duration in order to claim benefit entitlements such as bonuses and sum assured when they are paid on maturity dates.
3. That Management and Board of Directors assess and develop other appropriate and quality Insurance schemes other than Life Assurance Policies.

**RESOLUTION:**

After the Consideration in Detail of the Bill, the Committee resolve to recommend the Assembly:-

To approve P.P.2012/2013 No. 95, - Annual Report of the Samoa Life Assurance Corporation for the Financial Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.”

Thank you.

*Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 12.28pm until 12.31pm.*

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you Chairperson. The floor is now open for discussion.

I trust there are no opinions on the matter.

*Report was approved.*

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Orders 54, the government is expected to present a paper to the Legislative Assembly in response to the recommendations to the Select Committee within 90 days since the Report was approved.

**P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 33, THE REGULATIONS REVIEW  
COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING  
REGULATIONS ON SR 2011/12-2011/22 - CONSIDERATION**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may read out the report on the regulation review.

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**P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 33, THE REGULATIONS REVIEW  
COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING  
REGULATIONS ON SR 2011/12-2011/22 - CONSIDERATION**

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Mr Deputy Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*

*Seconded by member for Alataua West and member from Sagaga le Falefa.*

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I grant opportunity for the reading of the Recommendation and Resolution; Chairperson you may stand.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Mr Deputy Speaker, honorable members of the Parliament.

**“RECOMMENDATION:**

The Regulation Review Committee recommends the Legislative Assembly to consider its report.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its considerations, the Committee approves that all regulations compiled with the Acts under which they were made. The Committee therefore resolved to recommend that the Assembly approves its Report.”

Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Opportunity for opinions. Member for Aana Alofi No. 3.

**Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER:** Thank you Deputy Speaker and the Chairperson. I wish to bear clarification given that most of these regulations were passed in previous years. Are these regulations effective before tabling or are they tabled but have become effective already? If so, I suggest that all future regulations should be discussed in the House before they become effective. Thank you.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for the question. This matter has been queried by our Committee, if you recall we conversed on this during break, I strongly advised that we hope we wont be getting any questions otherwise thank you for the question, but the process involves a request letter we submitted to the Attorney General and his staff regarding the delay legislations received by our Committee? I did receive a response which is probably with someone in the House or...but it can be obtained hopefully after our lunch break. Hence, this is not the Committees nor Parliaments fault given the normal procedure. Thank you.

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P.P. 2013/2014 No. 33, The Regulations Review Committee  
Report on the Following Regulations on S.R 2011/12-2011/22  
- Consideration

*Mr Speaker took the Chair at 12.31pm.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Deputy Prime Minister you may stand.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo:** Mr Speaker I wish to comment on the process mentioned by the Chairperson. Regulations are produced from the Principal Acts that are passed in the House. After its approval by the Executive or Cabinet, it is then assented by the Le Ao o le Malo. That is reason for submitting legislations to the House.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done. Member for Faleata West you may stand.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** No I only wish to offer assistance to your work because there are a lot of SRs to read, why not coordinate them into one. Thank you

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done. Any other addition Chairperson before we put the question?

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** No thank you.

*Report was approved.*

P.P.2013/2014 NO.34, THE REGULATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE  
REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS- S.R.2011-23-  
S.R.2011-31 - CONSIDERATION

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may take the stand to continue with consideration of regulations.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Mr Speaker I move a motion,  
*That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*

*Seconded by Deputy Speaker, member from Sagaga le Usoga and member from Faasaleleaga No. 4.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may stand.

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**P.P.2013/2014 No. 34, The Regulations Review Committee Report on the Following Regulations- S.R.2011-23-S.R.2011-31 - Consideration**

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** These are the recommendation and resolutions:-

**“RECOMMENDATION:**

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labor is recommended to:

1. Considers the Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Labor to manage funds for the expenses of outward delivering of prices on goods. Committee believes the co-operation with the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development will enhance this recommendation with the Pulenuu.
2. Considers good management of Registration of Foreign Investments conditions and monitor every business or economic activities pursuant to principles and merits of the Regulations.
3. Negotiate with the Ministry for Revenue and the Immigration Office to ensure that provisions of the Act related to its services are compiled, and should satisfied with conditions for Foreign Investors to become Samoan Citizens.

**RESOLUTION**

At the conclusion of its considerations, the Committee noted that all regulations compiled with the Acts under which they were made. The Committee therefore resolved to recommend that the Assembly approves its Report.”

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you.

*Report was approved.*

**P.P.2013/2014 NO. 35, THE REGULATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING REGULATION ON S.R.2012/1 – S.R.2012/20 - CONSIDERATION**

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may stand to read out the consideration of regulations.

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:*



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**P.P.2013/2014 No. 35, The Regulations Review Committee Report on the Following Regulation on S.R.2012/1 – S.R.2012/20 - Consideration**

*Seconded by Deputy Speaker and member for Sagala le Usoga.*

**Afioga TAFUA MALUELUE TAFUA:** Hon Mr Speaker with all due respect these are some of the recommendations:-

**“RECOMMENDATION:**

1. The Committee recommends that the Corporation should consider possible provisions for constructing new storage tanks for diesel, especially when prices of diesel fuel increases, to cater for the cost of imported diesel each month, in order to sustain prices of diesel fuel.
2. The Committee recommends that the Authority should consider improvements in bathrooms at the Airport prior renovation work as planned to be done soon.
3. The Committee recommends that the Ministry of Health should strongly support the Dental Training Course to be continued at the National University of Samoa, in order to upgrade and improve the services provided for the Public especially those with dental diseases.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its considerations, the Committee approved that all regulations as referred are complied with the Acts under which they were made. The Committee therefore resolved to recommend that the Assembly approves its Report.”

Thank you.

*Report was approved.*

**P.P.2013/2014 NO. 36, THE JUSTICE, POLICE & PRISONS AND LAND & TITLES COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P.2012/2013 NO. 4, SAMOA LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT ON THE CORONERS ORDINANCE 1959, REPORT 02/11- CONSIDERATION**

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson of the Justice, Police & Prisons and Land & Titles Committee you may stand.

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**P.P.2013/2014 No. 36, The Justice, Police & Prisons and Land & Titles  
Committee Report on the P.P.2012/2013 No. 4, Samoa Law Reform  
Commission Report on the Coroners Ordinance 1959, Report 02/11  
- Consideration**

**Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA:** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:*

*Seconded by associated member for Falealili, Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola, member for PAlauli, member for Gagai fomauga No. 2, member for Alataua West. and a member for Vaimauga West, Tofa Lenatai Victor Faafoi Tamapua.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may stand.

**Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA:** Hon Mr Speaker

**“RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on its findings, the Committee recommends the Government:-

To take note and consider Recommendations submitted by the Samoa Law Reform Commission on the Review of the Coroners Ordinance 1959.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its consideration the Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly:

To approve P.P.2012/2013 No.4, Samoa Law Reform Commission Report on the Coroners Ordinance 1959, Report 02/11.”

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Malo and thank you.

*Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Orders 54, the government is expected to present a paper to the Legislative Assembly in response to the recommendations to the Select Committee within 90 days since the Report was approved.

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P.P.2013/2014 NO. 37, THE JUSTICE, POLICE & PRISONS AND  
LAND & TITLES COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P.2012/2013  
NO. 93, SAMOA LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT ON THE  
COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT 1964, REPORT 06/11  
- CONSIDERATION

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson of the Justice, Police & Prisons and Land & Titles Committee you may stand.

**Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA:** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:*

*Seconded by member from Vaimauga West, Tofa Lenatai Tamapua and member from Gagaifomauga No. 2.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may stand.

**Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA:** Hon Mr Speaker;

**“RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on its Findings the Committee recommends the Government:

To consider the Samoa Law Reform Report that considers vital recommendations for the arrangement of the Commission of Inquiry of 1964.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its consideration the Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly:

To approve P.P.2012/2013 No.93, Samoa Law Reform Commission Report on the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1964, Report 06/11.”

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you and malo.

*Report was approved.*

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Orders 54, the government is expected to present a paper to the Legislative Assembly in response to the recommendations to the Select Committee within 90 days since the Report was approved.

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**P.P. 2013/2014, NO. 38, THE OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT  
COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P.2011/2012 NO. 13, FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PENSION SCHEME  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010  
- CONSIDERATION**

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER  
AH HIM (Chairperson of the Officers of the Parliamentary Committee):**  
Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the  
Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS  
AND RESOLUTIONS:*

*Seconded by Deputy Speaker, a member from the Individual Voters, Susuga  
Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang, a member from Faasaleleaga No. 1, Afioga  
Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow and a member from Aleipata  
Itupa i Lalo.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson the floor is yours.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER  
AH HIM:** Hon Mr Speaker:

**“RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on its findings the Committee recommends that the  
Government:-

1. Considers appropriate Amendments to the Acts to legalize the  
exercise of the Board of the National Provident Fund to become  
Board of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme and the current  
Board to be dissolved in order to save expenses.
2. Prepare and submit Statements of Yearly Contribution Balance to  
Members of Parliament for them to be aware of the Schemes  
operation.

**RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its consideration, the Committee resolved to  
recommend to the Assembly,

That the P.P.2011/2012 No. 13, Financial Statements of the  
Parliamentary Pension Scheme for the Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup>  
June 2010 be approved.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you.

*Report was approved.*



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**P.P.2013/2014 No. 43, The Finance & Expenditure Committee Report on the Annual Report of Accident Compensation Corporation for the Financial Year 2010/2011 - Consideration**

**MR SPEAKER:** In accordance to the Standing Orders 54, the Government is expected to present a paper to the Legislative Assembly in response to the recommendations to the Select Committee within 90 days since the Report was approved.

**P.P.2013/2014 NO. 43, THE FINANCE & EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/2011 - CONSIDERATION**

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Mr Speaker I move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Report of the Committee presenting its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS*

*Seconded by a member from Faasaleleaga No. 1, Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow, member from Sagaga le Usoga and a member for Aleipata Itupa i Lalo.*

**MR SPEAKER:** Chairperson you may stand.

**Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG:** Hon Mr Speaker:

**“RECOMMENDATION:**

At the conclusion of its findings, the Committee recommends the Government:

1. To ensure meeting the needs of victims and the public by paying compensation benefits as accurately and quickly as possible, and ensuring financial stability and the development of general policies;
2. To increase public confidence in the system and take leading role in promotion of safety and accident prevention awareness programs on public media, to reduce the risk of fatal accidents in the future;
3. To prioritize the construction of the Fugalei market to accommodate local farmers and the general public to buy and sell their produce. The Committee noted that this project was approved by the Board during the 2010/2011 Financial Year under scrutiny, but it has not being implemented to date.

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**P.P.2013/2014 No. 43, The Finance & Expenditure Committee Report on the Annual Report of Accident Compensation Corporation for the Financial Year 2010/2011 - Consideration**

Hon Mr Speaker I would like to note that this Report was prepared before the work was being implemented, however as of right now the work is well under way.

**RESOLUTION**

At the conclusion of its considerations, the Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly;

To approve P.P.2012/2013 No.18, Annual Report of the Accident Compensation Corporation for the Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.”

Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Well done thank you Chairperson and the Committee for the well prepared report. I believe the House is well defined of all matters. The essence is shedding light about reports processes and procedures pursuant to the Standing Orders in order to achieve Parliamentary Committee reports clarified the Chairperson.

Leader of Opposition you may stand.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker I only wish to ask regarding the market but I will submit a written query for Thursdays sitting hence now is the chance for this report. The question for the Minister of Accident Compensation Corporation with regards to the new constructed that is currently in good progress. What is unclear is whether the Chinese contractor is still undertaking this project or has it been continued by another new contract? If changed, was there a tendering advertisement for a new contract to resume the market construction site pursuant to government policies?

Secondly, how far along before the new market is completed as reports has it that it should be completed by the end of March, regardless, the farmers are still selling produce out in the sun and rain. That is the question, what is the new contract do we have for completing the new site and have they complied with government policies and procedures specifically with the tendering process....

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo:** Hon Mr Speaker....

**MR SPEAKER:** Your concern has been noted Leader of Opposition.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker I have not finished my question.

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**P.P.2013/2014 No. 43, The Finance & Expenditure Committee Report on the Annual Report of Accident Compensation Corporation for the Financial Year 2010/2011 - Consideration**

**MR SPEAKER:** Give this opportunity to the Deputy Prime Minister.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo:** We are now nearing adjournment time, hence I ask the member to submit his query when that particular report is tabled, this is the 2010 report. Did you not hear the Chairperson? What you are asking is....

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, the market is clearly mentioned in the report.

**MR SPEAKER:** Please let the Deputy Prime Minister finish...I thought you would not object given that we are discussing the reports in detail. As for your query, we do not intend to proceed without complying with government policies first, nonetheless let us leave it aside as and proceed with our orders. The time will come for the Ministers response where we will obtain an insight of the raising matters. As of now, the Chairperson has pardoned that we have surpassed this matter ensuing with the 57<sup>th</sup> report according to the order paper before you can give those questions. In the meantime, we are trying to clear out lapsed business.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, the problem is that you are responding to my question. I was directing the question to the Hon Minister. You have responded but the market is covered in the report.

**MR SPEAKER:** I will explain the reason behind this raising matter. The report clarified by the Chairperson was given before the market was built. According to your query, the market construction had not yet begun at the time. That other report will cover the findings and change. But do not question me giving responses. That is inappropriate, who else will respond? Do you have any idea what we are trying to clarify? What I give is the Ministers response. Whatever written responses you have, we have enough time on Thursday for that.

We now arrive at our adjourned time, I believe we have enough for today. So far, we have covered 17 reports which is a huge task. We have prolonged *given the constant interjections by the Leader of Opposition hence your advice is vital for the Chairpersons part.* The Chairpersons have also reminded the delayed submission of reports otherwise government work is well undertaken.

I extend sincere thanks to the House, Chairpersons, the responses by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet Ministers, well done.

Thank you also Leader of Opposition and that side of the chamber. We laugh and joke that is the spirit of our work. If I find anything unfitting, I aim to iron it out. But we all share a common goal for Samoa listening in.

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**P.P.2013/2014 No. 43, The Finance & Expenditure Committee Report on  
the Annual Report of Accident Compensation Corporation for the  
Financial Year 2010/2011 - Consideration**

Thank you Samoa for your support. I take it that “*ua le tumoa le faiva o Samea, ua le falalatau foi le matagi i le niutea*” given your endless support. Our tasks have ended well. We aim to proceed with our day sittings from 9:00am to 1:00pm tomorrow.

We have prepared lunch for you by the staff of the Legislative Assembly at the Tofilau Eti Alesana Building, please be reminded to spare a donation to the Board Committee who are tasked with this lunch preparation. This is optional but it would be considerable to do so in continuation of this vital process.

I trust we will all meet again tomorrow. Thank you for your patience, forbearance as we come to the end of today's proceedings. I now ask Susuga Rev Tofa Tapuai Toese Ah Sam to end us with a prayer this evening on behalf of the Leader of Opposition.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Samoa were adjourned to 1:02pm.*