

TUESDAY, 27TH JANUARY 2015

Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am.

Prayers.

MR SPEAKER: There is belief that the official representatives for each Constituency in the country have gathered once again this new morning in heedful and attentive spirit. I acknowledge the presence of all courtly members of Parliament, the leader of the Government and the Cabinet in your significant high statuses. Welcome in good spirit this new morning as we prepared to embark with our scheduled program this sitting day. I convey sincerest gratitude for your perseverance and commitment.

We have reached the commencement of this sitting day, hence bear with us everyone. I beg that your contribution and commitment is vital for our decision making. Hence I pray that we heed insight and avoid reiterating the matters already discussed.

The aim and objective is to make sound submissions and not make comments that affect others, hence we now have our set agenda plus several Reports and Bills requiring constructive comments and views. Therefore, let us bear with our time.

The searching wisdom and the wise counselling is instilled in you and regardless, we shall be direct pursuant to our Standing Orders particularly matters that implicates us during deliberations but if we prolong talks on the unnecessary then I believe that we are dragging our time to a waste considering this session should have ended long ago.

The Ministerial Statement by the Hon Prime Minister. I call the Hon Prime Minister for his Ministerial Statement.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER

Mr Speaker and the dignified members of the House, I agree with your statement but most specifically your words of praise and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His mercy and grace that has enabled Parliament to assemble this morning to resume debates on the reports and bills of the different sectors of Government. However we must comment on the progress of our current developments and activities. I believe that Gods days are abundant, as we strive to achieve the many tasks of today before we break as Cabinet has numerous business to attend to, for the country cannot be kept waiting for responses on their issues. This is the reason why we constantly interrupt when we drift from the matters being discussed because this is not our only responsibilities for there are many. Some of these views put forward are not new.

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We are vigilant of the issues raised and we try to respond to these matters. Most of these concerns are understandable, but should not be set aside, as it is better that I still provide a short explanation on the matter I mentioned regarding our partnerships with donors and the views expressed within this House. Hence I believe that I must make an official statement on the serious accusations of this House to prevent these bad habits for nowadays and given the small size of this country, many rely on media information to seek a good living. This is why I and the Cabinet place strong emphasis upon any statement coming from within this House, particularly statements that can badly affect Governments attempts to develop our country and seek employment opportunities for our children. Mr Speaker, our country is one of the countries in the world with the highest achievement in accountability and transparency given the well written reports and detailed information provided before the House. We should lay politics aside, for our actions might seem insignificant and humourous but when publicised globally it may cause hesitation to Samoas donor partners and in effect harm our Governments attempts to seek overseas assistance. The fact of the matter is if we do not receive overseas assistance, our projects will decline significantly if we are to rely on our own funds. Hence the reason why Government creates partnership without judgement and whenever Cabinet Ministers travel overseas to attend conferences, and for whatever duties and responsibilities they have, they try to negotiate and pull in assistance for the country. However donor countries may be viewing these neglecting reports and information in the newspaper. Nowadays people do not take their stories very seriously, given the mindset where news can be posted mysteriously on facebook, but they can stir up arguments and such situations.

This is why I rise with all due respect to provide a brief explanation. It may be tiring to the ears, but it is a clarification to protect the Government and its efforts to develop our nation.

Mr Speaker, last week we considered the Supplementary Appropriation. It was only \$8million, but it took four days and two nights of heated discussions and we were all tied up by it particularly the Ministers in the performance of their many duties awaited by the country. In lieu more time should have been allocated for us to discuss the tabled reports and bills. Despite the circumstances we will resume Parliament sittings on a monthly basis with the objective that all lapsed business shall be completed before Parliaments dissolution in 11 months. This means that we have less than a year before we are dissolved and begin preparations for the General Elections in the start of next year. Mr Speaker and this House, there are two matters I wish to clarify.

Firstly, the constant comments directed at countries that support our development such as China, other times Japan. Their people live among us and assist in the development of Samoa. Some have married our women and our men have also sought unionship with women during their academic years within that country. They have returned with their spouses and many children and they are now known as Samoan citizens, and no longer foreigners.

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I raised this matter twice last week for news has reached our development partners and they question “Why is this happening?” They have offered substantial assistance to us and yet, they read and watch on television about these insulting stories about them. They have been falsely blamed and insulted.

This is the reason why we have overseas High Commissioners and Ambassadors similar to our High Commissioners, ambassadors and consulates abroad. These are the Government eyes and ears, to report on matters that the Governments should consider. These overseas Government representatives are also reporting to their Governments and those that make these accusations forget how valuable these countries are to Samoa.

The contribution from these countries needs no explanation; not only since the infant stages of our State from countries like New Zealand but even to this day the assistance continues to pour in. The truth is, no country would want to establish partnership with Samoa if this is the case where they are accused fraudulently and disreputed. It may not be directly obvious but they know that these are racist comments and we should sympathize with them for our insensitivity towards their support.

Mr Speaker, this situation is worsened when such serious accusations originate from the Leaders of our Parliament and are publicised willingly by the Newspapers assuming that they are expressing devotion to Samoa. To the contrary, many within this Parliament negligently endeavour to jeopardize the future of this country.

Mr Speaker, we preach daily that Samoa is a country founded on God, and we are Christian people but how can we preach our Christian beliefs when our behaviour does not mirror that of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who is the reason of our Christianity.

Mr Speaker, the Word of the Lord is transparent, “But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself”. This goes hand in hand with two of the Lords Commandments, firstly, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”; secondly, “Thou shalt love your neighbour as thyself.” These two principles are inseparable, because your love for the Lord is the same love you apply to your neighbor. Why? Because Gods Holy Spirit dwells in us individually. Nonetheless, we often judge our neighbours.

Mr Speaker, let the spiritual side be set aside because everyone will be judged accordingly before God based on their actions, but the Government cannot leave these unfounded accusations unexplained because the Government is also being accused and what is more alarming is these acts are initiated from members of this House. Newspapers are filled with inaccurate information which has resulted in posts on the social media implicating that Samoa has been sold to China including many unfounded accusations from this House.

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Mr Speaker, if we recall 30 years ago, we bought tin plates from Pipi and Morris Hedstrom, and even though they became dented we still bought them because we could not afford the earthenware dishes that was only affordable to a few that had money. What now? Earthenware dishes are now affordable when our Chinese, Germans, British, American descendants now have established businesses. Not long ago did we witness the result of such accusations in the Kingdom of Tonga where large buildings and local businesses within the vicinity of the township area were all destroyed. This is specifically why I mentioned the dreadful and baseless statements made by some members of this Parliament.

Mr Speaker, members forget that their statements are believed by the public because of their leadership positions. Bear in mind, that the elevation to a position of status also increases your assumed integrity and your duty to behave with honor required of the position.

Secondly, I comment on the misinterpretation of Parliamentary procedure. As widely known, members of Officers of Parliament Committee have publicised that there will be consequences if the Government does not acknowledge the Committee recommendations on the Controller and the Auditor General's report which is being pursued by the media.

The Committees comments indicate that there will be consequences if the Committee is unsatisfied with the Government response on the Committee report. This is a negligent statement and it is misleading to the country for it creates the assumption that the Committee has authority over Government Response and this Parliament. A Head of a Government Ministry took Cabinet and Parliament to court given his restlessness with the way Parliament handled their report.

What was the result? The Chief Justice ruled that whatever decision reached by the Legislative Assembly is always final." That department head was very disappointed in the year 1996, and ended up filing an appeal to the Court of Appeal. That case dragged on throughout the year. Upon the arrival of the requested judges, I remember there were three of them, a resolution was made. It was a very thick resolution, which said any resolution made in Parliament by its 48 members; that is the final decision. There is no other authority above Parliament and given that this Parliament represents the entire country, they have the authority to make their own procedures. If it seeks to change the law, it will be done. Why? Because Parliament comprises of representatives from all over Samoa.

Mr Speaker, for months now the members of the Parliamentary Committee have stated that they will not take the Government response lightly and if their recommendations are not considered they will take the matter to court. These statements indicate that the Committees power is above that of Parliament. This Parliament has been through this before and it has been taken to the highest court within this State. Whatever rulings and decision made inside this Parliament by the Speaker and the 48 members, on a motion moved and seconded after the question is put is absolute.

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The members of the Committee who are spearheading these actions are veteran members and they should know well that there is nothing beyond this. Once the government responses are submitted, that is it.

During the Parliamentary Terms for the years 1982-1985, 1985-1988, 1988-1991, 1991-1996, there were many similar cases like this, where government responses were presented and the Leader of the Opposition would rise to challenge these responses. The Speaker would only have one response which was in compliance to Standing Orders, whatever response given, the matter is put to rest. Statements that are misleading the country assume that if the Committee is unsatisfied with Governments Response then there is step above it to cater for the Committee's discontentment.

Mr Speaker, as I have mentioned, our Parliamentary practices and procedures are provided for under the Standing Orders. Other procedures and practices are adopted from other democratic Parliaments. This is duly why given the insufficient funds, when a Minister's travelling papers are submitted to go and experience other Parliamentary practices, the Cabinet approves it. Why?

The aim of the Cabinet is for members to acquire knowledge and understanding of the procedures in overseas Parliaments so that our deliberations are improved.

Mr Speaker, our own Parliamentary practices and procedures are provided under the Standing Orders and some of these practices are adapted from Parliamentary principles of other countries. This is my 35th year inside this House, and deliberation has never been permitted for government responses.

That is the normal Parliamentary practice since Samoa became independent, where we adopted New Zealand's Parliamentary system, until today with minor changes. The reason why I am saying this is because March is nearing, and we are one week away from February then it will be March when lapsed business for this term will be repealed. Now we have heard statements from members of the Officers of Parliament Committee that the Government response on the Controller and Auditor Generals report has been deliberately placed at the end of the list of papers to consider. These members are veteran members, who have been in Parliament for some times now, but are making thoughtless statements, as if there is evidence of corruption on the part of the Office of the Legislative Assembly when this is not the case. The normal process of Government orders of the day are listed in the correct order of business; matters that were presented first are considered first and proceeding progress accordingly to the schedule. However these general comments presume dishonesty by the staff of the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

The Parliamentary principles were not recently drafted. Mr Speaker, when HRPP was elected to Government 30 plus years ago, our State followed the principles of a Westminster Democracy which officially recognises the separation of powers which is how Parliament scrutinizes Government activities and there is an understanding that one pillar will not instruct another pillar in this democratic society.

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This is the fourth year of the XV Parliament and for some of you who have had more than one term and you should know these Parliamentary principles well, whereby no debate is allowed during government responses. As for these accusations and statements stating that this will not end here as it will reach the courts, they are negligent and misleading as if there was a higher authority above the Legislative Assembly. As I mentioned before, Parliament has gone through this before and the court will only make one ruling; whatever Parliament decides, that is it.

An advice, if members of the Committee have remarks on the Parliamentary procedures, there is a chance at the end of our Parliamentary term during the review of our Standing Orders whereby you can submit your opinions and recommendations to develop our Parliamentary procedures but stop misleading the newspapers because it implies that this Committee is the only honest Committee, and the rest of Parliament is corrupt.

I have mentioned this Mr Speaker because we are nearing the date when all our business will be lapsed as per usual practice and when this happens, there may be discontent on the Governments processes but everything is being brought to Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I speak on these issues for we are nearing the General Elections 2016 and we may be hasty to make the catch and forget the nets caught in the reef. These words that we speak are like spit caught by the wind when we offend visitors, especially those countries providing assistance to build our developments. Our people seeking better living in other countries will also be subject to these taunts.

We should bear in mind that we are elected leaders of this country so our comments should be rational and thoughtful of the consequences they may have, for only the wise men thinks before he speaks. The response of foreign assistance depends on our approach for our people and their wellbeing and job opportunities for their children however these accusations can deceive our people. We have already taken our oaths. What is this Oath? It is the oath of allegiance before the House, your oath of allegiance before God. Our Parliamentary code of ethics is also understandable which helps guide our duties and responsibilities; hence it is essential that we must bear this in mind.

Mr Speaker, I render my apologies if I have offended anyone with my words, but it is important that we not delay what should be done. It is a must that I reiterate and explain because in the case of a counter event, the Government, myself as well as the Ministers and members of this party should not be held accountable, incase we are blamed for negligence. I reiterate these important aspects to uphold the relationship of honor and respect with our partner Governments. God bless them for their kind assistance, may these minor factors not be a burden upon their Leaders, and let the inflow of assistance be continued, so that the people of Samoa have an improved and better standard of living.

Mr Speaker, that is my explanation this morning, Soifua & God bless.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II (Leader of the Opposition): Mr Speaker a point of clarification, your honor.

MR SPEAKER: Well, take your seat and let me give this notice first. I extend appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister pursuant to the statement this morning, the House has heard you loud and clear that if a Government leader or a Minister decides to give a Ministerial Statement well the House is now clarified of the said matters in accordance to this season of time and its proceedings. I have officially recognized the Ministerial Statement heard by the House as in normal procedures.

What is your intention? *(to the Leader of the Opposition)*

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: No, I rise with utmost respect, it has almost taken an hour for the Hon Prime Minister's Statement...I will say this before I move the motion because the Hon Prime Minister's Statement is very critical. Upon the exception as the statement is given in general. Keep Samoa in mind as the people have human rights to report.

MR SPEAKER: I get your view.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I move the motion, *That the Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister be tabled, and pray for urgency, so that we can discuss it tomorrow because there are very critical matters and allegations made against this side hence I hereby move that the Prime Minister's Ministerial Statement be tabled and we should discuss it as soon as possible.*

The motion was not approved.

MR SPEAKER: I will interpret the rules. Firstly, Palusalue, may you be reminded that the Ministerial Statements are not on time schedule. Be clear of time schedules whenever the Government Leader gives a Ministerial Statement, time limit is not the essence neither is protection. The Leader or the Minister's statement is freely given on any important matter or issue that is of great concern. Your view has been given and I need to correct it. Whatever implicating matters addressed upon a pressing issue from time to time, well you now speak of them. I call the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua (Minister of Women, Community and Social Development): Thank you Mr Speaker. Although that is not permitted nonetheless thank you for the insightful interpretation. I feel for the Leader of the Opposition as these are the set rules of the House which you misunderstood, there are no time limits as you speak.

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Only this, the motion has been moved and I second it, that the Ministerial Statement by the Hon Prime Minister be tabled. That's all thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well that is the intention we attempt to bring.

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta (Falealupo): Mr Speaker respectfully, I rise on this matter. Mr Speaker, the entire hour he took was all about advising your honor on what to do. Secondly, he should've given this recommendation to the HRPP, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I beg forbearance member for Falealupo your view is well taken. Leave me your concern as we are all observing, despite your observations, I too am detecting as well. Let me do my job and do not feel rejected. The Almighty Father is listening and judging everyone. Therefore let us set this aside and note that the Standing Order is Parliament's Bible by which only one person makes the interpretation and that is me sitting here, one man. To this regard, lend me your faith, normal procedures have been laid out instead of upstanding and correct the way I manage orders, no. I am still holding on to my patience, note that I am still giving you chances out of respect because this country has significant values and customs and therefore, adopting European laws yesterday does not do away our true dignity and respect. We uphold our custom and its appropriate....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Sit down Palu, do you respect the Speaker?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I respect and protect your honor.

MR SPEAKER: Sit down, sit down. *(to the Leader of the Opposition)*. If you wanted to protect me you would have honored my instructions. Listen to me and have some patience, we are trying to maintain our meeting.

The motion is now moved who seconds it.

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

Motion was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Well let us proceed with our Order Paper. One day we will discuss and review this matter but do not strive to cause trouble as the country is heeding the many critical issues we ought to discuss, such is the reminder of the existing issues that we must review and protect, this is the House which bears benefit for Samoa, let us target that vision through transparent decisions and collective efforts for the country's prosperity.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, one more please, no I do not intend to speak of the matter you put forward. Only this to note, the Parliamentary term is about to conclude and nothing is being settled from these Ministerial Statements?

MR SPEAKER: You are again questioning me, sit down Palusalue.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I must question it since the month is almost over and nothing has been done.

MR SPEAKER: Work is under progress. The Residing Clerk is present. Note the effect on us. I am one of the implicated persons. The public is alarmed with the delaying Reports when most of the Chairpersons are not doing their job on time. Have I said anything? I am still carrying the blame, where is the work that we do taken us? Have I said anything about it? I have just spoken about it, yet you tend to repeat it. Pardon the House, leave the work of Fepuleai and the rest to me. The essence is to proceed with the House's orders in accordance to the Standing Orders. That is the plea. How many Reports and legislations now lend me your patience whilst I try to manage our work. Yesterday, thank you. Today, thank you for the huge task we are about to carry out.

**NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION AMENDMENT OF SAMOA
2015 – third reading**

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister of Health.

Afioga Hon TUITAMA TALALELEI TUITAMA (Minister of Health): Well, I wholly support the prayer given this morning in praise of God's grace and amazing love upon the notable members of the Parliament. I really enjoyed the Ministerial Statement of the Hon Prime Minister. God's has His way of bringing good views in the House. Hence in prayer, let us be filled with His spirit and be enlightened with the correct wordings as well legislations to guide our Government and Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I move a motion, *That the National Kidney Foundation of Samoa 2015 be now read a third time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.

Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.

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**SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ORGANISATION OF SAMOA
AMENDMENT BILL 2015 – third reading**

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.

Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII (Minister of Natural Resources & Environment): Mr Speaker with due respect I move the motion, *That the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa Amendment Bill 2015 be now read a third time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Minister of Police and Prisons and Fire Emergency Services.

The motion was approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.

FAIR TRADING AMENDMENT BILL 2015 – third reading

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour

Tofa Hon FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO (Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour): Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That the Fair Trading Bill 2015 be now read a third time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises and Minister of Women Community and Social Development.

The motion was approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.

MARITIME ZONES AMENDMENT BILL 2015 – third reading

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILA EPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That the Maritime Zones Amendment Bill 2015 be read a third time.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Health, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, Minister of Women Community and Social Development.

Motion approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.

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**PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURITIES AMENDMENT BILL 2015
– third reading**

Tofa Hon FONOTOE NUAFESILI PIERRE LAUOFO: Mr Speaker I rise to move a motion, *That the Personal Property Securities Amendment Bill 2015 be now read a third time.*

Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Health and the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

The motion was approved and the Bill was read a third time and had passed the Legislative Assembly.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

**P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 132, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION
COMMITTEE ON P.P.2014/2015 NO. 33, 34, 35, 36 & 37, ANNUAL
REPORTS OF THE SAMOA QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY FOR
THE YEARS 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012 & 2012/2013
– Consideration**

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI (Deputy Chairperson, Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology Committee): Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That this Legislative confirms the Committee Report containing its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS."*

Seconded by one of the members for Falealili, Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola, member of Vaa o Fonoti, one of the Individual Members Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him, member for Palauli and the member for Sagaga le Falefa.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Mr Speaker;

“RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends that the Government approves the:-

1. That the SQA should prepare Programs for Registered Schooling, that there is equality in curriculum program for every schools, in accordance with the level of Achievements that has been developed by the SQA.
2. That the SQA should follow up with those schools that have been registered but have yet to implement programs for their monitoring and approval.
3. That all International schools such as APTC should hereby abide with the regulations of the Acts for the monitoring and approval by the SQA of its educational curriculum, that it may have equality with all other local schools.

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**P.P. 2014/2015 No. 132, Report of the Education Committee on
P.P.2014/2015 No. 33, 34, 35, 36 & 37, Annual Reports of the Samoa
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2011/2012 & 2012/2013 – Consideration**

RESOLUTION:

The Committee recommends that the Legislative Assembly approve the:

- P.P.2014/2015, No. 33, SQA Annual Report for the Financial Year Ending 30th June 2009;
- P.P.2014/2015, No. 34, Annual Report for the Financial Year Ending 30th June 2010;
- P.P.2014/2015, Nu. 35, Annual Report for the Financial Year Ending 30th June 2011;
- P.P.2014/2015, Nu. 36, Annual Report for the Financial Year Ending 30th June 2012;
- P.P.2014/2015, Nu. 37, Annual Report for the Financial Year Ending 30th June 2013:ma
- The Committee's Recommendations are as follows."

MR SPEAKER: Well done honorable Chairperson of the Committee. I call the respectable member of Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI (Faleata West): Thank you for the opportunity. Thank you also for the new strength from God to continue our work this morning. Well done honorable Speaker for being manful and endurance in managing our proceedings, there is no one like you. Thank you also to the Committee for their first Report, I could not find the recommendations in the Report. Secondly, I see that this is the Annual Report we are discussing. Hence the query to the Chairperson and the Committee with regards to the statement, "From the 20 schools, only 6 have already been registered. By record from 2009 to 2014, it has been five years yet only six have been registered. The question to the Hon Minister, what is the reason for this? Is there a reason for the delay registration of schools? Does this mean that only one school was registered? On another point, is it the Committee's fault or is this referring to the school or the qualifications as there are two things?"

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu (Minister of Education, Sports and Culture): Mr Speaker I rise with respect in regards to the question of the member. Perhaps at the current we have over 20 registered schools. That is the response respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: I call the dignified member.

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Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Hon Minister. The main motive behind my query is given in the Report. The explanation is very clear, only six out of 20 schools were registered. As a major concern why six registered schools only when we have had 20 plus in the past years since this significant body was established.

That is the concern under qualifications. The Hon Minister has given 20 registered schools when only a few are receiving qualifications. Where is the other half because it is useless to register when qualifications are unrecognizable.

MR SPEAKER: The Minister shall response. I call the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: The work is not easy as it involves several processes including time. The Ministry must seek all implementations processes including curriculums, needs, levels, school buildings, school interiors etc. Sometimes after inspections school are given another chance before another visit is conducted. That is the current undertaking otherwise it is progressing well. SQA was established in 2006 thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done, I take it that the Minister's presentation is well taken. I call the member to resume.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Hon Minister. The question has broaden understanding for all of us because by reading this Report, personally, it is no good, otherwise thank you Hon Minister for the clarification that has increased....

Afioga Tufuga Gafoaleata Faitua (Vaisigano No.1): Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the speaking member, I call the respectable member. Is it a point of order or a point of clarification member for Vaisigano No.1?

I call the respectable member.

Afioga Tufuga Gafoaleata Faitua: This Report by our Committee honorable Speaker, the reason for the least number of registrations is in regards to the SQA standards. If the schools does not meet these standards, they cannot be registered. Although they can still conduct schools however they are not registered under the Ministry. That is the reason why there are only six registered schools.

Respectfully, thank you.

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MR SPEAKER: The Committee is not assisting in this matter. The SQA standards is quite detailed in support of the Minister. The member's view is well taken, we already have 20+ registered schools. Mind you these Reports are quite outdated hence this is the updated one submitted by the Hon Minister and the Ministry. Many changes have been incorporated from the normal process we had with past Reports.
I call the Hon Minister of Justice and Court Administration.

Afioga Hon Fiaame Naomi Mataafa (Minister of Justice and Court Administration): Mr Speaker, the raising matter is significant, the Post Secondary level is very few. In regards to the University level education, it now comprises of Teachers College, Nursing, Polytechnic and the Marines. This indicates that six is very small when truthfully, this level of education (University) holds very few number. Most of those education levels is integrated under the University level that is contained under this broad umbrella.

That is the assistance to this matter. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call the member for Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I speak of the submitted Report. Based on my research, we have 29 Post Secondary Schools with 20 registered update.

There is contradiction between the statement of the Hon Minister and that of the Committee, registration is different from qualifications. That is the main cause of delay now based on the curriculum and standards required by SQA, but I don't intend to withdraw my view on the fundamental reasons behind the establishment of this Government body. If there are any severe reasons for this delayed service, we should bear understanding of it together with its causes. We must heed to assist its improvement and stability.

Furthermore, why is there a limit for secondary schools? The Hon Minister and the Government must review this commencing from Pre-School levels to higher level education. I confirm that this is currently carried out by the Ministry of Education by concentrating on teaching students, whereas quality under this body ensures that quality standard is met from Pre-Schools to University level education as discussed.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the respectable member I call the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon Magele Mauiliu: Mr Speaker thank you for the chance, the member is dragging the subject of education.

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SQA pertains to Post Secondary Education excluding Primary Schools and Secondary Schools, until we have education programs for those schools they can fall into the category of Post School Education. Mr Speaker, we have 20 registered schools that have met quality standards. Six programs have also met quality standard including the Maritime. That is the latest update that has indicated great improvement, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I believe this matter is now understood....

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo (Faleata West): Mr Speaker since we have received several queries in regards to this matter, I speak as part of this Committee.

MR SPEAKER: Please share your assistance to the member.

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: These schools includes schools like Don Bosco. These schools covered most of these programs or curriculum.

The Government has initiated the commencement of qualification standards programs to meet the qualification standards of graduates level for employment. SQA aims to initiate one quality standard system for all schools including the Methodist school of Wesley College etc as is the cause of delay for school registrations otherwise most schools have already had this quality standard.

That is reason for the delay (registration) given that schools have already covered (quality standard) in their curriculum. Respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: Are you hearing this Lealailepule, the Committee is not bad. The Committee is very alert.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: The Committe is not queried as this member is very weak.

I do not speak of the mandate but performance. As I said honorable Speaker, 20 registered schools and six subjects. I am not mistaken, the Minister has confirmed it? Because I do research....

MR SPEAKER: Well, go ahead but the Hon Minister's statement is now clear.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: The Hon Minister spoke of quality....

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Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: Mr Speaker, no the member's statement must be corrected.

MR SPEAKER: Fine, I call the Committee member to correct the statement of the recent speaker.

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: The member was questioning the cause for delayed registration whether it was due to performance. Now I am clear of this delay. The reason for the delayed registration is because these schools are not new rather they have scheduled programs from the past including Don Bosco I mentioned. The SQA aims to initiate another higher qualification level program to be followed.
Respectfully.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I extend appreciation to the Hon Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I beg tolerance as I give the Hon Prime Minister the chance.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neiotti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker I only stood up to extend gratitude to the Committee, the recommendations given is appropriate and so as the clarification. Perhaps this is one of the best Committees doing a job well done I beg endurance to the upstanding members. Because I can also ask why the Primers were held up when they can begin as First Graders? But until you become a Minister of Finance one day then you can do as you want, but leave the current undertaking for now, time will permit for its completion. This is the norm if we fast track things, you may end up killing yourself on the fence.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker I have been a Minister all along. I am the Minister for the Opposition side. I do not have to be there? I am already a Minister.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, thank you. To the Lady CEO of SQA this is a matter that needs to be addressed otherwise, the Report seems wrong. Thank you to the Committee whereas for quality I hear your honor is....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the respectable member, I give the chance to the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

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Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Since this is Parliamentary Proceedings your honor, we must note down the truth in the Official Parliamentary Records.

That is your view as Opposition Ministers, but legally speaking that does not exist. Be patient as you are not yet a Minister, we have another upcoming election soon. I feel the member as we live alongside each other in Vaitele but I ask forbearance in case the country finds it, “Poor guy he wants to be Minister when their side is very weak.”

With respect Mr Speaker.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker with all due respect. I am very disappointed with the Hon Minister’s statement.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I beg endurance.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The Hon Prime Minister is attempting to address the Opposition Ministers. The member is correct, the Prime Minister is right that we are Shadow Ministers/Cabinet. Do not object Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development. That is the honorary address that is normal to the public.

Have you seen the newspapers, we are Shadow Ministers? Yes, despite your wish to remove it, yet we are officially recognized by the public. Whether it’s unofficial, it is recognizable to Samoa as a whole.

Afioga Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua: Mr Speaker, I wish to remind and correct a small error, the Leader of the Opposition has once again spoken of the issues that concerns the Government Leader. That is by going to the media, newspapers, when newspapers are not used in this House.

With greatest respect.

MR SPEAKER: Let is pass Lealailepule as our words and statements are maintained by our own selves.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: The former Minister has responded. The Shadow Minister is better than the former Minister. So I would rather be a Shadow Minister all my life than a Minister and a former Minister, not a Leader of Opposition. Yes sir.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Thank you honorable Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I call the honorable Chairperson.

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Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Speaking of Shadow Minister, I note that this issue is now distinct when we have the Education Report to discuss, well done. Thank you to the member for raising this. The Hon Minister has given his statement.

Only this bit before I sit down, for your information 2006 to 2013 whilst 2014 was on the way, I am sure a target of 100 schools will be achieved as you demand.

With respect thank you.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you honorable Speaker, Chairperson of the Committee in particular the Hon Minister. I apologize the Ministry as we aim to work collectively with this new established government body. But a challenge to the Hon Minister, whether you speak of quality, it starts from Pre-Schools to high level education.

Have a blessed meeting thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call the member for Aana Alofi No.3.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER (Aana Alofi No.3): Thank you honorable Speaker for the opportunity congratulations also to the Committee. I only wish to gain understanding of something small.

The basis of the question heard in the Minister's response seems to speak only of Post Secondary Schools. The intention is to include part of this in the Ministry of Education or SQA as most of the Secondary Schools students if they pass SC and decide to move abroad to New Zealand, Australia, America or Britain, the school matching grants and grades must be scrutinized, if a student sits SC locally suddenly finds a chance to attend school or play in Australia, note that high schools in Australia takes four years and four years locally. Does the Ministry and SQA have any initiative to match this undertaking.

Firstly, subjects requires upgrading which is different from the marking grades for instance, the recent Mathematics results received lately is different from the international standards, if students travel from one country to another the matching scheme is acceptable such as the current system conducted by SQA for the Universities whereas high school levels specifically Years 10,12 and 13 and the University level is what the Ministry and SQA is looking at for the future, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Any other response Chairperson before the question is put, member for Aiga i le Tai.

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Susuga Ifopo Matia Filisi: No thank you.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

**P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 133, THE WORKS, TRANSPORT AND
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Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA (Taitaifono, Komiti o Galuega, Felauaiga ma Siosiomaga): Mr Speaker I respectfully move the motion, *That this Legislative Assembly confirms the Report of the Commimtte containing its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.*

Seconded by the member for Aiga i le Tai, member for Vaa o Fonoti, one of the Individual Voters Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him, member for Palauli and the member for Sagaga le Falefa.

MR SPEAKER: I call the honorable Chairperson.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker that is the Recommendations:

“RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends that the Assembly approves the:-

1. Strongly supports Projects recommended by the Authority such as renovation work of the:-
 - Airport Terminal Buildings;
 - Runway and the apron;
 - Communication equipments (cables) within the airport.
2. The Authority should opt to use solar power in other parts of its services in order to save expenses on electricity bill.

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3. To comply with the provisions of the Act in tabling its Annual Reports in Parliament.
4. The Authority for the second time is recommended to finalise its Master Plan that is very critical for its future Plans.

RESOLUTIONS

The Committee recommends that the Assembly approves the:

- **P.P.2014/2015, No. 16, Annual Report of the Samoa Airport Authority for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2012; and**
- **Committee Recommendations hereinafter.”**

Respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you honorable Chairperson. Well I take it that no one wants to comment on your Report, hence the Committee and Parliament wholly supports it.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

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Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker I rise to move the motion, *That this Parliament approves the Report of the Committee which contains its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions, with respect.*

Seconded by the member for Vaa o Fonoti, member for Aiga i le Tai and the member for Palauli.

MR SPEAKER: I call the honorable Chairperson.

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Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker, the Committee's recommendations are as follows:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends the Government approves:

1. The Samoa Water Authority should comply with their Core Functions which is Water For Everybody, so that all water consumers will get good clean water every time as well as taking into account the complaints voiced out by fellow consumers regarding the leakage of pipes.
2. The Authority should consider solving the issues on catchments in Alaoa and Malololelei where the Committee believes it holds a large capacity of water for consuming but the Committee noticed that:
 - 68-84% of the water is wasted due to leakages of pipes.
 - Only 16% of the water from these areas is used for water consumers living on the area and for the Authority to acquire revenues.
3. The Authority should observe the Catchment in Fuluosou which is proved to have a waste water rate of thus only 30% is distributed amongst the consumers and for income earnings of the Authority. The reason for this recommendation is because the the population of that area is rapidly increasing and hopefully the amount of water supply will meet the demands of water consumers.
- 4 The Authority should establish a program to enhance the use of water pumps to extract water from below the surface of coastal areas to ensure healthy and quality water usage by the inhabitants of Asau and Aiga i le Tai due to Climate Change.

RESOLUTION:

At the conclusion of its considerations, the Committee resolved to recommend that the government approve:

- P.P.2014/2015 No. 25, Annual Report of the Samoa Sports Facilities in the Financial Year Ended 30th June 2013.”

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MR SPEAKER: Well done, thank you honorable Chairperson.

Afioga Muagututagata Faamausili Auimatagi Peter Ah Him (Sagaga le Usoga): Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I call the member for Sagaga le Usoga.

Afioga Muagututagata Faamausili Auimatagi Peter Ah Him: Thank you for the chance Mr Speaker. Noting from the Water Authority's Report regarding the Committee's findings I wanted to ask if they had sought water supply cost and the use of water supply by the business companies in the town area other than the water waste facility cost which is quite similar given this Annual Report. 80% water unit cost per facility multiplied by \$3.50 determines a business water cost in the town area that is larger than the actual cost of water supply. That is the request to the Committee to consider with regards to the different companies and Government organisations that are using this water supply such as the Court House consisting of ten people whilst the business companies holds eight to ten people using the facility or the water waste sewage plan thus obtaining similar result of water used at 80% per unit that in turn receives an estimated water bill of \$59 saving facility cost of \$100 plus, in total it is very costly.

MR SPEAKER: The member's view is well defined, I call the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, be upstanding.

Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala (Minister of Works, Transport & Infrastructure): The question of the respectable member is it about waste water or water consumption so that I can respond accordingly respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: Is it waste water or drinking water?

Afioga Muagututagata Faamausili Auimatagi Peter Ah Him: Your honor, its the drinking water if water is consumed costs 31 units plus additional costs of 80% multiplies by \$3.50 gives you added charges of \$108 on top of the water consumption cost. That is the commercial cost of water accessed in the town area. Therefore according to our review....

MR SPEAKER: Well is it understadable Minister, I give the chance to the Minister for his response.

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Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala: Mr Speaker, these two areas consisting of water consumption and water waste connected from Sogi has a Schedule cost of...like the normal example heard in the House, 50cents for 44 galons of water used by the domestic consumers. There is slight difference with water used for comercial purposes given the high water supply requirement initiated by the JICA Program vastly covering parts of Vailima with regards to tank cleanliness and maintenance that are distributed to the town area, once this is completed the Authority will look at water costs for the town area in particular the business companies. Well that is the response with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. For the sake of time, I call the notable member, thank you Hon Minister, I call the member for Faleata West.

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: Thank you Mr Speaker. The water leakage is one vital Report in Parliament that is hugely wasted. In the Report the total rate of water wasted is approximately 70%. The only proposal to the Committee is the need to recommend....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member, what exactly is your point...your statement speaks for this side?

Tofa Aveau Tuala Lepale Niko Palamo: No I am asking about the 70% water waste in the recommendation here. This recommendation should have been solidified that is the suggestion.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Aveautau your time will be accorded once you have your statement as Muagututagata is still speaking and the Hon Minister has clearly given the clarification. Muagututagata be upstanding to continue your speech. The Government will make plans for the businesses located within the vicinity of the township area.

Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUMATAGI PETER AH HIM: Thank you Mr Speaker and Hon Minister for the response. But that is the example I gave, water used at 31 units by our business plus 80% water waste cost. 80% plus 31 units multiply by \$3.50 results to \$100 of waste water that is less than 80% of the water consumption. But thank you Hon Minister for making it clear that this will be under the Authority's scrutiny as businesses are dissimilar, some businesses have a number of eight people and some 300. Therefore companies hold different capacity of water waste. Respectfully.

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MR SPEAKER: I take it that the Hon Minister's attempt is now clear, that will not avoid you from seeking assistance from the Ministry or communicate directly with the Minister for further clarification, this water cost has taken up much of our time. What do you suggest Hon Minister it is best to negotiate severe issues as you speak of improvement for the future.

We now come to our normal break I announce that the Proceedings be set aside for our normal morning recess.

Proceedings of the Assembly were suspended at 10:45am and resumed at 11:30am.

MR SPEAKER: Before our break the Hon Minister's has responded to matters raised by other members, the House is now available for further comments.

I call the member for Faleata West followed by the member for Vaisigano No.2.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you Mr Speaker for Parliament's renewed strength. I also extend thanks to the complete Committee's Report with a few queries under findings and recommendations concerning several water leakages mainly at Fuluasou and Alaoa. I am disappointed with the Committee's weak recommendations. Viewing recommendation 3 it states 70% of water waste. It should recommend that....

MR SPEAKER: The member's view is well taken. I call the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Thank you for the Committees Reports. Perhaps the member is viewing this lightly but the Authority pays more attention to the activity of Non-Revenue Water Reduction. Fixed pipe leakages is an ongoing undertaken in Upolu and Savaii however the issue stems from within the homes. With 70% otherwise a big change is seen until today including repaired pipelines network as one solution. This is executed in the stretch from Alafua to Lotopa. This initiative by the Authority is used to eradicate this problem. Otherwise thank you Committee for the raising concerns and the ongoing works by the Authority. Respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call the member to continue your speech.

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Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you Hon Mnister. I am not referring to the Authority and their implemented works. One member mentioned the financing of this undertaking as most of these are not...the Fulusou water Project is located in Faleata that is publicly consumed by the country however there is significant rate of water waste. Therefore the Committee should submit a strong recommendation on ways to alleviate this problem and mind its consideration.

Looking at recommendation two for Alaoa it also stipulates one. That is the advise, the Committee must provide strong recommendations instead of weak ones.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me I call the Committee member to rise. I call the member for Palauli.

Afioga Afoafouvale John Moors (Palauli): Thank you for the opportunity and response to assist the member for Faleata West in regards to the complaint to the Committee. In consideration, since the member for Faleata West's comment is received, an explanation on a solution must be made.

Mind you we are not employees of the Water Authority, rather we make recommendation on ways to solve these issues. The language used is to make easier communications links with the workers. The Authority is also experienced with the know how skills in implementing their job hence we dont intend to instruct them. The motive is to guide them through these recommendations we submit. With greatest respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I note the member's view is now clear given the Committee's response and the Hon Minister's clarification, hence the emphasis and vitality of the Authority with regards to high water waste is the truth as 70% is a big amount. Therefore the works of the Ministry must progress as clearly explained by the Hon Minister, the task is ongoing. I call the member regarding any other matter on the Report.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: No thank you, I also get it, the Committee must bear in mind that these resolutions must be solidified and consistent. With respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well thank you. I call the member for Vaisigano No.2.

Tofa MOTUOPUAA UIFAGASA AISOLI VAAI (Vaisigano No.2): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity, as well as the Chairperson of the Committee for the completed works on the Report. Only this honorable Chairperson, I wish to query Recommendation 4 – establish a program to enhance the use of water pumps to extract healthy water from below the surface.

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The reason for discussing this is due to the impact it has on the district most especially us from Asau and Sataua as these water pumps had found water underneath the surface long ago however the problem is that water is sour. The water pump for Falealupo and Neiafu is healthy and is located further from the coastal area which is not a problem however, this continues to be an issue for us at Sataua and Asau. The next issue is the climate change and the movement of the water table. Hence I ask the Chairperson whether you have queried the CEO and the engineers of the Samoa Water Authority on this matter. Such is to obtain waterwork methods to extracting quality water supply through water pumps in case water pumps results to overflowing quality water (magalo) and seawater (water sualua) to the surface. Hence it is best to find an alternative method.

With respect Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Well thank you. I give the chance to the Chairperson before the Minister.

Tofa Tusa Misi Tupuola: Mr Speaker, I am thankful of the raising matter and so should the member given that this is the exact intention of the Committee and the Water Authority during their site visit however the water at Asau is still a concern. Water supply is still provided for Asau along with other villages nearby nevertheless there is still attempts for poreholes in the innerland to obtain water enhancement for the people. Do note that this is the 2013 Report.

That is the misunderstanding amongst the Committee members due to heedless view of the Houses's Standing Orders appropriately, otherwise whatever year the Report was written in relation to the Chairperson is that. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well I give the chance to the Ministers of the Ministries. I call the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure before the floor is given to one of the members for Aana Alofi No.1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI (Aana Alofi No.1): Mr Speaker, works are underway for water pumps instalment for Asau and Auala. This is the same response I gave the member for Sagone, the budget program is set for Asau, Sagone and Auala for 2015 in order to improve water quality. According to the latest update on non revenue water it is now down to 41% from 70%. It was 69% for Alaoa but is now 65%. Works are continuously tasked by the JICA to minimize this undertaken. Fuluasou was 72% and is now 63%. Hence a difference of over 10% change of uncollected water that is an ongoing process.

With due respect.

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MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call the member for Aana Alofi Nu. 1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Thank you for the opportunity. I only wish to ask the Chairperson and the Ministry according to this 2013 Report if the Committee had taken a visit to the water pump at Leulumoega and the connecting bamboo pipeline that provides the water supply to Nofaalii, Fasitoouta and the subvillage of Satui at Fasitoouta because this Report is for improvement works for 2014 that even still, our district will face difficulties with water ration of two to four weeks. In case the district is hearing this, does the Ministry have any proposals lest our district meets up to discuss these matters. Although the Ministry has plans to drill water inside Faleasiu village covering Lepale area, that is the inner part (of Faleasiu) but the bamboo pipeline in the coastal area also has water supply. But why is water not supplied for the public's consumption?

That is the question with utmost respect, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well thank you, I call the member for Aana Alofi No.3, that is the last question before the Chairperson responds, well I call the Leader of the Opposition. No?

Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster: No, I replied on behalf of the Committee otherwise the Hon Minister has replied thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Thank you for the chance Mr Speaker.

I first of all wish to congratulate the Chairperson and the Committee for scrutinizing the Report that the Parliament is relying on given your review in the Report.

Therefore Mr Speaker, the Government must consider and respond to these matters for Parliament's decisionmaking. Whilst upstanding, honorable Chairperson since you are the man of Falealili, I wish to be part of Falealili given your duties and responsibilities as Committee members specifically *with regards to water. Like the Ministry's vision, water is life, it is true that water is indeed life given the review in the report, the Speaker and the House solely relies on your good initiatives.*

Only this Mr Speaker, we should acknowledge and be thankful to the Ministry and the Government for the joint efforts to sustain water supply for the people in spite of the natural water source being extracted by some village communities and the common saying that it is cheaper. Your assistance is extended towards the natural water source other than the water management by the Authority.

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According to other members, water waste is very costly which is the ultimate concern of the many locally based international business ventures and companies. This must be a priority to the Government as businesses will take dear into account in terms of electricity, water and water waste.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Hon Leader of the Opposition as I give the chance to the Minister, I call the Minister.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker with respect, it is best that I respond as the Leader of the Opposition taking into account costly.

Water waste management was initiated in 2009 taking two years of free cost implementation until its review in 2012 and 2013 and the reduction rate of 30% for waste water amendment until today. This is a substantial drop on water waste management. Improvement work is significant taking heed of our green environment and electricity pressure generated by water in the treatment plants in Sogi, the operations process on solid waste to Tafaigata is very costly and not permissive.

Nonetheless the environment sustainability through this Project is the main objective given the current drop by 30%. That is a huge decrease cost to water waste with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call the Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II: Mr Speaker if it is true that the cost of water waste management has dropped. The only concern is that Government should consider new developments by attracting foreign companies/businesses to invest and create job opportunities for business expansion and avoid legislations and guidelines.

Thus Mr Speaker, that is the suggestion otherwise I congratulate all Parliamentary Committees for their commitment and work, Parliament relies on your work. Have a blessed meeting.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I remind once again our speeches, pardon the member for Salega Afioga Afualo Wood Uti Salele. Pardon me let me give a reminder first please.

I do not intend to instruct anyone but bear in mind our time, direct all statements on our Reports but do not make general comments on the Reports, deliberate according to our Report so that we can complete our work early and note the presentation of the Findings and Resolutions before we ensue to debate. But do not drag our meeting by repeating the same notes over and over.

That is the reminder, I call the member for Salega, Afioga Afualo Wood Uti Salele.

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Afioga AFUALO WOOD UTI SALELE (Salega): Thank you Mr Speaker for the grave chance, I will be brief as the Committee Report is now complete. A small question to the Chairperson, do we have adequate reliable engineers in the Authority because should have been included in your Report. Perhaps this is one assistance to the 70% water waste management.

Priority is now given to build capacity level for students majoring in Science and Mathematics hence opportunity should be used by the Committee to earn enough engineers which I am quite sure it is not enough, I thought this should have been covered in your Report however, I am now giving assistance.

With all due respect thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Oh well, do you want to speak again member for Aana Alofi No. 3?

I call the respectable member followed by one of the Individual Voters members, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him.

Afioga Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster: Thank you Mr Speaker. I note that most of the queries is directed towards the Committee's Recommendations, otherwise Mr Speaker, thank you for the recommendations, when you look at the previous Reports, it contained emphasis on the engineers and negotiations between the Committee and the Ministry. Further emphasis in past recommendations were also covered in previous Reports. This is reason for the preparations of Reports submitted in Parliament to act as reminder through the Committee nonetheless, the implementation process is completed thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. One of the Committee member has clearly said it, giving a reminder is very critical. I call one of the Individual members, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him.

Afioga MAUALAIVAO PAT AH HIM (Individual Voters): Thank you for the opportunity Chairperson.

I believe the water subject has been discussed a lot by the members thus water is life. I am also aware of some of the hiccups in the Authority in regards to water supply and possible solutions, I beg that you contact the Minister or the Hon Minister.

I wish to express sincere thanks to the UN SIDS Conference hosted by Samoa with regards to water management plans by the Government. There was worry with water supply for the tourism operations, otherwise huge pipelines installment for water catchments pardon the House, no problem was encountered during the SIDS Conference. The quality of water supply is similar to water bottles and tap water. Regardless, some districts still lack water supply including parts of Aleisa.

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Committee Report on the Annual Report of the Samoa Water Authority
for the Financial Year Ended on 30th of June 2012-2013 – consideration**

Otherwise, I acknowledge the Government and the Authority through the Minister and the Committee for the appreciable efforts during the SIDS Conference. Continue to invest your efforts for the benefit of the country specifically for water sustainability. The intention is to attract foreign investors to invest into the country by getting rid of dirty water.

With utmost respect, thank you Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you. I call the honorable Chairperson before the question is put.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker, since similar spirit of acknowledgement is accorded in Parliament I only wish to reiterate the view of the member for Aana Alofi No.1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi as.....this is still undertaken by the SWA ever since Cyclone Evans whereby funds were utilized for water pumps and waterworks improvement in Aleisa, Faleasiu and further down to Saleimoa i uta including recovery programs.

With utmost respect Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you honorable Chairperson.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

**P.P.2014/2015 NO. 135, REPORT OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE
P.P.2014/2015 NO. 65, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA PORTS
AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE
2011/2012 – Consideration**

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: Mr Speaker, I move the motion, *That this Assembly confirms the Report of the Committee containing its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*”

Seconded by the member for Aiga i le Tai, member for Palauli and the member for Sagaga le Falefa.

MR SPEAKER: I call the honorable Chairperson of the Justice, Police, Prisons and the Lands and Titles Court Committee.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.135, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment
Committee Report on the P.P.2014/2015 No.65, Annual Report of the
Samoa Ports Authority for the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2011/2012
– Consideration**

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: The Committee resolved to recommend that the Assembly approves the:

“RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends to:-

1. **The Samoa Ports Authority should cease using Middle Man/Companies in purchasing its expensive assets because the Committee noted that these assets are not reaching the quality needed.”**

Mr Speaker and the dignified Parliament for your information, Government has reached its decision regarding this matter.

2. **“Consider a fair decision to the Authority’s current outstanding debt at the Ministry for Revenue since 2006/2007, in fact it was created from the importation of machineries for Government Projects.”**

For the sake of Parliament and the honorable Speaker, this matter has already reached Government’s decision, Prime Minister and the Cabinet in accordance to the previous Budget Statement.

3. **“The Matautu Wharf should be upgraded as an investment and reconsiders the establishment of another new sea port due to the decrease in number of incoming vessels.”**
4. **The Authority should consider and comply with the requirements of International Maritime Organisations to ensure that its performance is in-line with these International Laws.**

RESOLUTIONS:

The Committee resolved to recommend that the Assembly approves the:

- **P.P.2014/2015, No. 65, Annual Report of the Samoa Ports Authority for the Financial Year Ended 30th June 2012; and**
- **Committee Recommendations hereinafter.”**

Respectfully.

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MR SPEAKER: Thank you honorable Chairperson.

Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaio Manu Taeu Masipau (Faasaleleaga No.2):
Mr Speaker....

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

Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU: Mr Speaker thank you honorable Chairperson for the achieved findings by the Committee. I note that most of the Government responses is contained in the recommendation, the only solution I wish to give the honorable Chairperson regards the Matautu wharf improvement and the new Government proposals.

As a query to the honorable Chairperson, there is difficulty with the Mulifanua port during high tide observed by travellers to Savaii. This is a complication for the low sized vehicles during high tide. This continues to be an existing problem for Mulifanua wharf compared to Salelologa wharf. Normally, pardon the House, a wooden pathway is positioned to access the lowly built vehicles.

That is the explanation given this opportunity for me to question the honorable Chairperson and the Government, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Anybody else before the Minister responds? Pardon the Hon Minister, I give the chance to the member for Vaisigano No.2.

Tofa MOTUOPUAA UIFAGASA AISOLI VAAI: Thank you honorable Speaker for the chance.

I also acknowledge the Committee for the complete Report. I wish to speak about the Asau wharf Mr Speaker. Thank you Committee for the recommendation to improve the Asau port. I believe that once this improvement is completed, this will be a huge impact to Savaii and the Government –thank you Committee.

That is the spirit of appreciation upon Government's plans to improve the Asau wharf and other developments, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister to respond before the chance is accorded to the Chairperson.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker, I guess that is the plan for Mulifanua wharf, changes for Mulifanua wharf and the Salelologa wharf is now tabled before Parliament under the supervision of the Samoa Shipping Corporation.

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Most of the works have been improved except a very few. That is the importance of having these Shipping Services to ensure the safety and management of these vessels in the future.

The Asau wharf is currently being improved and maintained. Those covers the Government plans for Asau wharf, airport in Savaii upon the availability of service and requirement. Even though the Asau wharf is in service, it is still being used.

With utmost respect.

Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU: Mr Speaker, thank you to the Hon Minister for this change to the Shipping Corporation, I believe the Hon Minister now manages the Shipping Corporation and the Ports Authority thank you for the initiative.

MR SPEAKER: Do you not want to speak honorable Chairperson? Pardon me, member for Aiga i le Tai do you have a matter to raise?

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: I extend thanks to the Minister in particular the Chairperson or the Committee as a whole. On request, note the Manono wharf out in the coast please.

In the spirit of respect, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Do you have a wharf? (*To the upstanding Leader of the Opposition*).

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Is there a similar chance for me and that side?

MR SPEAKER: What do you wish to speak about?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Yes, it is not my wharf but the wharf at Satitooa belongs to Samoa.

MR SPEAKER: What about the wharf at Satitooa?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I am asking the honorable Chairperson about the wharf particularly tide table. It has gone high....

MR SPEAKER: I call the Hon Minister. You can just voice it out since the Satitooa wharf is now mentioned, I think the Satitooa wharf is now implemented.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I have not finished the question. The question to the Chairperson....

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: I am obedient to you honorable Speaker that is why I am upstanding.

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

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: This is one raising issue in newspapers and televisions. The Satitua wharf was operated during the SIDS Conference. Continued service was operated for Tutuila. The Lady Samoa II ship is currently docked there. All vessels using the slipway are all docked here.

There are plans to accept further vessels to utilize this slipway. The wharf is in service with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Honorable Chairperson.

Tofa TUSA MISI TUPUOLA: I convey appreciation to the dignified Parliament and the Hon Minister specially CEOs of Ministries in this Committee. Well done on your support and commitment for Samoa's developments.

Have a blessed meeting with respect.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

P.P.2014/2015 NO.136, JUSTICE, POLICE & PRISON, LAND AND TITLES COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P.2014/2015 NO.6, REPORT OF THE SAMOA LAW REFORM COMMISSION ON THE DISTRICT COURT ACT 1969, REPORT 12/13 - Consideration

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA (Sagaga le Falefa): Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity.

Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That the Assembly confirms the Report of the Committee which contains its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.136, Justice, Police & Prison, Land and Titles
Committee Report on the P.P.2014/2015 No.6, Report of the Samoa Law
Reform Commission on the District Court Act 1969, Report 12/13
- Consideration**

*Seconded by the member for Palauli, member for Aiga i le Tai, member for
Faasaleleaga No.1, Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow.*

MR SPEAKER: I call the member to read the Recommendations and Resolutions.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker these are the Committee's Recommendations:

“RECOMMENDATION:

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

To consider the report of the Samoa Law Reform Commission and its Recommendations for the reformation of the District Court Law Act 1969.

RESOLUTION:

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

Approve P.P 2014/2015 No.6, Report of the Samoa Law Reform Commission on the District Court Act 1969, Report 12/13.”

Thank you.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker...

MR SPEAKER: I call on the member for Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity, thank you also honorable Chairperson of the Committee. Firstly, you have now seen it Mr Speaker the Committee has no recommendations. The repeal of the Act through these recommendations is merely for us to read.

Reference to my interpretation of the Justice, Police and Prisons, Land and Titles Committee Report, firstly the discretionary power of the District Court from the existing one is vitally important to raising its amount to \$10,000. The jurisdiction of the *Faamasino Fesoasoani* has increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to fast track hearings and provide flexibility from one Court House to another.

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The first question to the honorable Chairperson, it seems that the District Court is retaining its discretionary power to \$10,000. Why is this retained when its standards is now raised to *Faamasino Fesoasoani*.

Secondly, the Committee recommends the establishment of a Drugs and Alcohol Court on cases pertaining to alcohol and drugs.

Have you sought the advise of the Ministry of Justice honorable Chairperson with regards to your recommendations as even though these recommendations are recorded and drafted by the legislative team however the implementation process is specifically executed by the Ministry of Justice. Currently, we have the Family, Court, Youth Court and the District Court, but do we have sufficient resources available. With additional Court, isnt this too much undoubtedly we are aware of the increasing number of alcohol trials. Isnt it possible to slot this into one of the existing courts for the time being.

With raised discretionary power and the passing of the Family Court, the law has not yet been officially consolidated into the District Court. Also consider why the District Court's discretionary power is not yet raised from the existing one including the monetary amount.

With greatest respect Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. I call upon the member for Aana Alofi No.3.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. I only have one question concerning the written Report, have you sought other opinions or was this the only Report carried out. Perhaps this is why there are no recommendations due to no evidence provided. In contrast the Law Commission has several recommendations.

MR SPEAKER: Judging from this Report, this is a very straightforward Report compared to the last Law Commission Report format. The Chairperson therefore approves this Report entirely doubting any reason for further scrutiny. The only recommendation stated is the approval of Parliament Paper 2014/2015. Is this correct honorable Chairperson? Be upstanding.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. Possibly it is best to respond to the queries of the members of the Law Reform Commission as they had been engaged with this undertaking.

Since the beginning of this task, we have had several participants including the Ministry of Justice and the public. Lawyers also took part in the consultation process.

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Findings have been completed and the Committee are contended with this outcome. Hence as stipulated in our recommendation, the Law Reform Commission must be approved. But do note the positive recommendations provided in the Report.

The query by the member for Faleata regards the changing of the District Court Jurisdiction. Others expressed the amendment of \$20,000, \$40,000 up to \$50,000. Regardless, it all comes down to the recommendation of the Law Reform, which is retention of the \$10,000 amount.

The Criminal Jurisdiction of the District Court has an increased imprisonment term duration of seven years from five years given our recent approved Crime Act 2013 with additional penalties for criminal offences. That is the entire purpose and objective of raising Jurisdiction for the District Court.

That is the response. Thank you very much.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, if I were to mark this Report, I would put a zero pardon the honorable Speaker. What disappoints me is the fact the Committee comprises of several lawyers including veteran lawyers yet this does not seem like a Report.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me respectable member you are not...I now get your view Lealailepule. I beg tolerance we should not take the work of the Committee lightly. Although we may joke about it but the country is listening in. That is what I mean about the Law Reform being not new. A huge investigation was conducted for this Report that contained null recommendations whilst findings had the full support of the Committee according to the Chairperson hence let us approve the Report respectfully.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Mr Speaker I wish to be clear of the orders of the House please.

According to the recommendation decided by the Law Reform in query Mr Speaker, if this is approved in Parliament, will this price increase provided this recommendation... As observed, relevant legislations must be drafted and these recommendations must be reviewed in regards to the price variation.

Those are the matters that requires clarification Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: The Report is well received by the member, hence I note that is clear.

I call upon Lefau.

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Tofa Lefau Harry Schuster (Vaimauga West): Thank you Mr Speaker as we stand by our Chairperson. Based on the comment by the member of Faleata West it seems that he is implying that this Committee is copying the Law Commission Report directly without conducting any review. This does not imply that our lawyers are knowledgeable showy.

We have three lawyers including our Chairperson. We have had several witnesses including the staff and the CEO. The question on the raising of the Civil Jurisdiction by the member for Faleata West was a recommendation from the Law Reform Commission which we also questioned...this also implicates the Ministry of Justice. They responded that it is negotiable and have already carried out consultations with the Office of the Auditor General involving the Parliamentary Counselor who drafts the legislation with the Ministry of Justice. Negotiations have completed according to the Committee's recommendation after reviewing the principles behind this submission. If this recommendation was not in line with the provisions in the law and the Constitution, we would not have accepted these recommendations by the Commission. With due respect this is not a Copying Committee.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon the member for Faasaleleaga No.2 I call upon the Hon Prime Ministers.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: The Committee's task is based on the submitted Reports of the Law Reform Commission hence I congratulate them on their part. Negotiations have been undertaken. Once a thorough Report is received what else can the Committee do about it? Rather the Report is submitted directly. The Committee also plays a part to making necessary additions if required.

This part of the process must be well defined, if the Report is clear enough, then why amend it? That is reason for upstanding but well done to the Committee and their Report.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you. Papalii.

Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU: Mr Speaker a clarification to the query of the member for Aana Alofi No.3 regarding the process in case anyone takes it that once the Reports are submitted they are automatically approved.

The Report of the Law Reform Commission is thick and is in a hard cover, it goes to the Committee first before it is submitted into Parliament and is referred back to the Government for the Auditor General's final check of the respective legislations, that is the process for the sake of the member for Aana Alofi No.3.

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Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker I beg forbearance to the members of the Committee, if I have mistaken, I now get it after receiving the responses from the members of this Political Side.

MR SPEAKER: You should have looked at the signature of Tapuai Toese. You see how disrespectful you have become towards the Church Minister by considering their Report lightly. I beg tolerance Reverend, be forgiving, Tuisa, anything else before the question is put?

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you Committee members for the clarification. This is what you should note only when the members of that side bears clarification then you will understand Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: He is not an easy man to convince.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

**P.P.2014/2015 NO.137, REPORT OF THE JUSTICE, POLICE AND
PRISONS, LANDS AND TITLES ON THE P.P.2014/2015 NO.13, 14
AND 24, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF POLICE AND
PRISONS ENDED FOR THE YEARS 2009/2010, 2010/2011 AND
2011/2013 – Consideration**

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That this Assembly approves the Report of the Committee containing its FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.*

Seconded by the member for Aiga i le Tai and the member for Palauli.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker;

“RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the Findings and the site visit carried out, the Committee recommends the Government to:-

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P.P.2014/2015 No.137, Report of the Justice, Police and Prisons, Lands and Titles on the P.P.2014/2015 No.13, 14 and 24, Annual Report of the Ministry of Police and Prisons Ended for the Years 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2013 – Consideration

1. That the Government approves the Ministry's budget that has been returned when a lot of improvement work is a requirement. The Ministry is encouraged to exhaust and ensure the proper management of funding allocation for its work developments.
2. The Committee has considered the delayed submission of Annual Reports for the Ministry. The Committee recommends to avoid this issue by taking into account the Annual Report deadline for each Financial Year.

RESOLUTION:

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

To approve P.P.2014/2015 No.13, Annual Report of the Ministry of Police and Prisons for the Financial Year 2010–2011.

P.P.2014/2015 No.14, Annual Report of the Ministry of Police and Prisons for the Financial Year 2009–2010.

P.P.2014/2015 No.24, Annual Report of the Ministry of Police and Prisons for the Financial Year 2011–2013.”

Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Member for Aana Alofi No.3.

Afioga TOELESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Thank you Mr speaker for the opportunity. Pursuant to the first recommendation Mr Speaker according to the Hon Prime Minister's statement, the budget is not returned to the Ministries but the Treasury if the Schedule is amended accordingly. Even the English translation which I do not get, can I get clarification from the Chairperson or the Committee to Recommendation 1, take into account the huge total of the Ministry's budget that are being returned while there are still many obsessions.

I wish to understand what obsessions we have for the sake of accurate Parliamentary Records. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I will give the last chance to the member for Faleata West before the Chairperson gives response.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you honorable Chairperson for the thorough Report and the many changes. I see that the only mistake from the beginning of the Report correct me if I am wrong.

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I wish to be clear of the Financial Reports 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2013, whether it is 2011/2012 or 2011/2013. It seems that we have Financial Reports in the Report because we should have a separate one for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013. If it is a huge hiccup on your part your honor then I will question this vital section on...

I extend appreciation to the Ministry of Police and the Hon Minister for the ongoing commitment every year to provide security for the general public.

I wish to ask whether the community and engagement unit set up in 2008 still exists today, this unit plays a huge role in securing and protecting everyone thus reducing crimes and offences rate.

Respectfully thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I call the honorable Chairperson to respond.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you Mr Speaker. The first question asked by the member for Aana Alofi No.3 provides a clear explanation.

Not for the first recommendation...as the Hon Prime Minister stated the returning savings comes from budget requests by the Ministries that is expended. This savings goes back to Treasury. The Committee has considered the utilization of this funds for improvement works otherwise, we have witnessed good changes based on the Ministry of Police raising standards.

The community engagement was also queried, this is one section in the Ministry that is also very critical. Samoa is acquiring knowledge on legal side of things including hearing results and the charges laid against you by the Ministry of Justice. That is the aim of the Ministry to ensure security for all and be aware of existing legislations.

In response to this question, works of the Ministry is still ongoing and the number of crimes have reduced as a result of the community engagement unit.

Another question is....

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, I wholly support the given phrase. This type of English translation is known as poor English that is acceptable in the House. We should apply the same as the Papua New Guinea Parliament whereby they use Pigeon English or gibberish English.

Let us accept it regardless of inarticulate english, it is still understandable.

The Report was approved.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No.138, Finance and Expenditure Committee on the
P.P.2014/2015 No.10, Annual Report of the Unit Trust of Samoa for the
Financial Year Ended 30 June 2013 – Consideration**

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

**P.P.2014/2015 NO.138, FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE
ON THE P.P.2014/2015 NO.10, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIT
TRUST OF SAMOA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE
2013 – Consideration**

Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG (Chairperson of the Revenue and Expenditure Committee): Mr Speaker I rise with respect to move, *That this Assembly approves the Committee Report containing its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.*

Seconded by one of the member for Faasaleleaga No.1 Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow and the member for Sagaga le Usoga.

Susuga Hon PAPALIITELE NIKO LEE HANG: Mr Speaker;

“RECOMMENDATION:

Based on its Findings, the Committee resolved to recommend to Government –

1. **That Management of the Unit Trust of Samoa to submit with its Annual Report, Statements of Unit Holders for the reported financial year to Parliament.**
2. **That Management of the Unit Trust of Samoa continues to advertise promotional programs in the long-run to attract a large number of potential investors both local and overseas to generate maximum returns to its shareholders.**

RESOLUTION:

To approve P.P.2014/2015 No.10, Annual Report of the Unit Trust of Samoa for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2013.”

Respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: Well done honorable Chairperson. I believe everyone in the House is contended with this Report.

The Report was approved.

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P.P.2014/2015 No.143, Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology Committee Report on the P.P.2014/2015 No.80, Annual Report of the National University of Samoa for Financial Year 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012 - Consideration

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

P.P.2014/2015 NO.143, EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE P.P.2014/2015 NO.80, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SAMOA FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2011 – 30 JUNE 2012 - Consideration

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Mr Speaker I move, *That the Assembly approves the Report of the Committee containing its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.*

Secoded by the member for Palauli.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Thank you Mr Speaker.

“RECOMMENDATION:

After the Committees considerations, the Committee recommends the Government to:-

1. Assist in implementation of a new generator for the Ocean Side of the University to guarantee the continuation of education and exams as well as services located within during a sudden power shutdown. Not only that, but it will assist the University to save money for other purpose developments.
2. Upgrade road lights located outside of the University compound for the security and safety of students after night classes.
3. Recommend the University to strengthen close collaboration with Ministries and Private Sectors that affiliates to the courses teach in the University for provision of requirements needed to improve vary services.
4. Recommends the National University of Samoa to adhere and comply with timely submissions of Annual Reports in accordance with Parliamentary requirements.

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P.P.2014/2015 No.143, Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology Committee Report on the P.P.2014/2015 No.80, Annual Report of the National University of Samoa for Financial Year 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012 - Consideration

RESOLUTION:

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

- **P.P.2013/2014 No. 80, Annual Report of the National University of Samoa for Financial Year Ended July 2011-June 2012.”**

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you. I call upon the member for Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker thank you for the chance. Directly speaking, the discussing Report is 2011/2012 whilst the recommendation provided seems to refer to the existing time has it ever occurred to the Committee that if a new generator is required now why wasn't this purchased in the previous year. Has this undertaken followed up by the Committee. Additionally, the road lights because the Report seems outdated in comparison to the recommendations but these are important for our future generation. Hence the recommendations are vital but has it been revisited by the Committee to see if it has been implemented this year given the Report in 2011. With due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the honorable Chairperson.

Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI: Thank you very much. I speak with respect and yes a visit was undertaken. In addition, this new generator is installed for school buildings inland. Additional generator is for emergencies on the Ocean Side or further out in the Gym.
Respectfully thank you.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

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P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 172, GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON P.P.2014/2015 NO.51, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2012/2013 – Consideration

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA (Chairperson of the Government Administration Committee): Mr Speaker I rise with respect to move, *That this Assembly confirms the Report of the Committee containing its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.*

Seconded by one of the members for Aana Alofi No.1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Mr Speaker;

“RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. To improve the current set up of the Office of the Attorney General at the Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi Building in order to accommodate the needs of the Office and at the same time enhance the delivery of services provided by the Office. The Committee recommends the establishment of private consultation rooms at its current location in order to cater for the needs of clients that come into the Office and in particular to ensure that information given by clients are kept confidential.
2. Top ut priority on establishing a permanent position for a Forensic Pathologist for the purposes of carrying out post-mortem examination within Samoa. The Committee resolved that a permanent position will avoid the costly exercise which the Office faces when bringing pathologists from outside of the country to perform these kinds of services. As revealed in the Annual Report, the normal costs for bringing outside Forensic Pathologists include the airfares, accommodation and payments of services rendered while in Samoa.

RESOLUTION:

The Committee recommends that the Assembly takes note of the:

- P.P.2014/2015 No. 51, Annual Report of the Office of the Attorney General for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.”

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**P.P. 2014/2015 No.172, Government Administration Committee Report
on P.P.2014/2015 No.51, Annual Report of the Office of the Attorney
General for the Financial Year Ending 30th June 2012/2013
– Consideration**

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you honorable Chairperson. I call upon the member for Faasaleleaga No.2.

Susuga PAPALII LIO FAAVAIVAIOMANU TAEU MASIPAU: Mr Speaker thank you Committee for the recommendation and the need for a Pathologist. The recommendation is good and was one of the raising matters in the last Parliamentary term for the sake of the Minister. The Minister avowed that he will look into it as some were on training in this field. Otherwise up until now there is none. Such is in regards to the cost raised by the Attorney General.

The House should also consider service provided for the relatives of the victims. In most cases, relatives of the victims killed in an accident feel that a final service and burial needs to be conducted immediately when normal procedure suggests upon the availability of a pathologist is necessary to investigate the copse and the cause of death.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the honorable Chairperson, I feel that the utmost concern is the need for a pathologist.

Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA: Thank you to the member for his concern, that is main aim of the Ministry and their investigations in fact I believe it will not take any longer. With due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

**P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 173, REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF
PARLIAMENT ON THE P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 4, PARLIAMENTARY
PENSION SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEAR 2012/2013 – Consideration**

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUMATAGI PETER
AH HIM:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I wish to move, *That this Assembly
confirms the Report of the Committee containing its Findings,
Recommendations and Resolutions.*

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 173, Report of the Officers of Parliament on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 4, Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Report for the Financial Year 2012/2013 – Consideration

Seconded by the Deputy Speaker, one of the Individual Voters, Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang, one of the members for Faasaleleaga No. 1, Afioga Hon Gatoloaifaana Amataga Alesana Gidlow, and one of the members for Individual Voters, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Chairperson.

Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM: Mr Speaker:

“RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That the Management and Board of Directors review the principal Act (Parliamentary Pension Scheme Act 1998) for any amendments, in order to merge allowances and basic salary of Members of Parliament so the 10% for savings of Members of Parliament in the Parliamentary Pension Scheme is processed together;
2. Make available for Members of Parliament detailed statements of pension contributions for their perusal;
3. That the Management and Board of Directors consider either a Company or an individual who has the capacity to manage pensions of the Parliament. The Committee is of the opinion that a large sum of money will be saved if there is such a person with this capacity to manage this Scheme.

RESOLUTION:

The Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly to approve the:

- P.P. 2014/2015 No. 4, Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2013.”

With respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well. I call upon the member for Faleata West.

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 173, Report of the Officers of Parliament on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 4, Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Report for the Financial Year 2012/2013 – Consideration

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Mr Speaker, I will be brief.

Thank you to the CEO and staff of NPF for managing our Pension Schemes as well as investments but I wish to ask the honorable Chairperson reference to the Recommendation that says Members or Parliament 10% Savings and basic salary is processed together. What exactly is this referring to is it Parliamentary Committee sitting allowance? Because the total allowance cannot be determined on a yearly basis other than sitting days. That is the query to the Committee to see if this has been reviewed and has it been applied. I agree that it should but we need to find an applicable formula to use and application?

Secondly, I wish to reiterate if we are entitled to the Death Benefit Pension Scheme we discussed yesterday? We are unaware of the time of our calling but it is good to get this benefit to assist our funerals, with all due respect, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Yes we still have the Death Benefit in our procedure hence whoever wishes to apply, contact Fepuleai for a Cabinet submission that is normal procedure before it is processed.

I call upon the honorable Chairperson.

Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM: Thank you member for the question.

Mr Speaker this subject matter had been in discussion for a long time hence this Pension Scheme affects all of us, the Committee has considered increase savings for us (members) in regards to the request.

The 10% basic salary and sitting allowance refers to the Committee sitting allowance that is processed together. Therefore that is the response, the allowance are specific instead of guessing allowance with respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Deputy Speaker the member for Palauli West.

Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA (Palauli West): Mr Speaker I wish to assist our Chairperson. According to the Committee's review, you get a gross on a fortnightly basis hence the basic salary is taxed together with your allowance, the member's investment is processed using his/her basis salary excluding the allowance.

The Committee thinks that this is inappropriate noting the taxation of a member's gross earnings on a fortnightly basis, the 10% should also be processed in accordance to the general public's NPF contribution, the gross is processed instead of the basis salary and if overtime is included it is processed together. This is the clarification with respect.

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 173, Report of the Officers of Parliament on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 4, Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Report for the Financial Year 2012/2013 – Consideration

MR SPEAKER: Very well. The Committee's attempt is well taken and understood.

Tofa LEALAILPULE RIMONI AIAFI: I now confirm why the Deputy Speaker should go back to teaching Mathematics which is clearly his profession, hence gross on a fortnightly basis, right? Not what the Chairperson is trying to give, thank you.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 186, REPORT OF THE JUSTICE, POLICE AND PRISONS, LAND AND TITLES COMMITTEE ON THE P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 92, SAMOA LAW REFORM COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013 - Consideration

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly confirms the Report of the Committee containing its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.*

Seconded by the member for Gagaifomauga No. 1.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the respectable member.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: The Justice, Police & Prisons, Land and Titles Committee recommends that the Assembly take note of its Report:

“RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Provide additional funding for the Commission in order to increase its services provided to the nation. That a review on the importance of the functions carried out by the Commission in order to conduct its consultation programmes with the general public and sectors of the community.

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 186, Report of the Justice, Police and Prisons, Land and Titles Committee on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 92, Samoa Law Reform Commission Annual Report 2012/2013 - Consideration

RESOLUTION:

The Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly, **To approve the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 92, Samoa Law Reform Commission Annual Report 2012-2013.**”

With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 187, REPORT OF THE JUSTICE, POLICE AND PRISONS, LAND AND TITLES COMMITTEE ON THE P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 123, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, COURTS AND ADMINISTRATION ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013 - Consideration

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly confirms the Report of the Committee containing its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.*

Seconded by the member for Gagaifomauga No. 1, member for Palauli and the member for Aiga i le Tai.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Chairperson.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker, the Police and Prisons, Land and Titles Committee recommends that the Assembly takes note of its Report.

“RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. **Consider relevant policies for the appointment of a qualified Judge from the Supreme Court and the District Court as an Assistant President, to review any appeals to the Land and Titles Court.**

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 187, Report of the Justice, Police and Prisons, Land and Titles Committee on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 123, Ministry of Justice, Courts and Administration Annual Report 2012/2013 - Consideration

This will accelerate the review of matters that are yet to be assessed, and to provide timely response to queries of the general public.

2. Increase appropriations provided to the Minister in order to assist financial for its current prioritized work.

RESOLUTION:

At the conclusion of the consideration the Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly, **To approve the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 123, Ministry of Justice, Courts and Administration Annual Report for the Financial Year 2012-2013.**"

Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well, I call upon the member for Aana Alofi No. 3.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. Well done to the Chairperson of the Committee for the Report received.

According to recommendation two the question refers to the approved sections in the Budget Statement and the full utilization of appropriations when Government lacks funding. So what exactly needs to be implemented given the requirement of appropriations for the Ministries.

In essence it is appropriate to clarify why the assistance is necessary and if it funding is currently unavailable considering the Budget, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: My question is quite similar to the member's question. The Report has a 9% increase appropriations in the 2012/2013 Budget. Gathering from the Committee's Report this seems insufficient. Mr Speaker, no Ministry can confirm that their appropriation is sufficient. I believe that all Ministries require additional appropriation on a yearly basis. By record 9% of increase appropriation is insufficient according to the given statements. A review of this should be considered as this is one Ministry that has a growing number of employees that is necessary to lessen the burden at work.

My question is the same as the previous member. As previously discussed Legal Aid is still retained. Upon Parliament's approval it would be essential to itemize the tasks that needs to be implemented properly for additional appropriation on a yearly basis.

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 187, Report of the Justice, Police and Prisons, Land and Titles Committee on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 123, Ministry of Justice, Courts and Administration Annual Report 2012/2013 - Consideration

Given the 2012/2013 Report, it seems that some Government Ministries are put into a lot of pressure when preparing their Annual Reports. This excludes the Audit Office. To ease the burden, list down the implemented tasks only for this year as well as all expenditures instead of stressing each others out by producing a thick Report that is unnecessary. Significantly list down the completed tasks and expenses achieved this year, that is it.

Respectfully, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well, Mr Chairman.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you for the questions respectable members. The question is what additional tasks requires extra appropriation for the Ministry. In truth, the Ministry has numerous tasks. As known by the House, we now have the Family Court and the Youth Court and set plans for a Drug and Alcohol Court plus several other initiatives for the Ministry that requires financial aid.

The Legal Aid mentioned by the member for Faleata West as stipulated under the Committee's recommendation, the Government appropriates \$250,000 for Legal Aid considering the rising number of crimes from the public. The Ministry requires a large number of appropriation to further improve its work.

That is the response with due respect.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Mr Speaker the reason for asking relates to the requirement to increase otherwise according to revenue statements provided, it seems that this has been reduced, but a recommendation needs to be given by the committee to develop revenue collection. Consequently if financial demands is on the rise, this should be sufficient to cater for these demands thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Perhaps the question on this regard requires a later Report according to the Committee's agenda, but take this into account Committee.

Afioga Afoafouvale John Moors: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I call upon honorable Afoafouvale.

Afioga AFOAFOUVALE JOHN MOORS: I rise with respect to assist the honorable Chairperson in regards to revenue collection. The concern of the Ministry is in accordance to rising price and revenue collection schedules and services. As once it is raised, that Side will also complain about the expensive service provided by the Ministry.

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an Committee on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 123, Ministry of Justice,
C Administration Annual Report 2012/2013 - Consideration

Ac services requires extra appropriations to the Budget of the
Mir not received, this living cost today is advancing hence we
mus technological methods.
The mostly otherwise the Ministry aims to incorporate the various
reco hnology. The Ministry aims to achieve this program to
main ect the hearing results.
Tha ance with respect.

MR Thank you honorable Chairperson of the Committee.

Tof **EPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Mr Speaker please I wish to
correc nt of the member. He mentioned that if it increases we will
comp urrent it has already increased, but we intend to improve
the co venue. I am confused with that response when the answer
is ver dering revenue collection efficiency.

MR I believe this is well taken honorable Chairperson. Take
heed ng recommendations provided by the members for the
interes ittee.

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roved.

MR S Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must
present Assembly responding to the Recommendations given
to the Com the Select Committee Report within 90 days since
approval by the Assembly.
Since d our recess hour, I call upon the Hon Prime Minister
for the n

ON TO AMEND SITTING HOURS

Susuga **PA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI**
SAILEL **AOI:** Mr Speaker and the dignified House, I rise to
move, **1 Hours be amended as follows: 9.00am until 1.00pm**
and recon 0pm until 7.00pm.

Seconded
Prime Minister.

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MR SPE the spirit members of the House. If things go as
planned to can conclude tonight. It is good to be overload
shortly.

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Motion to Amend Sitting Hours

I have already reminded you of our huge agenda for today, note the here, we have not yet reached half of the work for today. Therefore heed patience. We still have tons of Reports and we are on Report can achieve Report 43 tonight, that will be excellent. We still have achiev before we are free on Friday or Saturday. The aim is to work for next time.

I announce that lunch is now ready in accordance to the sit amendment. I also acknowledge the CEO of STEC, Tofa Pat agricultural products that the Legislative Assembly depends on. T creamed bananas and taro (faalifu) is from the farming assistan Loli.

I now announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Asser aside for normal recess until 3.00pm.

The Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly be now suspended until 3.00pm.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now resumed at 3.00p

MR SPEAKER: I now announce that Proceedings of the resumed.

I acknowledge the House this part of the day, we now according to our scheduled time, hence we shall progress slow for the rest of the members to come in let us proceed as per sitt We now reach....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: Well Leader of the Opposition.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: With utmost respect, we

MR SPEAKER: I now get it, that is reason Leader of the d we now have it, one, two and we have the quorum number...

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Well since the Standing orders of the House, well let us proceed incorrectly as it is.

MR SPEAKER: Do mind me and what I just said, or nt note that we are complete in the village the meeting proceed So are not taking their absence lightly but we have the Leader We The Cabinet is now complete. We do not need to wait n. present, hence we must proceed with our work. It is comp am We still have the quorum.

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**P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 188, REPORT OF THE COURT
ADMINISTRATION, LAND AND TITLES ON THE P.P. 2014/2015
NO. 11, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE,
COURTS AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDED 2011/2012 - Consideration**

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker I believe the House has received lunch this part of the day. I rise to move, *That this Assembly approves the Report of the Committee containing its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.*

Seconded by the member for Palauli.

MR SPEAKER: I call the honorable Chairperson to speak on the Recommendations and Resolutions.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker, the the Police and Prisons, Land and Titles Committee recommends that the Assembly takes note of its Report.

“RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Provide support for the continuation of the Digitization project, in order to cater in a timely manner request of the public.
2. Continue the practice of having overseas Judges brought in for matters that require their intellect due to conflict of interest of some local Judges.
3. Allocate sufficient funds through appropriations to the Ministry in order to provide and improve its vast services to the public.

RESOLUTION:

At the conclusion of its consideration, the Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly, **To approve the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 11, Ministry of Justice, Courts and Administration Annual Report for the Financial Year 2011-2012.”**

MR SPEAKER: Well thank you honorable Chairperson. I call upon the member for Aana Alofi No. 3.

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 188, Report of the Court Administration, Land and Titles on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 11, Annual Report of the Ministry of Justice, Courts and Administration for the Financial Year Ended 2011/2012 - Consideration

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity, and the Committee for the Report given the that some hearing results are now digitized. In query is this digitization system now available to the public the same as the Paclii website that provides the hearing results or is it limited to the Judges alone. I take it that similar service will be extended towards the Land and Titles, can the general public access it, what is the timeframe for these opportunities? Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me honorable Chairperson, I give the chance to the member for Faleata West.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you also to the honorable Chairperson, since we now have....we have not delayed talks on the 2012-2013 Report, however we have now gone back to 2011 to 2012 on the same Ministry, this does not matter. The only concern is 2012-2013 the Committee had resolved to review an Assistant President to the District Supreme Courts of the Land and Titles as by record we have had six sworn in Judges in 2011. In query was it not possible to get an experienced judge from this list to become Assistant President to assist this section.

Secondly, finding the correct record given that piles of Records that have been either destroyed or lost, has this been completed?

Lastly there is discrepancy with the service provided by overseas judges, I am unsure what this is referring to whether it is the Supreme Court or the Lands and Titles Court, hence a clarification is required. I believe we lack judges in these areas except for the Court of Appeal. With due respect thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well I call upon the honorable Chairperson.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you for the question, the first one regarding the digitization Project known by the House and the public, this undertaken has been progressed for quite some time and given the time the Report was prepared, statements has it that during this undertaken by the Ministry of Justice, only the Judges can access it at the time but the overall objective is for the general public to access is too. To the extent, this project also aims to cover the Land and Titles. The essence is to digitize all data and information of the Ministry for easier access by all.

The question by the member for Faleata regarding the six Assistant Presidents is correct. That is right we have had six judges in 2011 appointed for the Land and Titles Court.

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 188, Report of the Court Administration, Land and Titles on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 11, Annual Report of the Ministry of Justice, Courts and Administration for the Financial Year Ended 2011/2012 - Consideration

The main objective of the Committee is that if acceptable to have experienced Judges to overtake the role of President of the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court given the many complaints and constructive concerns from the public that some judges are related to the members of the public. Previously, we have had judges from New Zealand and Australia who have assisted the many cases in the Supreme Court. This provided huge assistance to our local judges and the large work tasked by the Judiciary as opposed to conflict of interest involving Judges and the members of the public.

That is the response thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Very well.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: To be in line with Standing Order 54, the Government should present before this Parliament a paper as a Response to the Recommendations in the Report by the Select Committee, not less than 90 days since the Report was adopted by Parliament.

P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 192, REPORT OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATION, LAND AND TITLES ON THE P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 12, REPORT OF THE SAMOA LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT ON THE NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD REPORT 13/13 – Consideration

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the Report of the Committee which take note of its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.*

Seconded by the member for Gagaifomauga No. 1, member for Palauli and the member for Aiga i le Tai.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the honorable Chairperson.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Mr Speaker, the Justice, Police & Prisons, Land and Titles Committee recommends that the Assembly take note of its Report:

“RECOMMENDATION:

Based on its Findings, the committee resolved to recommend that the Government:-

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**P.P. 2014/2015 No. 192, Report of the Court Administration, Land and Titles on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 12, Report of the Samoa Law Reform Commission Report on the National Heritage Board Report 13/13
– Consideration**

To take note and consider Recommendations submitted by the Samoa Law Reform Commission on the National Heritage Board.

RESOLUTION:

At the conclusion of its consideration, the Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly, **To approve the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 12, Samoa Law Reform Commission Report on the National Heritage Board Report 13/13.”**

MR SPEAKER: Well done, I perceive the Government is well clarified of the Committee’s Report. I call upon the member for Faleata West.

Tofa AVEAU TUALA LEPALE NIKO PALAMO: Thank you honorable Speaker, thank you also Chairperson of the Committee especially the Commission for reviewing this Report. This is a very thick Report that highlights the national heritage under the supervision of the Commission. This involves some of the questions I need to ask about this Report please. The Report stipulates that the Committee is permitted to establish by-laws following the Fisheries Act to manage of heritage site, taking note that this Forestry Act is only extended towards the coastal whilst the Commission authority is limited to freehold and customary land. The two legislations are different hence the Fisheries Act is inapplicable to protect....in comparison to this part of the sea.

Part of this Act states the comparison of our heritage with other countries like the Cook Islands hence this Act and our customary land should not be compared to other countries. Essentially, these land are customary owned that situates the Mau site in Vaimoso.

This Act covers several sections to develop and protect which I disagree given permission that they can purchase (land) through by-laws. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the honorable Chairperson.

Tofa TUISA TASI PATEA: Thank you. The member’s question is very complicated. But given the importance of the proposed legislation by the Samoa Law Reform Commission I shall response. The normal process is that legislation is referred back to the House once the review is completed. After that it is referred back the Parliamentary Committee but more opportunities are available to discuss these assistance as spoken by the respectable member that is significant.

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 192, Report of the Court Administration, Land and Titles on the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 12, Report of the Samoa Law Reform Commission Report on the National Heritage Board Report 13/13 – Consideration

This event paved way to establishing the Samoa Law Commission. This is significant chance to take into account the principle laws to guide and manage our national heritage which comprises of cultural heritage, natural heritagem cultural landscapes and mixed sites. This is commendable effort by the Commission that did not took a day. Many have contributed to this work that will take time to complete. I believe this Act will be reported back into the House some times in the future for further review that is important to Samoa's future.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

P.P.2014/2015 NO. 170, REPORT OF THE PRIMARY PRODUCTION, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR ON THE P.P.2013/2014 NO.82, ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF FORESTRY AND FISHERIES FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012 – Consideration

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the Report of the Committee which takes note of its Findings, Recommendations and Resolutions.*

Seconded by the member for Siumu, member for Gagaifomauga No.1 and the member for Sagaga le Falefa.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Mr Speaker;

“RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends that the Government:-

1. Provide appropriations to support the Ministry in funding:
 - Public Awareness Programs
 - Review of the Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries Ordinance 1959 to make appropriate amendments to reflect the changes in the services provided by the Ministry.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 170, Report of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour on the P.P.2013/2014 No. 82, Annual Report for the Ministry of Forestry and Fisheries for the Year 2011/2012
– Consideration

2. Monitor the impacts of climate change and river run off on the coral reefs and the lagoon and prepare necessary counter resolutions. The Ministry should also collaborate with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the Samoa Water Authority on the impacts of deforestation on the rivers.
3. Advise the Ministry to inform farmers and the public of the distribution of flat worms to ensure that the whole country is accessible to the worms for the purpose of ridding the country of the African snail. The Ministry should also investigate the impacts of the flat worm as it is good for the soil.
4. Consider ways that the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment can reduce the number of myna birds in an appropriate manner but not to destroy as recommended by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. The advantage of the myna bird should be considered in this regard.
5. Implement programs by which the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries can cooperate with the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development through the village mayors to exterminate the increasing number of rhinoceros beetles.
6. Monitor the use of funds provided to assist farmers affected by Cyclone Evan in 2012. The Committee believes that these funds should be managed properly to ensure that all farmers that were affected are accessible to the assistance as per the terms of the Aid Program.
7. Continue the program to preserve the green mussel and the clams in Asau and Falealupo specifically for the purpose that they least affected by natural disasters and the flourishing of these sea creatures is guaranteed. The vigilance of the Ministry is needed to monitor these preservation areas when they are implemented.

RESOLUTION:

The Committee recommends that this Assembly approve:

- P.P.2013/2014 No. 82, Annual Report of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2012; and
- Committee Recommendations stated hereunder.”

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**P.P.2014/2015 No. 170, Report of the Primary Production,
Commerce, Industry and Labour on the P.P.2013/2014 No. 82,
Annual Report for the Ministry of Forestry and Fisheries for the
Year 2011/2012 – Consideration**

MR SPEAKER: Well done honorable Chairperson. Well, I call upon the member for Aana Alofi No.3 Toeolesulusulu.

Afioga TOEOLESULUSULU CEDRIC POSE SALESA SCHUSTER: Thank you Mr Speaker for the chance. Appreciate the effort of the Committee. The Committee's review is now complete. Hence I wish to question one of the recommendations on myna bird being not destroyed in Samoa whereby the Environment has specific programs to reducing this myna bird given its severe impacts. A question to the Chairperson and members of the Committee, based on your investigations, how limited is the number of this bird in Samoa, is it 10 or 100 and how significant is to keep the existence of this myna bird.

MR SPEAKER: That is the only question Leaupepe. Oh well, pardon me I give the chance to the member of Faleata.

Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI: Mr Speaker since the Ministries are contradictory because personally I think that this myna bird need to be exterminated. Hence the Committee is now recommending through the Ministry of Forestry, no, myna bird of a few needs to be kept. That is the confusion here what exactly is the Government's intention particularly this recommendation. On another note, the African snail and rhinoceros beetles highlighted in the Report. I second the view of the respectable member on a swift response on this regard. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I call upon the honorable Chairperson of the Committee.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Mr Speaker, with respect I speak of the recommendation provided by the Committee on the development of myna bird in relation to Government aim to focus on one development and increase it. Experts opinions were also sought in this regard, they notified that this is one bird that assists greatly to the existence of the myna bird in regards to killing flees and things of that sort. Well those are the thoughts hence I think that....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me honorable Chairperson, I give the chance to the Minister that is attempting to stand. I call upon the Hon Minister.

Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII: Mr Speaker, I wish to assist with the extermination of the myna bird based on the policies of the Ministry of Environment.

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That is the process given the flees of the myna bird. The introduction of the myna bird into the country has affected some of Samoa's natural birds notwithstanding the shelters. In this regard, the Ministry aims to provide a remedy for this problem. With all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: Well done. I call upon the honorable Chairperson of the Committee.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Members of Parliament, I confirm that this is the correct response because I do not have this intelligence as known, this is the Professor of Natural Resources and Environment however some of you did not get what the Minister had explained with regards to our Report. But if this the correct response given by the Hon Minister then we also agree that the myba bird must be destroyed if they have other ways of exterminating the flees of the myna bird. With due respect. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I call upon the respectable member.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Well I now get it but what is your view given this Report which is irrelevant.

MR SPEAKER: Well Lealailepule whatever recommendations provided by the Committee, that is the clarification responded by the Chairperson. The Minister has responded, the myna bird has to go, as it affects most of our local birds. Therefore that is the clarification. The myna bird was brought as a remedy otherwise the matter is now clear.

I call upon the member for Vaa o Fonoti.

Afioga TIALAVEA FEA TIONISIO SEIGAFOLAVA (Vaa o Fonoti): Mr Speaker, thank you for the chance since I am part of the committee the House ought to be aware of the Report of the Ministry of Agriculture not the Report of Environment. This Ministry must initiate proper talks with the Ministry of Agriculture given in our Report there. Thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well I think it is now clear...we are only exchanging thoughts. The Hon Minister is also directing his views on the protection of natural resources. Since the Minister of Agriculture is absent hence time will permit thorough discussion on this matter.

I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

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Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker the Minister has already responded to this matter that affects policies and procedures. We now have this Project to exterminate this myna bird that has caused the farmers millions and millions of losing funds particularly the negative impact of this myna bird on our fruit industry. Others have been killed by this myna bird as that sometimes fly out in the open and suddenly they see crawling ant that looks like a flee and the people would throw their feet at them killing them all of a sudden.

Mr Speaker that is the negative impact of this myna bird. It is very dangerous hence this is the one of Government programs from abroad that aims to find a way to destroy it. We also have traps that are very difficult to use.

Some countries like Australia use sprays containing chemicals to exterminate the myna bird at night hence other methods were used by the men in the early morning hours when the old tamarind trees at the Government building frontage were flourished with myna birds.

Mr Speaker that is Government's Project hence I do not think we should prolong talks on this matter.

MR SPEAKER: Well I call upon the honorable Chairperson.

Afioga Hon LEAUPEPE TOLEAFOA APULU FAAFISI: Mr Speaker the Hon Prime Minister has given his statement hence we do not intend to say anything further thus the main aim is to protect the Ministry of Forestry and Fisheries given their notice of the purpose to remedy the development of cattles according to the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment that is the brief statement with due respect thank you.

The Report was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Pursuant to Standing Order 54, the Government must present a Paper to the Assembly responding to the Recommendations given to the Government from the Select Committee Report within 90 days since approval of the Report by the Assembly.

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CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS

P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 42, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 107, REPORT OF THE PRIMARY PRODUCTION, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR ON P.P. 2012/2013 NO. 76, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA TRUST ESTATES CORPORATION FOR THE YEAR 2011

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of the Samoa Trust Estate.

Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P. 2014/2015 containing Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 107, Report of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 76, Annual Report of the Samoa Trust Estate Corporation for the Year 2011, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and Minister of Police and Prisons.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII: Mr Speaker for the sake of the House and the public, I read out the Government Responses in relation to the Recommendations in the Report as follows:

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 107, REPORT OF THE PRIMARY PRODUCTION, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2012/2013 NO. 76, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA TRUST ESTATES CORPORATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011.

1. To strongly support the developments of the Corporation.
2. To reassess funds given in the Main Budget every financial year for the Corporation, in administering the government estates under the Corporation.
3. Advices the Corporation to consult with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) and the Samoa Lands Corporation (SLC) in defining the estates in Lata, Savaii as it with certainty that these lands should be given to the Corporation pursuant to the provisions set out in the Samoa Trust Estates Corporation Reconstruction Act 1990.

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4. The Daily Wages of the Employees under the Corporation should be reassessed in working the plantations of Mulifanua due to additional responsibility is no longer using chemicals as per instructions by the Organic Farming Society. A raise should also be reviewed in paying Personnel according to the difficulty of the work.
5. To lend its support in purchasing two Toyota Landcruiser Pickup vehicles in assisting the Corporation during the period of its plantation responsibilities in transporting work equipments and employees as the roads in the estate are not tar sealed.

Respectfully.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, point of clarification. Standing Orders 54 does not stipulate anything on permitting debate for these Reports.

MR SPEAKER: I will clarify that part Leader of the Opposition. Other than the Standing Orders, this is clearly stated under our Practice and Procedures. Government Responses are in compliance with the Standing Orders whereas Procedures and Practice Manual, the Minister must give an official response such as what the recent Hon Minister gave. Whatever response is given, that is the official response that indicates that the Report has been approved by the Parliamentary Committee. A clarification was clearly given in one of our recent sittings on this regard.

The question was put and when the Ayes have it, Government Response on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 107, Report of the Primary Production, Commerce, Industry and Labour on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 76, Annual Report of the Samoa Real Estate Corporation for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2011 was approved.

P.P.2014/2015 NO. 43, GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO.96, REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2011/2012 NO.64, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011

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

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 43, Government Response on P.P.2012/2013 No.96, Report of the Health and Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee on P.P.2011/2012 No.64, Annual Report of the Samoa National Provident Fund for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2011

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 43 containing Government Responses on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 96, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee on P.P. 2011/2012 No. 64, Annual Report of the Samoa National Provident Fund for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2011, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Since this will take a while, do not be concerned, whoever wishes to rest feel free to do so.

Mr Speaker, the Submission tables with due respect, the written responses from the Office of the Samoa National Provident Fund, relative to the recommendations tabled therein for the Fund to consider.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P. 2012/2013 NO. 96, REPORT OF THE HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2011/2012 NO. 64 – SAMOA NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2011.

Recommendation 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

NPF Response to Recommendation 1:

The Fund endeavors to continue strict scrutiny of business management and audited financial operations of the companies and businesses that approach the Fund for financial assistance. These on-going assessments aim at ensuring the security of investments made to yield profitable returns which are subsequently distributed back to members of the Fund, and to avoid losses these businesses may incur.

Recommendation 2:

Advise the Fund to increase its capital/money being invested overseas to obtain profits that will then be given back to the Members.

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NPF Response to Recommendation 2:

As per recommendation from the Committee, the Fund has started to review its Strategic Investments Framework to consolidate possible diversification of its investments funds overseas to yield lucrative returns for its members.

Whilst efforts to maximize returns are continuing, Management must make sure the risks are minimal and are in line with the risk appetite of the Fund at all times. The Fund is planning to increase its offshore investment from 2% to 10% in the next two to three years as approved by the Board of Directors in Australia.

(E) Final Comment Relative to Recommendations:

The Board of Directors and Management alike continue to pursue its vision and mission statements as best as they can, to ensure the interest of members are paramount at all times.

With all due respect.

The Question was put and the Ayes have it and the P.P.2014/2015 No. 43 stood approved, Government Responses on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 96, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee on P.P. 2011/2012 No. 64, Annual Report of the Samoa National Provident Fund for the Financial Year Ending 2011 was approved.

P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 44, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON THE P.P.2012/2013 NO. 90, REPORT OF THE HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2011/2012 NO. 33, CORPORATE OBJECTIVES OF THE SAMOA NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2013

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

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Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 44 containing Government Responses on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 90, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee on P.P. 2011/2012 No. 33, Corporate Objectives of the Samoa National Provident Fund for the Period 2012-2014, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Enterprises.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, the Submission tables with due respect, the written responses from the Office of the Samoa National Provident Fund, relative to the recommendations tabled therein for the Fund to consider.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON THE P.P. 2011/2012 NO.33, CORPORATE OBJECTIVES OF THE SAMOA PROVIDENT FUND FOR THE PERIO 2012-2014.

Recommendation 1:

The Fund should find ways to further improve the managing of its investments and profits for the benefit of the Members as well as the country.

SNPF Response to Recommendation 1:

The Board of Directors and Management of the Fund have continued on going reviews of existing regulations and policies relative to the management of its Strategic Investments Framework to ensure all investments yield lucrative profits for the sake of its members. Investments interests are constantly reviewed to ensure our own interests charged are compatible and competitive, yielding the required returns for the members of the Fund.

It is clear from that the value of Fund Assets is growing and it financial performance and profitability is improving every year. The Fund will continue to monitor all aspects of its investments and operations to ensure Members receive competitive and the best benefits. The recommendations of the Committee are duly noted.

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Recommendation 2:

To consider other alternatives in which the percentage (bonus) paid out to Members can increase annually.

SNPF Response to Recommendation 2:

Recommendation by the Committee is duly noted. For the information of the Committee, annual interest is based on the profits of the Fund from the year to year. 98% of the investments portfolio is domiciled and invested in Samoa. This means any growth depends on the performance of our local economy which is slow at the moment. The Board has taken the initiative to take a portion of the portfolio and to be invested in global equities and bonds under the management of a Fund Manager in Australia. We are aiming to increase our offshore investment from 2% to 10% in the next two to three years. This should be the future of improving annual interest/divident to members.

Recommendation 3:

To continue with the up-skilling process for the employees to further their knowledge and skills in offering the quality services needed.

SNPF Response to Recommendation 3:

NPF takes seriously the management and development of its Human Resource because this is critical in achieving its targets. Policies are being refined as to ensure we hire the best. Continuous formal and on the job training are done to address gaps in performance.

We should appreciate if the Committee could pin point a particular HR area at NPF which they see as a significant risk hindering the delivery of the required 'quality' expected in our services. This would assist management to formulate a solution to the problem.

(E) **FINAL COMMENTS RELATIVE TO RECOMMENDATIONS**

The benefits members of the Fund are entitled to are all stipulated and stated in its governing legislations and policies underpinning the Fund's operations and activities

Hence, stipulations of the SNPF Principal Act 1972, the SNPF Amendment Act 2010, and governing policies guide the Fund relative to the benefits offered for its members annually.

Submitted with utmost respect.

The Question was put and the Ayes have it, hence Government Responses stood approved on P.P. 2011/2012 No.33, Corporate Objectives of the Samoa Provident Fund for the Period 2012-2014.

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MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P. 2014/2015 No.45, containing Government Responses on P.P.2012/2013 No.94, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee on P.P.2011/2012 No.59 and the P.P.2011/2012 No.66, Report of Operations and Statement of Accounts of the Samoa Senior Citizens Benefit Fund for the Years for the Years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Enterprises.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker for the information of the entire House and the public, I present the Responses in this Paper.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON THE P.P. 2011/2012 NO.59, REPORT OF OPERATIONS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE SAMOA SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT FUND FOR THE YEARS 2010/2011 NO.66, AND 2011/2012.

Recommendation 1:

That the Samoa National Provident Fund continues to monitor and comply with one guidelines to improve the service provided.

SCBF's Response to Recommendation 1:

SCBF's Office endeavors to adhere to all existing governing legislations and policies in its execution of duties and operations on a daily basis. SCBF's Staff are trained and reminded that our senior citizens must be given priority at all times by extending to them the best customer care at all times.

Recommendation 2:

That the SCBF liases with other Government Ministries for assistance in collecting updated data needed to avoid people from ilegal withdrawing pensions of those who have passed away or permanently moved overseas.

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SCBF's Response to Recommendation 2:

This is the current practice whereby the SCBF Office continues to liaise closely with the following government Ministries, Samoa Bureau of Statistics, Immigration Department National Health Services, Samoa Shipping Corporation and the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development.

This practice is put in place to gauge information needed by the Office to effectively monitor the health of our senior citizens and at the same time executing immediate cessation of pension payments to the aged who pass away or have relocated to reside permanently overseas.

E) FINAL COMMENTS RELATIVE TO RECOMMENDATION

The benefits offered to our Senior Citizens are mandated under our governing SCBF Act and the relevant approved Policies currently underpinning our duties and Office Operations.

Submitted with all due respect.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, Government Responses stood approved on P.P. 2011/2012 No. 59 and P.P. 2010/2011 No.66, Report of Operations and Statement of Accounts of the Samoa Senior Citizens Benefit Fund for the Years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.

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

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker let's give the Government a rest in consideration to the thick Report that we cannot find anything to deliberate on.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker the Leader of the Opposition has nothing to worry about, we have prepared a long time ago. We train every night and day. Hence do not be concerned. As you see we are upstanding so do not be anxious. That is what we meant, but if you are worried, then take a nap and relax.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: The reason for upstanding is because we cannot give statements to the given Responses.

MR SPEAKER: I now get your view Palusalua. If we are to do as you....

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I see no reason for us to come here and say Ayes, ayes and ayes.

MR SPEAKER: We have to comply with the Standing Orders. We must adhere to the practices in the Standing Orders, Government provides responses and respect the work of the Parliamentary Committees. This order was reviewed in the 2005 Parliamentary term hence it is baseless to prepare Parliamentary Committee Reports and lay it aside which is the main intention for this reviewed amendment by providing Responses to the submitted Reports.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker, as a Parliamentarian in my early years, normal procedures has it that once Government Responses are received in Parliament, that is it. I remember one time when a Question was put, Tofilau rose and presented a thick response from 9.00am until 1.00pm. Regardless of fail attempts by the Opposition Side to stop the old man from giving response at the time, otherwise the old man's response in quote, "I have long been prepared, it is good to read out the entire response so that you are aware of the silly questions you give." Regardless, Tofilau still read out all the questions. Now that I am reading out the Committee's recommendations and still you tend to stand and avoid the same. Pardon me these Reports have long been in discussion. You have long been waiting for us to give Responses and here we are with the Responses. Yet you run to the Newspaper and say, "Where are the Responses and what is causing the delay?" I will provide the Responses even it we strike 14 oclock tonight the Response I give remain. I beg leniency, even if you grow tired never mind, I shall read out the Responses that you asked for.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Government Leader.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I wish to be brief of something. If only we can question the Responses.

MR SPEAKER: The work is now completed. We have already done our job of reporting, the Government has responded now.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: That is because you are speaking in English.

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MR SPEAKER: That is the meaning of your statement when you are not clear as I keep repeating myself. What other language do you want me to translate? Lealailepule....

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: No I can understand very well. The reason why I ask often is because I want to be clarified.

Now that we have received all Responses, the assistance from this Side, let's approve them all. We have read the well put Responses. If there was a higher grade above 100%, that would be the mark for this. Government Response is 100%.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Lealailepule. Despite your attempt otherwise the work we do is the main thing, therefore I beg tolerance.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, these are the responses prepared by this Side and the Cabinet. If a motion was moved that you are satisfied given your responses, that is agreeable to us. If you are growing tired of listening this is one way to do it by setting a motion and we can support it. Then we can move along with other matters and we can approve all responses if that is your intention.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: The only motion we aim to move is to reject all Government Responses received. That is the only motion I wish to move.

MR SPEAKER: That is exactly what I mean Palusalua. I am confused but I intend to give the chance to clarify Government Responses. Most of the time I am being questioned, "Where are our questions, where are the responses?" Now we are on that. Bear with us, we can have our rest by 14 or 15 tonight.

I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, other senior members for Tautua is now taking the stand. He was one of the founding members for Tautua before he became a Leader whilst Palusalua became Deputy Leader. Then they decided to resign and went back to the ballot. Then Palusalua made it and the bald headed was in trouble. Palusalua then became the Leader, and am not sure now. Now that the founding member for that Side is now speaking, collectively you all agree however your Leader seems to object. Why are you like this, there is a contradictory view there, why?

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, point of order. There is no such thing here. Hon Prime Minister, only your Side is being contradictory. Do not point fingers at this side when our side is very cooperative.

Yes, I pity you.

MR SPEAKER: No, set aside that matter. I get you Palusalue.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: What I am trying to say, see the lies you make without laughing? A recent member from your side has just given his agreement about the responses, yet you object, you are lucky to be there when the bald headed was unsuccessful. Therefore your Side is contradictory. Yet I am asking why you are like this and the response you give is now different.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, I stick to my opinion to pass all legislations, otherwise I respect my Leader. My Leader has spoken, because we were trained in performance not the hearing....

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, now I get it. The third Leader has given his respect unhappily, as first Leader (of Tautua) will you continue on like this.

That is the exact point I made, you are the ones whose being contradictory, the country is hearing your contradictory views....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Do not judge the speck in your brother's eye but do judge the speck in your own eye. As soon as Parliament meeting is over, the caucus meets. Why? This Side is not like that.

MR SPEAKER: Palusalue, I now get your view. We are beside the point...

Tuuu, I call upon the respectable member.

Tofa Hon Tuuu Anasii Leota: Mr Speaker with due respect, if the Leader of this Side is not doing his duty, I rise with respect, let us approve all Reports and Government Responses before we rest. Respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister to rise.

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Tofa Hon Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiatua: No the assistance is towards the Leader of the Opposition as he still still maintains his rejection, but his colleague is now supporting him. If this is the intentino of the Leader of the Opposition to continue our responses I believe we all like to hear our voices when we give our responses.

That is the assistance in the spirit of respect.

MR SPEAKER: I now get your viewpoint Hon Minister. I beg tolerance dignified members of the House. We should not think lightly of the had work prepared by the Parliamentary Committee. I beg forbearance as we are not the only one having a meeting, the country is listening as well. Most of these responses given by the Government, is in depth and has answered other raising queries by that side of the House including the comments by the Parliamentary Committees. I beg tolerance to the House, let us proceed with our work. In case we progress in the future and say otherwise, “Why do we move forward and go backward?”

Response No. 5....

Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the member for Aana No.1, Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi.

Afioga Hon Leaupepe Toleafoa Apulu Faafisi: Before the member for Siumu and this member proceeds any further as we were the first ones to arrive to our meeting at 3.00pm.

We met at the backside with the Leader of the Opposition and the rest of the Opposition side. The only absent member was the Deputy, Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta. The notice they gave whilst having coffee is that they have agreed to approve all Government Responses hence appreciation to the Government for the well clarified matters raised by Parliament. The intention therefore is to continue their opinions, otherwise the Leader of the Opposition seems to have a change of mind. Nevertheless, that is reason for the support by the member for Siumu, nonetheless whowever has the majority vote in the House stands.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you. I think this matter is now clarified le tus proceed. We still have a lot of work in progress.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I really respect the member for Aana Alofi No.1 who is the Hon Leaupepe.

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MR SPEAKER: You should respect the men of the village.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: We did not discuss anything outside. The only thing he said, 'I am very disappointed with my Political Party.' That is all, we did not talk about anything else.

Hence I beg your pardon honorable Leaupepe, no we did not talk about any Reports rather we talked about our Party
Respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: I get it now, bear with me on that matter.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR PERIODS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010
AND 30 JUNE 2011**

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves P.P.2014/2015 No.185, containing Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.56, Reports of the Controller and Chief Auditor to the Legislative Assembly for Periods Ended 30 June 2010 and 30 June 2011 pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, for the interest of the public and the entire House, I shall read out the following Responses submitted in this Paper.

As required by the Officers of Parliament Committee (OPC), provided below is the Government's response to the issues raised as well as remedial actions that have already been put in place in line with the OPC recommendations.

At the outset, I acknowledge the OPC review of the Controller and Chief Auditor's ('CCA') report for the financial years ending 30th June 2010 and 30th June 2011. The comments have been noted and frameworks for improved performance will be put in place.

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Government in maintaining its core values of accountability and transparency provides responses to the recommendations in the OPC's report. It should be noted that whilst the report of the CCA is on the 2010 and 2011 financial years, the OPC also did an extensive review of performance of some Government Ministries and Public Bodies in financial years 2007 and 2008.

1. Review of Finance System to include statement of Cashflow.

The Public Finance Reform program in its early stages focused heavily on the reporting of public accounts. Recently, the Chart of Accounts has been reviewed to include the Statement of Cashflow and the Public Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2014 will include a Statement of Cashflow as required by the International Public Sector Administration Standards as well as demonstrating full accountability of Government.

2. Strengthening Internal Control within Government Ministries and Public Bodies.

No doubt the most common issue raised in the OPC report in the Ministries and Corporations concerned relates to internal controls and the need for them to be reviewed for further improvement. We concur with the need for proper internal control systems to be in place to ensure effective financial management and overall efficiency in the management of Government assets. The Government through the Ministry of Finance has recently established an Internal Audit Forum which will be tasked with identifying internal control issues in Ministries and SOEs and to come up with strategies for remedial actions. This Forum will involve all internal auditors in Ministries and SOEs and is supported through technical assistance under the Public Finance Management Reform Program where it develops an implementation plan for the Internal Audit Strategic Plan that will administered by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance has had discussions with Ministries and Corporations included in the OPC report and confirmed that the internal control issues raised in the report have not been addressed for some of the Ministries and SOEs. There is a call to strengthen the role of the Internal Audit Forum of Government so that there is consistency in monitoring of internal control issues and also to assist Ministries and Corporations that have yet to establish Internal Auditor functions.

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For the information of Parliament, under the same Public Finance Management Reform Forum Plan, the Ministry of Finance through its Internal Audit and Investigation Division will support Ministries and Corporations that do not have Internal Auditors in house. The current framework will be reviewed in the future to determine whether all Ministries and Corporations should have internal audit functions. This work will have to balance the compliance reporting needs with the associated costs of having individual Internal Auditors in house.

3. Response on specific Ministries included in the report

The OPC report also highlighted issues which were raised during meetings with Government Ministries and Corporations relating to the years ending 30th June 2007, 2008 and 2009. We note that a number of Ministries and SOEs have provided confirmations of remedial actions to be put in place for further improvement going forward.

This section will provide clarifications on the issues raised which government agencies did not respond to at the time of the meetings and for which Government is responsible to provide an update of where the implementation of recommendations are at to date.

3.1 Ministry of Finance – Public Accounts 2007-2008

The official response to the Committee's report for the Public Accounts 2007 and 2008 will be tabled separately as this reflects the responses on specific issues raised as well clarifications provided by the Ministry of Finance on key areas such as actual results compared to budget estimates, the relevance of Output budgeting and allocation of resources, as well as the controls put in place to monitor the Grant and Loan financed projects.

3.2 Ministry of Police & Prisons 2007-2008

The registry of dealers of Arms and ammunitions has been updated. The Ministry has developed processes and procedures for application for license by dealers is done on an annual basis. There is also a documented process for application for license of ammunition. The Ministry in ensuring full implementation of the Fire and Ammunition Act 2014 is now reviewing the license to own a firearm.

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The license is specifically referenced to the use of the firearm unlike the motor vehicle (license for both vehicle and the driver is mandatory) there is no license relating to the owner of the firearm(s) – an area the Ministry will further review for possible amendments to the legislations in the future.

The Asset registry is now updated and internal processes have been reviewed for timely reconciliations for payments. Moreover, personal files are updated following the recruitment of the Records Officer who manages and ensure all records and personal files are updated.

3.3 Office of the Prime Minister 2007-2008

Issues were raised with the management of Passports that there is no proper record of Passport movements. To date, the internal control measures put in place since 2012 is effectively implemented. Separate systems for Passports, permits and citizenship are in place, although they are all stand alone systems from the Finance One it provides all the reconciliation and can also serve as a check and balance mechanism with the cash collected on a daily basis. Measures are in place to address damaged Passports and the staff has been trained to ensure enforcement of the process to minimize damaged Passports in the future.

3.4 Ministry of Health 2007-2008

The decision by the Tenders Board to demolish the incomplete Nurses Residence in 2009 was based on an independent report from the supervisor of the Project. The structural fault of the building was the key reason for its demolition. With hindsight it was the most appropriate decision as it posed a greater risk and possibly higher financial inability for government if the building was allowed to continue. It should be noted that the construction of the new nurse's residence has now been completed and nursing students from the rural areas as well as officials travelling from Savaii for trainings at Motootua Hospital are being accommodated there.

In relation to the catering expenses, the Ministry has provided clarifications to the Committee which confirms that the catering output was within approved allocation both in the Government's Budget Estimates and provisions allowed by the donors who are working closely in the Health sector.

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It should also be noted that government budget is based on output budgeting and it is within the Chief Executive Officer's discretion to reallocate expenditure items within the Output should the need arise as long as the total Output provision is maintained within the approved Estimates.

3.5 Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration 2007-2008

For MJCA, there are internal controls that have been in place to ensure the receipting of adoption and divorce cases are adequate and that reconciliations with manual registration are to be completed before the end of each day.

With regards to warranting of fines, the forthwith payments have been an effective measure to date. Recovery plans are documented by the Ministry and although it takes times, the constant follow up and working closely with the community and village councils have improved. However the Ministry still has a problem relating to long term arrears which is difficult to be recovered. A paper to Cabinet is being prepared to consider these long term arrears and how they may be tackled.

3.6 Ministry for Revenue 2007-2008

The blacklist of dishonored cheques is provided by the Ministry of Finance on a monthly basis to all Government Ministries and this helps the government cashiers. Personal cheques are no longer accepted. The Ministry is working on updating the list of dishonored cheques for possible write off before the end of this financial year.

3.7 Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure 2007-2008

At at 1st July 2013, the management of Government housing has been transferred to the Samoa Housing Corporation. The Corporation is now working in reviewing the rental fees as well as major repairs and maintenance for these houses. The Ministry is currently working to clear all the outstanding to date.

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3.8 Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development

The Government has made arrangements for inter-departmental transactions under the supervision of the Ministry of Finance to ensure Printing arrears are minimised and that costs of services rendered are paid on time. This not only involve Government Ministries but also with Corporations such as Electric Power Corporation and Samoa Water Authority. The Ministry of women has confirmed to the OPC that the long outstanding debts have been cleared and that measures are in place to ensure the current bills are paid within the financial year it relates.

3.9 Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture 2007-2008

The trust funds have been ceased operations following the closure of the hostels for Samoa College, Avele College and Vaipouli College. With the existence of Committees for every school, raising funds for school uniforms, maintenance of facilities and cleaning services have been the sole responsibilities of these Committees while the provision of stationeries are still under the Ministry's administration.

4. Audit of Public Bodies

Whilst the report include twelve (12) Public Bodies, most of these Public Bodies have provided clarifications to the OPC at their previous consultations and hence Government would not repeat itself but will focus on clarifying the issues raised in some of the Public Bodies below.

For the information of Parliament, recent SOE reforms undertaken by the Ministry of Finance saw a substantial change in the Board of Directors where all Ministries have been removed from the Board. All the 25 Public Bodies Boards have appointed directors from the private sector. This was an initiative for improved service delivery and a good return on Government investments.

The monitoring of Public Bodies will become the sole responsibility of the Minister of Public Enterprises once the Public Amendment Bill 2014 comes into effect. The Board of Directors are now obligated to the Shareholding Ministries on the performance of SOEs and the new Ministry will ensure effective frameworks are in place for a smooth transition.

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4.1 Electricity Power Corporation 2008-2009; 2009-2010.

The Corporation has developed a flowchart of the process to be followed as a response to the audit findings. The change in the financial system (Daffron) has led to the capacity development workshops for key staff involved in the financial reporting process. The various modules of the system have been gradually integrated into the General Ledger with the Transportation module in progress. The Asst module update has also been complete after the Corporation undertook an Asset Valuation exercise in the beginning of 2014. Moreover the Cashflow statement is available online effective in the beginning of the current financial year.

There is an organisational review currently underway....

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, let the Hon Prime Minister drink some water. He is missing chapters if you come to a new paragraph, then start.

MR SPEAKER: Lealailepule, it is up to the Hon Prime Minister how he interprets this Report on Government Response. There are additions on top, nonetheless bear with us we are almost finished.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: I totally agree but you must provide the details with regards to the missing punctuation marks. Otherwise so far so good.

MR SPEAKER: Your view is now received. I call upon the Hon Prime Minister to continue.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, new paragraph:

There is an organisational review currently underway for the Corporation and this is also done in parallel with the review of its financial systems processes and procedures.

4.2 Samoa Land Corporation 2008-2009

The Government note the recommendations provided by the OPC. Weaknesses in internal control systems and the incompetency of senior staff have resulted in the poor performance of the Corporation.

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The Government has put in place remedial actions to ensure these weaknesses and any potential risk as a result would not happen again in the future.

The budgeted revenue for the year under review was not realised due to investments that projected returns but did not materialise within the financial year. However, revenue was realised in the later years. This includes the sale of the Lighthouse at Tauese and the Exchange of lands with the Land Board (MNRE) at Sogi where the TATTE Building is now located.

The process for lease to own the Corporations' lands at Vaitele, Letogo and the Vaitele Industrial Zone was not completed during the year under review and thus the revenue forecasted were not actually generated at that time but in the later years.

The overspending stated in the OPC report is incorrect as it was not actual cash spent by the Corporation but a book entry which relates to the depreciation of its non current assets. The other underestimated spending was related to maintenance of the Golf Course and payment for electricity however other operating expenses were within budget levels.

In relation to the issue of middleman for identified projects, the main issue identified in the OPC report was the non compliance of SLC with Government Tender requirements. There is however no evidence to suggest that the Ministry or anyone else in SLC obtained any monetary or other benefit by direct appointment of the middle man company.

Our land benefits, there is a policy approved by the Board which allows SLC employees to buy land from SLC at 60% of the market value. This was the verification provided relating to the purchase of the General Manager's land highlighted in the OPC report. The ministerial expenses also included allocations for the Advisory Committees for the Salelologa Township and Land Sub Committees which assist SLC with collection of land rentals and fees. The outstanding leases are mainly to the agricultural business communities.

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With regards to the landscaping contract for the headquarters, there's evidence that shows that the three quotation system was followed by the Corporation where separate bidders were awarded contracts for the Golf Course and the Salelologa market.

We concur with the Committee's recommendations to strengthen the capacity not only SLC but all Government Ministries and Corporations on government tender and procurement guidelines. Moreover, clear policies and procedures relating to Human Resources, Procurement, Governance and Financial Management should be effectively in place to guide the employees with performance of their duties and responsibilities.

The reporting requirements in both the Public Finance Management Act 2001 and the Public Bodies (Performance & Accountability) Act 2001 are very clear and the Government through the Ministry of Finance will ensure that these provisions are effectively adhered to. The Government acknowledges the issues raised by the OPC in its report and is working to the best of its ability to ensure effective measures are in place and that implementation is monitored closely going forward.

Mr Speaker, that is the Response required by the Committee.

MR SPEAKER: Well done thank you Hon Prime Minister.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker I wish to earn a small chance respectfully.

MR SPEAKER: Are we discussing time again that has already been given clarification. Well there is nothing we can do....

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: As this is a very critical Report that the country is waiting for, particularly....

MR SPEAKER: We have presented Government Responses. Palusalue, again I will try and reiterate what has already been clarified.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Because the responses we received is different from the responses to the recommendation of the Committee.

MR SPEAKER: We do not have to go with that, we have already given our findings. If we are to proceed with that, then that means that by tomorrow we will still be here. I have already given my apology, let us proceed with it.

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Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta: Mr Speaker, thank you for the clarification that I am well aware of. I rise as one of the members for this Committee the OPC. Thank you as the House has heard....

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Aeau, we are about to... the matter is being extended....

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta: Your honor, does this mean that it is prohibited to comment on Responses, is it not allowed?

MR SPEAKER: No it is not allowed, see below it, let me rephrase it, it is disallowed. Under the Parliamentary Practice and Procedures here, we have records of this. Please Fepuleai could you give this....

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta: This is a waste of time. If this was approved earlier....

MR SPEAKER: It is not a waste. Aeau, bear with us as we proceed with our Standing Orders and Parliamentary Procedure. This is it, I am holding it. The Standing Orders and Procedures is a reflection of what we do in Parliament. That is the final notices by the Speaker on this matter.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Your honor, the Standing Orders is more official.

MR SPEAKER: Who interprets the Standing Orders? You or me?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: It is everyone.

MR SPEAKER: No then. Let me say this then.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: If you look at it, nothing here states that no debate is allowed.

MR SPEAKER: Sit down. Palusalue, there is statement which indicates permission for debate. That is the discretion of the Speaker. If we are to argue on that then you might as well come and seat here whilst I come and seat there. Pardon the member I have already given clarification on this order.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.2014/2015 No.185 stood approved, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.56, Report of the Controller and Chief Auditor to the Legislative Assembly for Periods Ended 30 June 2010 and 30 June 2011 is now approved.

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MR SPEAKER: Let us take our normal break for the evening.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, the entire Question should have been given – no.

MR SPEAKER: Sit down. Whenever I give instruction you should sit down. *(To the Leader of the Opposition who is upstanding).*

The Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now suspended for normal recess in the evening.

Proceedings of the Assembly now set aside for normal recess at 4.56 and resumed at the hour of 5:30 in the evening.

MR SPEAKER: During our break Government Responses were still given as heard in the House hence we shall continue.

I believe we have received and regained energy in body, spirit and mind after our evening tea to assist us through this evening.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: Mr Speaker, I rise with respect....

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

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I apologise about earlier. Pardon me honorable Speaker. Whatever exchanges we just had – only this to say Mr Speaker, this issue about the Report we talked about just now because this paved way to the resignation of the Government Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I get it now Palusalue.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: This is why I rise often.

MR SPEAKER: Do not use your apology as a way to deliberate and repeat what has already been discussed.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: I rise to move a motion, *To approve these Reports as it is useless given that we cannot ask questions about it.*

The motion was not approved.

MR SPEAKER: Your view is well taken.

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The weather is getting worse, we should attend to our families as soon as possible, but that is the motion with respect Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, you note that we have just come back from our break. If you see that I have not directed anything back to you a while ago, then you should consider that the time has changed and so as renewed thoughts given the silent prayer to God, but let me say this Leader of the Opposition, Palusalue, let respect bear a limit between us.

If the House has seen and heard our Proceedings in the past four Parliamentary terms, respect is still maintained and given to you the Leader of the Opposition since day one until now. Based on observation Palusalue, it seems that the statements made have gone beyond point against the Speaker. This is the first time you have given an apology to me and correct the mistakes you have made earlier. Without God's spirit, you would have been out by now. That is the confession, but I respect you highly as you are regarded as one of the senior members in this Parliamentary term. You are also the Leader of the Opposition. You see what I am trying to say. Is it a good example for a Leader in the House to questions the ruling of the Speaker? I am still maintaining my peace. Why? I respect you and the district.

You rise and speak without thinking of the support of the notable Aiga Sa-Tunumafono, o le Vaa Nofaatolu that you caretake; that you know it.

That is the thought Leader of the Opposition. Whereas the processes with Standing Orders and Procedures, that is understandable. I also give opportunities. Sometime the public take it that I have given you too much chances. But to my belief you are a Side with less number yet you are given the chance to respond to matters by the Government however you take those chances into advantage by not maintaining our traditional values and respect.

I accept your apology Palusalue hence do not do it again. Let blessings be upon us during this Parliamentary term. Be a good example to our sittings in the future. Whatever deliberations you have against the Government, do not take it out on the Chair. Go against me for what when I am here to protect you? Do not object me as I aim to control and maintain our values and standards.

Sometimes I uphold peace and maintain orders. You now raise the Report that resulted to heated discussions on my ruling in the newspaper." Where is the Report, where is it now, what is causing the delay?" Now that it is here, you now demand to approve it without considering the Government Responses.

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Financial Year Ended 30 June 2010**

Pardon me Leader of the Opposition but I disagree with your motion, give the chance to the Government and whatever hour we finish tonight, let us accept it. Our sitting is already in scheduled and the motion has been approved. Whilst our differences Palusalua, I feel the spirit of forgiveness because you are not anybody. You are not only an Orator and a well known figure in the country and Parliament, but you also hold duties in the Church. That is the essence, we must maintain our support and spirit together whilst we proceed with our work.

Therefore those are the notices to the House, let us forgive each other this part of the evening. Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the spirit is to lay our work accordingly by bearing persistence and forbearance as we resume this evening.

**P.P.2014/2015 NO. 46, GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON P.P.2013/2014
NO. 38, REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT
COMMITTEE ON P.P.2010/2011 NO. 13, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PENSION SCHEME FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAIPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, I wish to congratulate everyone as we come back from our break as have been reenergized after our evening tea. Congratulations honorable Leader of the Opposition as we note that you aim to assist with the tasks and responsibilities of this Side, thus lend us your patience as we endeavor to respond.

Mr Speaker I rise to move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.46 containing Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.38, Report of the Office of Parliament P.P.2010/2011 No.13, Financial Statement of the Parliament Pension Scheme for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2010 pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON THE P.P. 2010/2011 NO.13,
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PENSION
SCHEME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010.**

Susuga Hon TUILAIPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, submissions tables with respect the written response from the Office of the Samoa National Provident Fund relative to the recommendations tabled within the Report of the Report of the Officers of Parliament Committee as submitted.

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Recommendation 1:

Consider appropriate Amendments to the Act, to legalise the exercise of the Board of the National Provident Fund to become Board of Parliamentary Pension Scheme and the current Board to be dissolved, in order to save expenses.

NPF Response:

Cabinet has removed and replaced all Board Directors. NEW BOARDS OF DIRECTORS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY PENSION SCHEME:- “NO SEATING ALLOWANCES & NO SALARIES FOR DIRECTORS.”

Cabinet has approved a change in the PPS Board by removing all directors from the private sector. Cabinet by F.K. (12) on 30th August 2012, approved the appointment of the following public servants as members of the Board of Directors for the Parliamentary Pension Scheme. They are not entitled to any paid remuneration:

1. Minister of Finance – Chairman.
2. CEO, Ministry of Finance.
3. Attorney General.
4. Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
5. CEO, SNPF.

The abovementioned members are not entitled to any allowance nor payment tasked by the Parliamentary Pension Scheme Taskforce Committee and are employed as public servants.

Recommendation 2:

Prepare and submit statements of Yearly Contribution Balance to Members of Parliament for them to be aware of the Scheme's operations.

NPF Response:

The Parliamentarians have always been given access at all times to their Contribution Balances but only upon request.

We duly support the recommendation to issue statements to the Members of the Scheme at the end of the financial year once the audit has been completed. All costs for this exercise will be charged to the Scheme.

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This is additional service cost to the Parliamentary Pension Scheme.

Submitted with all due respect.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.2014/2015 No.46 now stood approved, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.38, Report of the Officers of Parliament on P.P.2010/2011 No.13, Parliamentary Pension Scheme Statement for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2010.

**P.P.2014/2015 NO. 49, GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON P.P.2013/2014
NO. 43, REPORT OF THE OFFICES OF PARLIAMENT
COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 18, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/2011**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Public Enterprises, Hon Lautafi Fio Selafi Purcell.

Afioga Hon LAUTAFI FIO SELAFI PURCELL (Minister of Public Enterprises): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.49, Government Response on P.P.2013/2014 No.43, Report of the Offices of Parliament on P.P.2012/2013 No.18, Annual Report of the Accident Compensation Corporation for the Financial Year 2010/2011 pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Health.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister. Cooperation corporation

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON THE P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 43,
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION
CORPORATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/2011.**

Afioga Hon LAUTAFI FIO SELAFI PURCELL: Mr Speaker for the sake of the House and the members of the public I hereby present the responses given in this Paper. Pardon me Mr Speaker and the House the recommendations except for responses which I will now read out.

(1). Application for Claims.

- The Accident Compensation's is guided by the provision of the ACC Act. The aim is to achieve its vision through timely payment of compensation to claimants and to promote awareness and safety in workplaces and on the road.

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- I am pleased to inform you that we can pay out compensation to the claimants on the day claim is received or the next day following provided that required evidence and documents are in place

(2). Corporation's Finances.

- Revenue collection is in line with procedures and guidelines implemented for safekeeping and usage. The ACC are also looking at other options for investments to order to get a good return and to maintain its current successful status for the future of the ACC.

(3). Safety Promotion

Promoting Safety in the use of Specified Conveyances.

It is one of the statutory roles of the Corporation to work in close collaboration with all organization, private or public, which have interests in safety to establish closely working relationships towards the promotion in the use of specified conveyances. Stimulating and maintaining interest in safety and the prevention of accidents, personal injuries and occupational diseases by means of education and publicity through communication media, like Radio Safety Ad son both Radio 2AP and 98FM, and it has been going on for 4 years now.

The increase in the number of fatalities due to specified conveyances reveals the severity of accidents occurred which mainly involves speeding and drunk driving.

3.1 Worker's Safety in Workplace:

Our Corporation through the Safety Promotion and Rehabilitation Division is continuing working very closely with employers and employees both in the government and private sector in implementing recommendations base don our investigations made and documented in our Hazard Report Forms and regularly follow-up such to monitor and ensure safety and control measures are in place to avoid future accidents. And it is anticipated that workplace accidents will continue to come down if good performance of work activities are continued.

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3.2.1 Workers Safety (Other than the Workplace i.e. After Working Hours):

Accident involving workers after hours had been delievered mostly through trainings provided to workers and employees induction programs by employers or through special request either through initiative by the Corporation or the employers. The Corporation also notifies the families of those involved in accidents after site inspections.

Overall:

As reported in previous reports, the increasing trend in workplace accidents in three consecutive financial years from 2009 which was reversed in the previous financial year 2011/2012 is continuing.

Depsite the increase in the number of accidents due to specified conveyance, it is still acceptable when compared to the number of specified conveyances accidents recorded in the last five years. It is also noted that a rapid shift of accidents is due to the increase in the number of motor vehicles (RHD) imported into the country. The alarming fatalities increase, revealed the severity of accidents occured. The number of accidents occured within the workplace is continuously decreasing as of FY 2011/2012.

Accidents involving workers' after normal working hours, had dropped to 27 compared to the highest of 40 in FY 2008/2009.

(4). Fugalei Market.

We can all witness and observe the progress of the Fugalei Market Project that is under construction.

Every immense Project like this has its own complications and challenges, however the Chairman and Board Members are guided by advises given by the Minister and the Cabinet FK.

The Prime Minister, Minister in charge were duly advised from time to time on the progress of Project or any delay's due to unforeseen circumstances.

Mr Speaker and members of the House, I note this is the final part of the report. The market has completed and has satisfied everyone in the country. This the response Mr Speaker.

The Question was put and the when the Ayes have it, P.P.2014/2015 No.49, stood approved, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.43, Report of the Offices of Parliament on P.P.2012/2013 No.18, Annual Report of the the Accident Compensation Corporation for the Financial Year 2010/2011.

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P.P.2011/2012 NO.92, STATEMENT OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES
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2011**

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

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker and the dignified members of the House, before I come to the motion, I beg tolerance to the honorable Speaker as our district of Safata is listening in. *E a Ulu tafega ae selefutia ai Vaisigano*, this House is managed by the wise men. In case we hunger after the fish however it can waste the net. *In simpler meaning, do not undermine another important aspect.* Well done on your perseverance in the House. Whatever problems encountered by Palusalua, that is the same load with Manualesagalala who is one of the members for the constituency of Safata, but thank you for accepting the Godly way that has well recognized the matter at hand.

Our district is praying and supporting us through this. Whatever problems we face, seek God for assistance upon our weaknesses.

Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.50, which contains the Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.57, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2011/2012 No.60 & P.P.2011/2012 No. 92, the Electric Power Corporation Statement of Corporate Objectives for the Period 2012-2014 and the Annual Report for the Electric Power Corporation for the Financial year Ending 30 June 2011 pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises.

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: Palusalua, what are upstanding for?

Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II: Mr Speaker I highly respect my fellow member pardon the Hon Minister.

MR SPEAKER: What is the problem with the statement of the Hon Minister?

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Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: There is no reason to render your apology. I rise as the Leader of the Opposition. I am doing my duty as the Leader of the Opposition, not apologising on my behalf, it is inappropriate.

MR SPEAKER: This is well laid out. Why did you run from outside when you went out to sit and relax?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: No, this is inappropriate.

MR SPEAKER: Sit down. *(To the Leader of the Opposition)*.

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: The district is listening in as if though I am doing something wrong.

MR SPEAKER: Sit down – I have said it more than once, sit down?

Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II: You should correc this.

RULING BY THE SPEAKER

MR SPEAKER: I believe we have reached the part that I did not want. I had the spirit of forgiveness in me yesterday, and from what I see, no I must make a ruling, be upstanding.

Sergeant of the House, take the Leader of the Opposition outside. Let me think of what to do with you. You have gone the limits, that is enough.

I beg your pardon Hon Minister. Your statement is correct as the constituency should not be disrespected. The dignified members of the district is listening. I too am part of Safata from head to toes hence I give so much respect.

That is enough, Hon Minister, I agree with you. I accept your apology through this side, but I think the Leader of the Opposition should bear treatment.

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta: Mr Speaker....

MR SPEAKER: Sit down Aeau – take your seat. I will not grant anymore opportunities. That is enough.

I call upon the Hon Minister.

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GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON THE P.P. 2011/2012 NO. 60, STATEMENT OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES OF THE ELCTRIC POWER CORPORATION FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014 AND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker the following are the Committee's Recommendations.

1. Recommendation of the Committee:

Based on its Findings, the Committee recommends that the Government:

- 1.1 Provides priority assistance to the Corporation in the following Projects that aim to provide affordable electricity to the nation:-
 - Solar Energy.
 - Wind Energy.
 - Solar Energy: - coconut oil.
 - Patiki.
 - Other Plants.
 - Other hydro sources.

Response:

- EPC has commissioned its 546kWp grid connected Solar PV Project funded Pacific Environment Community Fund which is administered by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. The system is spread out over three sites (i) Tanugamanono – 150kWp, (ii) Vaitele – 246kWp ma (iii) Salelologa – 150kWp. This Project was officially opened on April 11th 2014.
- A 250kWp roof-mounted roof solar system on top of Gym at Tuanaimato has also been commissioned. This was funded by the Government of New Zealand.
- Work has started on the 2,200kWp solar Project inside the Racecourse at Tuanaimato. This is funded by the Government of New Zealand.

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- Work will be starting on the 250kWp solar system in Salelologa soon. This is funded by the Government of New Zealand.
- Preliminary work has started on the Project which looks at installing a solar system at Asau to be funded by the New Zealand Government.
- Work is ongoing on the installation of a 4,000kWp Solar Project by Greenpower Samoa Ltd. This is an independent Project and will sell electricity to EPC..
- Discussions are continuing for Samoa company on a power purchase agreement where they will be installing a system of 4,000kWp and then sell electricity to EPC.
- A Power Purchase Agreement is being negotiated with the Samoa Tyre Recycle Company. This company intends to sell electricity to EPC from a 6,000kW power plant which produces electricity from the recycling of used tyres.
- Discussions are continuing with the Village Life Energy Company which intends to sell electricity to EPC from a 6,000kW waste to energy power plant.
- Preparatory work is underway to develop the proposed new hydro-power schemes at (i) Faleaseela, (ii) Tafitoala, (iii) Tiapapata, (iv) Fuluasou, (v) Vaipu and (vi) Faleata i Vailoa, Palauli.

2. Recommendation of the Committee:

- 2.1** Prioritize areas identified to the result of electricity wasted, so that in the two years to come there will be a decrease in electricity wasted.

Response:

- EPC is aggressive with its system loss reduction programs and would like to clarify this issue further for the understanding of Parliament, energy is required by the generators and equipment during generation of electricity and is estimated at 5% of the generated electricity while energy loss through electricity lines and transformers is estimated at 7% of the electricity available for sale.

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- These technical energy losses cannot be avoided because energy is needed by the generators and plant to operate fuel pump, water pump, turbine cooling system, lights, switchgears, and energy losses through heat and friction in transformers and power lines. This means only about 5 to 6% of the electricity available for sale is lost through tampered meters, unread meters, errors in meter reading etc. This is reasonable compared to other power utilities of the Pacific and the size of our power generation, transmission and distribution network. However EPC is still working on other ways to further reduce this.
- Upgrade works have been carried out on power lines to minimize power system losses on transformers and power lines, due to the increase capacity demand on feeder loadings.
- Work is continuing in checking and monitoring illegally tampered meters.
- Replacing faulty induction meters is also continuing. The Corporation is no longer purchasing cashpower meters, but instead of carrying out trial on the use of JOY and Taslexus Tarus prepaid meters.
- There is always an expected discrepancy between meter reading or sales and production due to the timing of the two. Production is always accounted for the whole days of the month while sales depend on the consistency and timing of meter reading. EPC is now looking into the use of SMART Meters to improve this inaccuracy.
- EPC is also conducting its consumer for all its distribution feeders or areas on its GIS System and this will further identify loss on every distribution feeded and area.
- EPC also completed the installation of revenue meters on all distribution feeders on the system and electricity reading (kWh) is now available for sales on every distribution meter.

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3. Recommendation of the Committee:

- 3.1 Encourages Awareness Programs through television and radio in order to minimize complaints lodged due to unexpected power outage.

Response:

- Informing the public about the services provided by the Corporation including the disconnection of electricity supply is continuing.
- The public is also being informed every time an unplanned power outage happens.
- Awareness programs regarding the Corporation's ongoing development projects and adjustment to tariff rates is also continuing.

4. Recommendation of the Committee:

- 4.1 Complies with the Cabinet Directive to discontinue the supply of free electricity to its Directors and Executive Management.

Response:

Members of the EPC Board, Management and staff are no longer receiving free electricity units

5. Recommendation of the Committee:

- 5.1 Continues installing functional prepayment meters. Also recommends the Corporation to look into alternative brand (prepayment meters) to replace the current prepayment meters used, due to its malfunction in order to avoid the problems of electricity being wasted, and to reserve money used in meter reading services and transportation used in carrying out of these services.

Response :

- Installation of prepaid meters is continuing.
- The Corporation will no longer use cashpower meters. Trials are being carried out on the use of JOY and Taslexus Tarus meter.

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- The Corporation is also looking at using smart meters that can be read from offices and are easily monitored, to replace meters currently used by commercial consumers.

6. Recommendation of the Committee:

- 6.1 Replace old diesel powered electric generators in Savaii with new ones, in order to avoid the continuous problems of power outage especially during the festive season at the end of the year.

Response:

Repair and maintenance works on the diesel generators at Salelologa, Savaii are continuing to await the proposed new power station at Vaiaata.

7. Recommendation of the Committee:

- 7.1 Prioritize installation of a new voltage regulator to the electricity pole situated close to the pump at Falealupo to control the power used by the pump. By prioritizing the installation of the voltaje will preserve this Government asset from being damaged due to the unstable power and will be able to achieve the purpose for which it was installed.

Response:

An investigation is being carried out by EPC about the Falealupo water pump problem. Plans are underway to move the transformer closer to the location of the water pump. It is also advisable for the Samoa Water Authority to install protection devices normally required for water pumps protection.

8. Recommendation of the Committee:

- 8.1 Work in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment to preserve springs and rivers that are abundant for the generation of electricity.

Response:

The Electric Power Corporation is continually working in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) and Ministry of Finance (MOF) to develop the proposed hydro power schemes. Preparatory work to develop hydro schemes at Faleaseela, Tafitoala, Fuluasou, Vaipu i Afulilo, Faleata at Vailoa Palauli.

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Mr Speaker I request the decision made upon my fellow member, may God assist us and grant him back, thank you.

Question was put and when the Ayes have it the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 50 stood approved and the Report of the Works, Transport and Infrastructure on P.P. 2011/2012 No. 60 & P.P. 2011/2012 No. 92, the Electric Power Corporation's Statement of Corporate Objectives for the Period Ending 30 June 2011 stood approved.

MR SPEAKER: Hon Minister, I fully respect you as one of the members of the constituency. The country and Parliament has heard you today. The Leader of the Opposition has spoken and has given an apology which in fact is not a true apology, yet you further make additions to the apology when the apology is not true. That is reason for making that ruling. But let this matter be laid to rest tonight until a new day has arrived and let the man of Aana rethink about it by seeking God's will and whatever decision He gives will stand. But I respectfully accept your apology.

Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseeta: With utmost respect I rise before the House, other than respecting your honor the Speaker and the ruling made, I ought to fulfill my responsibility in the House. Apologetically, I plead that the Leader of the Opposition has made a mistake regardless of the Godly ways you possess, I trust whatever decision you make, we support anything you say in the House. But have a thought on it, respectfully, I ought to fulfill my duty. That is the plea given the mistake of the Leader of the Opposition to this Political Party with greatest respect, thank you.

MR SPEAKER: Well, Hon Deputy Leader of the Opposition the House and the country has heard you. Hon Aeau, if we reflect back to our journey for this Parliamentary term regardless, I have observed with disappointment, I have managed our work out of respect to our relationship and given you chances as you are the Deputy Leader, you too have resided in this Chair.

This is not Laaulialemalietoa's Chair nor the constituency, it is the Chair of Samoa and whoever disrespects the Speaker is also disrespecting this Parliament as well as Samoa and its support. Therefore Aeau what you have seen today, I am well aware of it, sometimes I do not say anything I have observed everything from up here, the request and plea is being abused by the Leader of the Opposition. But lend me your request, I have already said it, let this matter be laid to rest and by tomorrow morning we shall find new thoughts through God's spirit.

But thank you for the thought and the apology Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

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MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of the Office of the Ombudsman.

Tofa Hon TOLOFUAIVALELEI FALEMOE LEIATAUA: Mr Speaker I rise with respect to move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 60 containing Government Response on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 130, Report of the Offices of Parliament on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 74, Report to Parliament for the Office of the Ombudsman Dated 30 June 2012, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by the Hon Minister of the Public Enterprises, Minister of Communication and Information Technology and Minister of Health.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Tofa Hon TOLOFUAIVALELEI FALEMOE LEIATAUA: Mr Speaker for the information of this House and the public, I shall read the Responses submitted in this Paper and for further clarification of these Responses, I shall first of all read the Recommendations of the Committee to be followed by the Responses. The Committee's Responses are typed in light Font whilst the Government Responses are written in bold Font.

RESPONSES TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN TO PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE IN ITS REPORT ON P.P. 2012/2013 NO. 74, REPORT TO PARLIAMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN DATED 30 JUNE 2012

Mr Speaker the first Recommendation.

Recommendation 1:

- (i) Schedule appropriation for employment vacancies for the Office of the Ombudsman given the small number of **workers at the current in relation to the huge workload that must be completed.**

Response:

Steps have been taken to provide funds for additional staff required by the Office of the Ombudsman to carry out the many tasks it has to undertake;

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Recommendation 2:

- (ii) The Office of the Ombudsman must conduct Awareness Programs for the general public to make them aware of the critical work.

Response:

It is proposed to mount national Awareness Programs to inform the public of the importance of the mandates of the Office of the Ombudsman as soon as these positions have been filled;

Recommendation 3:

- (iii) Compile Annual Report and financial statement for the Office of the Ombudsman for the next Financial year.

Response:

A Report covering the activities of fiscal years ending June 2013 and June 2014 is almost completed for submission to Parliament this month.

Mr Speaker, the spirit of gratitude is extended to the Government and the Ministry of Finance. They did not accept additional staff for the Ministry but given the First Supplementary Schedule this year until June 2015, we now have \$30,000 appropriation to assist with the individual public servant income earning whilst we still need more staff members.

But thank you for the response, Government Responses have been provided to the Committee's Recommendations and we hope that the work of this Government body is achieved for the benefit of the people.

That is the notice with respect, have a blessed meeting.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the Government Responses stood approved for the P.P. 2013/2014 No. 130, Report of the Office of Parliament on P.P. 2012/2013 No. 74, Report to Parliament for the Office of the Ombudsman dated June 2012.

P.P. 2014/2015 NO. 61, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 96, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 20, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SAMOA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

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Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 61 containing Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 96, Report of the Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 20, Annual Report of the National University of Samoa for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2011, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by Hon Minister of Natural Resources & Environment, Minister of Women Community and Social Development, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Minister of Police & Prisons.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker submitted herewith are the Government Responses for the information of the public and the House.

RESPONSES TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE IN ITS REPORT ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 20, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SAMOA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011

Recommendation:

1. To seek out ways to improve the National University's services to be able to accommodate the increasing number of students attending the National University at Papaigalagala. This includes:
 - The need to expand the Library resources, computer labs, classrooms to be able to develop the educational and research services of the University.
 - The need to improve internet services (wireless) for research purposes for the students of the University.
 - The need to recruit a Counsellor who has the suitable qualifications to hear and accommodate the needs and female students of the University.

Response:

The National University of Samoa's Strategic Plan 2010-2020 has incorporated strategies and activities the University strongly believes are urgently needed to address the increasing number of students enrolled at the University. These include:

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- The construction of a new library which would provide adequate space for more computers and more books for students's research and studies; construction of a Centre for Student Support Services which would have appropriately equipped Computer Rooms for use by students for their researches and studies; and construction of a Centre for Samoan Studies (CSS) Cultural Centre for the teaching and researches in Samoan studies. The construction of these new buildings will not only enhance the University's educational and research services, but also free up space in the existing buildings for more lecture rooms, to adequately accommodate the needs of its increasing student population.
- The priority consistently given by the University to the on-going improvement of its internet services, given the critical importance of internet access for the students studies and researches, not only in terms of the required equipment and machines and broadening of the bandwidth but also the upgrading of skills of the information, Communication & Technology Division staff.
- The enhancement of counseling services for students. A Female Student Counsellor has been recruited and will commence work at the beginning of July. She has the required qualification of a Bachelor of Social work from a recognized University in New Zealand and experience in social services/counseling programmes for Young people, not only in New Zealand but also in Samoa. The female Student Counsellor is an addition to the male Student Counsellor in the University at present. Both Student Counsellors will work with male and female students whose academic performance have been adversely affected by social/personal problems such as the home environment, boyfriend/girlfriend relationships and very low self esteem. However, for female specific issues, these cases will be carried by the Female Counsellor.

With due respect Mr Speaker.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it the P.P.2014/2015 No.61 stood approved, Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 96, Report of the Education, Science, Information Technology on P.P. 2011/2012 No. 20, Annual Report of the University of Samoa for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2011 stood approved.

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MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker I rise to move the motion, *That this Assembly approves the P.P. 2014/2015 No. 62 containing Government Responses on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 63, Report of the Education, Science, Information Technology on P.P. 2011/2012 No. 55, Annual Report of the National University of Samoa for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2010, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Health, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Minister of Public Enterprises and Minister of Police & Prisons

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker for the information of the House and the public, I present the Responses in this Paper.

RESPONSES TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE IN ITS REPORT ON P.P. 2011/2012 NO. 55, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SAMOA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010.

Recommendation:

1. Prioritize suitable activities as solutions for difficulties the University faced in supporting of its developments such as:
 - The need of special labs with effective computer collection including programmes to help students in their researches such as the Distance Flexible Learning mechanism. It noted that most of the students seek assistance for computers to type their assignments and conducting their researches.;
 - The need of existing computer computer labs for hte increased number of registered students especially the compulsory usage of computer for each and every courses;
 - The need for an extra roo mor area for the students to relax and do their studies to avoid the nomadic of students to look for a peaceful area for such purposes.

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Response:

The recommendations highlight the issues faced by the University for many years, in its concerted efforts to fulfill its responsibilities and mandated functions, particularly in the provision of quality services in the teaching and learning of the sons and daughters of Samoa.

The University endeavors at all times to accord top priority to information, community and Technology services for its students to facilitate the realization of requirements for their studies.

1. The NUS has prioritized strategies and activities in its Strategic Plan 2010-2020 to address issues faced in supporting its developments.
 - Presently, the University has four Computer laboratories equipped with computers with various programmes installed for the teaching of Computer courses and to which computers for the use of students for their researches. The Centre for Samoan Studies has a new computer lab with state of the art computers for the use of students in Samoan studies programmes for their research projects. Certain faculties have computer labs for the use of their students for their studies and researches. Additional Computers are purchased each financial year for the Computer Labs and libraries. Unfortunately due to the consistently large number of students each year, the University has not been able to achieve the level and quality of these services for all its students to access. The development of the Distance Flexible Learning mode and upgrading of the Virtual Classroom are work in progress.
 - The extension of existing Computer labs is addressed and accorded priority in the NUS Strategic Plan 2010-2020.
 - Almost a hundred picnic style tables are situated in all appropriate spaces in the existing buildings and under the 'tamaligi trees' for students to relax and do their studies. Many of the areas where the tables are placed are very quiet for students to relax and do their studies. However, students prefer to congregate at the foyers where there is naturally a lot of a noise. Notwithstanding, this need is addressed and given priority in the NUS Strategic Plan 2010-2020 as noted below:

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P.P. 2014/2015 No. 62, Government Response on P.P. 2013/2014 No. 63, Report of the Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology Committee P.P. 2011/2012 No. 55, Annual Report of the National University of Samoa for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2010

To construct a Student Support Services Centre which would have all the support services for students including computer rooms for students studies and researches, students lounge, counselling services and other support services needed to facilitate the students teaching and learning.

2. The University recently purchased and had installed a standby generator which is now fully operational. The primary purpose of purchasing this generator is to eliminate disruptions to the students lectures, studies and examinations caused by frequent power cuts. The cost savings measures implemented by the University such as the 'Black Friday' has generated substantial savings that have assisted in the funding of some of the University's priority development projects. The consideration of alternative energy sources is certainly an important strategy for the University in the future.

The National University of Samoa believes that the strategies and activities contained in its Strategic Plan 2010-2020 will effectively resolve the difficulties that have long hindered progress in the development of the University, as identified in the recommendations by the Education, Science, Communication & Technology Committee

Mr Speaker, thank you.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the Government Resposes stood approved on P.P.2013/2014 No.63, Report of the Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology Committee on P.P.2011/2012 No.55, Annual Report of the National University of Samoa for the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2010.

P.P.2014/2015 NO. 63, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO.121, REPORT OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2013/2014 NO.5, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATOIN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2012

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

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**P.P.2014/2015 No. 63, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.121,
Report of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee on
P.P.2013/2014 No.5, Annual Report of the Electric Power Corporation
for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012**

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker I move the motion, That this Assembly approves the *P.P.2014/2015 No.3, which contains Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.121, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2013/2014 No.5, Annual Report of the Electric Power Corporation for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Police and Prisons Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture and Minister of Health.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister to give his statement.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker, the Government Responses reference to the matters raised by the Committee of Works, Transport and Environment:

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 121, REPORT OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 5, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2012.

1. Recommendation of the Committee:

To consider the continuation of the development of wind energy as many years have passed without any reports of its progress particularly due to its expensive funding.

Response:

- 1.1 The Corporation acknowledges the recommendation of the Committee.
- 1.2 For the information of Parliament, development of a 500kw wind energy Project at Vailoa Aleipata is underway. This Project is funded by the United Arab Emirates (ABU DHABI).
- 1.3 A proposal for generating electricity from wind energy on Mount Lepue has been made known by one company. They intend to sell electricity to EPC. Negotiations about this Project are continuing.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No. 63, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 121,
Report of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee on
P.P.2013/2014 No. 5, Annual Report of the Electric Power Corporation
for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012**

2. Recommendation of the Committee:

To urgently implement the upgrading of old electricity lines that are liable to excess and to cut electricity costs.

Response:

- 2.1 The Corporation acknowledges the recommendation of the Committee.
- 2.2 All old electricity lines in Upolu have been replaced.
- 2.3 90% of electricity lines in Savaii have been replaced.

3. Recommendation of the Committee:

For the Corporation to continue its training and development programs in up-skilling staff in executing their duties.

Response:

- 3.1 EPC acknowledges the recommendation of the Committee.
- 3.2 All ongoing projects provide opportunities for training of staff.

Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the Government Responses for P.P.2013/2014 No.121, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2013/2014 No.5, Annual Report of the Electric Power Corporation for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012 stood approved.

**P.P.2014/2015 NO. 64, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON
P.P.2013/2014 NO. 119, REPORT OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT
AND ENVIRONMENT ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 4, STATEMENT ON
THE CORPORATE OBJECTIVES FOR THE ELECTRIC POWER
CORPORATION FOR THE PERIOD 2013-2015**

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

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker for the information of the House and the public, I shall read out the Responses given in this Paper.

MR SPEAKER: Pardon me Hon Minister let the motion be put first.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 64, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 119, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2013/2014 No. 4, Statement on the Corporate Objectives for the Electric Power Corporation for the Period 2013-2015

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.64, which contains Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.119, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2013/2014 No.4, Statement on Corporate Objectives of the Electric Power Corporation for the Period 2013-2015 pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Secinded by the Minister of Police and Prisons, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Mnister of Education, Sports and Culture and Minister of Health.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister to speak on the Response.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker;

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 119, REPORT OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 4, CORPORATE STATEMENT OF THE ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 2013-2015.

1. Recommendation of the Committee:

For the Corporation to consider in arranging their objective where its responsibility is closely complied with and is aligned provisions that adhere to its Corporate Plan:

Response:

- 1.1 The Corporation believes that its objectives is closely complied with and is aligned with provisions that adhere to its Corporate Plan. The Corporation acknowledges the recommendation of the Committee.

2. Recommendation of the Committee:

For the Corporation to swiftly progress with its Projects like the utilization of renewable energy in attaining sustainable and affordable electricity supply due to rising costs of fossil fuel.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No. 64, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 119,
Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2013/2014
No.4, Statement on the Corporate Objectives for the Electric Power
Corporation for the Period 2013-2015**

Response:

- 2.1 EPC has commissioned its 546Wp grid connected Solar PV Project and it was officially opened on April 11th 2004. The system is spread out over three sites (i) Tanugamanono – 150kWp, (ii) Vaitele – 246kWp and (iii) Salelologa – 150kWp. This Project was funded by the Government of Japan through the Pacific Energy Community Fund, and administered by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.
- 2.2 A 250kWp roof-mounted solar system on top of Gym 3 at Tuanaimato has been completed. The Project was funded by the Government of New Zealand.
- 2.3 Work is in progress for the installation of the 2,200kWp solar Project at the Tuanaimato Racecourse. This Project is funded by the Government of New Zealand.
- 2.4 Works for the installation of the 250kWp solar system in Salelologa is also in progress. This Project is funded by the Government of New Zealand.
- 2.5 Work is ongoing for the installation of the 400kWp solar system at Asau. This Project is also funded by the Government of New Zealand.
- 2.6 Work is continuing on the installation of a 4,000kWp solar Project by Green Power Samoa Ltd. They will install and then sell electricity to EPC.
- 2.7 Negotiations are also continuing on a Power Purchase Agreement with the Solar for Samoa for the installation of a 4,000kWp solar Project and then sell electricity to EPC.
- 2.8 A Power Purchase Agreement is being negotiated with Biogen3 to sell electricity to EPC from a 4,000kW Biomass gasification Project.
- 2.9 Discussions are continuing on a Power Purchase Agreement with the Samoa Tyre Recycle company, to sell electricity to EPC from a 6,000kW power plant which produces electricity from used tyres recycling.
- 2.10 Negotiations in progress for a Power Purchase Agreement with the Village Life Energy company which intends to sell electricity to EPC from a 6,000kW waste to energy power plant.
- 2.11 Preparatory works to develop hydro schemes at (i) Faleseela, (ii) Tafitoala, (iii) Tiapapata, (iv) Fuluasou, (v) Vaipu and (vi) Faleata in Palauli is in progress.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No. 64, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 119,
Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2013/2014
No.4, Statement on the Corporate Objectives for the Electric Power
Corporation for the Period 2013-2015**

3. Recommendation of the Committee:

In that is able to achieve 5% of non-technical losses within the period specified in the Major Objectives (2013-2015) as the Committee has confirmed the increasing cost non-technical losses from the previous year.

Response:

- 3.1 The Corporation is still working on ways to further reduce system losses. Following a System Loss Study carried out by the KEMA company in 2011-2012, as well as Benchmarking carried out by the Pacific Power Association in the same period, 2011-2012, it shows that the level of EPC's system loss is reasonable compared to other power utilities of the Pacific, although further improvement on the system loss reduction is still required. This is one major objective in its Corporate Plan that the Corporation is working to achieve. The Corporation was able to reach a remarkable achievement with a 3-5% reduction in non-technical losses. I wish to convey my sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors, Management and Staff for this success.
- 3.2 Upgrade works have been carried out on power lines to minimize power system losses on transformers and power lines, due to the increasing capacity demand on feeder loadings, this has resulted in technical losses of 6.67% for the electricity available for sale.
- 3.3 Checking and monitoring illegally tampered meters and taking legal action against the culprits is continuing.
- 3.4 Work is continuing to replace faulty induction meters. The Corporation is no longer purchasing cashpower meters, but instead carrying our trials on the use of JOY prepaid meters..
- 3.5 Works on replacing meters at villages of Maagiagi, Faleatiu and Tanugamanono with Prepayment Meters have been completed.

Respectfully.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.119, Report of the Works, Transport & Infrastructure on P.P.2013/2014 No.4, Statement of Corporate Objectives for the Period 2013-2015.

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**P.P.2014/2015 NO. 69, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON
P.P.2013/2014 NO. 88, REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND
EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 21, ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE SAMOA LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/2012**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.69, containing Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.88, Report of the Revenue and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2013/2014 No.21, Annual Report of the Samoa Life Assurance Corporation for the Financial Year Ended 2011/2012, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Enterprises Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: With reference to the report by Parliamentary Committee on the Samoa Life Assurance Corporation Annual Report for the Year ending 2011/2012, we submit hereunder the responses on the recommendations made.

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 88, ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE SAMOA LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/2012.**

Recommendation 1:

That the Corporation carries out an advertisement campaign in order to broadcast the importance of holding life insurance, with various benefits to its Policyholders.

Response:

The Corporation's marketing and promotions programs are continuing on radio, newspapers and TV on various services and types of life policies available for the awareness of policyholders and the public and also the importance of having a life insurance and its benefits to policyholders.

Recommendation 2:

The Corporation must bring awareness to the country in the importance of protecting life through insurance until it has matured. The Committee believes that it is vital as insurers can benefit from monetary bonuses during the time when contributions are received.

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**P.P.2014/2015 No. 69, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 88,
Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee on P.P.2013/2014
No.21, Annual Report of the Samoa Life Assurance Corporation for the
Financial Year 2011/2012**

Response:

It is very important that policyholders fully understood the benefits of taking up a life insurance policy with Samoa. They should be encouraged to maintain their policies until maturity in order to claim full benefits such as sums assured and bonuses.

All Government and Public Sector employees must work together to collect insurance premiums by regular salary and wage deductions from their payrolls. This will not only be of great assistance to policyholders but will also ensure the continuation of the life policy to its maturity date.

Recommendation 3:

To publicize locally and overseas the names of account holders in the Corporation whose life insurance has matured but have not been withdrawn.

Response:

We will publicly advertise both locally and overseas for the information of the public on TVs, radios and newspapers the names of policyholders whose life insurance have matured but have not been withdrawn.

Recommendation 4:

For Management and the Board to deliberate other areas in extending their services in setting up various insurances different from the life insurance policies implemented by the Corporation.

Response:

The Management and the Board will look closely into other types of insurance products different from the life insurance policies being implemented by the Corporation under the Samoa Life Insurance Act 1976, to promote its services to the public for the benefits of its policyholders and the whole country.

Recommendation 5:

For Management and the Board to reconsider the rising interest rate on small loans concerning contributors.

Response:

The Management and the Board will also look closely and to reconsider the current rates on small loans that the policyholders are entitled to.

This is the entire Response Mr Speaker.

Question was put and when the Ayes have it, Government Response to P.P.2013/2014 No.88, Annual Report of the Life Assurance Corporation for the Financial Year 2011/2012 was approved.

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**P.P.2014/2015 NO. 70, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON
P.P.2013/2014 NO. 65, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE,
COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON
P.P.2011/2012 NO. 58 & P.P.2011/2012 NO. 59, CORPORATE PLAN
OF THE SAMOA POST OFFICE FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014 AND
THE STATEMENT OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES OF THE
SAMOA POST FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

Afioga Hon TUISUGALETAUA SOFARA AVEAU (Minister of Communication & Information Technology): Mr Speaker I rise with respect to move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.70, which contains its Government Responses to P.P.2013/2014 No.65, Report of the Education, Science, Communication & Information Technology Committee on P.P.2011/2012 No.58 & P.P.2011/2012 No.59, Corporate Plan of the Samoa Post Office for the Period 2012-2014 Statement of Corporate Objectives of the Samoa Post Office for the Period 2012-2014, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon TUISUGALETAUA SOFARA AVEAU: Mr Speaker, for the information of the House and the public, I hereby wish to read out the Responses in this Paper.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 65, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON P.P.2011/2012 NO. 58 & P.P.2011/2012 NO. 59, CORPORATE PLAN OF THE SAMOA POST OFFICE FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014 AND THE STATEMENT OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES OF THE SAMOA POST FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014.

Recommendation 1:

To support the programs for the Post Office, with an intention to improve its revenue and operations.

Response:

The Corporation's strategic focus in its Corporate Plan and Corporate Objectives 2012-2014 are performed and results are closely monitored. The emphasis is on achieving our delivery performance targets and upgrading service provision in all outlets including the five District Post Offices in Savaii.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 70, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 65, Report of the Education, Science, Communication & Information Technology on P.P.2011/2012 No. 58 & P.P.2011/2012 No. 59, Corporate Plan of the Samoa Post Office for the Period 2012-2014 and the Statement of Corporate Objectives of the Samoa Post for the Period 2012-2014

Samoa Post continues to achieve its legal, financial and social obligations including paying dividends to shareholders since the Corporation's Corporatization in 2008.

Recommendation 2:

Recommends the Post Office to prioritize its legal obligations in order to achieve its objective and improve its services.

Response:

Samoa Post continues to improve its core services domestically and internationally through achieving performance targets, establish mail items online Track and Trace to improve quality and customer satisfaction, and continuously building and developing its human resources. However business diversification through partnership with the business community is essential. It provides a healthy cushion to our continuously declining domestic mail volumes and builds the corporations' ability to offer these complementary services to our people in the rural area with a cost sharing model. Diversification ensures that postal services are still irrelevant in the market..

Recommendation 3:

Consider methods to resolve problems encountered through vast communication technologies such as mobile phones and email and others.

Response:

Samoa Post strengthens its service offering, through utilization of improved technology, enabling the offering of wide range of services, such as banking services in partnership with the National Bank of Samoa, Utility payment services, domestic and international money transfer services, tracking and tracing of mail items online. In addition the Corporation, established internet cafes at Salelologa, Tuasivi and Fagamalo, extending our service arm to include instantaneous communications.

Respectfully.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.2014/2015 No.70, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.65, Report of the Education, Science, Communications and Information Technology on P.P.2011/2012 No.58 & P.P.2011/2012 No.59, Corporate Plan for the Samoa Post Office for the Period 2012-2014 and Statement of Corporate Objectives for the Samoa Post Office for the Period 2012-2014 was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Well, I believe we have reached our recess, I give the Prime Minister the chance for the motion.

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MOTION TO EXTEND SITTING HOURS

Susuga Hon TUILAEP A FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I rise to move the motion, That we take a break and resume until completion, we do not have much Papers left that will probably take an hour before we break for the evening.

Seconded by Hon Minister of Public Enterprises and Deputy Prime Minister.

The motion was approved.

MR SPEAKER: Well, dinner is now served. I extend sincerest gratitude. Proceedings of the Assembly now set aside for normal break for the evening.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly now laid aside for its normal recess at 7:02pm and resumed at 7:34pm.

MR SPEAKER: Well, we have arrived back from our usual break. There is hope that you have been rejuvenated from our evening tea. I apologise if we have not given enough on behalf of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you to the Government for supporting our work. As pleaded in the commencement of this month's sitting Schedule, we still have loads of work to complete.

This evening, Samoa has heard that lot including various matters and queries from the public in the newspapers and the radio. The Government Responses have now been given on some of the Reports proposed accordingly. I give appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, well done also to the House for your dedication. It will not be too long now before we end this session tonight.

**P.P.2014/2015 NO. 71, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON
P.P.2013/2014 NO. 100, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE,
COMMUNITY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 57, SAMOA POST CORPORATE PLAN 2013-
2015 & P.P.2012/2013 NO. 58, STATEMENT OF THE SAMOA POST
CORPORATE OBJECTIVES FOR THE PERIOD 2013-2015**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Communication & Information Technology.

Afioga Hon TUISUGALETAUA SOFARA AVEAU: Mr Speaker thank you for the chance in particular the break we just had to rejuvenate strength.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 71, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 100, Report of the Education, Science, Community and Information Technology Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No. 57, Samoa Post Corporate Plan 2013-2015 & P.P.2012/2013 No. 58, Statement of the Samoa Post Corporate Objectives for the Period 2013-2015

Mr Speaker I rise with respect to move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.71 containing Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.100, Report of the Education, Science, Community and Information Technology Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No.57, Samoa Post Corporate Plan 2013-2015 & P.P.2012/2013 No.58, Statement of the Samoa Post Corporate Objectives for the Period 2013-2015, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Hon Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, Minister of Health.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon TUISUGALETAUA SOFARA AVEAU: Mr Speaker submitted herewith are the Responses for the House and the public's interest.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 100, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNITY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 57, SAMOA POST CORPORATE PLAN 2013-2015 & P.P.2012/2013 NO. 58, STATEMENT OF THE SAMOA POST CORPORATE OBJECTIVES FOR THE PERIOD 2013-2015

The Company responded to the Committee's recommendations on Samoa Post's Corporate Plan and Statements of Coporate Objectives 2013-2015, as follows:

1. For the first Recommendation:
 - I. Promotions of postal services are aired on TV and National radio from time to time and personal visits to our key customers by our Marketing Team to solicit trusting and solid business relationships and sell our new services to our major customers.
 - II. The Company expands its business partnership with the local business community and extends service offering to Domestic Money Transfer Business, SNPF Pension Scheme payment, Banking Services in collaborations with the National Bank of Samoa, selling units for the UTOS during this cycle..
 - III. The Company also extends its international business partnership to international Xpress Money Transfers, enabling money transfer from anywhere in the world. We also extend our partnership with a private international Mailing House in Australia.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 71, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 100, Report of the Education, Science, Community and Information Technology Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No. 57, Samoa Post Corporate Plan 2013-2015 & P.P.2012/2013 No. 58, Statement of the Samoa Post Corporate Objectives for the Period 2013-2015

2. For the second recommendation on the implementation of the Postcode Project as follows:
 1. Samoa Post launched our Postcode Project on the 15th April 2014, for the public and international customer's usage. The postcode Project objective is to reduce missort of inbound international mails, as well as facilitating E-commerce and online trading.

With respect.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.2014/2015 No.71, containing Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.100, Report of the Education, Science, Information Technology on P.P.2012/2013 No.57, Coporate Plan of the Samoa Post Office 2013-2015 & P.P.2012/2013 No.58, Statement of the Corporate Objectives of the Samoa Post Office 2013-2015 was confirmed.

P.P.2014/2015 NO. 72, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 124, REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON P.P.2011/2012 NO. 42, SAMOA POST ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

Afioga Hon TUISUGALETAUA SOFARA AVEAU: Mr Speaker I move, That this Assembly approves the *P.P.2014/2015 No.72, containing Government Responses of P.P.2013/2014 No.124, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2011/2012 No.42, Samoa Post Annual Report for the Financial Year 2009/2010, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Womenm Community and Social Development, Minister of Health.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon TUISUGALETAUA SOFARA AVEAU: Mr Speaker for the information of the public and the House, I hereby present the Responses in the Paper.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 72, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 124, Report of the Government Administration Committee on P.P.2011/2012 No. 42, Samoa Post Annual Report for the Financial Year 2009/2010

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 124, REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON P.P.2011/2012 NO. 42, SAMOA POST ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010

Recommendation 1:

To promote and continue its services to the community especially to the outer districts of Upolu and Savaii who have less accessibility to modern technology especially with the internet coverage.

Response:

Samoa Post continues to upgrade all District Post Offices in the rural areas, providing all the services available in the main office at Matafele. There are also internet cafes for internet services now available at Salelologa Post Office, Tuasivi Post Office and Fagamalo Post Office. The internet cafes in Salailua and Asau District Post Offices are now in the pipeline, and the plan will be materialized when Broadband connections are available to these areas.

Recommendation 2:

That the Corporation review its processes and service standards to address the decline in demand and usage of mail traffic.

Response:

Samoa Post continues to run its promotional campaigns on TV and Radio, on a variety of services, now offered from all our district post offices, from time to time. The company also extends its reach, selling the company to the international business community for their mailing needs, as a cushion for continuously declining domestically generated mail volumes.

Respectfully.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it the P.P.2014/2015 No.72, Government Responses of P.P.2013/2014 No.124, REport of the Government Administration Committee of P.P.2011/2012 No.42, Annual Report of the Samoa Post Office for the Financial Year 2009/2010 was approved.

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**P.P.2014/2015 NO. 74, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON
P.P.2013/2014 NO. 120, REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF
PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 5 &
P.P.2013/2014 NO. 2, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY
PENSION SCHEME FOR THE YEARS 2010/2011 AND 2011/2012**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.74 containing Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.120, Report of the Offices of Parliament Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No.5 & P.P.2013/2014 No.2, Annual Report of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme for the Years 2010/2011 and the Year 2011/2012, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Communications & Information Technology, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, submission tables with respect the written responses from the Office of the Samoa National Provident Fund relative to the recommendations tabled within the Report of the Officers of Parliament Committee as submitted.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 120, REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 5 & P.P.2013/2014 NO. 2, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PENSION SCHEME FOR THE YEARS 2010/2011 AND 2011/2012.

Recommendation 1:

Considero verseas educational opportunities for our students in the field of administration of pension schemes. It is also appropriate that this discipline be encouraged and offered at the National University of Samoa to prevent the employment of overseas consultants and in turn save finances.

NPF Response to Recommendation 1:

The recommendation from the Committee is duly noted. We wish to highlight that the Board of Directors and Management did pursue the possibility of sending an NPF employee abroad, to be trained in this specialised field of actuarial studies/work, to reduce costs paid elsewhere for this type of service.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 74, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 120, Report of the Officers of Parliament Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No. 5 & P.P.2013/2014 No. 2, Annual Report of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme for the Years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012

However, after direct consultations with Universities in Australia who offer Courses leading to acquiring Actuarial Qualifications, the Office found out that there was a lot more to it than just studying towards this specialized field..

The length of the Course goes up to 4 years for the undergraduate Degree. In addition, the candidate will need to stay abroad for another 2 years to acquire the needed work experience with an Actuarial Firm in either Australia or New Zealand, before one is registered, accepted or recognized as an Actuary.

These, plus cost involved in such a decision, resulted in the Board of Directors' decision to forego this wish.

It was then conveyed to the Office of the Foreign Affairs via the Scholarship Division to include this field in the selection of specialized areas of studies, offered to future scholarship students..

Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.2014/2015 No.74, stood approved for the Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.120, Report of the Offices of Parliament on P.P.2012/2013 No.5 & P.P.2013/2014 No.2, Annual Report of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme for the Year 2010/2011 and the Year 2011/2012.

P.P.2014/2015 NO. 75, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 66, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 6, P.P.2012/2013 NO. 7 & P.P.2012/2013 NO. 8, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 2008/2009, 2009/2010 & 2010/2011

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.75 containing Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.66, Report of the Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology on P.P.2012/2013 No.6, P.P.2012/2013 No.7 & P.P.2012/2013 No.8, Annual Report of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture for the Financial Year 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Health, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Minister of Police and Prisons.

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MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture.

Afioga Hon MAGELE MAULIU: Mr Speaker this is the Government Response of the Committees.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS ON P.P. 2013/2014 NO. 66, REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 6, P.P. 2012/2013 NO. 7 & P.P.2012/2013 NO. 8, ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.

1. **Enforce requirements of Law which provides for students to attend school during school hours. There should also be in place legal conditions for students who are selling goods and products after school hours.**

i. Samoa School Fee Grant Scheme (SSFGS) – Primary

SSFGS was launched in 2010 with financial and technical assistance from the Governments of Australia and New Zealand to provide grants to primary school in lieu of school fees. Originally supporting the establishment and implementation of Minimum Service Standards (MSS), its targets include:

- (a) The reduction of the financial burden of schooling for parents, and
- (e) Transferring part of the responsibility of school performance and management to schools through reliable funding of school improvement plans to met MESC's MSS.

The programme includes the transfer of funding from development partners (DP) to MESC's budget with DP funding to cease in financial year 2014/2015.

Since the beginning of the Scheme, there have been tremendous improvements in terms of resourcing schools with learning and teaching materials. School Principals are empowered to make decisions on key priorities to purchase to support learning in their communities. In the long term, it is envisaged that the investment will contribute to the improvement of learning outcomes in our primary schools. As well, there has been an increase in the enrolment numbers in the different year levels.

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Total Number of Students for All Schools, 2004 – 2013

Year	Primary								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
2004	5,704	5,257	5,383	5,134	5,045	4,652	4,620	4,378	40,173
2005	5,471	5,130	5,153	5,248	5,041	4,921	4,591	4,519	40,074
2006	5,407	4,867	4,895	5,099	5,146	4,835	4,810	4,461	39,520
2007	5,273	4,930	4,855	4,922	5,066	5,032	4,789	4,601	39,468
2008	5,239	4,919	4,895	4,955	4,789	4,969	4,906	4,704	39,376
2009	5,263	4,830	4,983	4,925	4,899	4,763	4,896	4,820	39,379
2010	6,086	5,106	4,970	4,953	4,914	4,842	4,842	4,887	40,600
2011	5,470	5,169	4,849	4,906	4,735	4,729	4,571	4,683	39,114
2012	5,449	5,059	5,130	4,843	4,748	4,640	4,626	4,578	39,073
2013	5,975	5,263	5,145	5,199	4,818	4,782	4,645	4,711	40,538

Source: MESC Statistical Digest 2013

ii. Village Awareness Programs.

This has been an ongoing initiative by the Ministry to enhance parents and villages understanding of the Education Act 2009. These programmes are conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development and the Ministry of Police and Prisons.

The programmes are provided to enhance community awareness on the Act and the impacts of not sending compulsory-aged children to school.

iii. Apia Town area Monitoring Visits.

Education Act 2009 Awareness Programmes. This includes:

- *TV/Lali Programme*
- *Radio talkbacks*
- *Community awareness consultations*
- *Educational programmes with villages*

v. Education Act 2009 Regulations.

The MESC is currently developing Regulations for the Education Act 2009. The Regulations will assist the implementation of the Act.

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2. Investigate the problems associated with the appalling examination results. Support visitations to monitor and assess progress of teaching services throughout the Nation especially to Primary Level.

i. Monitoring, Evaluation and Review Division (MERD).

The MERD was approved and set up in 2013 to look at developing Professional Standards and implement the Performance Appraisal for Samoa's Teachers. The Division will also be the Administrative Arm to the establishment of the Teachers Commission and Registering of Teachers.

The Division is also responsible for monitoring, review and evaluating teacher performances and recommends relevant professional development.

ii. Teachers Bill.

A Committee is currently reviewing the Teachers Bill. The Teachers Bill will be the legal binding document to regulate the:

- Registration of teachers.
- Establishment of a Teachers Council;
- Professional standards and discipline of teachers and for related purposes
- Faatulagaga o le Galuega faa-faiaoga.

iii. National Teachers' Development Framework (NTDF)

The quality of the teaching force is one of the many factors determining student-learning achievements. The NTDF is a comprehensive system for development and management of high quality school teachers. It includes the development and implementation of legislation governing registration, standards, remuneration and a professional development strategy. It aims to improve quality by improving teachers' commitment, motivation and morale as well as their professional and pedagogical skills.

The NTDF provides a policy framework for teacher management, professional standards and development as well as conditions of work and salary negotiations. Implementation of the NTDF enables teacher appraisal processes, to diagnose teacher development needs and to monitor teacher practice in schools for best practice and to evaluate the impact of student learning.

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iv. Research on Mathematics and Numbers

Research have been conducted for Mathematics subject in Secondary Schools. This survey was conducted by the National University of Samoa to reflect better ways to be considered by the Ministry to teaching Mathematics and Numbers in Secondary schools. In addition it also indicates teaching standards and skills of teachers and ways to improve them.

This finding also indicates reasons why there are difficulties with teaching Mathematics in Secondary level education. The Mnistry is working on the recommendations for these findings.

v. Teacher Standards.

Professional Teacher Standards are generic and apply to all teachers regardless of sector level. They spell out the criteria for quality teaching recognizing that student achievements is strongly influenced by the quality of teacher practice.

The Professional Teachers Standards focus on the professional knowledge and understanding, the professional skills and practices, and the professional attributes of teachers (values and relationships) recommended for the teaching profession in Samoa. They describe standards for Graduate Teachers, for Registered Teachers (i.e. after 2 years experience teaching in schools) and Masters Teachers.

Profesional standards will be used to assess whether a teacher at the end of their two yera probationary period is eligible to move from being a qualified teacher (graduate) to becoming a registered teacher. Professional Standards will also be used to assess the performance of all Principals and primary and secondary teachers.

vi. New Billilingual Primary Curriculum.

The development of a new bilingual primary curriculum to replace the old primary curriculum developed in the early 1990s has come with a renewed focus on a child-centered approach to teaching and learning. The new curriculum now includes Health and Physical Education, and Expressive Arts in addition to the previous five subjects namely; Mathematics, English, Samoan, Science and Social Science. The new curriculum was rolled out in 2012 with full implementation in 2013.

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vii. Home School Literacy Programme.

This is an initiative by the Ministry to assist villages and communities to offer reading programmes for children in the village and family setting. Trainings were conducted for wives of pastors as they have the children at the church for pastors schools/clases and Sunday schools where reading can be encouraged and supporteed. The Ministry will continue with the Literacy Task Force to identify interventions that could be implemented under this programme to encourage community involvement in promoting literacy.

viii.Literacy Task Force.

The Literacy Taskforce delivers support network and offer assistance for teachers who have at risk students identified from SPELL Tests 1 and 2. This Taskforce identifies interventions and provides support strategies to assist teachers of at risk students..

ix. Pacific Benchmarking for Educational Results (PaBER).

PaBER program is an initiative that was endorsed by the Pacific Forum Education Ministers Meeting (FEdMM) in October 2010, funded by the AusAID for a pilot of three countries to look into ways to improve literacy and numeracy. The program started in July 2012 and involves Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Samoa. The aim of the PaBER program is to improve literacy and numeracy levels of children in the Pacific región. The PaBER will equip policy makers in Pacific countries with the information and knowledge to drive internventions that will have a real effect on learnin results.

The pilot programme will benchmark policy and systems information which has critical influence on these learning outcomes in four key policy domains: (a) Teacher Quality; (b) Curriculum and Materials; (c) School Governance and Management; (d) Assessment Systems.

3. **Recognize its role in developing schools in rural areas, with regards to building a strong relationship between School Committees and Teachers in order to sustain areas to improve the services for future benefits of students as well as safety of school buildings for students.**

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2010/2011**

i. School Agreements.

School agreements between school committees and the Ministry offer the opportunity for both parties to have mutual understanding on the roles and responsibilities of those involved in the education and welfare of students while at school. These agreements stipulates the roles and responsibilities of the school committee; MESC teachers; parents and students.

ii. Guidelines for School Buildings / Building Standards

As part of the technical advisory support provided by the Government of Australia for the construction of schools affected by Cyclone Evan in 2012, simpler guidelines for schools have been developed. These guidelines are intended to provide a simple description of the physical requirements for new school building projects in Samoa and the approval process. They simply to all organisations that might plan and construct school buildings, from village school committees to donor agencies and development projects.

iii. Minimum Service Standards (MSS).

The call for quality improvement in education is not new. It forms the basis for the Whole School Approach to school improvement. It brings about three new initiatives to be applied at school level which were: (a) cyclical annual School improvement Model; (b) Improvement in the management and organisation of the school (c) a performance management system linked to school improvement, professional development and MESC priorities.

The MSS is a strategy to address issues so that the evidence to indicate the achievement / or lack of quality in education in Samoan schools may be better clarified and simplified so that principals, school communities, school operations personnel and teachers are more effective in their work in educational support and delivery. The MSS are the basic expectations of those conditions in a school that will achieve for the learners a quality education. The four areas specified in the MSS; (1) School Environment; (ii) School Management and Learning; (iii) Teacher Professional Knowledge, Practice and Values; (iv) Student Achievement. These areas taken together, the MSS indicate the status of the performance of a school achieving the MSS or quality education.

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4. Considers the problema of Lack of teachers, in order to improve the Curriculum to go hand in hand with the availability of qualified teachers.

i. Science Up skilling – USP.

This is a programme conducted in collaboration with the University of the South Pacific (USP) to up skill teachers currently in the system starting with science. The programme allows teachers to work from their normal place of work and stay and study. They are only required to meet face-to-face with the Lecturer during school holidays. Tablets will be issued to the selected teachers to conduct the course.

The Government of Samoa is funding for 60 scholarships for teachers to start the programme. 50 teachers are from government schools, and 10 teachers from misión schools. The culmination of the programme will see teachers graduating with a doublé major in two of the science disciplinaries.

Pre-service teacher education is ongoing with the National University of Samoa.

ii. Teacher Mentors.

Mental Teachers are teachers who have been trained to assist new teachers in the schools. Their role includes providing support to the new teacher(s) on classroom management, classroom teaching, professional developments and teacher morale. The mentor teachers are teachers currently working in the field for more than five years. They work with new teachers, offering support and assistance so that they meet the requirements of the teaching profession in order to become a registered teacher.

iii. Scholarships.

The year 2015 sees that start of a pilot programme under the New Zealand and Australian Government scholarship scheme focusing on the Education and the Health Sectors. 12 scholarships will be offered to the University Preparatory Year (UPY) students who opt to take sciences with the Faculty of Science, and 4 to the Faculty of Education (FOE) for students who opt to take science education and achieve the grades required. The aim of the pilot programme is to train more teachers in science and mathematics due to the shortage of teachers in these subjects.

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In the second year of the pilot programme, 15 scholarships will be offered to in-service teachers to up-skill and broaden their mathematics and science knowledge both in content and literacy. The Government of Samoa continues to offer scholarships for teacher trainees at the FoE at the NUS.

iv. Faculty of Education FoE.

The Government through the Ministry continues to offer scholarships to pre-service teacher training. The students get a full tuition to study at the Faculty of Education. Similarly, the Diploma programme has been replaced by a Bachelor in Education degrees as of 2014.

Pre-service teachers will now graduate with a Bachelor of Education, the minimum qualification for teachers offered by NUS.

Mr Speaker, with all due respect.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.2014/2015 No.75, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.66, Report of the Education, Science, Communications and Information Technology on P.P.2012/2013 No.6, P.P.2012/2013 No.7 & P.P.2012/2013 No.8, Annual Report of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture for the Financial Year 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 stood approved.

P.P.2014/2015 NO. 76, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 136, REPORT OF THE HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 55 & P.P.2013/2014 NO. 74, SAMOA NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2012 AND 2013

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAIPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move, *That the Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.76 which contains Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.136, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs, Social Development on P.P.2012/2013 No.55 & P.P.2013/2014 No.74, Annual Report of the Samoa National Provident Fund for 2012 & 2013, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 76, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 136, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs and Community and Social Development Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No. 55 & P.P.2013/2014 No. 74, Samoa National Provident Fund Annual Reports for the Years 2012 and 2013

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Enterprises.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAIPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker, submission tables with due respect the written responses from the Office of the Samoa National Provident Fund, relative to the recommendations tabled herein for the Fund to consider.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 136, REPORT OF THE HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 55 & P.P.2013/2014 NO. 74, SAMOA NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2012 & 2013

Recommendation 1:

To review its current policies and increase annual dividends to Members' contribution funds.

Response:

The recommendation from the Committee to review the Fund's existing policies relative to annual dividend paid out to its members is duly noted.

However the Committee is respectfully informed, that the regulated dividend as per stipulation of the SNPF Act 2010 and its Amendments, is that it must not be less than 4% annually. In addition, the annual dividend paid out to members depends on the net profit generated by the Fund which each financial year. Hence, based on the Fund's financial performance for the past seven years the annual dividend paid out to its members has averaged at 7%. Our Annual Reports have clearly stated for the Committee's information our asset classes as per our strategic investment framework (SIF). Currently, 98% of our investments funds are locally held which means the bulk of our investments depends on the economy in Samoa.

We must also state that SNPF has paid out to its members annual dividends averaging at 7% for the past seven years, compared to the 5% paid out by the Fiji National Provident Fund yet Fiji has a much stronger economy when compared to Samoa.

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The Board of Director's long term plan is to gradually increase the Fund's offshore investments portfolio to say 10% within the next three years. This plan hopes to realize an increase in profits gained from investments.

The Board of Directors and Staff of SNPF endeavor to achieve profits with an annual growth of not less than 7% from its investments activities so that annual dividends can be sustained and increased steadily over the years.

Recommendation 2:

To review its current policies on Members' entitlements and benefits to include new benefits.

Response:

The Committee is respectfully informed, that the core objective of the Fund is to safe keep its members' contributions during their working life, and grow these contributions by adding on annual dividends gained from the Fund's investments activities from year to year. These funds are earmarked solely for members' retirement at the age of 55. In the event a member dies before the retirement age of 55, a special death benefit of \$5000 is paid out, given the member's contributions have not been withdrawn at time of death.

These are the only benefits stipulated in SNPF Act.

For the information of the Committee, other benefits such as our current loan schemes are available for members provided the governing policies are met.

In having said that, we feel however that the most important benefit we wish each member to get is to have high contribution balance at the end of their working lives to financially support them at retirement.

Recommendation 3:

To strengthen its cost recovery efforts and encourage unpaid debts on small loans.

Response:

The Committee's recommendation is duly noted. Management will make sure more efforts is put into its recovery work.

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Final Comment Relative to Recommendations:

The Board of Directors and Management alike continue to pursue its vision and mission statements as best as they can, to ensure the interest of members are paramount at all times. We also take note of the Committee recommendations to maximize the benefits to our members.

Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.2014/2015 No.76, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.136, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs and the Social Development P.P.2012/2013 No.55 & P.P.2013/2014 No.74, Annual Report of the Samoa Senior Citizens Benefit Fund for the Year 2012 and the Year 2013, pursuant to Standing Order 54.

P.P.2014/2015 NO. 77, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 115, REPORT OF THE HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 73, REPORT OF OPERATIONS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE SAMOA SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFIT FUND 2012/2013

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Prime Minister.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker I move, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.014/2015 No.77, which contains Government Responses on 2013/2014 No.115, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs, Social Development on P.P.2013/2014 No.73, Statement of Accounts of the Samoa Senior Pension Scheme Benefit Fund 2012/2013, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Public Enterprises Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Minister of Women Community and Social Development.

Susuga Hon TUILAEPFA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: Mr Speaker for the information of the House and the public I hereby present the Responses in this Paper.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 77, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 115, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs and Community and Social Development Committee on P.P.2013/2014 No. 73, Report of Operations and Statement of a Accounts of the Samoa Senior Citizens Benefit Fund 2012/2013

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 115, REPORT OF THE HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 73, REPORT OF OPERATIONS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Submission tables with respect the written from the Office of the Samoa National Provident Fund relative to the recommendations tabled within the Report of the Officers of Parliament Committee as submitted.

Recommendation 1:

Review other strategies in strengthening the progress of the services delivered to the Senior Citizens of Samoa.

Response: a

SCBF Office will continue to pursue best services delivery methods and strategies to strengthen and maintain the services we render for the Senior Citizens of our country. SCBF's Staff are constantly trained and reminded that our senior citizens must be given priority at all times by extending to them the best customer care at all times.

Recommendation 2:

Monitor and ensure that all eligible Senior Citizens are beneficiaries of the Fund.

Response:

The Office of the Senior Citizens Funds will continue to work hard to ensure all benefits that the Senior Citizens are entitled to are paid out timely. We endeavor to carry out timely registration of all the Senior Citizens of Samoa that reach the age of 65 after having satisfied all policies and guidelines for registration.

Final Comments Relative to the Recommendations:

The benefits offered to our Senior Citizens are mandated under our governing SCBF Act and the relevant approved Policies currently underpinning our duties and Office operations.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.014/2015 No.77, Government Responses on PP 2013/2014 No.115, Report of the Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs and Community and Social Development on P.P.2013/2014 No.73, Report of Operations and Statement of Accounts for the Samoa Senior Citizens Benefits Fund 2012/2013, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.

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P.P.2012/2013 NO. 87, REPORT OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2011/2012 NO. 61,
CORPORATE PLAN AND STATEMENT OF CORPORATE
OBJECTIVES OF THE SAMOA WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE
PERIOD 2012-2014**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Work, Transport and Infrastructure.

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.79, which contains the Government Responses on P.P.2012/2013 No.87, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2011/2012 No.61, Corporate Plan and Corporate Objectives of the Samoa Water Authority for the Period 2012-2014, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Health, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Minister of Police and Prisons.

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

Afioga Hon MANUALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA: Mr Speaker, for the information of the House and the public, I hereby read out the Responses in this Paper

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 87, REPORT OF THE WORKS, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2011/2012 NO. 61, CORPORATE PLAN AND STATEMENT OF CORPORATE OBJECTIVES OF THE SAMOA WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2014.

Recommendation:

1. Recommend urgent need for alignment of sewerage waste lines for the Government Building at Matagalalua and Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration building to the Sogi water treatment facility in order to diminish the blockage of septic tanks and in accordance with Government Policies regarding environment treatment.

Response:

The Project to extend the sewerage line along Sogi and Mulinuu is currently underway. This development started in the 2013-2014 financial year and targeted to be completed in the current financial year 2014-2015. At the completion of this Project, we will then connect all comercial buildings along these areas including the Parliament house, the Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration buildings as well as other government buildings along Mulinuu area, for waste water collection and treatment.

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Report of the Works, Transport and Environment Committee on
P.P.2011/2012 No. 61, Corporate Plan and Statement of Corporate
Objectives of the Samoa Water Authority for the Period 2012-2014**

Recommendation:

2. The need for the Ministry of Finance to work together with the Samoa Water Authority in order to complete projects for villages that currently do not have water access.

Response:

At the moment all villages under SWA mandated coverage areas have access to water supply, with the exception of a few areas that are isolated from the coastlines and located above the water sources. These areas are in the ongoing work programs of the Authority depending on the availability of resources and funds. The Authority has a 10 year investment Plan whereby the Authority collaborates closely with the Ministry of Finance in its implementation through the Government Budget Support Program.

Recommendation:

3. Install a new voltage regulator to the electricity post situated near the new water pump at Falealupo to monitor the changing in power supply used by the water pump. The quicker the installation of its machine will ensure the protection of this expensive water pump from being damaged due to the rapid changes in power supply and further preserve the use of Government funds if the current pump is damaged and a new one would have to be purchased.

Response:

The Recommendation is duly noted for future planning. For information of the Committee the reasons as stated by the Committee. The Authority are using a generator to operate this pump to safeguard this asset from being damaged when there is a fault in the electricity supply. It's been 3 years now since this pump had been run on a generator and is in good operation.

Recommendation:

4. Samoa Water Authority to prioritize building additional water catchments for storing water, at areas that have access water, especially at Fuluasou in order to avoid the need of having to allot the usage of water during the dry season.

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Response:

The Recommendation is duly noted for future planning. The Authority conducted a review of its system and noted that the capacity of catchments is sufficient at the momento while the main problem that needs to be prioritized is the water loss issue through leakages in the system and ilegal connections. The Authority has therefore initiated a Project to replace old and depleted pipelines and lines that are located underneath the roads, as well as the customer rationalization program to identify customers that are illegally connected to the system and are wasting water. The Authority believes that if this water loss rate can be minimized, there will be adequate supply of water to meet the needs of our customers. The Authority is also looking at possible landa reas that maybe required for building reservoir tanks in future when needed and depending on sufficient funding.

Recommendation:

5. Samoa Water Authority to see the immediate switch from PVC to other new pipes known as Poly E Pipe, due to the longer efficient usage of these pipes furthermore to minimize the waste of water due to damaged pipelines as noticed by the Committee that approximately 70% of the water is wasted due to the damage caused to the pipelines.

Response:

The Authority is currently implementing this charge, because of reasons as stated by the Committee. The use of PE pipes is now part of the Authority's revised Engineering standards, which now necessitates the use of this type of pipes for any connection that requires the use of 110 mm and below in size. The Authority also conducts training for its staff in the use and installation of PE pipes. SWA has also send two of its employees to visit and assess a factory that produces PE pipes in Fiji (Tubemakers Fiji Ltd) to verify the quality of their produces and whether they can be a supplier of PE for the Authority.

Recommendation:

6. Strengthen ties between the Samoa Water Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment for the reservation of land used to collect water to ensure suplus water as noticed by the Committee the current allotment of water during sunny season.

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Response:

The Recommendation is duly noted. The Authority is currently working closely with MNRE through its participation in the Water Sector, and this is one area that is emphasised in the sector activities. The CEO of the Ministry of Natural Resources is also a member of the SWA Board of Directors, and this forum also provides a platform for the close relationship between the SWA and MNRE.

Recommendation:

7. Samoa Water Authority to examine maintenance of old Water Pumps at the bore-holes that are currently in place around Upolu ma Savaii.

Response:

The Recommendation is duly noted. The Authority is again working closely with MNRE in this area to the possibility of resurrecting some of the abandoned boreholes in Upolu and Savaii for future supplies of water. Most of these old boreholes were abandoned when the aquifer produces high water salinity and water was no longer safe for consumption. The Authority is putting in place measures to optimize the use of surface water since it is cost effective instead of borehole supply which uses a lot of electricity. However the Authority is considering the resurrecting and drilling of new boreholes as alternative sources in times of severe dry seasons.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.2014/2015 No.79, Government Responses on P.P.2012/2013 No.87, Report of the Works, Transport and Environment on P.P.2011/2012 No.61, Corporate Plan and Corporate Objectives of the Samoa Water Authority for the Period 2012-2014, stood approved.

P.P.2014/2015 NO. 80, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 134, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 23, P.P.2012/2013 NO. 78 & P.P.2012/2013 NO. 79, ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SAMOA SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2008/2009, 2009/2010 & 2010/2011

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Public Enterprises.

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Tofa Hon LAUTAFI FIO SELAFI PURCELL: Thank you Hon Speaker. Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.80, which contains the Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.134, Report of the Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology on P.P.2012/2013 No.23, P.P.2012/2013 No.78 & P.P.2012/2013 No.79, Annual Report of the Samoa Sports Facilities Authority for the Financial Years 2008/2009, 2009/2010 & 2010/2011, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Minister for Revenue, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the honorable Speaker.

Tofa Hon LAUTAFI FIO SELAFI PURCELL: Mr Speaker for the information of the House and the public if anyone is ever listening in at this hour, I rise to give the Responses within this Paper.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 134, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 23, P.P.2012/2013 NO. 78 & P.P.2012/2013 NO. 79, ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SAMOA SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2008/2009, 2009/2010 & 2010/2011

Recommendation:

1. Review the number of Members of the Board of Directives so to be in line with the provisions of the Act.

Response:

The situation has been rectified. The Board of Directors has now been reduced to seven (7) members to be in line with Cabinet directive.

Recommendation:

2. That the Corporation review compilation of its annual reports thoroughly in order to avoid repetition of its Annual explanations and structuing of information as noted by the Committee for the three financial years considered.

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Response:

The recommendation by the Committee has been noted by the Authority and will be adhered to in the future reports.

Recommendation:

That the Corporation outlines the conditions and standards of the Sports Facilities and Fields within their Annual Reports.

Response:

3. The recommendation by the Committee has been duly noted by the Committee. This will be incorporated in the future reports to Parliament.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it, the P.P.2014/2015 No.80, Government Responses on 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 & P.P.2012/2013 No.79, Annual Report of the Samoa Sports Facilities Authority for the Years 2008/2009, 2009/2010 & 2010/2011 was approved.

P.P.2014/2015 NO. 86, GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 118, REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 46, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA HOUSING CORPORATION FOR THE YEAR 2012

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Afioga Hon LAUTAFI FIO SELAFI PURCELL: Mr Speaker I rise to move the motion that, *This Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.86, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.118, Report of the Health on P.P.2013/2014 No.46, Report of the Samoa Housing Corporation for the Year 2012, pursuant to Standing Order 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Finance, Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 86, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 118, Report of the Health and Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community Development Committee on P.P.2013/2014 No. 46, Annual Report of the Samoa Housing Corporation for the Year 2012

Afioga Hon LAUTAFI FIO SELAFI PURCELL: Mr Speaker, for the information of the House and the public, I hereby read out the following responses herein.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 118, REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 46, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAMOA HOUSING CORPORATION FOR THE YEAR 2012

1. Recommendation:

Recommend the Corporation investigate other strategies to further assist the public with their loans for instance interest fees loans.

Response:

It is one of the main objectives of the Corporation to lower the interest rates of loans to the public for their housing projects. Hence the Corporation is seeking sources of funding with low interest charges such as the Central Bank credit line to ensure on-lending interest rates to the public are affordable.

2. Recommendation:

Monitor through the Corporation the loan repayments so that the Returns are not affected and there is revenue to continue this assistance to the public.

Response:

There is a concerted effort, to monitor closely adherence of the borrowers to their repayment programmes on the loan agreements to ensure a steady cash flow for on-lending. The Corporation aims for sustainability to ensure the public has access to finance to fund their housing needs.

Question was put and when the Ayes have it the P.P.2014/2015 No.86, Government Response on P.P.2013/2014 No.118, Report of the Health on P.P.2013/2014 No.46, Annual Report of the Samoa Housing Corporation for the Year 2012 was approved.

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P.P.2013/2014 NO. 123, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE,
COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 11 & P.P.2013/2014 NO. 39,
ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
ORGANISATION OF SAMOA FOR THE YEARS ENDING 30 JUNE
2011 AND 30 JUNE 2012**

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.

Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII: Mr Speaker I move the motion, *That this Assembly approves the P.P.2014/2015 No.87, which contains the Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No.123, Report of the Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology on P.P.2012/2013 No.11 & P.P.2013/2014 No.39, Annual Reports of the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa for the Years Ending 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2012, pursuant to Standing Orders 54.*

Seconded by the Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, Minister of Public Enterprises, Minister of Police and Prisons and the Minister of Health.

MR SPEAKER: I call upon the Hon Minister.

Tofa Hon FAAMOETAULOA LEALAI AULOTO ULAITINO FAALE TUMAALII: Mr Speaker, I hereby present the following Government Responses within this Paper.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES ON P.P.2013/2014 NO. 123, REPORT OF THE EDUCATION, SCIENCE, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE ON P.P.2012/2013 NO. 11 & P.P.2013/2014 NO. 39, ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ORGANISATION OF SAMOA FOR THE YEARS ENDING 30 JUNE 2011 AND 30 JUNE 2012

Recommendation 1:

That the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa establish programs that will promote goods that have already been researched and produced by the Organisation out to the public for awareness. As well as to notify and public on resources that the Organisation would need the public's assistance so as to ensure that we continue to have an immense supply of natural resources to be able to produce goods for exports which in turn minimizes the flow of imports to the country.

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P.P.2014/2015 No. 87, Government Responses on P.P.2013/2014 No. 123, Report of the Education, Science, Communication and Information Technology Committee on P.P.2012/2013 No. 11 & P.P.2013/2014 No. 39, Annual Reports of the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa for the Years Ending 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2012

Response:

Response to this recommendation has already been provided in the responses to Recommendation (1) of P.P.2013/2014 No 62, and Recommendation (1) of P.P.2013/2014 No 64.

Recommendation 2:

The Organisation to work with Government Ministries such as the Samoa Water Authority, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in offering its scientific research services to ensure clean water and improved health of the public.

Response:

Response to this recommendation has already been provided in the response to Recommendation (3) of P.P.2013/2014 No.62.

Recommendation 3:

The Organisation to seek avenues in which they can form partnership ties with other countries to be able to enhance scientific expertise to further develop the services of the Organisation.

Response:

1. A Memorandum of Coporation (MOC) was signed between the Organisation and Victoria University of Wellington (VUW), New Zealand in August 2012. The MOC aims to enhance scientific research outcomes undertaken by both institutions. The MOC covers to the provision on an annual basis of one new fully-funded scholarship for an Organistion staff member to study towards a postgraduate degree at VUW either Master's or PhD level beginning in 2013. Under this MOC, VUW will also provide funding for one Organisation staff member to visit VUW each year to discuss research collaborations or utilice specialist research facilities. Furthermore, VUW will provide funding for one scholarship to a student from VUW who would have a summer placement at the Organisation to contribute to the research projects of its scientists. The term of the MOC is five years and it may be extended for further terms of five years on the agreement of both parties. The Organisation now has two scientists at VUW studying for Masters and PhD degrees.

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2. in May 2013, two technical staff of the Organisation were provided two weeks of training on equipment calibration at Cawthron Institute funded by AusAID Pacific Horticultural and Agricultural Market Access (PHAMA), to acquire the necessary skills set which is critical in ensuring the equipment and functioning properly and providing accurate results. In June 2013, PHAMA funded the assignments of a highly experienced technical technician from Cawthron Institute to the Organisation for three weeks, to enhance the skills and capacity of Organisation staff on the delivery of new test methods. The focus of the three week training program was to extend the scope of ORganisation's accredited testing capabilities, build expertise to satisfy accrediting requirements, and ensure that the Organisation have the capacity to answer the needs of those who require its services, both primary producers and exporters.

The Organisation also has three Honorary Research Fellows providing technical advice and assistance to ongoing technological research activities, and they include a Professor from the University of New South Wales, Australia (Expert on biofuels) and a former lecturer of the Universit of New South Wales, Australia (Expert on vegetable fats and oils). Furthermore, the Organisation has two Senior Volunteers funded by the New Zealand Volunteer Services Abroad (VSA) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) who are experts in product commercialization and assessment of bioactive compounds in medicinal herbs and cosmetics.

Recommendation 4:

The Organisation is encouraged to establish and host conferences and gatherings for the Pacific to focus on enhancing scientific research skills. This will not only improve and develop its services but is another source of revenue for the Organisation.

Response:

In April 2012, the Organisation coordinated a Regional Workshop on 'Research for Development of the PICs Breadfruit Industry'. Funded by the Government of Australia via its ACIAR-PARDI programme, the workshop brought together breadfruit experts from national public and private sector bodies from Fiji, Kiribati and Samoa, Australian Universities and USP and development partners such as FAO.

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The purpose of the workshop was to review the present research and development activities on two key components of the breadfruit industry – primary production and postharvest technologies, and prioritise future research and value chain activities to further progress the sustainable development and value of the breadfruit industry. An important issue that was discussed in the workshop is the prospect of the Organisation to be the regional hub for breadfruit postharvest technologies research given its established capacity and capabilities. Discussions are still on going for this important proposal.

Recommendation 5:

That the Organisation review its processes regarding its advice given to Government Ministries and Corporation as well as the private sector in order to increase its income to assist in providing its services and support annual Government Grant.

Response:

Response to this Recommendation has already been provided in the response to Recommendation (4) of P.P.2013/2014 No.64

I hereby requested that the Legislative Assembly of Samoa approves the P.P.2012/2013 No.11, Annual Report of the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa for the Financial Year ending on 30 June 2011 and P.P.2013/2014 No.39, Annual Report of the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa for the Financial Year ending on 30 June 2012.

The Question was put and when the Ayes have it the Government Responses on P.P 2012/2013 No 11 & P.P.2013/2014 No. 39, Annual Report for the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2011 and the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2012 stood approved.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker. Is it possible to obtain a chance and let the Hon Minister break with all due respect.

MR SPEAKER: What is it that you are upstanding for?

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker with respect, the Government is very much prepared with its Responses. The Ministry is well clarified and nothing is indistinct.

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Annual Reports of the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa for the
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The question is about an inch and the response is about four paragraph. This side is more than satisfied consisting of the Caretaker Leader and entire crew towards the given Government Responses.

Respectfully I move the motion since we have passed half of our work, I move that all Papers be approved.

This is not a new doing Mr Speaker. You are aware, it is Parliament norm that we can approve all Government Responses based on complacency hence appreciation to the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet for the thorough preparations.

That is the motion with respect.

MR SPEAKER: Your view is well taken Lealailepule pardon all given statements. This is not an easy matter we have been discussing for years. Therefore we should not take these matters lightly as they have been discussed in newspapers by the public including that Side, "Where are these Reports?" These Reports had pointed Fepuleai and myself the blame by the Government. The Government was accused for the delayed response. Therefore my ruling relies on...I refuse to cease the completed work by the Government and the Parliament. You now seen the Responses that they recently undertook as the public is judging us and what we do.

We too take into consideration the continuous queries you make. Those were the remarks in the House and accordingly, what do we do about the Responses prepared by the Government Heads and those provided by the Ministers towards the Ministries and Corporations?

That is the same intention spoken by the Hon Prime Minister earlier, the Government is prepared to respond. Hence I shall leave it to the Hon Prime Minister for his discretion.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: I second the motion.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neiote Sailele Malielegaoui: Mr Speaker, we are almost through with our Papers. I beg tolerance to the member, I think that by 9.00 we should give it a rest, and return again tomorrow if that Side wants us to break.

The fact of the matter is, this information is not just for our interest alone, it is for the public's sake too and the entire country. If this was not the case, I would have given the green light long ago, otherwise, the motions have been set that is essential to Government, thus the Government is listening in which is also beneficial for them to understand the many queries submitted to the Committee that I recommended the House to give us a chance as the Government Heads were engaged with hosting the SIDS Conference. This is reason for not receiving these Responses in November and December.

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Now that the January sitting has resumed and we almost finished, therefore have patience. We shall return again tomorrow to complete if we cannot complete our task tonight and plus we still have a few legislations to go. Perhaps the only time we have is early dusk tomorrow thus let us progress with a few more before the hour of 9.00.

Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi: Mr Speaker, that is all from this Side. No that is part of our work to share the load as we progress. We see that with Government's preparation hence we do not intend to query as we are all one. Otherwise the Prime Minister has spoken we shall return tomorrow in full strength as we have enough for today.

In prayer, the Deputy Leader of this Side has already spoken, have mercy let tonight be one day to penalise our Leader pardon the respectable House.

That is it as the authority you hold cannot be held by anyone as everyone depends on the discretion you give as you caretake two lineage in Samoa including the Parliament of Samoa.

Let God guide the Leader of this Side, his mistake is ours too. May you be guided by God's principles Mr Speaker. Respectfully, if that is unrecognisable to you, I offer to replace our Leader. That is the plea your honor, because we were ordained by thirty pastors before we entered Parliament. That night is still unforgettable.

That is the last remark with respect Mr Speaker before we end our session this evening. Respectfully.

Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi: Mr Speaker. It is difficult to receive that Side's plea. If this is the case, I second the motion to accept the remaining orders we have left before we return tomorrow to complete the remaining legislations. We shall complete early tomorrow morning whilst we have a few more remaining Responses left. I once again rise with respect to second the moving motion to approve the remaining Responses in Parliament.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Hon Prime Minister for the motion. Based on the given expression and the proposed time to complete our work by 9.00 hence the hour is now exactly 9.00. What say you Hon Prime Minister as we have about twenty plus Responses left. If we can proceed we might finish at dawn.

That is reason for asking once again, shall we give it a break and resume tomorrow?

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MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Susuga Hon TUILAĒPA FATIALOFA LUPESOLIAI AIONO NEIOTI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI: That is the order now, I agree as...if this is so, we have another sitting within two weeks time. Hence I approve the motion put forward to fully approve the remaining Responses and leave the few legislations until we come back after two weeks incase one gets sick, regardless of the spirit to continue. Otherwise God's days is abundant, I now move the motion, *That we now approve the recommendations given in the House before we rest this evening, and return in the two weeks ahead to resume our sitting in order to complete the remaining tasks.*

Seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Enterprises.

The motion was approved.

MR SPEAKER: I believe we have reached our recess hour as per Hon Prime Minister's motion including a request for the Leader of the Opposition. In the spirit of respect I extend sincere appreciation to the notable House this evening. By collective effort we have achieved some of the huge work covering lapse business we had in our program. This is the first time we have received Written Responses and Parliamentary Committee Reports submitted by Government that is essential to our line of work particularly for the public's interest. Everything is now distinct given the effort in preparing this report engaged by the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson specifically Parliamentary Committees.

Sincerest acknowledgement to the Leader of the Government. The spirit of gratitude is gratefully appreciated given the well put presentations given in the House and Samoa and the completed work we have achieved. Regardless of Parliamentary procedures and guidelines. I believe all reports and Government responses have been achieved as queried by the public.

I also apologize for some of the things we have gone through this evening. I pay high respect to the Parliament House of Samoa and the representatives of the country. Samoa is a country of divisional significant statuses and no one dares take that away from Samoa. Pardon the listeners if I have troubled you in any way. Whatever you have observed, pardon me this is the Chair of Parliament and that of the country. If words on respect and protection is true, let us stand by it.

Lealailepule, that is the spirit. Let restrictions bear and the event that has happened be a challenge. Laupua need not teach Tamafaiga, you are the sole representatives of Samoa in specific let the roles and responsibilities you hold as decision makers be transparent not cunning. This Parliament must be upheld and maintained. We already attained our principles as an Independent nation of Samoa, we have established Standing Orders to guide our Parliamentary procedures and practices. Who performs these processes? It is the Parliament of Samoa. However, some have taken advantage of the love and respect that Misi gives by stepping on the vegetable plantation.

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Motion for Adjournment

The Deputy Leader has pleaded us on behalf of their Political Party, we have heard the apology. The member for Safata has also given the same, and I have officially accept it nonetheless, have you seen the conduct of your Leader? It is not one's fault, but I shall I leave it with you. I do not know if the advise you make is correct otherwise, I shall leave it to you.

Note that you have two lawyers on that side of the House who knows better. They know the legislation very well. The Pastor is also present who is tasked to pray for the benefit of the Parliament. To the dignified country I do not intend to say anything more. The Deputy Leader has also had his chance in this seat as Speaker which is very difficult as everything is done out of respect. Nonetheless, whatever requests you have, leave them with us as our Sitting is about to adjourn, the motion has been moved by the Prime Minister until next month then we shall proceed. Let us bear limitations and rely on God to guide us appropriately.

To Samoa's Parliament this evening, if east is mistaken let west bear correction. If we have wrong you in way, I beg your pardon, Preachers of God, bear with us in your support and prayers for your Parliament's wellbeing. We now have the set motion to adjourn our sitting until February. Before we disperse, I call upon the member for Vaa o Fonoti since the other pastor has departed, I call the Pastor of Samoa to end our sitting with a prayer.

Proceedings of the Assembly were adjourned at 9:12pm until 9:00am Tuesday, 17 February 2015.