

*WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2014*

*Mr Speaker took the Chair at 9.00am*

Prayer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.1) 2013/2014  
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**MR SPEAKER:** I now announce that the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly has resumed.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the work that was able to be completed yesterday. Today we acknowledge the presence of the members of the House in all its honorific salutations as we gather to consider this Supplementary Appropriation. Thank you for your support and patience. I greet also the country tuning in from any form of technology this day. We were able to complete substantial work yesterday however we must progress with it today. There are many obligations this week in regards to the Committee investigations and other programs as announced and therefore time is of the essence. We all heard the comments that were made yesterday and I believe we do not need to repeat anything that has already been put forward. The Chair requests that the speeches be brief in respect of the time as the most important matter is the needs of the constituency. All other general matters have been raised therefore prioritize the electorates developments. This is a recommendation but the discretion is with you.

I call on the Deputy Speaker.

**MOTION OF BUSINESS, STANDING ORDERS, HOUSE AND  
ELECTORAL COMMITTEE**

**Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA (Deputy Chairperson of the Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee):** Thank you Mr Speaker. Before I carry out the task awarded me I first greet the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, that side of the House to the Leader of Opposition and all the Members of Parliament.

Praises have been offered to our Heavenly Father for his loving kindness this new morning as we gather here in health and strength. I believe the support of His Highness, O le Ao o le Malo and the whole of Samoa also wishes for the Lords presence in this House.

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**Motion of Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee**

I rise to move a motion, *That the Legislative Assembly approve the Parliament Sitting Schedule 2014/2015 as approved by the Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee:-*

Month Day	Month Day	Month Day
January 21	June 17	December 16
March 18	August 19	January 20
May 29	October 21	

*Seconded by one of the members of the Individual Voters Roll, Susuga Hon Papaliitele Niko Lee Hang and the member for Aleipata Itupa i Luga.*

*Motion approved and the Parliament Sitting Schedule 2014/2015 was approved.*

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MR SPEAKER**

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Deputy Speaker. The Business, Standing Orders, House and Electoral Committee has presented the program and all the members have a copy. To avoid a repetition of last year, the Chair advises that all the members read the program thoroughly.

Yesterday we received the Government program and we adjusted our program accordingly. This is the first month of the year and the annual framework to guide the year should be in place so that there is no overlapping of dates and events. The programs are now there for the information of the Government as well as all the members to plan according to the sitting dates and other events.

The pre-sitting dates as well as public holidays are included for your information so that there is no excuse for non attendance. This is the announcement by the Chair that we all take heed of the annual program beginning this month until January 2015.

We adjourned yesterday after the speech by the honorable member for Alataua West. The floor is now open to any member to comment on the Supplementary Appropriation.

I give the floor to the honorable member for Gagaemauga No. 2 for your remarks.

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**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU (Gagaemauga No. 2):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity to speak on behalf of my constituency.

I believe we have already offered our praises to our Omnipotent God for His everlasting grace and love which has enabled our presence this morning. We have also addressed the many honorifics of our country and I believe I do not need to readdress it as it is forever the same and never changing.

Mr Speaker, I will be brief. This Supplementary Appropriation adds a little bit more to the Appropriation passed in June. It is also the same format since 40 years ago and it will have the same face in the next 40 years. Mr Speaker, it is like those tv series...

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member, I give the opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi (Prime Minister):** Mr Speaker, I cannot leave these stray comments to continue. I recall that this is the third Meeting on the Appropriation since 1962 that is focused on performances. I mention this because ignorance has no place in the deliberation of our Appropriation and masking it with humor only belittles the work of the Government. This is the third time the format has changed to reflect the significant aspects the Government is aiming towards. This is also in line with our efforts to reflect greater transparency and accountability in our Appropriations as well as the assistance from overseas Governments and Organizations. This is why overseas assistance and the Appropriation is official which is also the reason for the \$22million from ADB.

I stand because our work is being taken lightly by people who do not understand the reason for the format of our Appropriations; it is to reflect transparency and accountability of Samoa's performance with the assistance of overseas Governments to implement our work and reduce our debts. It is not a minor sum. This is significant because these unstable ignorant people that complain about the Government and write to the Samoa Observer belittle the developments by the Government because of remarks like this made in the House.

Mr Speaker, this is why I take the floor so that when the Member takes the floor he will comment directly on the Supplementary Appropriation and not put his ignorance on display.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Hon Prime Minister. I call on the Member to continue.

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**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** I thank the Hon Prime Minister for his interjection. At least I am now clear that there are different formats used by the Government for our Supplementary Appropriation. I am only aware of one format but the Hon Prime Minister quickly interrupted before I could finish my remark. There is one format and intention of the Supplementary Appropriation...

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency to the Member for the opportunity will be given to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I stand again because the remarks are clear. He started by stating that this is the same format from 50 years ago and it will be the same in the next 50 years. I stand to refute these comments and that they are absolutely incorrect. In addition, the Member is new and has not been here long enough and the changes have always been tabled in Parliament to be passed.

Mr speaker, this is why I stand again especially for the sake of the new Members so they can plan their speeches accordingly because there are Members here who have been here long and they are aware of the past 30 to 40 years. These comments should be corrected because news is also broadcast overseas. See the Samoa Observer has tried to disrepute the Government but to no avail because the overseas institutions and Governments have Offices in Samoa and they discuss these matters with experts in these areas. This is why all the rubbish being broadcast is disregarded by our overseas partners but it is being read by the general public which causes inaccurate opinions. The Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2013/2014 was distributed a while ago for you to read and understand.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member to resume.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** Mr Speaker, the truth is I have only understood now that there were other formats apart from this. I apologize for this but all I know is that any Appropriation is to release funds to the various Ministries so that they can implement their projects and the country awaits the result of these projects.

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Mr Speaker, I note that the progress our system of Government from the past years shows that it is a system aimed at planning projects for national economic benefit. This is why there is no question on the state of our country and I applaud the Hon Minister of Finance, Hon Prime Minister and that side of the House for governing our country because it is not easy. Well done on your patience and persistence and whatever issues faced are a fact of life. The people support beneficial efforts and our work needs persistence and stability to make appropriate decisions to desist those seeking to destroy our efforts.

Mr Speaker, I listened intently to the speeches made yesterday and I believe that the Hon Prime Minister and his Cabinet responded well to the queries put forward. I note that many of our proposals for the future are for our economic well being however this Constituency has a concern in case our efforts are made invalid by the same issues and we make a recommendation.

Mr Speaker, the number one enemy of planned projects is idleness and loitering. It is true that Government proposals take time but we should consider that technology used to enhance our national economy is rapidly changing and we should not be idle in this regard. It can negatively impact our decisions as well as implementation. This same enemy is the reason for problems in our development which influences the view of the public on good proposals that we make.

I will use the story of Adam and Eve to illustrate. It is simple yet filled with an important message. God had a plan for the Garden of Eden and He made Adam and Eve and put them in the garden but they disobeyed the Lord and they were chased out. Adam said to Eve, "Eve, you are the reason for this punishment" and Eve replied "No, it was the snake that tempted me to taste the sweetness of the fruit". Adam would then counter with "Now what? The snake is gone and we face the penalty but if you had not been so hard to please we would still be in Gods good graces" and Eve replied "I apologize, I was wrong but how can I resist the plumpness of the fruit." Adam then says, "You were right. I also tasted the sweetness but it was your wrong decision that led me to do the same". Eve then concludes, "No Adam. You should have thought it over whether the decision was right and then make your decision. Well lets continue in this wrong path".

Mr Speaker, our decisions can be negatively impacted by individual opinions. This means that when our developments become idle, we should ask ourselves whether we caused this failure because of our decisions. Have we been dishonest in actioning these decisions and why we continue to be this way? What solutions are there?

Those are the questions Mr Speaker to consider. If we do not prioritize these questions, our efforts for the future will be uncertain. It is our belief that it is not the planned projects that are the problem but rather human nature and the actioning of decisions which is a longstanding issue which persists today. As I said Mr Speaker...

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**MR SPEAKER:** I apologize to the Member speaking, I give the floor to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I was listening to gather the point from this biblical story which is known by all. But it is not relevant to what we are doing. The moral of that story is about indulging in useless things which is the reason for the fall of Adam and Eve. However the moral of the story I heard was not planning but the implementation. Mr Speaker, this indicates that the Member does not lay significance on planning. You cannot travel in the dark. This is where we differ in opinion. Planning is very important and there is no overseas Government that will offer its assistance if they do not see that there has been planning and there are always issues experienced. We seek solutions to these issues which is what is being done because this is the greatest problem. It is when the problem is left to fester. This is why our Reports are considered by Committees for recommendations.

Mr Speaker, the Members illustration is different from what he is trying to present. We cannot disregard planning because we cannot travel in the dark. There has to be light to understand what to do.

**MR SPEAKER:** I advise the Member that the Government has responded twice; first, to clarify the policy guiding the format of our Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 2013/2014 and second, to clarify the biblical story of Adam, *Akamu* in Samoan and not *Kamu*. I reiterate that there is a difference between your interpretation and the Government policies that guide its programs. It is clear that Committee Reports will be tabled for us to discuss solutions to issues that may arise. I recommend that the Member steer away from the matter of Adam and Eve but mention the Apostles.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** Mr Speaker, it was *Akamu* and then when Eve fell in love with him, the ‘A’ was removed and it was just *Kamu*.

**MR SPEAKER:** Member for Gagaemauga No.2 a curse cannot be seen when it comes to those who alter what is in the Holy Book.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** Mr Speaker, we are mindful of our Government projects because it is not easy nor is it cheap. We should cooperate to target the issues because many problems have occurred. Our recommendation is that we start small and start anew this year and not lust after the far off breadfruit, or lay blame with others rather we should give the utmost importance to our decisions.

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Mr Speaker, we are not the only ones laying blame, the same is happening in village councils amongst those governing the villages, within Congregations and it affects our family and our economic well being. We are not the only ones making decisions aiming for national benefit. It is not only Mr Speaker and this Parliament but us all that makes decisions.

In my view Mr Speaker, we are all responsible when issues arise. We have many policies and projects that need to be implemented therefore everyones active participation is needed because the sooner it is done, our economic state will also be enhanced. I pose a challenge. It has been more than 50+ years and our GDP has not reached \$2billion. As I stated earlier, idleness affects our efforts which is a human trait without regard for our policies and legislations. For instance, we received grants from overseas to finance our developments which we were all eligible to, however I have found that the majority of these funds have been returned. This is proof of the idleness I mentioned.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency of the Member as you have mentioned the Ministry, I call on the Hon Minister of Finance.

**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga (Minister of Finance):** Point of order. There was only one instance when \$250,000 was returned when we could not reach the targets set for the Samoa Water Authority to purify its water. It is not because the works were slow in water purification. All the funds received are to be used within 5 to 10 year periods and it is being used wisely. The Member mentioned the GDP. We invest \$6 and \$1 is contributed to our GDP. This is why we encourage the use of our resources to develop our economy through agriculture and our land. With all due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for the clarification Hon Minister. I call on the Member.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** Thank you. In addition, many of our processes are difficult. I believe that they are simple but are made difficult by the employees. I testify that there is almost no Ministry where you make a request for a development and it reaps no results after two weeks of waiting when it is a simple matter.

But if it were a European or one of the Minsters, then they are quick to respond. That is the difference Hon Minister which should be considered.

**MR SPEAKER:** I give the opportunity to the Hon Minister of Finance.

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**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga:** Mr Speaker, the Member has accused the public servants of biasness. I clarify to the Member that this is not how the work is carried out. There are also processes as known by the Member and Members of Parliament but the Government is considering further simplification. This is why we have Acts and Regulations to resolve the matters raised with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** In the interest of the Members time I give the opportunity to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker the Member has mentioned a worthwhile matter which is a challenge to the public servants. We all desire speedy service when there is something we want done and this is an important matter. I also give this matter importance because even with my Office, I leave after 6pm because I have many appointments but I get home at 2am and sometimes I am woken by people with their issues.

I recall in 1976 when I was responsible for the Trust Office, an inconsolable woman came to see me at 3am because their family were at heads about their family estate. I mention this because the matter mentioned by the Member is very important. The CEOs are listening and this is the same matter raised in meetings. I know this because when a person is dissatisfied with the Ministry, the CEO or the Minister, then they approach me. The reminder is significant. There are different matters though. There are those that are catered to immediately and there are those that take time. Yesterday you all witnessed that about 5 Europeans came requesting to see me and I visited with them and they laid in front of me their laptop. I said “No. Tell me what you wish to discuss”. They stated “We wish to establish an alternative source of energy from burning waste”

I then asked what it was they wanted and they requested that I watch the laptop while they explain. I then replied, “I am tired of talking to people and that is all they do. Talk, talk, talk. They say they will establish this and that but they do not have money and nothing is actioned. There is nothing that I do not know or have not read and it is a waste of time to explain it to me. If you want to establish a company, make a request and it will be approved”. It did not take all but two minutes but they want a whole hour for me to listen when all I want is action.

There are different personalities in case you think that because Europeans are present then it would be faster. Whether a European or Samoan requests for it the response would be the same. But if a Samoan comes and wants to withdraw their NPF, I would ask for the age and if it is 45 and the reason is for a funeral, it cannot be done because there is a legislation. Or another situation is when a man approached me and I asked what he was after. He said he came to see me because he wanted to start a car sales business. I saw he was fair like he had just come from New Zealand.



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I asked where he wanted to establish his venture and he said Salelologa. So I asked why he had come to see me and he said he wanted approval. I told him he can go and apply for a license. He expressed gratitude and then made a final request. I asked what it was and he asked for \$10 to pay his fare to Savaii. This is the confusion that the employees are faced with in catering to people. As I said Mr Speaker, this is an important matter and only now has the Members speech become worthwhile unlike the first comments.

Mr Speaker, that is the clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member. You have 5 more minutes.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** Mr Speaker, the Hon Prime Minister has also just understood the theme of my speech. It is action. This is what we want and he has continued my speech. However there is only one aspect left.

I do not share the same view as some of the Members in regards to the implementation of culture in the Government. In my opinion Mr Speaker, this is one of the reasons for the many issues. It is because our democratic principles are merged with our culture and religion. Our respectful relations conceal breaches in of these principles. It results in these breaches prevailing because it is done under the cover of culture and religion. I apologize to my fellow Members, I do not support the merging of these aspects.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on one of the Individual Voters; Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him as he mentioned this matter.

**Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him (Individual Voters):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I believe in the intention to share and discuss matters within the House. Yesterday I mentioned the matter of culture and legislations that govern our nation. The gist was to ensure that our laws are not covered up by our culture of respect and good relations but not the other way around.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 4.

**Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevaga (Faasaleleaga No. 4):** Thank you for the opportunity this morning Mr Speaker. As mentioned by the Member, this is one of the issues I spoke extensively about yesterday. The Member for Gagaemauga No. 2 stated that culture should not merge with laws. Samoa is different from overseas countries. Samoa has its own culture of respect and customs. The gist of my comments yesterday was that the law should be enforced and if breached, the penalty should be carried out in accordance with the law. But the procedure should incorporate a respectful attitude and language because some of these people are esteemed members of our society and so culture and the law must work together and not have one overrule over the other.

With all dues respect Mr Speaker.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Your view is understood. I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, there was one line that the Member mentioned that Samoa has a culture. Many other Pacific Islands have eroded cultures. This line is significant. There was a forum held in Samoa not too long ago attended by Ministers; a Fijian, 3 from Micronesia, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and others in the region. We talked and they said it was a good thing that the meeting would be the next day because they had spent the whole day travelling around Upolu and they witnessed something great. I asked what it was and they responded that it was very clean. I responded that this was the doing of the chiefs and orators with the assistance of the women which is why our country is clean; it is because we have customs. They all expressed that this was not evident in their countries because they no longer had customs enabling this togetherness.

Mr Speaker, our cultural customs and Christianity as well as laws mentioned by the Member are important. If you read the paper, I am sympathetic of all these women expressing their opinions and they are mostly from Vaiusu. They are angered by my comment that all callings are from the Almighty. This is why the Reverend always preaches that whether you are a cabbage grower or a Member of Parliament, it is a calling from God. How sad that they think this is not right and I have used the Lords name. The Word of God says “Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father”. Mr Speaker, I clarify further with a tale of the village of Sili. They came to me to make a traditional apology because one of their own had slandered the Leader of the country, which in effect includes the whole country because any word against the Leader is also aimed at the people, to His Highness, to you, to everyone. So what should be done?

We practice the Christian principle we have been taught which is forgiveness but there is also a legal aspect. It is referred to the Ministry of Police to lay charges. These are considered together with the traditional apology in the Courts. Why? Because this is used for the Judges decision. So everything is used; Christianity, culture and the law which uses the aforementioned factors for a decision.

How many times have we heard of a person convicted for 5 years imprisonment but because a traditional apology was done and there was a reference from the Reverend, the Courts acknowledge these and only 1 year imprisonment is given.

Mr Speaker, that is the fact of the matter but I do not know what we are talking about, all these factors are recognized. What has happened is we have left the debate of the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2013/2014 and discussed theological matters.

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The problem is you also have callings in your congregations. If you go to church then discuss that but we are here talk about the Supplementary Appropriations and not to use this as a pedestal for your Sunday Sermons. God Bless our Meetings.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Hon Minister of Justice and Courts Administration.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa (Minister of Justice and Courts Administration):** Let the Member have a break but I do not want to comment on Theology but rather I wish to comment on the law and culture. A point of order Mr Speaker regarding the Members comments that respectful relations should not be used to remove a breach of the law which seemingly assumes that the Samoan culture is a negative factor.

Mr Speaker, the relationship speaks to the connection between people and the maintenance of that connection. The Samoan culture is just and you all live in villages under the authority of chiefs and orators and we all know what is wrong and what is right but it is a persons attitude. I am very cautious Mr Speaker with these fragile topics which assumes that our culture is bad and causes wrong. This is not Samoan culture.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** Mr Speaker, this is poles apart from what...

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance to the Member while the Hon Minister concludes. It is your speech that has initiated these Government responses and the opportunity is being given to illumine some of these matters because they are controversial. The matter affects the House especially since it is very important after 50 years and the new generation does not understand what is being clarified.

The clarification by the Hon Minister is clear and the Hon Minister of Justice and Courts Administration has clarified the relationship between the Courts, culture and the law. I call on the Hon Minister to continue.

**Afioga Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa:** It is as if we are picky as to what parts of our culture are accepted and what is not. May I remind the Member that we are sitting here for a reason, it is the culture that is protected by Law that matai are permitted here.

Mr Speaker that is the point of order.

**MR SPEAKER:** Before I give the opportunity, this House will not question your position. The Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Minister of Justice and Courts Administration have shed light on the matter. In case those who are listening in perceive that we are being humorous but it is the belief of the Chair that Samoa is guarded by its culture and customs.

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The powers that be; the Executive, the Judiciary and the Parliament as well as the three powers outside; the State, the Church and the Authority of the chiefs and orators, when not in line, will cause Samoa to return to a time of darkness. I am sure Samoa is taking note and to ensure that our rights are not concealed in our relationship with these three arms. Our culture as per usual is done, the Churches keep peace and the spirit of God and the decisions of the law are made in the Courts and when all issues have been considered, the matters are in place.

I call on the Member to continue.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** Thank you Mr Speaker. The matter has gotten way out of hand when all I was trying to mention was our policies within our Government, that they are not blended with our customs but these can never be removed from our culture.

**MR SPEAKER:** Conclude your speech, your time is up.

**Tofa LEVAOPOLO TALATONU:** As my time has concluded, I will complete my remarks. I apologize Mr Speaker, that is the only contribution Saleaula could offer for your humble consideration to readjust or if not, there are many positive changes.

I take this opportunity to thank Gagaemauga No. 2 for your never ending support and prayers. If I have offended in anyway, I beg leniency and forgiveness.

God bless this Meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** I thank the Member. There is an opportunity for another Member.

I call on the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 1.

**Afioga Hon GATOLOAIFAANA AMATAGA ALESANA GIDLOW (Faasaleleaga No. 1):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I believe you have already given praise and thanks this morning to our Lord and also acknowledged our country listening in so I will not readdress this.

Mr Speaker, I wish to record my gratitude to the Hon Minister of Finance for the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014 we are currently deliberating. I believe that there are many developments needing implementation but this is all the funds we have. I applaud your distribution and generosity.

There are matters I wish to acknowledge. To the Hon Minister responsible for Tourism, thank you for prioritizing the hotel industry as this is one development that assists our economy. The reduction in air fares is also evidence of the significance of our efforts in developing our tourism industry. I wish to make known my gratitude for the foresight of those involved by prioritizing the economic development through this reduction.

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I also thank the Hon Minister of Health for your vigilance which is evidence in the increase of fees and charges. It is not an easy decision as there are always complaints when there is an increase in costs of services. A leader that considers the overall benefit of the country is able to make such a decision and does what needs to be done.

The Government relies on its people and vice versa. We should all contribute to work that develops and enables services and efforts which enhances our national projects. The only matter that should be reviewed is that we should not add costs to some services such as those for pregnant mothers. We are all aware that this is one of the Millennium Development Goals to improve maternal health and reduce child mortality. I am grateful if these services are still free to enable the mother to care for this new life. As was noted from the statistics, there is not much increase in the percentage of the population. There is a need to protect the mother and child so that they are both healthy.

Hon Minister of Justice and Courts Administration, it is noted in the courts in Upolu and Savaii that there are those bearing false witness. The judges have observed these false testimonies especially for genealogies. It was assumed that the Judges would make a decision that they have breached this oath so that those that follow will not take lightly to matters discussed in Courts especially when under oath. The recommendation Hon Minister is that if a Judge confirms such false statements are made under oath, a decision should be made for charges to be made against the false statements. A precedence should be set so that those standing before the Courts will not make false testimonies which would indicate their lack of respect for the oath made before God and the Law.

I have heard of an instance where the Judge was aware of such false testimonies being made before different Judges but it was not included in the courts decision. I assumed that charges would be brought against this person at that time to avoid repetition – the belittlement of the oath made in the Courts.

I also wish to make known my support for the Samoan customs because it is what safeguards our people. I am always proud after returning from visiting overseas that Samoa is different in its customs and Christian living. Our customs were first, followed by Christianity and they have co-existed to make something wonderful. It is a concern when we are eager to adopt foreign customs and demean the significance of our customs. I put forward my spirit of support for the governance of our chiefs and orators. This Parliament encourages this authority, they are the protectors and enforcers of our culture within the villagers and we do this in the Parliament. Without its customs, Samoa would be no different from other nations in the Pacific and world.

Mr Speaker, that is all I wish to add to the arguments for our customs as made by the Hon Prime Minister and other Members of Parliament.

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I now use this occasion to acknowledge the support of my entire constituency from the heads of the villages to the children. I also extend recognition to the various denominations within the constituency. Susuga Faifeau Toeaina Solomona Tuatagaloa, thank you for your prayers as your humble servant tries to make our constituencys voice heard as well as to maintain peace amongst our citizens, villages and communities.

Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. God bless this meeting. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER.** Thank you Member for Faasalelelaga No. 1. I beg tolerance of the Member for Sagaga le Usoga for the Member for Siumu has risen.

I call on the Member for Siumu.

**Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA (Siumu):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the occasion. I humbly greet the Chair that is the voice that the Members of the 48 constituencies of Samoa take heed to.

I also greet the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet as well as the Leader of the minority party, also the Association Ministers and all the Members of Parliament. You are all elected by your electorates...

**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of Opposition, I am surprised if you take heed to the comment.

**Afioga Hon Palusalua Faapo II (Leader of Opposition):** A correction to the Member, it is not the Leader of the minority party, the salutation is Leader of Opposition.

**MR SPEAKER:** Matters I am trying to avoid are about to be unearthed. I call on the whip.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi ( Faleata West):** It is not how big or how small but rather how united the party. The only point of order is that the Member mentioned 48 constituencies. There are not 48 constituencies and you should correct it.

**MR SPEAKER:** Member for Faleata West your point is clear. I call on the Member for Sagaga le Usoga.

**Afioga Muagututagata Faamausili Auimatagi Peter Ah Him (Sagaga le Usoga):** The Member mentioned unity but the fact of the matter is that they are not united.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency of the Member for Siumu. Leader of Opposition, the whip has spoken that it is not the strength but the unity. Please rise to continue.

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**Tofa Hon TUUU ANASII LEOTA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. The Opposition is also the minority party. The problem with the Member for Faleata West is that there are 48 of us. Mr Speaker is the 49<sup>th</sup> Member.

The dignity of the Parliament of Samoa and the support of Samoa from its elderly to its youngest, I believe that the honorific salutations have been addressed. I was not going to make a speech as the man from Toilolo was uncertain whether to row forward or backwards. The strategies have already been laid out by previous Members and there is an intention that the Supplementary Appropriation be passed quickly. I therefore have no intention of dragging out our Meeting and the speech will be according to the funds within the Supplementary Appropriation. The proposals for the funds are clear and I will only take 10 seconds because it is important to voice the needs and opinions of my constituency.

The concern of our constituency is access roads. I beseech you Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. Do not tire from my persistence on this matter for our access road at Maninoa. This request is an ear sore for our Parliament as well as our Party. I have approached the Hon Minister and written a request as well which should be done. This is the responsibility of the Member in case the view the Member is blamed at the end of the Parliamentary Term for the road not being upgraded. The response would then be because I did not give reminders. Therefore I again make this reminder to the Hon Minister for our road at Maninoa and Saaga. Thank you for the road leading from the end of Siumu to Safata, it is nice and wide. If only it started from Siumu at the junction to Tiavi and Falealili.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member. You have mentioned the works of the Ministry; I call on the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala (Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure):** Thank you for this opportunity Mr Speaker. Recall that this was one road that was destroyed by the cyclone and it costs a lot. The good conditions of the roads through Siumu have been witnessed as well as Tiavi. Approximately \$15million was used for the upgrade of these roads and the connecting roads. The road for Tafitoala was also affected by flooding. The center of the works was the bridge and upgrades were done 2 kilometers in each direction and that was the end. There is an intention that it will reach the Siumu four corners. Those are the upgrading works to the roads connecting Siumu after the cyclone. Leave the matter with me, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Hon Minister has responded.

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**Tofa Hon TUUU ANASHI LEOTA:** Thank you Hon Minister. It is duly noted that \$15million is allocated for these works from Siumu to Tiavi. With all due respect, this road is not only being travelled by Siumu, it is used by the whole of Samoa. If only the roads at Tiavi continued in the same condition to the roads at Siumu, Falealili and Safata.

I thank the Government as China is preparing to build our Primary School. The proposal is that next month the construction will begin. To my constituency, you have heard that you Member is not disregarding your requests and is knocking still for our access roads not only at Maninoa but also Saaga. You have also just heard that we are preparing to have our own school. Let us thank the Government for its plans.

Mr Speaker, that is the speech of this electorate. Thank you for the opportunity and God bless this day.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Member for Siumu. Give your requests to Cabinet as we have heard your school will be constructed and other developments but we must be patient.

I call on the Member for Sagaga le Usoga. You have an opportunity before we go to recess.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I would like to use this time to greet Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet as well as all the Members of Parliament. I also greet His Highness O le Ao o le Malo and Masiolo, Member of the Council of Deputies and your good lady, the Holy Servants of the Lord in all the denominations that pray for Samoas success.

I also greet the traditional setup of Samoa; Tumua ma Pule, Ituaia ma Alataua, Aiga i le Tai ma le Vaa o Fonoti. I would also like to greet my constituency; Afio o Saena ma le Aiga Sa Saena, afifio o Alo o Fuatino, Afio o Tuitea ma le mamalu ia Tupailasa ma le Fale o le Afu o le Alataua, Afifio o le Aiga Sa Gauifaleai ma le Vagana I Tulafale, le toalu ia Fata ma Maulolo ma le mamalu ia te oe Tuisamau.

I also greet the dignity of Maualaivao ma le Matua ia Faamausili, Pou e Fitu o le Fale Malietoa ma upu ia oe Auimatagi. I applaud your journey to this year 2014 that and the years added to your health. Praises are never ending to our Heavenly Father. I ask your support and prayers as I contribute to the Supplementary Appropriation now before Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the Hon Minister of Finance and the Ministry for the difficult task they were faced with. I also thank the Committee that investigated the Supplementary Appropriation and this constituency supports it.

I now wish to make known some of the needs of my constituency which should be first as they are important and then I will mention the general requests.



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Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I express gratitude on behalf of Malie for the access road leading inland which was opened by your good self. Thank you for the road and thank you also to the contractors. If you are listening in, thank you. This is the only road that is resilient to heavy rainfall. However, our village of Tuanai makes a request for its road to reach Aleisa. At the moment it is cut off and turns into another road heading towards Leauvaa. The request is that the road be continued to Aleisa because there are farmers that live there. I know that there are insufficient funds but I lay that before you for your kind consideration. When I visit your office you will know the reasons for my visit and I apologize if my visits have become an eye sore.

This is the only constituency that does not request for much but access roads and it is only for the grace of God that we have not been affected by rising sea level.

I now come to Afega, which I mentioned last week. The road is totally destroyed right up to Aleisa and it is in need of upgrade and the same goes for the road leading to the coast, I beg your consideration.

Again I mention Malie in Lalau between Afega and Malie. This constituency is well visited by the farmers because of the market and they strive to serve Samoa's agricultural sector.

There is a road next to the Sia family at Vailoa, the residence of Afioga Faamausili Faiga and Seuli. I plead for this road as it is difficult to transport crops to Apia but I only mention it and leave it to the Government and their plans.

As for the road at Tuanai, it would be agreeable if it was extended to Aleisa because it will benefit the Government. EPC would connect electricity for the many residents and this is one revenue generation for the country.

Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, it is noted that there are many myna birds and the Ministry should consider extermination methods. We do not request for any seawalls except for what we have observed.

Hon Minister of Health, I applaud your efforts. I have visited the hospital and it is exceptional. I have read in the newspaper that a new ward Division will be established targeting the prevention of diabetes and high blood pressure. I congratulate your seeking out ways that would benefit our country because diabetes is a deadly disease. People in Samoa should remember their bodies do not remain the same condition forever. If your diet from your younger years is unhealthy it would be too late to cure when you are older. *No matter how obese you may be, you will leave this earth in a small coffin.*

Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, well done for your efforts. The increased supply of taro has been noted as was heard yesterday, the Ministry is continuously seeking ways to export overseas. It would be good if the Ministry made known their failures so that we could propose alternatives or a Member can mention it in their speech.

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For example, maybe the way the Europeans are approached is wrong or maybe it is the language used instead of complaining and criticizing.

This should be the same for our economy. If it is expensive then make recommendations for solutions or if the VAGST is too high then tell us it should be decreased to 12% but do not just mention that it is expensive without solutions to improve...

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Member while I give the opportunity to the interrupting Member.

**Susuga Papalii Lio Faavaivaiomanu Taeu Masipau (Faasaleleaga No. 2):** Mr Speaker, thank you. I also mentioned taro yesterday and I apologize to the Member, it was not a complaint. If the Member listened intently, it was recommendation to the Hon Minister. I thanked the Hon Minister for the current status of things but remove this term “complain”. The Hon Minister acknowledged the comments and now markets are being sought. I thank the Hon Minister that a chips factory to utilize taro will be established. This is the assistance to the Member.

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe the explanation is clear. It is not a complaint but rather a recommendation.

Since we have come to our recess hour, you may continue when we return.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its usual recess at 10.45am and resumed at 11.20am.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I now announce that the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly have resumed. I believe we have reached the second half of our day and we continue with strength and satisfaction from the meal provided. I offer apologies for what the Clerk and the Office could provide for your health as the Hon Minister of Health advocates. The Clerk and the Office cannot neglect your health especially as we continue with our long Meeting hours.

The air condition temperature has been increased as it has become a bit too chilly. Before recess the Member for Sagaga le Usoga had the floor, I call on the Member.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** Thank you Mr Speaker, thank you also for the refreshments provided to the Members of the House. Mr Speaker, the Member for Faasaleleaga No. 2 is correct, but complaining and recommending are synonymous.

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Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, I offer congratulations for the peaceful festive season that was witnessed. As for the matter mentioned in the newspaper against us and the Police, there is nothing to it, all is well. We support the work of the Ministry and the Hon Minister.

I now come to the Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. We are grateful that a piece of land has been offered in Afega for Sagaga College to be constructed. To date the Committee is oblivious as they may be become hesitant. However I believe that in the April Meeting last year, the village of Faleula offered a piece of land in the village despite some issue such as its closeness to Wesley College. However the most important matter is that there is a piece of land. This school serves two constituencies from Tufulele to...

**MR SPEAKER:** I give the opportunity to the interjection by the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neiotti Sailele Malielegaoi:** For such matters Mr Speaker, intensive thinking should be exercised by the Members. I am copied in all these correspondence and the Government does not wait until constituency disagreements are settled.

The only decision to be made if it is cannot be done then the school will be shut down. The role of the Member and the constituency is to remedy the matter. The Ministry is exhausted from trying to address this matter but examine the situation and if it cannot be continued then the school will be shut down.

I stand because this Member is young but a veteran Member that is slowly becoming aged. The matter is clear in case you decide to prolong it; the constituency should make a decision or the Governments decision will be finalized.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member to continue.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** Thank you Hon Prime Minister. Before the Hon Prime Minister stood I was about to mention that this school services Sagaga le Falefa and Sagaga le Usoga as the Hon Minister is aware there is land offered at Faleula and I leave it at your discretion. I consulted with Faleula and they have stated that the land is still available.

Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, thank you for your great efforts witnessed.

The same goes to the Hon Minister of Revenue.

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Mr Speaker, there is a matter I wish to touch upon which I believe involves all of Samoa regarding foreign investors. I wish to specifically mention Chang Tao Yu known by the English name David Chan and Fang Hui known as Hank Fang. These men have three registered companies in Samoa; Samoa Signal Ocean, Grand Ocean Industry and Green Power. I testify Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance for the Member for Sagaga le Usoga, I give the opportunity for a point of order.

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** A point of order Mr Speaker.

The Standing Orders are clear. Those mentioned are not present. I believe that these businessmen are assisting our Government and it seems the Member is concerned that they own three companies. It is true. Firstly, the Samoans that they were in partnership with were dishonest and for six years they tried to assist with their proposals. Secondly, they tried to find other partners but it was the same situation and only now, with me, their plans are secure. Their names are being mentioned in the Parliament of Samoa and they are not citizens as if...times are different...

**MR SPEAKER:** Your interjection is noted Member for Gagaemauga No.1. I apologize but if I allow this opportunity to comment on such matters then the provisions of our Standing Orders must be enforced. I gave the floor to clarify the matter involving the names mentioned but if the comments disrepute efforts then the Orders must be upheld.

I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, this matter is an administrative matter and is the responsibility of the Ministry. The Member has also written to me. The Government is monitoring for fraudulent people even if they contribute to taxes collected by the Ministry of Revenue. Inquiries into foreign investors and whether they make false statements will eventually be caught. This is not a matter mentioned in our Supplementary Appropriation it is a matter that is discussed between Administrations. Some people who are trusted also make requests and yet it is the same situation. That is the world we live in. Let me illustrate. Parliament passed a piece of legislation with incentives to attract investors for Taumeasina. There were so many incentives intended for these trusted investors. What happened? The land was excavated and then they said they had to go find more funds. This was when I was working for the Ministry of Finance. For many days including Saturdays and Sundays I worked with these people to consolidate their requests on the assumption that they had funds. What happened then? They became bankrupt and another investor came and was also declared bankrupt.

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Then a New Zealander came and I said to the investor I am tired of insincere people saying they have lots of money. As time goes by you might end up with no money. Many of the investors had money and they opened the construction site with beer and food. At one point I heard that they were digging sand to sell for funds. Only now has the company come from Papua New Guinea and the construction is underway with the intention that it will be completed by the end of this year. So you should not be dismayed because people come with no money and in the end the ventures fail.

So for this matter, leave it be as it is with the Government there is no need to mention it here because none of us know of these people. Who knows if they will be sincere with their partnerships? In regards to solar, there have been many offers and the Government made its decision but I still have not seen it eventuate. The only certain solar projects are those done by the Government. There is one now with the assistance of New Zealand and Japan. This is the reality, many come with words and nothing else.

There is no reason the Members should worry about this issue. You both have interests in these ventures so leave the administrative matters aside and comment on the Supplementary Appropriation.

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe that the clarification by the Government is transparent. Member for Sagaga le Usoga, it is clear and the concern has also been clarified. Leave the matter with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labor and comment directly on the Supplementary Appropriation.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I mention this because it is insider trader. The lawyer representing these men is the Chairperson of the Electric Power Corporation and I can prove this. But they have...

**MR SPEAKER:** I again advise the Member for Sagaga le Usoga. You have mentioned the Asian investors and now you mention the lawyer. This issue breaches our Standing Orders. The Hon Prime Minister has advised on the situation as have I. There are processes and the Orders provide for those unable to respond to this insider trading you mentioned. I recommend that the matter be left alone and proceed to...

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** Mr Speaker a point of order.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency of the Member for Gagaemauga No. 2 the decision is final. The Member for Sagaga le Usoga will move away from the matter and proceed with our Meeting.

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** I beg you Mr Speaker because the matter mentioned by the Member is very serious.

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**MR SPEAKER:** I apologize Member for Gagaemauga No. 2. Member for Sagaga le Usoga move away from the matter.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** I was unaware that the Member for Gagaemauga No. 2 was also involved in the Company.

**MR SPEAKER:** I will finalize the matter. Move away from this issue Member for Sagaga le Usoga.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** Thank you. I will talk about insider trading then. This is using information obtained from within a company to make a proposal. Foreigners do not come with their proposal. One of these men produces boxes for footwear and the other is in investment or is a consultant or something of the kind.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Leader of Opposition to stand.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** A point of clarification Mr Speaker. I am patient and am listening intently to the Member with his snide and arrogant comments. Your remarks were stopped but you are still continuing. It is no wonder you are having trouble with the law it is because of your arrogance and egoism.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance of the Leader of Opposition. As I mentioned before, this is my final warning to the Member. Insider trading is part of your previous comments. You see I am trying to guide our proceedings so move away from the matter.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** Leader of Opposition, you are the only one in this House who is arrogant because you are dishonest. If you were a smart person, you would ask your Members to step down.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** See this disrespectfulness being shown? You do not instruct me. You are at fault and you are still being arrogant. This matter has ended in you having to answer to the law, you should resign.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Leader of Opposition is commenting honorable Member.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** No one but you should step down.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Comment on the Supplementary Appropriation Member for Sagaga le Usoga. We are slowly being steered away from our Meeting. I have advised you.

I give the opportunity to the Member for Faleata West.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, our Meetings are exquisite when conducted with respect for one other. Samoa is listening in so when you make your speech, speak with substance and for yourself, not generally because all the Members are listening.

We are being patient but do not blame others when you find yourself backed into a corner. Self assess and have respect and present yourself with humility because we are reciprocating the same. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your speech is noted. Member for Sagaga le Usoga do not be offended by the Members remarks.

I call on the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, this is why I stood to advise the Member. It is not that the issue is insignificant but I feel this is not the place or time. We are deliberating on the Supplementary Appropriation and there is no connection between the two. You do not have a matter you want to discuss and then just raise it when we are already deliberating another matter. There are many ways to address the matter but this is not the appropriate place.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member to continue with your speech. I believe the remarks and recommendations made are sufficient and your moving away from the issue will reflect your acknowledgment of the Chair and the decision that was made. Continue you have five more minutes.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** I apologize Mr Speaker for the remarks made this morning and the issue put forward.

My thoughts evade me as we were commenting on general matters after we expressed gratitude for the Supplementary Appropriation. I believe that I will use our remaining minutes to comment on other matters.

I wish to touch on the media. We support the television and newspaper services but our only request is that it is balanced. If they decide to broadcast about a Corporation then they should publicize both sides, always there are two sides to an issue, and there should be balance. Many times when we are involved, there is only one side in the newspaper articles. When I see these newspaper people, they are also loud drunkards. Who then reports when their children are involved in drugs? Who reports when they run into electricity poles and cause streetlight outages? These are some of the serious situations.

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Who will report the newspaper people when they abuse their spouses or does the Samoa Victim Support Group know of this abuse? The request to the media is to have balanced reporting then there will be understanding because it is currently one sided. If it is balanced there will be no criticism.

I then come to the matter of transparency. As I mentioned before, with respect to the House, we are all aware of the matter involving the Member for Aana Alofi No. 3 and the Member for Gagaemauga No.2 and the Leader of Opposition has not called for them to step down. However when it happens to this side then they call for us to step down. We are being patient and sympathetic of the two Members and pray for a successful outcome for the Member for Aana Alofi No. 3...

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** Point of order Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** You may stand Member for Gagaemauga No. 2.

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** There is a difference. The Leader of Opposition is absolutely correct. We are not Ministers we are Members. The Leader of Opposition is not asking to step down as a Member but from the Ministerial role. That is the fact. We are only ordinary Members.

**MR SPEAKER:** Or should a Shadow Minister step down?

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Because I was mentioned.

**MR SPEAKER:** I will allow the opportunity to the Leader of Opposition.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** I am not asking to step down as a Member. What you should understand is that the Member is elected by the constituency. But for the official Government designations, that is what we mean and you keep on persisting on the issue. Those who overturn stones will get bitten by centipedes.

**MR SPEAKER:** It is understood Leader of Opposition. I call on the Member for Sagaga le Usoga.

I will instead give it to the Deputy Prime Minister.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo (Deputy Prime Minister):** Mr Speaker the Leader of Opposition has mentioned that matter which I assumed would not be mentioned again. It has been broadcast day after day on the media. Stepping down is not the matter but it is the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2013/2014 which means it is for our economy and it is significant.



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I watched the press conference on television of the Leader of Opposition and the Professor that I do not see here and they stated that the cost of living was too high and they stated ways to reduce costs of products.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker, this matter is prolonging the Meeting and it is before the Courts.

**MR SPEAKER:** Let the Deputy Prime Minister explain.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** He should consult with his Associate Minister.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo:** I ask the Leader of Opposition if he steps down will it decrease the price of a tinned herring, sack of rice, sugar or flour? No, so what is the point. See how shallow your thoughts are. There are more serious issues to discuss in the Appropriation and all you mention is stepping down. Will a Government fall if Fonotoe steps down? Of course not. We all watched the press conference with just the two of them and they said that my pain is the pain of the Hon Prime Minister and theirs as well. See such lies being made to the country. They are full of happiness and all I hear is “he deserves it”. They go on television and broadcast these lies when you never hear them say they are in pain from the court cases for the Member of Gagaemauga No. 2 or Aana Alofi No.2. We have to wait for the decisions pending but as I said, the penalty may be a fine of \$200. What about the penalty in the villages, it would be \$500 or \$1,000. Mr Speaker these comments are baseless.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Deputy Prime Minister for your views...

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo:** I conclude by thanking the Hon Prime Minister. Even though I am being charged I still thank the Hon Prime Minister because he allowed you to complete your Parliamentary Term as a Minister and you were not charged when you should have been.

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

**MR SPEAKER:** I give you the floor but keep it short.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** We are not connected to this, they are but I do not know what other serious matters there are? Be seated I am speaking.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** I understand now. Who do you think you are?

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**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker did not allow you to stand.

**Tofa Hon Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo:** Mr Speaker a point of order. I did not say there were more serious matters but I was referring to the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2013/2014. History shows that the only way to change a Government is through the economy and that is what should be focused on not stepping down.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I beg tolerance of the Leader of Opposition I understand your view. There is nothing serious about the comments of the Deputy Prime Minister. I only gave the opportunity because the relationship between you both seemed to be straining. You were on such good terms and yet there is still anger between you. The Word of God says, “Let not the sun go down upon your wrath”. We had a seminar and you were on good terms but you left the Deputy Prime Minister there. Do not be angered.

**Afioga Hon Palusalue Faapo II:** Mr Speaker a point of order. I am not angered by that. I am grateful that I left and he stayed there. He is not angered with my mention to step down but I am only speaking about the position of Deputy Prime Minister. The Deputy Prime Minister is my good friend but being friends should not be a reason not to do the right thing.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your point is noted. The matter is finalized. Why do you have to breach our Meeting. I have tried but you still persist – the comments made were serious because the country is listening in as to where exactly the matter lies when it is before the courts. I have also mentioned the provisions regarding this matter.

I call on the Member for Sagaga le Usoga to conclude your speech your time is done.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** Mr Speaker, the Leader of Opposition is also my friend and I was surprised at his bewilderment this morning. The only matter I stated was for balance.

**MR SPEAKER:** Your time is up.

**Afioga MUAGUTUTAGATA FAAMAUSILI AUIMATAGI PETER AH HIM:** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I also thank my constituency and Samoa listening in. God bless this Meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for your speech. I believe our deliberations are important to clarify some matters. The Chair will make a recommendation. I have observed but I feel that our Meeting Orders are not being followed.

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The opportunity to comment generally on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014 should not be abused. The opportunity is being given because of our respect but I beg tolerance of the honorable Members to comment on the successful development of our nation but leave other matters aside as there are already processes in place. The Hon Prime Minister also mentioned administrative processes and operations. The law is there if there are serious matters. I beseech the Members that have not taken the floor to comment on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014 now before the House.

The House is open for a Member that wishes to speak. The Member for Anoamaa East is upstanding. I give the opportunity.

**Tofa ALO FULIFULI TAVEUVEU (Anoamaa East):** I first greet the dignity of the House. Mr Speaker and the esteemed House; Hon Prime Minister, Ministers, Leader of Opposition and all the Members of the House. There are different views raised but there has not been any benefit for the country listening in.

I wish to use this time to thank my constituency of Anoamaa East for your patience and support for your Member. I wish you all a Happy New Year.

I acknowledge the support of His Highness, O le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, Member of the Council of Deputies and your good Lady as well as the country and the servants of the Lord praying continuously for our success.

I express gratitude for the Supplementary Appropriation this year. I thank the Hon Minister and the Ministry because there are many important aspects in it. Not only for the funds but also the grants which I have no doubt was from hard work and your foresight and good financial administration.

This indicates good financial security because money benefits a country. The good operations of your proposed work is reflected thus the substantial assistance from the Asia Development Bank.

Gratitude is expressed to our Government partners investing in our country and now we have assistance to our Supplementary Appropriation. Special recognition to our Parliamentary Term. Two years have passed of this term and there is two and a half more years to go and our constituency has made requests for improvements since the beginning and we are still waiting for assistance. I therefore direct my comments to the Hon Minister responsible for works.

I wish to thank the Hon Minister for some of the improvements to this constituency. Last year during the deliberation of our Appropriation, I made [requests for our constituency including the villages of Sauano, Saletele and Lalomauga](#) located far from the main road. It is now exceptional to look at it since the works to the roadsides were completed.

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I add to this request that the services be continued further as we prepare to play host and our country is beautified.

I also request of the Hon Minister for the access road at Falefa being proposed, there is also a school located in this village. This road is in very poor condition and I beseech the Hon Minister to consider upgrade works to this road for our children.

Gratitude is also expressed as I hear that the Electric Power Corporation is continuing to connect the electricity within the access roads on both sides. I ask the Hon Minister to consider the request put forward for improvements.

To the Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, I am sure you are aware of the situation at Lalomauga and its river which almost floods the village but there has already been some destruction. Since Cyclone Evan and the subsequent heavy rainfall, there has been much devastation. I hope that the request is before the Hon Minister and the Ministry to improve this situation. I again put forward a request for the seawall at Falefa which I mentioned in my maiden speech. The village prepared during the previous Ministers term for the construction of this seawall. Till today, Falefa is still waiting and there may be a tsunami again and our village will be affected. I believe that the request is before you for any assistance towards this village.

Those are some requests to the Hon Minister and the Cabinet. I reiterate the request for the village of Lalomauga Hon Minister of Finance which, as you know, has been devastated by flooding. The river flow has become eccentric and its overflowing affects routes taken by the farmers to their plantations. Hon Minister, you have witnessed the problems faced by this village so that counter measures can be made to allow the villagers to cross the river easily especially when the flow is strong.

Those are some reminders on behalf of the constituency, God bless the work of this Parliament. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Member for Anoamaa East. I believe the Government has heard your requests.

There is an opportunity for a Member that wishes to speak. I call on one of the Members for Vaimauga West, Tofa Lenatai Victor Faafoi Tamapua, the floor is open.

**Tofa LENATAI VICTOR FAAFOI TAMAPUA (Vaimauga West):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I greet the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet, the Leader of Opposition and the Deputy Leader as well as all the Members of Parliament. I acknowledge also the Heads of Ministries and Corporations present with us this morning.

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I also greet the country listening in especially to my constituency of Vaimauga West. I greet you all in good health and strength bestowed by our Heavenly Father. Mr Speaker I will be brief with some comments of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014. Gratitude is expressed towards the Hon Minister of Finance and the Ministry for the preparation of the Bill. I thank the Government for the salary realignment as well as the addition to the pension.

I take this opportunity to comment generally on some of the requests of my constituency without too much detail as written requests have already been forwarded to the Hon Minister. I mention improvement to the seawall at Vaiala to Taumeasina and Moataa, upgrade to the access road from Vaivase Uta to Magiagi, also to the reservoir at Magiagi, the primary school at Moataa, a walkway for the mangrove at Moataa, the road at Faatoia and Vaivase Uta and a road accessible by vehicle at Ueligitone in Magiagi.

There is an additional request this morning Mr Speaker after an incident last night. The four corners at the top of the Lelata hill leading to Magiagi and Vaivase Uta near the Magiagi cemetery is named by my children as the danger zone. Not only because of the screeching tyres heard there from morning to evening but since September last year to last night, our brick fence has been crashed into three times. The intersection coming from Samoa College to the top of the hill is a risky turn and there are only two options for the driver to turn and go down the hill or drive straight into our brick fence and they usually opt for the latter. I therefore request with all due respect to the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for a safety plan for this area especially the pedestrians. Perhaps a hump in front of the Seventh Day Adventist church to indicate to drivers to slow down as they near the stop sign because some drivers do not pay attention to the signage.

The concern Mr Speaker is safety. That concludes my remarks. To my constituency of Vaimauga West, thank you for your support and may our Heavenly Father look kindly on our journey this year, thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I believe the Hon Minister has heard your concern on the incident last night. It is agreeable that Members are aware of situations that occur and report it, thank you.

The floor is open, I give it to one of the Members for Sagaga le Falefa.

**Afioga TUISA TASI PATEA (Sagaga le Falefa):** Thank you Mr Speaker. I did not plan on commenting as this is my Ministry.

I humbly greet the dignity of the House; Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and all the Members. I also greet the Heads of Government entities.

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I acknowledge the three arms of the State; His Highness O le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, Member of the Council of Deputies and your good Lady, the Chief Justice and the Judiciary. I cannot forget the support of the country silently praying for us and our duties to ensure the success of Samoa. To the elderly, the chiefs and orators down to the young, I greet you all as we begin this New Year, thank you for your support.

I also make mention of the Holy Servants of our Lord in the various villages for lifting up your praises continuously for the benefit of Samoa. I believe that there are limited funds but looking at this Supplementary Appropriation, the love of the Lord for Samoa is evident. Why? Because of the Servants of the Gospel uplifting our country day and night to the Lord. Thank you.

I use this opportunity to acknowledge my constituency dear to my heart. I salute you in all your honorific salutations and traditional setup; the dignity of Fogaa, Fuafua, Falesoa, Niuvai and Mataale.

I am grateful for your encouragement in the past year to now as we begin with the works for this year. I believe that I would not be able to do anything without your cooperation in developing the works within our villages.

The support of the Servants of our Lord within our constituency cannot be forgotten, Pastor Lu, thank you for your patience with your children. I also acknowledge the Servants within other congregations, thank you.

On the Supplementary Appropriation, I thank the Hon Minister and the Ministry for your hard work. I support the allocations mentioned.

Commenting on the works proposed for this year, I begin with the Hon Minister of Police, Prisons and Emergency Services. I applaud the efforts of the Assistant Commissioners. The country is aware of the situation with the Commissioner and the pending decision but I applaud the works during the festive season.

The adage ‘a sailor is not known when the sea is calm rather when there is a storm’ was realized with the operation of the Ministry during the festive season as there were no incidents or disasters except for a few incidents caused by negligence after the season.

To the Ministry of Health, I only express gratitude for the work beginning at Afega even though it is in Sagaga le Usoga, we are brothers and Sagaga le Falefa will also use these facilities.

On the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, I thank the Hon Minister. Even though there have been conflicts in regards to the Sagaga College, the provisions for this project is in place. This is important to our constituency as we also have students attending this college.

I thank the Hon Prime Minister for his remarks. It is true that there are disagreements on the lands therefore I beseech the village of Afega to sympathize and be of one mind in regards to this opportunity being offered for the benefit of our villages, constituencies as well as the upcoming generation. Take heed of the opportunity lest it is wasted.

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Susuga Fata and Maulolo, sympathize so that this matter can be negotiated and solved with peace enabling the implementation of the works within the constituency namely Sagaga College and the hospital.

To the Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration, I believe that you have heard comments and speeches in past Meetings regarding this matter. In my view, it is important that other lawyers play a part in the proceedings within the Lands and Titles Court, the matters touch on our family treasures. I feel that we are taking lightly to these cases. As we heard from one of the Lady Members, there are genealogies that are incorrect and I believe that this will safeguard from these issues. However I thank the CEO for the exceptional work within the Ministry as was witnessed during our visit.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, I make additional comments to those made in regards to taro. In New Zealand and Australia, only our people are buying our taro. I thank the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Prime Minister and the Hon Minister for the programs they attended and have clarified thus it is understood. I feel we need to keep knocking especially with our people in Samoa that sell taro. There is the National Council of Churches as well as other congregations that hold annual conferences on island most come from New Zealand and Australia and there should be a working committee to look at marketing strategies for our taro. That is the recommendation.

Hon Minister of Health, Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture as well as the Minister responsible for Tourism, there is one matter which perhaps involves other Ministries even the Ministry of Police. Customer service is critical and is a trait that should be taught in schools, our culture and expanded in other industries. There is a lack of customer services within the Ministries I mentioned and it should be improved not only for the tourists but for customers seeking assistance in the Ministries. As was mentioned by some Members, respectful relations should be combined with our Christian values.

**MR SPEAKER:** You have 5 minutes remaining.

**Afioga TUISA TASI PATEA:** To conclude I thank the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the completed work to the Levi road. As you may know, there are a few roads that need upgrade. I begin with the road in Utumoa and Aeale. There are many residents that attend the Methodist and AOG churches that use this road as well as other congregations. The negotiations of the work would be agreeable if it reached Tafaigata.

The sub village of Alamutu, Lotosoa, Nonoa, Utualii and Tufulele also needs upgrade and tarsealing. Saleimoa Uta also needs upgrade works as you are aware, the area is being settled with new sub-divisions. If it connected to Lotosoa it would be easier for the villagers to travel.

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I thank the Hon Minister for the water at Falelauniu especially the Hon Prime Minister and everyone that was involved in this project. The water is now available however there are families that have not been connected and I plead on their behalf.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg leniency of the Member, the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure will respond.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala:** Mr Speaker, the connection of the Falelauniu water supply is dependent on requests put forward from the individual families. On the day the water was opened, there were 20 families. A request has to be made to the Samoa Water Authority. We also have a scheme for cheaper connection fees. The connection cannot be made without a request made to the Authority with all due respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I thank the Hon Minister for the clarification. I believe there are many incentives for the fees. Water was requested by the village and it is available but the proper processes should be followed. Contact Afioga Moefaaau to connect your water.

Please stand Member for Sagaga le Falefa to continue.

**Afioga TUISA TASI PATEA:** Thank you Hon Minister. To Tafaigata and Falelauniu you have heard the response. Approach Afioga Moefaaau and pay your fee, do not come here and pay it to a Member.

**MR SPEAKER:** I give the opportunity to the interjection by the Member for Faleata West.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker, I was listening to the Members speech and I was wondering if there has been a change to the Electoral Act where his electoral boundary has been moved inland but I am thankful for helping with my requests.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Member also has electors inland of Faleula. The Ministry has an incentive for the connection fee and Afioga Moefaaau should be approached. That is the clarification by the Hon Minister. Continue with your speech.

**Afioga TUISA TASI PATEA:** The electoral boundaries are clear. I now conclude. Thank you Mr Speaker. May God bless this House as well as the Heads of Departments. May His love also be upon Samoa. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for the comments and recommendations.



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The floor is open before we break for recess at 1pm. I call on the Member for Aiga i le Tai.

**Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI (Aiga i le Tai):** Mr Speaker, thank you. I greet the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet. To that side, Leader of Opposition and the Members of that side as well as all the Members of Parliament. I acknowledge the Clerk and the Office as well as the CEOs of all the Government entities.

Gratitude is conveyed to the support of His Highness O le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, Member of the Council of Deputies and his good Lady as well as the Chief Justice and the Judiciary.

I cannot forget the support of the church leaders within the various denominations. I also acknowledge and greet my constituency in all its honorific salutations.

I now come to the Hon Minister of Finance; I applaud your efforts as well as the Supplementary Appropriation despite the limited finances. I will comment on a trip I took but before that I will comment on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014 which this constituency supports.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, these are reminders as the requests are already with you. There is no use of having electricity when there is no water; water for the new settlement area at Mulifanua, the 200acres which was given is rife with plantations. As I mentioned, the move inland is due to natural disasters like a tsunami and there should be water and electricity available. Manono tai also needs water, if the CEO is present, I request for a visit to Manono tai which is laid with pipes but there is no water. Mulifanua, Apolima, Tausani and Olomanu are the locations of all the Government water caps. The Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment understands this and correct me if I am wrong, there are seven water pumps but priority should be given to Manono Tai because it is isolated. Apolima has water and I know the Hon Minister of Finance and the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development are aware that the water from Manono was stolen by a spirit and taken to Apolima. I beseech the Hon Minister in this regard.

As for access roads, I know Savaii and the rural areas are finished and the works will soon progress for Mulifanua and Falelatai. Our constituency collaborates closely with Falelatai and Samatau and in the middle Aana is located therefore there are three constituencies and I plead for our roads. The road leading to the school for Mulifanua, the road for the school at Satuimalufilufi which includes Aana, the road at Apolima which includes Falelatai and Samatau and the entire constituency. I leave it at that and I know works are in progress.

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Hon Minister, I put forward a request for the Mulifanua wharf. Some Members mentioned the access road at the wharf where the cars queue for the ferry to Savaii. It is a one way road and the concern is in case there is an accident especially during the busy seasons such as public holidays.

To the Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, thank you for responding to this constituency's request. I assumed that all seawall requests were to LTA however they only deal with the roadsides but for protection of the residents from the sea, this is under your portfolio. I pray for the coastal area from the Mulifanua wharf to Salua and Falelatai and Samatau. As for the land, we are grateful.

At my nearest available time I will consult with you. As one Member mentioned, perhaps we can pay lease on the lands to work.

To the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture; I thank the Hon Minister for the prompt response for a field at the Mulifanua school. For general understanding, we have not used 4 acres of the land but it is given to make up the 10 acres already paid to lease to MNRE or the Estate as per your response. Falelatai to Mulifanua, which also includes Satuimalufilufi use this field for their sports because it is flat and if it is further upgraded, it would be exceptional. There are no usage fees for our field for athletics, rugby, soccer and English cricket.

Hon Minister of Health, thank you for notifying us on the status of the hospital at Aana Alofi situated in Faleolo. We were all at the opening and we note that it will be staffed in March by the Leulumoega staff while renovations are being done to the Leulumoega hospital. Thank you Hon Minister.

I beseech the Hon Prime Minister for one gate to the access road at Manono for tourists to walk around the island as all the sites are on the coast such as Palesoo. There is machinery owned by Uliia if it could be used to excavate a road around the island and it does not have to be tarred. That is the humble request and I know it also involves MNRE and...

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I always visit Manono and if they needed a road they would have marched in protest. Perhaps you should ask Manono first because it is a simple request which would only take a day but for 50 years I have not seen a record of such a request. If it is needed the chiefs and orators may approach in case you request and they oppose it when the machinery arrives.

**MR SPEAKER:** Continue Member.

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**Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI:** Thank you Hon Prime Minister. Perhaps tomorrow they will visit you but for now I will consult with them.

I will now make a minor commentary on a trip which I attended with the Hon Prime Minister to England before Christmas...

**MR SPEAKER:** We have come to our normal recess hour and will continue when we return at 3pm. That will be your opportunity to call the chiefs and orators to come today because the Hon Prime Minister is travelling tomorrow.

We will proceed to our break but before that I make known our usual prayer meetings every Wednesdays conducted by Ministries. We complete our work today at 7pm and the Ministry of Police is preparing to hold our prayer meeting this evening and I invite you all to join, I make it known now so that your evening plans can be made. We start this year with our prayer meetings and our fasting.

I announce that our proceedings will be suspended until 3pm.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were suspended at 1.00pm until 3.00pm.*

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly resumed at 3.00pm.*

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*Debate resumed.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe we have returned in health this afternoon with the 2 hours as ample time to rest. I apologize as the Office did not prepare a meal during the break.

I thank the Members for your arrival at the time stipulated to begin. Before our recess, the Member for Aiga i le Tai was concluding his remarks with a commentary on a trip.

**Susuga IFOPO MATIA FILISI:** This short story is related to this Bill in deliberation.

The trip ended in a meeting in Belgium which was chaired by the Hon Prime Minister. I note that of the 70 countries in attendance, approximately 30 had arrears in their Budgets and so the debate began.

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They requested for the arrears to be withdrawn but the Hon Prime Minister hit his gavel and rejected the proposal and said arrears should be paid in full before a new loan is made. I mention this because this is also my advice to the Ministries.

They should strive to achieve their targets or goals like what SOEs attempt at with VAGST paid because it helps the Hon Minister.

That is the comment and I reiterate the support of Aiga i le Tai for the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2013/2014. I commend the Cabinet Ministers and I pardon any offensive comments.

Mr Speaker, as for the conflicting debates this morning, I am a new Member and I am cautious with my comments. However I believe it is your forgiving nature as well as your fellowship with the Divine Mercy that you are able to steer our proceedings. Thank you to my constituency and the country for your support and prayers. God bless this Meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** There is a saying in Aigaji le Tai that a man that bows till evening is doing so out of respect and that is the essence of the Chair.

Samoa, you are the judge of the work of the Chair which is not a simple task with trying to keep the calm and mediate the situation. The Member that does not obey the Chair also disobeys the dignity of Samoa. Although humorous, there will come a time but for now I am exercising patience and respecting the relationship we have because this House is the mirror for the future. The new Members should capture whatever good practices they see.

Other practices should be discarded. Whatever a person sows he will reap. The hammer will fall on the nails head.

The House is open to any Member that wishes to speak. The Cabinet is all present and perhaps the Government will proceed with their response. I call on the Deputy Speaker for your speech.

**Tofa AGAFILI PATISELA ETEUATI TOLOVAA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I had the opportunity this morning to greet the House and the country so I will not readdress this but I will comment on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014.

I beseech the support of my constituency as I attempt to comment on the Bill.

This is one constituency that has many requests made on a statement that if one road was constructed so will all of them. I am grateful for the Bill. The Hon Prime Minister mentioned during his speech opening one of the roads that we should live within our means and four roads for one village cannot be done at once. Our constituency is now clear with the progress of the Governments work.

Thank you Hon Minister of Finance for the Bill. Perhaps you recall my maiden speech where I compared Palauli West to Palauli le Falefa but now it seems Palauli West is similar to Salega and how it has developed.

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Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, I am grateful as I read in the newspaper that Monday 27 in the upcoming week is the end date for submission of tenders for the seawall at Siutu. This work has been requested for a long time now and I leave it with the Government.

I am grateful to the Hon Minister of Health for the hospital at Foalalo. Some buildings have been completed and now they are heading to complete the doctors quarters. My constituency is listening in and perhaps after these facilities are upgraded then a permanent doctor will be made available.

Hon Minister, the only matter I wish to touch on at the Motootua hospital is the pharmacy. In the past, there was only one window for medication to be dispensed. But now, there are three windows. It is not a criticism but it does take a long time to wait. Also, if a person does not watch his step during heavy rain, he can slip and fall on the slippery floor.

I accept the decision of the Ministry for my treatment and the only request is that the arrival of the special team in March is confirmed.

Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the China project in our constituency is progressing. There is coconut and cocoa but the only weakness is that the people do not have interest in interplanting cocoa with taro. Perhaps if the Ministry's awareness programs continue, then more people will be interested. The Ministry is continuing their work with lots of cocoa and taro being sown.

Hon Minister of Police and Prisons, I take my hat off to you for your consideration of our constituency.

Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, a dream has been realized with the Secondary School Exams being localized. This is the first year and if there are issues, they can be improved but I am thankful for this initiative. There are also major changes now with school beginning on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the students should go straight into school work and not clean the rooms and cut grass, these are the signs of progress.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, thank you for the road. The Hon Prime Minister and the Government will witness this next week when some of the roads in Savaii will be opened. There is still an issue with Savaii travel with limited number of buses waiting for the ferry of the passengers especially the 2.00pm ferry. I witnessed this on my trip to Savaii last week and the week before. Last week on January 7<sup>th</sup>, the 2.00pm ferry came with more than 600 passengers but there were only 2 buses. It was lucky that the Police were there to help allocate the passengers to the buses. I had to return to pick up my family that were left at the Mulifanua wharf because there were not enough buses. There are more than 10 buses licensed to service the ferry but there are only 3 to 5 buses for 500 passengers.

I beseech the Hon Minister to consider this matter. If the bus is licensed to travel it should be used to serve the country. If I wait for the 2.00pm ferry and it travels for an hour then I come and wait another 2 hours for transport, this is not easy for us.

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I mentioned heavy duty lorries in my speech on the Appropriation last year. If you travel the road in the afternoon, a lorry hauling a truckload of dirt would reach a stop light and by that time it would have spilled half of its contents. I advised the Hon Minister at that time to consider a standard weight. I spoke with a Police Officer and they are aware of this 10 tyre lorry that is unlicensed. I also asked the Hon Minister to contemplate a set time for these lorries to operate in the mornings and evenings. Schools will commence on the 27<sup>th</sup> and it would be a disruption to traffic between 7.00am to 9.00am. These are heavy duty lorries and trucks transporting containers; they do not have any tail lights to indicate their stops or turns which are very sudden. This is just a humble request.

Those are the only requests Mr Speaker for the Hon Minister. I thank the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development that there are additional funds for the independent water scheme. For the information of the Hon Minister, I went last week to pay our \$200 subscription and I was told that there was another \$200 to pay. The cashier clarified that the additional \$200 was a result of a decision of the Committee to add \$1 per dollar for drilling and because ours cost \$200, it is another \$200. I ask that you inquire as to what this extra cost to the annual subscription.

God bless our Meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you for your input Deputy Speaker.  
I call on the Member for Vaa o Fonoti.

**Afioga TIALAVEA FEA TIONISIO SEIGAFOLAVA (Vaa o Fonoti):**  
Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity to comment on the Supplementary Appropriation.

I humbly greet the Hon Prime Minister and Cabinet, Leader of Opposition and Deputy Leader, Associate Ministers and all the Members of Parliament. I acknowledge the presence of the CEOs of the various Government Ministries and Corporations as well as the country listening in.

This constituency supports the Bill through the Finance and Expenditure Committee and I believe that it is complete. However there are requests by my constituency to the Hon Minister.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I am grateful for the completed construction of the road connecting Lona to Samamea. Since 1962, all the Members that have been in this seat believe this road to be a Main Road and not an access road. This same road was requested by the Hon Minister of Health when he took this seat. I am envious of those who have had 3 completely tarred roads. As for my constituency, Fagaloa road has not been tarred and there is only one access road which also has not been upgraded. The plea to the Hon Minister by way of the Chair, I understand there are limited funds but I place the road from Taelefaga in Musumusu to Samamea and Uafato with you.

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If only 1km of the road was excavated each year to level the road making it easily travelled because it is in a badly deteriorated condition. I visited last week and the road is only accessible by 4wheel drives.

I thank the CEO of LTA by way of the Hon Minister for the quick response of the machinery to the eroded road at Fagalao. In Faleapuna, as I stated there is only one access road, and it leads to the Samoa Water Authority water pump, the condition is very poor. If assistance is received this year, I am grateful. That is a reminder for your consideration.

Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, thank you for the seawall at Faleapuna. The only request is for an inspection because the works have ended but there are still problems with the sea wall such as erosion of approximately 20 meters of the wall.

To the Hon Minister of Health, the Finance and Expenditure Committee visited the hospital and the exceptional state of the facilities was noted. I am grateful for the increase which is always difficult to accept but it ensures stability and continuous proficiency of the service. Without funds, the service will be poor. I believe that the maintenance, which is an important for large scale buildings, will be costly. An annual maintenance program should be devised. As for the operations, I visited the hospital on Sunday and the waiting time was 45 minutes. I know this time has reduced significantly because it used to be 2 hours.

I come now to the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development. Lona requested an independent water source which is planned to be used by our school. I reiterate the request for school will resume next week. If our assistance is needed please let us know so that this is implemented soon for our school children.

Hon Minister of Finance, I firmly believe that our economy is being managed well will the assistance recently of \$22million from Asia Development Bank. Such grants cannot be offered unless our financial management systems are trusted.

God willing we will receive more such assistance to our Budget because we do not have minerals and without tourism and remittances we would not be able to implement our proposed projects. Our economic status has graduated to a developing country and I believe it is because of the wise allocation of foreign aid and debt payments therefore I thank the Ministry for providing responses to queries made by those offering assistance.

To the Hon Minister of Police, Prisons, Fire and Emergency Services who I work closely with, thank you for your participation in our work. The same goes to the ACEOs currently acting in the absence of the Commissioners. Thank you for your effective duties during Christmas and the festive season. I believe much of our work is dependent on our close collaboration. With the carrying out of the duties, I believe it speaks to the leadership abilities of the Ministry and I convey my sincere gratitude for your united efforts for a well ended festive season.

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The Committee visited the Tafaigata prison and I am grateful for the appropriated \$120,000. The prison occupancy rate is increasing as was witnessed during our visits, 18 new inmates were brought in and none were being released. This \$120,000 will be used to build Samoan houses for some inmates because some are currently sleeping in the cafeteria area because of the crowded cells. Thank you again. Perhaps the works will begin after the Supplementary Appropriation is passed.

The Oloamanu Juvenile Centre has 60 inmates under 21 years of age, 50% of them are imprisoned for murder and there are only 4 police officers. I beseech the Hon Minister to consider more Officers for Oloamanu as well as Police quarters. At the moment they sleep in the Office and they say that they serve to uphold their oaths but they are dismayed at the state of the resting area.

Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology, the Tui Atua Faanofonofu, my neighbor, has mentioned our television transmission and it is difficult because the Government does not offer the service however perhaps there is a proposal for the licenses. Thank you Hon Prime Minister. We should bring in more television stations so there is full coverage for our country to watch Manu Samoa play.

Hon Minister responsible for the Tourism Authority, thank you for the assistance provided to the hotels. The good reputation of our country will be exceeded with the different types of hotels and their clientele with different preferences. Some enjoy the beaches and others visit for conferences and stay in town. I applaud the Hon Minister because it is not an easy task and your decisions result in the success of our country and are to satisfy tourists.

Mr Speaker, those are some of the needs for our constituency as well as recommendations for the Government. As for other Ministries not mentioned, I express gratitude for their work. Do not be easily discouraged but trust in the Lord and the Divine Mercy. May charity be first and foremost in the delivery of your services.

God bless Mr Speaker and the House. Soifua.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Member for Vaa o Fonoti for your speech and the reminders and recommendations.

Member for Palauli, this is your opportunity and then the floor will be given to the Tautua Samoa whip.

**Afioga AFOAFOUVALE JOHN MOORS (Palauli):** Palauli is equivalent to the entire Pule and it is fitting that we end the comments of this side.

With all due respect I greet the Chair, the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet and Associate Ministers. Also to the Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader and that side of the House. In addition, I greet the CEOs present and the Clerk and Office.



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I acknowledge His Highness O le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, Member for the Council of Deputies and your good Lady not forgetting the Holy workers that pray for the success of Samoa.

I humbly greet Samoa as well as my dear constituency of Palauli, Afio o Faasisina ma Sa Lilomaiaava, alaalatai Sa Faleletaua na potopoto, o Palauli ma lona Itu ma oe le Pule.

Mr Speaker, I do not have a speech, only an expression of gratitude to the Hon Minister, the CEO as well as the Ministry of Finance. We are close to passing the Supplementary Appropriation and it is this instance when I recall a statement by one famous American President when they were deliberating in Parliament. He said, "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer". Do not seek the HRPP answer or the Tautua answer, but the right answer. God bless you Mr Speaker, all the Members of the House and Samoa. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Member for Faleata West.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Pule has made their remarks, and now it is Lealailepules time. I assumed the Member would say not to seek a HRPP or Tautua answer but a divine answer for it is the Lord that has enabled this day and the strength that we possess, alleluia.

I greet the dignity of the House; Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Associate Ministers, this side of the House; Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader and all the Members present here at Tiafau. I acknowledge the presence of the public servants and Samoa listening in support. This is the only country where a prayer always includes blessings for Samoa and its Leaders whether it is in the day or night. This is why we are blessed.

I salute the support of His Highness O le Ao o le Malo and Samoa it all its honorific salutations especially to the Holy Servants of the Lord. I greet Faleata West and am grateful for your support. If there is anything you need, you have my email address and I will respond.

I express gratitude for all the work implemented in this year with specific mention of the Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure for the opening of the water at Falelauniu as well as the connection. God bless the CEO and the Ministry for the work which is for the entire country needing water supply.

Also the business community, the Governments dream for Vaitele has been realized. Thank you Hon Minister of Natural Resources and Environment and the decision to sell these lands because if they had not been sold, economic development would not have been rapid. The only matter that should be looked into is the maintenance because it ruins the beauty of the place. When the Vaiusu wharf is completed then everything will be in place. Perhaps it will be constructed soon if not in this Parliamentary Term but in the near future. This is an excellent future proposal by the Government.

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Hon Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, this is a fast growing constituency and there is land for another school for Nuu Fou and Falelauniu because there is only one school. The request has been forwarded to the Chinese Government for assistance to the roads. There are not many left to be upgraded. Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I leave that with you for your kind consideration when allocating.

I now come to the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014 and it is difficult to comment because I am also in the Finance and Expenditure Committee and I understand the allocations. I am grateful for the Bill and we have consulted and shared which would not be possible if the works could not be implemented due to lack of funds.

The bulk of the funds are for the conference we will be hosting. Hosting by Samoa is made easy because of our good reputation which has been broadcast and when the day comes, it will be a test of leadership. We have erected large buildings which is the norm for hosting such events but we should be focusing on the minor aspects in the town area.

Last week in Apia, I walked on the seawall and I saw the overgrown weeds on the footpath beginning from the Tourism Fale. The streetlights were not working. Which Ministry is responsible for these? These are also important and we should not wait until we host an event, it should be usual maintenance.

Also a major concern is the drainage. Some do not have covers and caused injury to a lady that came for a holiday and she spent the entire time here with crutches. She tripped walking on the footpath not seeing that there was no cover. These are the minor details that are significant and should be looked at and there should be a responsible Ministry. Yesterday you heard a Member mention zero carbon emission but the Hon Minister responded that it is emission utility. These are what the participants to this environmental themed conference will prioritize. The Government has planned for the Conference but if it were me, I would bring them here so they can feel the heat and how hot it is because of their actions. Samoan fales will be built with mosquito nets for them to sleep. Many of the participants have experience in these events and we should give priority to the back of the Government building which is in need of maintenance. The same is needed for the childrens playground and the field should have ice cream stands or stalls for the participants that would walk around this area. The intention is that the entire country is on board supporting this event. There should also be awareness programs to the community so they can prepare.

I now come to the Cyclone relief funds. It has been a year and other Members mentioned the same matter because the majority of the funds have not been dispensed. Thank God we have not been affected recently but the year is young. The reply from the Ministry is that they are exhausted with the conditions from the World Bank.

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I believe that there are emergency situations when the World Bank would quickly release the funds to be utilized. What then if another cyclone were to hit us and the funds have not been fully utilized? I advise the Ministry of Finance and other Ministries that are involved to consider strategies enabling the quick utilization of the funds. There is the Vaisigano area and there was also a speech mentioning the Tiavi road which was not constructed according to the required specifications but it was still constructed...

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, afternoon Meetings are always difficult because many are falling off to sleep with the monotones of the voices. In case we are led astray, there are many projects completed with these funds.

For peoples homes it was disbursed through the Samoa Housing Corporation also to some hotels. Also included are roads and the electricity. Recall that electricity was disconnected and that was another project. I mention this because there are only a few who are affected by this because of certain reasons. The farmers must submit a request for assistance first and they cannot be given assistance without it. The Hon Minister responsible has already responded to this matter. It must be clarified because it may seem that there is a large sum that has not been dispensed but much of the relief fund has been used.

Remember Cyclone Katrina? I think it has been 10 years since the cyclone hit and assistance has not reached all those affected and this is happening in the country that sent a man to the moon. They have weapons and are quick to respond to emergency situations but the cyclone was a domestic disaster and till now they cannot complete their programs.

The same goes for Christchurch with all the buildings that were destroyed, they are not near reconstruction. For us, the buildings destroyed during the tsunami have been reconstructed such as Saleapaga. They have moved inland which is better than where they were before.

Mr Speaker, I stand to clarify because there are some remarks that were a bit harsh. The reason for the difficulty with the World Bank is because they have assisted many countries and they misuse the funds. This is why there are conditions and the Ministry monitors all the requirements carefully before approval to implement. The Hon Minister has stated that the program will commence soon. I have replied to the Member because it is only a minor matter which has disregarded the significant work done.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Hon Prime Minister. I call on the Member to continue.

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**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you for the work that has been completed. I will comment on other matters. The flooding at Fugalei, Taufusi and the Pesega traffic lights was not as bad as it is now and I ask that it be investigated. For Fugalei and Taufusi, the new buildings recently established are safe being built on mounds...

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

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala:** I rise to comment as the matter mentioned is currently under survey. A tender was advertised for a contractor that can enable the flow of the water collected around there. The plans are in progress by the Ministry and Land Transport Authority.

As for the road at Tiavi, it was constructed in accordance with requirements. When an emergency situation is declared, tenders were called for and a Category A contractor was chosen categorized by their performance. We are grateful for the work. If you are asked to travel a mile and you go two miles or if you are asked for a shirt and you give more this is going the extra mile as was witnessed with the implementation of this work. With respect.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you Hon Minister. A Minister that works hard it a good thing especially when a request is put forward and they respond that they are ahead. As for Tiavi, I am not concerned at how it was built. The country can witness the excellent result. If emergency situations are declared then other roads can also be done instead of having to follow up every time.

For the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, looking at the new look of the Hon Minister, not only does he present himself as a Minister but also a scientist.

Hon Minister, thank you for the work, Samoa has consumed a variety of produce. If only there was a legislation that prohibits the importation of frozen meat like chicken and lamb for 6 months. We will be sustained by what is found locally, it would be exceptional. Before the blight affected our taro for almost 20 years now, we were healthy and strong. If only such an initiative could be done for a period of time, it would be very agreeable.

The coconut programs are proceedings well but the challenge at the moment is the copra and cocoa. These are the two products with sustainable markets. The only query is what is being done about the rhinoceros beetle. There have been reports from new coconut farmers affected by the beetle. Is there a future proposal to deal with this before we are deeply affected again? I believe that we seek answers elsewhere when we have the answers if we desire to increase our exports, create employment and decrease imports.

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Taro chips was mentioned. I attended an event last night by the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture at Matagofie and they had chips but it was potato chips. This is the problem with us. There is so much taro and banana and we still use the imports. Then when we pass legislations to prohibit these, it would cause criticism but we should promote our own produce. If not, we would return to the model which was done not long ago; the private sector partnership. The Government would establish a venture and then it is transferred to the private sector to run. Just this week, Vailima advertised the use of breadfruit for beer. Hopefully it will thrive to use this formula from SROS.

Hon Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, hopefully these value added goods will increase by using our local agricultural produces.

Mr Speaker I now mention broadband which I have mentioned before specifically the internet costs. Your response was that investigations were being carried out but I believe that there can never be negotiations. This is an additional cost to the work of the Government and each citizen. Please sympathize. The broadband costs \$40+million which is good but is there an internet component. One significant aspect of the system is the e-Government. If there is an internet component, who will manage it and is the Ministry prepared to manage such a system because it is not a simple feat. If a private company manages it, it would only be an additional cost to the Government and it would defeat the purpose of investing in this system. The Regulator mentioned that the reason costs could not be reduced was because SamoaTel controls the gateway so we should have our own gateway for our work if the costs cannot be decreased.

**MR SPEAKER:** You have 5 minutes.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** I come to the Ministry of Police, Prisons, Fire and Emergency Services. The Associate Minister has commented and I will be brief. Thank you for the good works and it is important that it is continued and that is the challenge. For Oloamanu, it is an important centre for the youth and those overseeing this centre should be considered. When we visited there, there was no phone, no wireless radio and the quarters for the police and the supervising officer should be contemplated. The law in regards to salary is that it should be rated against your work output. I leave it at that as the Associate Minister is also aware and you can converse with him. One matter that should be investigated is the matter regarding the land dispute between the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Ministry of Police. This should be settled soon because when we visited there, a vehicle went straight onto the Oloamanu land. The Ministry reported that there will be a time when the dispute will become elated and it still cannot be negotiated.

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Thank you to the Hon Minister of Health. My only personal concern is the overnight fees which have increased to \$30. Is there an initiative to handle it because after a week, the invoice would be \$150 or \$200 and a patient may not have that much money. The Hon Minister mentioned that it is the electricity that is costly. We queried the Ministry and they responded that there is a disagreement between the Electric Power Corporation and the Ministry regarding the rate. They are being charged a commercial rate but they should not be charged this rate because they are not a business.

They should be charged the normal rate so that the fees can be readjusted. That is a matter between the entities.

Also, perhaps consideration can be made to the model that was done for the Public Works in the past which has been frequently talked about within the Pacific because of its well operation. Perhaps it can be pursued again to partner with the private sector or private doctors and pay them \$150 per hour. I know that if Government subsidizes their fees then patients can go straight to them to be treated. This can alleviate the work of the Outpatient and they can concentrate on referrals and emergencies. It can be considered for the future.

As for the independent water scheme which was also costly. I thank the Hon Minister and the Ministry. We visited some of these sites but we did not reach the end. Is there a connection between the Samoa Water Authority and those managing the independent water because I assumed that the Authority controlled all water sources for consumption so that there is one body to monitor the consumption and distribution of the water. Visiting the villages, there were some water schemes not well managed but it is a costly project. What of the cases when they refuse to use the water already implemented then they will ask for the Government managed water.

Regarding the appropriation to PSC, I believe this applies not only to PSC but others in the public sector. The Government should seriously consider the fast growing public sector which is growing faster than the private sector. Almost every year there is a new Ministry or Commission contributing to this growth. The Government should consider whether they can sustain this growth with the costs to the Government because it is not easy nor is it cheap. Or perhaps some services can be absorbed by the private sector working in partnership...

**MR SPEAKER:** I give the opportunity to the interjection by the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** There is no difference between the comments made by this Member and another Member of that side. Again they recommend limiting the development but this cannot be done so that it is in tune with the private sector growth. There are Government policies which allow the release of other works to the private sector. It is not new.

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The Government is not dependent on the private sector and their growth. There is substantial assistance provided by the Government to the private sector and when the public sector grows the private sector will grow as well for instance to provide materials for Government projects.

The Government will take the lead in economic growth. If the Government waited on the private sector, they would take the lead and we would be in the stage of development we were in in 1990.

That is the fact Mr Speaker. The Governments developments cannot be detained until the private sector grows.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call on the Member your time is finished.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** I will move onto other matters. There is one final matter and I will move on.

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatonu:** Mr Speaker, I move a motion for there is only one matter to be mentioned if you deem it fit to...

**MR SPEAKER:** You do not need to move a motion. Thank you Saleaula. I call on the Member for Faleata West to continue.

**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you. I will continue. There was a statement that the costs of services increased because of electricity – just a recommendation because we always blame the increase on diesel perhaps we should investigate the loss of electricity. I went and did my investigation with the Ministry and the loss was 18% but the acceptable loss is 8% to 10%. This means that the loss is too high. Perhaps we can focus on this loss because this 8-10% loss, when converted is \$10million annually. Even for water, this is the same response from the Authority. There is sufficient water for all of Samoa if we found out the losses. If this was given priority, it would probably be the solution instead of blaming diesel...

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Hon Minister to respond to the matter and the Member will complete his remarks.

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala:** Mr Speaker, the losses mentioned by the Member, this is an ongoing work output and it is not investigated today and then completed instantly. There were many issues *within the villages with electricity connections done fraudulently* but there have been many changes. There is still more work to be done and it is a continuous effort. Also, the meters are imported. There are ongoing checks to ensure that the percentage is reduced as per the matter mentioned.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you.

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**Tofa LEALAILEPULE RIMONI AIAFI:** Thank you. Perhaps the Hon Minister has just confirmed the issue with cashpower which is one of the causes for this loss. If there are issues, perhaps there is a way to change the meters and return them because this is not a small loss.

Thank you for the opportunity Mr Speaker. A Samoan lives not only for himself but also others; the family and the village, the church and the country because that is the Samoan context. It is not who you are, it is who you represent. The Opposition gives advice, gratitude and encouragement as well as criticism. The Government implements and that is where the gist is.

Mr Speaker, may God bless you. Hon Prime Minister and that side, I bid you well on the work for this year. Deputy Prime Minister, the Leader of Opposition is mistaken, it is not step down, it is side step like in rugby where you side step and continue on.

Blessings be upon the Leader of Opposition and all the Members of Parliament. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I thank the whip for his speech. The House has heard your remarks. The Leader of Opposition should not be the cause of breeches when the Chair instructs but despite that, this is the nature of our sittings. Consultations involve giving and receiving so thank you for the reminder. We do not question the depth of the wisdom shared. We now come to the Deputy Leader of Opposition. This is your opportunity. The floor is open for your speech.

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA (Falealupo):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. It is with due respect that I stand with empathy for the Chair and I applaud you for your smooth guidance of our proceedings despite your being one and there being 48 of us. I commend you for your patience as it is not a simple task.

I greet the Parliament of Samoa; the Leader of the Government, Hon Prime Minister and your Cabinet, Leader of Opposition and this side of the House and all the Members. We are gathered here with the CEOs of the Government Ministries, the right hands of the Government tasked with implementing the work for the success of our country. I compliment your services, may your load be eased.

I also acknowledge the dignity of Samoa; His Highness O le Ao o le Malo and Masiofo, Member of the Council of Deputies and your good Lady. The grace of the Lord is never ending.

To my constituency dear to my heart, I greet you all in all your honorific salutations. Happy New Year. I acknowledge also the support of the Congregation and Reverend of Vini Fou, Susuga Fuifui Teevale and your good wife.



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Mr Speaker, I will end with comments on the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2013/2014 but I will begin by addressing each individual Ministry.

I begin with the Hon Minister of Education, Sport and Culture, a veteran in the field. First, I support the realignment of teachers salaries. Why? Because this is where the young grow and we need to retain teachers, especially for the sciences. Anybody has the will to work if the salary is reasonable. This is why I support this initiative for teachers to be well paid and continue in their further studies.

Second, are isolated areas like Savaii being acknowledged? The distance for teachers to travel is an inconvenience. If the bus does not reach the entire constituency the teacher will not attend. Is there an allowance for this? Not all the areas are isolated but I know that it is not only Falealupo that is affected by this.

Third, American Samoa is hiring our teachers. I will leave that with you as you may be aware of this. Everyone wishes to be where there is more money. This is why quality training is needed within 10 years.

Fourth, the College being proposed for Alataua and its name. It should be Vaisigano, Alataua, Falealupo.

Those are some views Hon Minister but I will reiterate my concern with our teachers being hired by Tutuila. I hear that they have come offering the whole package and not half packages.

I now come to the Hon Minister of Health. I request again for free consultations just to see the doctor. A patient becomes more ill just looking for money to see the doctor but perhaps these two aspects can be offered together; the right of the person and the obligations of the common which is the duty of any Government. There are different people. We are different from New Zealand. We are a developing country especially in the medical sector. This is my only request. Treatments and other services they should be paid for but consultations...

**Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama (Minister of Health):** Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Hon Minister of Health.

**Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama:** I rise Mr Speaker because I have already touched on the matter mentioned. Newborns to children 15 years of age have free consultation. The elderly beginning from the age of 65 upwards have free consultation. Within the ages of 16 to 64 which is approximately 42,000 of the population, there are expectant mothers making up 23% that also have free consultation. Also within this age range, there are those suffering from NCDs such as diabetes. Total of diabetes patients in Samoa is 23%.

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So there is approximately 40,000 people with free consultations for illnesses including hypertension, TB, leprosy, hepatitis, osteomyelitis, cancer, mental health, mental illness. An overview of the statistics from last year, 128,319 patients were treated at Motootua. 28,230 were under 15 years of age, 15,398 were above the age of 65 which equals 43,628. So Mr Speaker, from the patients seen at Motootua, from the 128,000...

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA:** Mr Speaker, the clarification is understood.

**Afioga Hon Tuitama Talalelei Tuitama:** There is less than 20% that pay consultation and most of the country is free. I have all the records if you wish to see then but if you want to hear them individually, I can spend another half hour reading them out.

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA:** Thank you it is understood.

**MR SPEAKER:** I ask the Hon Minister to leave it till the final response. The Members concern is clarified. Continue your speech.

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA:** Falealupo is only asking is for 5 minutes of free time. Not everyone you mentioned is free because they need treatment. Only 5 minutes subsidized by Government for consultation is requested but treatment is paid for.

Hon Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, I beg for our road inland of Falealupo which is 8 miles in length. It would be appropriate if you visited this road. I also put forward three access roads; 2 going inland to the mountain ranges and 1 running from the centre of the constituency inland of 8 miles in length. We support and only remind the Hon Minister of our request for our roads.

Hon Minister of Communication and Information Technology, in the beginning of January, there was heavy rainfall and there was absolutely no telephone connection. We called from Savaii to find out if there was going to be a cyclone but there was no form of communication; no radio, no television coverage. I plead Hon Minister, are we to carry on like this? I thought that we were advanced. Can the Government help the private companies to air...

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance Member, I give the floor to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** This Member Mr Speaker seldom travels to Savaii but I always go and I watch TV and the weather forecast is broadcast even on the road. Please stop lying.

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I also speak with the people and I ask them if you visit frequently and they replied in the negative. How can you report this when you do not visit Savaii. I advise you to go to Savaii and stop lying in Parliament.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member to continue.

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA:** My constituency is listening that I do not stay there. That is what you call an absurd lie.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Remember the Committees that you wanted dispersed; these are the Committees that meet and go on visits. They report back this information...if I do not go to Savaii, I seek the Committees advice. I attended an awareness program with the Leader of Opposition and I advised the Leader not to speak ill of the Committees because they advise the Government on the happenings within each constituency. It does not disregard my comments made Member for Falealupo. Not only do I visit Savaii but I also receive reports from the Committees.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. You may continue your speech.

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVAISEETA:** With respect Tui, do not bring our St Joseph connections in this. My constituency is listening in and there is no television coverage as a matter of fact for the entire area. The question is whether the Government can assist with a transformer because people cannot afford it. I thought that your motto was “What is good for Upolu is also good for Savaii” is this BS?

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** I have said many times that this Member loiters and is only heard at these times. You are not being withheld, that is your duty. How many times have you stated that you would visit me with your issues? Each time tea and pancakes are prepared but you do not show up. Why are you avoiding me?

**MR SPEAKER:** Our Proceedings will be set aside for its usual recess.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were set aside for its normal recess at 4.45pm and resumed at 5.23pm.*

**MR SPEAKER:** I commend you all for your patience at this hour of the day. I believe we have come to the last half of our work with strength to continue. We will soon reach our adjourning time.

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Before we went on a break the Deputy Leader of Opposition was addressing the House. I call on the Member to continue.

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA:** Thank you Mr Speaker. The House has been rejuvenated.

Before recess I was commenting on an important matter which the Hon Prime Minister disputes. There are witnesses in the House; the Member for Vaisigano No. 2 and the Member for Alataua West. They can testify to what is happening. For rugby, we only want to watch Manu Samoa but the coverage does not reach us. The service provider does not have the financial capacity but with assistance they can. Anything is possible. I leave it with the Hon Prime Minister. The childrens storybook Tusi Oti says '*e fia fai moa uma tama*', we all want a chicken. We all want to watch rugby and listen to 2AP.

**MR SPEAKER:** I suppose the Hon Minister will reply to your issue.

**Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau (Minister of Communication and Information Technology):** Thank you Mr Speaker, and with respect to the Member, I am cautious about such statements that companies do not have the capacity. I am cautious because these companies have duties under their licenses for full coverage. We believe that they can but there are affecting reasons. We are addressing these reasons but it is a fact that there are villages without coverage and so the terms of the license are infringed. Set aside the matter for us to handle.

Such comments are discouraging to the companies when they provide the service because they can. I believe such remarks are insignificant because they only make our work difficult. With respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member for Alataua West.

**Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiataualesa (Alatua West):** Mr Speaker, I did not intend to interrupt but I second the comments of the Member for Falealupo. Our constituency does not have 2AP or television coverage.

**MR SPEAKER:** Patience while the opportunity is given to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Does FM work?

**Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiataualesa:** Yes.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neiote Sailele Malielegaoi:** Then that is it. Why are you still persisting? The Member for Falealupo stated that he did not listen to any weather forecast but the Member for Alataua West just spoke that they have FM frequency. This is why the licenses are open for anyone because there used to be only one license for 2AP. It was then opened out to include FM. The news on 2AP and FM are not different specifically the weather forecast because this is what the Member mentioned. I am specifically talking about the weather forecast. Lepa cannot watch rugby either. The Government has privatized the television services to the private sector. You have also heard me mention overseas television service providers. Do not worry. If the local stations are slack then we will bring overseas stations. They have had enough time and they do not know how to provide televised services.

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

**Afioga Hon Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau:** Mr Speaker, I wish to add to the comments by the Hon Prime Minister. Last year our broadcasting service was affected by the reconstruction of the 2AP building. There was a time when the strength of the electricity had to be reduced and so the broadcast could not reach some villages. Now that the building is complete, the coverage is improving. But it is true. There was a time...

I went to Savaii and there were stations that were clear but others were not reachable. I bear witness to this but the broadcast is working. There was a comment that there is no communication, but talking on the phone is communication. If you are desperate there are ways to acquire it and that is how. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** I give the opportunity to the Member for Vaisigano No. 2.

**Tofa Motuopuaa Uifagasa Aisoli Vaai (Vaisigano No. 2):** This is not a new matter. I also raised it in the last Term. It is true for the weather forecast but our constituency also wants to listen during these times to hear what the Members are saying. I request the Government for 2AP for our constituency from Falealupo and Vaisigano No.2 as well as Neiafu and Asau with respect.

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe the Governments clarification is transparent and was heard clearly. I beg leniency of Vaisigano, Alataua and Palauli, the response was clear. The Hon Minister has also explained that there are negotiations in progress. The television stations have been referred to the private sector and the task is not easy. Work will reach your constituencies, continued by the Ministry so be patient.

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The Hon Prime Minister has already stated that they are heading to bring in overseas television stations. Member for Falealupo, I believe the matter is clear so move on to other matters regarding our Appropriation.

**Afioga Hon AEAU PENIAMINA LEAVASEETA:** As I said, we have been patient for nine years now. That is ok.

I now heed the instruction by Mr Speaker although I assumed I would end with the Supplementary Appropriation. Thank you Hon Minister of Finance. You expressed joy that our Budget Deficit has decreased from 4.8% to 4.5%. This is good as it is closer to the set benchmark of 3.5% and gratitude is fitting at this time. Why? I applaud the Hon Minister for the good works. I believe we can reach the benchmark of 3.5% by June for our Appropriation. This figure reflects the significance of everyone that contributes to adding to our piggy bank like overseas donors, contributors, taxes, the public, duties and tariffs as well as the dividends from Corporations. There is one query Hon Minister regarding the Public Bodies whether they abide with the provision in the Public Bodies (Performance and Accountability) Act 2001. The provision that they pay 50% dividends to our piggy bank for you appropriation. There are many public bodies, if they each contributed, we probably would not have increased the fees at the hospital and other services.

The intention of my query is not to investigate but to bring to light these issues so they can be readjusted and prevent repetition. This would bring in financial assistance without having to increase charges and fees which could cause a heart attack.

Those are our queries. Thank you Hon Minister. We rest our case.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Hon Minister will respond when the Cabinet responds. Thank you Deputy Leader of Opposition for your insight into the issues faced by your side of the island.

I call on the Leader of Opposition, this is your opportunity before I give the floor to the honorable Chairperson.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I am grateful Mr Speaker for the opportunity to make a brief statement on the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) 2013/2014.

I humbly greet the House, to the Chair, I commend your guidance and patience in our work which is not a simple task. There are times when we breach our good relations but it is our intention that the voice of the minority is heard. Thank you for your tolerance and I pray that you not pay any heed to the recommendations to instruct a Member to leave the House. That was the practice in the past but now we have had many seminars that recognizes the rights of the minority.

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Mr Speaker, I greet the Hon Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Associate Ministers as well as this side of the House, Deputy Leader and the Shadow Cabinet.

I will not address the dignity and honorifics of Samoa for it is entrenched and never changing. To my dear constituency of Safata; le paia i le Aiga Satunumafono o le Aiga Malosi mai Latatuli seia oo lava i le la itu. O Siulepa ma ona tua, Togamau ma ona tua ma le mamalu i le Alatay, ma le nofo a Tula. That is your honorific salutation and no one can change it. I acknowledge the support of the Susuga Toeaina and the Holy workers of the Lord in all the denominations within my constituency from Latatuli to Nialama, we are of one family, Satunumafono.

Today Mr Speaker, concludes the views of the Opposition and there is not much left to say. We do not oppose rather we support your difficult work load because it is not easy.

I first convey my gratitude for all the Government projects; access roads, schools, hospitals, water and everything that was implemented last year. I tried to attend each opening for this is the duty of any Government, it is to improve and upgrade the standard of the country.

We also have a duty to observe that the funds are being used accordingly and wisely. Congratulations. Parts of our country are accessible to water but there are some that were affected by the tsunami that still do not have access to water. Please look into it.

Thank you for our access roads but I bear witness that access roads that were upgraded two Terms ago are no longer in the same state. If a vehicle were to travel these roads, just one pothole would breakdown the car. I advise that this be considered so that in the next two Terms, they would not have to be upgraded again and money expended. This is public monies collected by taxes and GST...

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, I cannot allow this speech to continue in error. You just stated that you support. There are roads that are in poor condition but the majority of the roads are in good condition. The companies are aware of the conditions of the road which were good. This is the norm in a country that experiences heavy rainfall. We recorded last year that rainfall was 20-30ml but on the 12<sup>th</sup> it was between 213ml to 600ml. The rivers overflowed and the roads were destroyed. The road at Siumu, which was perfectly constructed, was severely destroyed, and now they are reconstructing it. There are many roads that were constructed well but longevity is affected by rainfall.

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There was a year when the same heavy rainfall fell in Wellington, and on television it showed a man lift up the side of a tarred road and it came off and this is overseas. Whatever man makes, the works of the Lord can uproot just see the houses which were destroyed completely by the strength.

Mr Speaker, how can these roads continue in their good condition when there is heavy rainfall and strong flooding? I must address these statements. There are roads that were constructed 8 years ago and most parts of the road are still in the same condition today. This must be said Mr Speaker because the comments discard the fact that 600ml of rainfall fell and destroyed dams, roads and houses.

This information should be remembered instead of using your eagerness to slander the Government.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Point of order. I am not slandering the Government. How many times has the rain reached 600ml and yet the road from Vailoa to Malifa is still in good condition this is why I persist to thoroughly contemplate the construction of our roads.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance the opportunity will be given to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** A point of order. That road cost millions and was funded by the World Bank. It is extremely strong and it was constructed that way because this is the road travelled by heavy duty lorries and cement mixers from Vaitele. Do you not understand that? There is a difference in the strength of the roads and the engineering used. Thank you for raising this.

I am happy you raised this because we have the opportunity to explain the differences to the country. After this you will stand before the TV stations and that is not a good practice. They are only little children and you should not be eager to do that. That is all Mr Speaker.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Leader of Opposition. I believe the matter is understood.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, I will not debate this matter. The recommendation is made because of the expenditure in continuously upgrading our roads. The Hon Prime Minister has clarified that there are different standards for the construction of our roads. I pray that if the road does not reach this standard, then the expenditure should be reduced.

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance while the opportunity is given to the Hon Prime Minister.



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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoui:** Mr Speaker, a grant has been received from the World Bank which was possible because of the good financial management of the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure. This would extend the Vailoa road to Vaitele continuing on to the airport. A grant from the World Bank is because we are a trusted Government.

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

**Afioga Hon Manualesagalala Enokati Posala:** Mr Speaker, the Leader of Oppositions statement is clear. It has been two or three Parliamentary Terms since those roads were constructed. One of the ways our roads are maintained is the partnership between the Government, private sector and chiefs and orators. The roads are affected by blockages because the drainage is not cleared. The Ministry should be contacted if there are issues but if they can be done by the chiefs and orators they should. I recall when I was not a Member, I advised my village to buy cement and fix the roadsides because the Government also has a lot of work to do. Such requests to work together and support the Government should be done. If many Terms have passed, the work is progressive.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. Leader of Opposition.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I do not mean to say it is during your time but if you were there then, the roads would not be in poor condition.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Hon Minister of Finance.

**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga:** During the term of the Leader of Opposition, there were many deficiencies. The material used to construct the Government roads in the town area is asphalt which is water-friendly. The access roads use deep seal which is a low cost road surface. If a Member wants to have asphalt for their access roads then it would cost 20-30. I advise the Members to use deep seal but the issue is that buses travel these roads. They were not made to withstand buses or lorries with heavy loads. That is the clarification on the materials used. Deep seal lasts two to three years and then is replaced because it cracks under water pressure.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** No wonder the roads crack and degrade. Villages should be notified that buses and lorries are not allowed on these roads. I recall your manifesto, what is good for Apia is also good for Savaii and the rural areas.

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**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga:** Mr Speaker, the roads are only for small vehicles and pickups. The roads are destroyed because they transport congregations and boulders for seawalls. With respect.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will move away from the matter. The country will be the judge of this. Many of the access roads lead to residential areas and if the elderly cannot walk that far, they ask the bus driver to drive inland.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Let me clarify the history of access roads. It was not the norm for the Government to tar access roads. When HRPP came into power, the road was not tarred. Then visits were held and it was noted that with every rainfall the road would erode so it was tarred. It was done so at that time without any thought to climate change. It was only to travel back and forth from the plantations. Now the entire philosophy has changed throughout the years since the tsunami in 2009 till now, it was not long ago. It changed to focus on strengthening the road surface. Remember that there were two great events at that time; the tsunami and the reason for your secession, the road switch. You prophesied the death of 700 people and in the end you were proved wrong. So that was when the construction of the road focused on strength to accommodate the change in lifestyles. Cars were now travelling inland to live which required the connection to amenities such as electricity. The changes began in 2009 after the tsunami and road switch.

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

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will move on because I did not secede, I left because of the promptings of the Lord. Now I am the Leader. I cannot remain where I am unhappy.

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** I withdraw the use of secede and replace it with kicked out and then you left and cursed us with profanity for doing so.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker. A point of order. The Leader of Opposition did not secede or was kicked out, he stepped down.

**MR SPEAKER:** Perhaps if the Leader of Opposition heeded my advice this would not have happened. You badly advised the Member for Faleata West thus the birth of the Tautua Samoa Party.

I beg tolerance Leader of Opposition, move on to other matters, our time is being dragged on.

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**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will only say that if I had listened to you, I would still be restrained back there.

Mr Speaker, I now come to the Supplementary Appropriation. The fact is that Samoa cannot sustain itself when we compare the revenue to the expenditures for what we want implemented. This is why we should be grateful to the Asia Development Bank. I first convey my gratitude to the President of the Bank and the Management of the Development Bank for this grant.

**MR SPEAKER:** I give the opportunity to the Government.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** These are unfounded comments Mr Speaker. That we do not have the capacity. Does the Leader of Opposition understand that this is why we have a budget so that we can estimate our revenue and plan our developments accordingly?

This year the Budget has decreased based on our planned projects. This means that we have the capacity. The reason why we do things is because we are capable no matter where the assistance is from. There is no Government that is self-reliant. Take America for instance, the Budget was withheld in one of the Houses because their programs rely on loans. Every Government does loans no matter the economical status. This is one way to enable implementation, like us and all that is noted is the capacity to repay the loan. There is no dim-witted Government that makes a Budget of things to implement within the Financial Year and says they do not have the capacity. How can we lack the capacity when there are funds to implement it?

Mr Speaker, I stand to remove this statement from our records because they are very inaccurate.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Mr Speaker, these are not my words, they are clear within the Appropriation. Ordinary Revenue is \$538million and expenditure is \$651million. You be the judge, there is not enough funds to implement what we need.

Mr Speaker, if it were not for the grant, it would not be enough...

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, the Leader of Opposition does not understand. The Budget includes revenue from overseas as well as loans. That is how it is done for any Government. There is no Government in the world that is self-reliant.

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That is how you know a wise Government; they borrow from others to implement their plans. If there are insufficient funds there is only one way to do it, and if you do not seek overseas assistance then you reduce the Budget according to your revenue. What would then happen? Samoa's development would be in the situation it was in, in the year 1990. We are using our knowledge to acquire funds that can be handled by the Government. How? Using our partnerships and there would not be any partner that would want to give financial assistance to Samoa if we misused the funds.

Mr Speaker, I do not know if the Leader of Opposition understands. That is why I advise you to not speak about money because you do not understand financial matters.

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the honorable Member.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Of course I understand the Budget. I am saying that we would not have the capacity if it were not for the overseas loans and grants. This revenue is only from our taxes and...

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** I rise again Mr Speaker to oppose such comments. If there was no financial assistance from overseas then his remarks would be accurate. The trouble is that since 1962, this has been the normal practice. We have sought funds from our partners within our capacity to repay. Why did we sign an agreement with New Zealand? Why did we sign an agreement with Europe? Why did we sign an agreement with China, Australia and Japan? We should be grateful to our forefathers before us for sorting this out in the beginning. Now we have continued it and we should discard such thoughts because they are useless.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you. Leader of Opposition, let the Chair say something. I believe the concern has been clarified by the Government. All monies that fund our budget are included. I beg tolerance, that is enough debate on the matter. The House and Samoa understand. The response of the Government has concluded on the matter. Do not dwell longer on the matter and move onto other issues.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will move on. I only mention that I understand the Supplementary Appropriation very well. I am also in the Finance and Expenditure Committee. There is no need for the Hon Prime Ministers persistence. This is important to note because we are now a developing country. Congratulations are therefore in order for this graduation for it was not easily acquired. I do not criticize but we are proud as one because we have graduated.

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Mr Speaker...

**MR SPEAKER:** I beg tolerance, I give the floor to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** I stand with respect Mr Speaker as you all heard, I honored those who went before us. They are the ones who set out these policies and the path for us to follow through to this day. When we talk about the Budget, even though it is prepared on this side, we all take ownership. The developments are for all of us. It is not only for HRPP to be proud of. These proposals and everything we do are done during our Term. That is why I refused to support your comment for a quick election. Our intention is that we all return but if we have a quick election, I feel sympathy for your side. We can all return to continue this which is for all of us.

**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of Opposition you may stand.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I acknowledge the Hon Prime Ministers interjection. Let us all try to return. But to divide constituencies, this will create competition. What is the reason for this? Does that reflect the desire for all of us to return? It does not. There will be those who want to stay and those who do not want to return. Why is this being done when there is nothing wrong with things now?

**MR SPEAKER:** The answer will be provided Leader of Opposition.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** The hope of this side is that all return. See the Hon Minister of Revenue. For two Terms he persisted for Safata to have two seats and then you both returned. Then by surprise, you stabbed him in the back and now he returns from Falealili. This is why we are worried about you because you go around with daggers.

**MR SPEAKER:** Continue Member the matter is clear.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Yes it is transparent but I feel sorry for the Members of that side. All the Members of this side will return but only some of your side will return.

**MR SPEAKER:** Hon Prime Minister.

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**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** The reason for the division Mr Speaker is to prevent what the Leader of Opposition did to the Hon Minister of Revenue from happening again. The Member for Faleata West was correct in saying that you are in need of divine assistance. I advise you to find some divine intervention.

**MR SPEAKER:** Please rise Leader of Opposition.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will move away from this Mr Speaker. Samoa and our constituencies will be the judge of this.

Hon Minister of Finance, I am sympathetic of your workload especially in managing our finances because it is not an easy task. Also for the CEO of the Ministry of Finance, the burden you have with sustaining the scholarships to New Zealand and Australia as well as OUM that was initiated by a European woman and now it is an added undertaking.

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Does this mean that you are against scholarships for our students? Do you oppose the assistance given to our students? You state that you are sympathetic of the Hon Minister of Finance, but for three weeks now you have been published in the Observer saying he should step down. Where then is this sympathy? You should go tomorrow and make an official apology to be printed in the newspaper. This is a sin especially for you who is a Deacon Elder. I am happy you began with your declaration of sympathy and love then you should live by these words.

**MR SPEAKER:** I give the floor to the Hon Minister of Finance.

**Afioga Hon Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga:** Mr Speaker, I read the newspaper and watched television and I am still unclear as to why the Leader of Opposition wants me to step down.

Perhaps the Leader of Opposition has forgotten that I took his place when he left his Ministerial post. There is nothing on his person that I do not know and I am protecting you. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I do not know what the Hon Minister of Finance is talking about. I have already researched what I am talking about. Mr Speaker I am talking about honesty which was witnessed by the Ministry during our Committee deliberations. When in Committees, there are no sides especially when we deliberate on the Appropriation that involves increase in charges and the like.

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That is why Hon Prime Minister, the fact is that this is our Appropriation. The Minister can testify to my words to thoroughly look at saving.

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** When I was chosen as Minister of Finance in the end of 1982 until 2001, the word at the time was of sympathy of the burden on the country but there was no burden. Many of the protest marches from 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 which ended when the Opposition disbanded protested with the focus argument being sympathy for the burden. Since 1982 to 2001 this was the same statement. I assumed that no one else would sit in that seat and reiterate this cry but you have.

Mr Speaker, the Lord is my witness, He provides for our daily needs. Prayer is what you need.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will comment on another matter.

**MR SPEAKER:** That would be best.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** The Hon Prime Minister and Hon Minister of Finance do not believe that I sympathize with them.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Government intends to clarify. You have 5 more minutes.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will move away from the matter. We have expressed gratitude for the 3% increase. If only there were no other increases in the petrol, electricity, hospital fees. These increases seem to overshadow the 3% salary realignment. The adjustment cannot compare to the increase in these charges but despite this we are grateful. As I said before, I understand because of the Finance and Expenditure Committee Report...

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker, Governments realize what needs to be done and then it is done. Since Samoa became independent this has been the norm. *Whenever there is an increase, there is criticism, when there is an increase in salaries, there is still opposition.* When the salaries are increased they say it is not enough. These are the same comments every time. When work progress increases, so does the standard of living as well as the service. We cannot have upgraded hospital facilities with the same charges. Fees and charges need to be reviewed from time to time to enable the maintenance of the hospital. If it was not maintained, you would be the first to complain.

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Since yesterday morning to today, all I have heard is requests to improve this and fees that, without any remarks to support the funds used to implement these plans. When you want something improved, you need money and not rely entirely on overseas assistance. Mr Speaker, that is the assistance to the Member.

**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of Opposition, your time is coming to an end.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** There is no question as to the source of the funds. The Committees Report is before the House on the Audit report with recommendations to save funds. That is the monies that should be used to assist in this. Funds that can be saved from court cases. That is one of the recommendations from the Chief Auditor.

Mr Speaker, I will conclude my speech. But since the Hon Prime Minister asked where we could get funds. We budget wisely and appropriate wisely Hon Minister of Finance, that is one way to assist the Ministry. There are millions that can be added to our revenue.

We are not an opposing side. Our work is done cooperatively. The Hon Prime Minister also mentioned that this is our Budget. Despite the different opinions, there is only one objective, to assist our people. I applaud the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries for the abundance in produce sold at the market. As was stated, the taro is being sold for \$10 and \$5 per bundle.

It is the increase in the charges for services that is the concern. Hopefully all will be well with the infrastructures being built to provide employment opportunities. Whatever this side can do, it is our burden to carry together. I have seen the market, but who would want to plant crops if there is not enough to be made to pay for these fees and charges. Also, the local egg farmers cannot compete because the overseas eggs are cheaper. I have seen this and something should be done about it. There should be an initiative to assist our local poultry farmers. Perhaps a tax can be added on to the imported eggs or is it for the WTO to do.

Every week chickens lay eggs without knowing what to do with them. Deliver them to Mapuifagalele or perhaps they are being delivered to the Hon Prime Minister and the Ministers.

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

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** This is not new Mr Speaker. We were advised beforehand by WTO that there is only one thing that would benefit Samoa. When talking of production, we produce what cannot be competed with on the world market. If the imports are cheaper, we will not continue that venture. You mentioned poultry farmers; I do not know who you are referring to. The only poultry farmer I know of is happy with the surplus of eggs sold. I do not know where you are getting your information.



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If he is donating eggs then where is the harm in that especially when he is donating to Mapuifagalele. You should have asked why he was donating and he would have replied that it is his offering to the Lord. You cannot judge without researching how to profit. Others make offerings of money reaching to about \$30,000. They are also comparing with others offerings. But for you, it seems you are disagreeing with giving to others.

Mr Speaker, I do not know what is wrong with this Member. When we implement something he criticizes and if we do not he still criticizes. He criticizes everything.

**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of Opposition...

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I also do not know what is wrong with you. I am mentioning safeguards by the Government for our business community and our country.

**MR SPEAKER:** I did not allow you to stand. Patience until the response is complete.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** I will comment on the eggs. You put forward all this instead you should speak with him and ask for the reasons. If the reason is to give as a gift, why then should you be concerned? If it is someone from your side and the reason is because they could not be sold this is dishonesty. You cannot make false statements here. Have you finished?

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Point of order.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** I cannot respond to your remarks if they are unfounded.

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatou:** Mr Speaker a point of clarification.

**MR SPEAKER:** What do you wish to clarify Member for Saleaula?

**Tofa Levaopolo Talatou:** I know the woman that owns the poultry farm. She told me that I should tell the Hon Prime Minister and Leader of Opposition that they have outstanding debts with her.

**MR SPEAKER:** Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Stop conversing with women and getting free eggs from them. That is not true love.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Member for Faleata West, do you have a poultry farm.

**Tofa Lealailepule Rimoni Aiafi:** Mr Speaker. I am saddened at the Leader of Opposition. If he has tired from eating eggs, he need only take two steps to reach my house and I have not seen a single carton of eggs.

**MR SPEAKER:** End your speech Leader of Opposition your time is up.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** It is humorous but that is my statement. Perhaps the Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is aware of this.

**MR SPEAKER:** Hon Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

**Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati (Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries):** Thank you. What exactly do you wish done about the eggs?

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** It seems you do not understand either. I am talking about markets for the eggs.

**MR SPEAKER:** The Hon Minister will respond.

**Afioga Hon Le Mamea Ropati:** It is true that eggs imported from America are sold cheaper here. Remember that the eggs take a while to get here and when they get here, some are not fit for consumption. The aim therefore is that by the end of 2015 only local eggs will be sold with no imports. That is the aim. At the moment approximately 75% of eggs are supplied locally. The only issue at the moment is the feed mill and raising chickens to produce the eggs. When that is solved, with the assistance of the Ministry, then it would progress well. The same is being done for pigs. Be patient for now. We will have short supply from local producers but the imports are affordable for now. Once the supply of eggs is steady then we will no longer import those eggs. Imported eggs is being allowed for now incase we stop the supply and you complain again.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Hon Minister for the explanation. I call on the Hon Prime Minister for an additional response.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** I thank the Hon Minister for this program. The important fact is that 75% is supplied by local suppliers and 25% is imported. This is important to note because it is clear that the markets have not collapsed. Perhaps in the next 2 -3 years in the future, 100% will be supplied by locals. We should encourage this industry.

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**MR SPEAKER:** Leader of Opposition, the recommendation has been clarified.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Thank you. I will end my speech. There are many issues I wished to mention and I have not touched on the conference we will host. I must offer my congratulations to that side for the upcoming event we will be hosting and we wish all the success upon the event. I have witnessed during our visit that the building has been reroofed.

These are the expenditures I mentioned that should be saved for our Appropriation. The highest intention is that we host a successful event. I reiterated to the Ministry to be vigilant of these monies. I have with me a Cabinet Directive and I will read it out.

Regarding the vehicle policies, they are clear. Government vehicles should not be tinted. Why? So that funds can be conserved and the SOE can pay dividends to the Ministry. I advise that this be enforced.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker I do not understand what tint means? Can a clarification be made as the rural areas are listening in?

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** Listen to this policy ‘It is absolutely not permitted for any Government vehicle, including all Ministries and Corporations, to have tinted windows’.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** For three weeks Mr Speaker, the Member has talked about tints and points at the Hon Minister of Women, Community and Social Development. I asked the Hon Minister to conference with me. I asked him regarding the tints and he replied that he went overseas and upon his return, his son had tinted the car windows. I asked him who paid for the tints and he said it was from his own sons pocket. For three weeks his blood pressure elevated because of the accusations but the tint was paid for by the Ministers son. Clean your soul of foulness. All this was in the report and yet it was self-paid.

Mr Speaker. I do not know how many times the Leader of Opposition has concluded his speech.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I will end my speech now. I will complete it tomorrow on TV and clarify everything. I thank Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, and Cabinet. As I said, your work is not easy.

Associate Ministers, Deputy Leader of the Independents, the Member for Alataua West, and all the Members of Parliament...

**MR SPEAKER:** I call on the Member for Alataua West because you were mentioned.

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**Afioga Lafaitale Patrick Leiataualesa:** I made my apology to the House yesterday as well as my constituency with an attempt to clarify the issue. From America, I heard the Member so I advise him to comment on important matters and leave that matter alone. Now I have been addressed by the Leader of Opposition in such a way. Perhaps I will be brought back in to the fold today but your comments are not helping the situation.

**Afioga Hon PALUSALUE FAAPO II:** I was under the impression you liked to be promoted. To the House, if I have made an offensive comment, I plead forgiveness. The intention is that peace is maintained and assistance is available to our country.

God bless you Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Cabinet, Deputy Prime Minister and this Meeting with the support of Samoa.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Leader of Opposition. Despite the rough seas encountered in our deliberation our relationship is reflected in your contribution which I deem has been heard by the House.

I call on the honorable Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee for you speech and then the opportunity will be given to the Government for their response.

**Susuga Hon PAPALITELE NIKO LEE HANG (Chairperson, Finance and Expenditure Committee):** Thank you Mr Speaker for the opportunity. I first greet the dignity of the House in all its honorific salutations; Mr Speaker, Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet and all the Members of Parliament.

I greet the CEOs of all the Government entities as well as the Office of the Clerk.

Mr Speaker, my statement will be brief because of all the speeches on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014, no Member commented on the Report of the Finance and Expenditure Committee. I believe that there are some matters that need stressing despite them being in the Report, I feel that no one has read the Report. There are some significant matters that need to be emphasized as we try to find ways to increase revenue and save on expenditure inconsistent with Government policies.

Mr Speaker, many of the Members made recommendations that the Government should reconsider ways to add to our revenue. Especially in reconsidering Government policies concerning expenditure and whether the Government Ministries and Corporations follow them to save on funds that may be misused.

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The request to the Government is for ways to improve our revenue especially to save from expenditures in accordance with Government policies. As was mentioned in the Committee recommendations, the Government should reconsider the administration of the SOEs especially the Public Trading Bodies under the Public Bodies (Performance and Accountability) Act 2001.

Mr Speaker I believe that the main purpose that the Government established the SOEs is so that they would operate as a business to gain profit and pay 50% dividends to the Government to assist with the Appropriation. I wish to record my word of thanks and congratulations to the SOEs that achieve this benchmark. The request to the Government is to thoroughly review this for many SOEs have not achieved this and they need to be encouraged to contribute to the Appropriations. I believe that if the administration of the SOE by the Management and the Board is good then it would add to the ordinary revenue.

Mr Speaker, there are many ways to gain revenue from recalling taxes, PAYE and VAGST which should be retained by the Corporations. I feel the Management has failed in their duties and the humble request is that Government reviews these procedures regarding taxes to ensure that the taxes are collected.

Regarding expenditure, one Committee Member touched on the policies in the use of Government vehicles. I make known Mr Speaker that the Committee has noted that some CEOs adhere to the policies that prohibit unnecessary accessories to be added to the vehicle. However, there are some vehicles that are accessorized as if they were in a car show but this is disallowed by the Government because it is additional expenditure. This would help save funds. There are provisions in the Public Money Act and the Public Service Act that penalizes these acts because it is a breach of Government policies. I leave that with the Government for consideration.

The Committee also noted that there are some ACEOs that use Government vehicles but are they permitted under the policies? They are paid an allowance but the Committee continues to witness them using these vehicles. Also another matter for the Government to consider.

Another matter concerns vehicles that were gifted for projects and are licensed as a private vehicle and being driven by Ministers, Associate Ministers or CEOs. It is clear under the policies that these vehicles should all be licensed as a Government vehicle to protect these assets from being abused.

Mr Speaker, the intention is to provide assistance to the Government to increase its ordinary revenue and appropriate expenditure to programs that need to be prioritized.

Mr Speaker, those are some comments on the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013/2014.

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May the Lord bless you with strength and knowledge to guide our Meetings. God bless the Hon Prime Minister and the Cabinet faced with the difficult task of governing our country. Blessings also upon all the Members of Parliament, CEOs and the Office of the Clerk. God bless this Meeting.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you honorable Chairperson of the Finance and Expenditure Committee.

I call on the Member for Falealupo.

**Afioga Hon Aeau Peniamina Leavaiseta:** Mr Speaker, I thank the Chairperson for the explanation. I ask the Hon Prime Minister if he is listening and what is his response to the Chairperson?

**MR SPEAKER:** I believe the Hon Prime Minister is preparing to respond. The floor is open to the Hon Prime Minister.

**Susuga Hon Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesoliai Aiono Neioti Sailele Malielegaoi:** Mr Speaker we were ready to respond yesterday. Despite there only being a few minutes left our work cannot be put aside. I begin with a foreword of applaud to the House, the Leader of Opposition, Deputy Leader and the Opposition. I congratulate the family of Ministers and all the Members of this side. This is one manner of our culture when a village council ends then there is relaxed conversations and playful humor.

My initial time in this Parliament, high blood pressure was a looming threat. There was jest in the deliberations to put your point across. It was a different practice. If the words are harsh I do apologize but there is a saying that when we deliberate on the benefit of Samoa, our words are not sugar coated. In the villages when they divide and distribute a pig, this is when the most noise is made calling for a piece and it is thrown to where you are sitting. That is also how our deliberations are. If we have caused offence, we apologize but the intention is that your opinions and recommendations are worthwhile because the Cabinet is recording them all down. Do not think that we have missed out on any good recommendation. Everything that we deliberate is not new. They are the same issues that were discussed from when I first entered this House.

It regards to what is in the Report, the Chairperson spoke of Government policies. I recall all these were implemented by the Chairperson who was the former Minister of Finance and he understands this extensively. Towards the end of the previous Parliament, there was a matter that I wished to implement. It was a reform that I presented as the Prime Minister to my Former Minister of Finance to remove Ministers from being Committee Chairpersons. I made this recommendation and the Cabinet as well as the Chairperson recommended that it be delayed to July and then December. Again, another recommendation was made that it should be done in the new Parliamentary Term.

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Now it has been implemented within this Term to save money. I was Minister of Finance from 1982 -2001 and there is nothing that I do not know. So to answer your question whether I understand, there is nothing that I do not know. I was advised by my Minister of Finance that is now the Chairperson. I do not let just any person sit in that seat because I want him to report back on what he did when he was Minister of Finance.

Mr Speaker, that is the expression of gratitude for the reminders in the Report. There is nothing new to me in the Report. We will begin our responses with the Hon Minister of Police, Prisons, Fire and Emergency Services and I will end it. Thank you.

**MR SPEAKER:** Thank you Hon Prime Minister. I believe our Meeting is on course. The Government will begin their responses.

I call on the Hon Minister of Police, Prisons, Fire and Emergency Services.

**Afioga Hon SALA FATA LISATI PINATI (Minister of Police, Prisons, Fire and Emergency Services):** Thank you Mr Speaker. The sun is setting but as the Hon Prime Minister says, time is important. I will respond on behalf of my Ministry on some issues mentioned by the Members. There were seven Members that recommended ways to improve the services.

First I will reply to one of the Members of the Individual Voters Roll, Afioga Maualaivao Pat Ah Him regarding hydrants. This is the responsibility of the Samoa Water Authority. There is also a joint venture by the Authority and Fletcher Construction advising businesses in large scale buildings that it is compulsory to be equipped with necessary equipment to fight fires.

Regarding the \$120,000 for Tafaigata. For the information of Parliament, this work should have been implemented long ago because of the increasing rate of prisoners. The buildings to be built are open houses governed with our cultural practices. The culture that has guided our people to live in harmony and obey the law.

There will be 20 open Samoan fales which will each have one chief. That chief will act as leader and advisor and I believe this is a good rehabilitation program because our culture is held in high regard.

I am sure you are all aware that there are many youth at the prison. As was witnessed by the Committee on the day of their visit, in one day there were 18 imprisoned. That is the state of the prison now and the hope is that the inmates will cooperate with the officers. They may be blamed but every human makes mistakes and so we go back to our culture to nurture them so they can be forgiven and be rehabilitated.

**MR SPEAKER:** I interrupt the Hon Minister as we have come to the hour of our break as per the motion.

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I convey my sincere gratitude to all the Members of Parliament. Thank you for your views and I applaud your efforts and recommendations. I feel that we have completed much of our work and the Government will proceed with their responses. We will rest and seek strength for tomorrow and hopefully end our deliberation on the Supplementary Appropriation. We have some work left with Bills that need to be referred to the Ministries as well as referred work to the Committees for their Reports. There is a long list to progress on and we should be done by Friday.

I again remind the House of the Prayer Meeting. As the whip of the Tautua Samoa Party said, the divine word is where you can be blessed and we should not only speak of it but also walk in it. This evening, I wish you all a good rest and we will return tomorrow.

Before we adjourn I ask the Member for Gagaifomauga No. 2 of the Sa Peseta family in Samauga and Safune to close our Meeting with a word of prayer.

Prayer.

*Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly were adjourned at 7pm until 9.00am, Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.*