



PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

PROCEDURE NOTE

Monday 23 May 2022
1.00 pm
Sitting Day 1 of 2022

ORDER OF BUSINESS (SO 64)

1. Formal entry of Speaker
2. Prayers
3. Swearing in of new Member (SO 32)
4. Other Announcements
5. Questions to Ministers and Other Members (SO 92 & 93)
6. Presentation of Bills (SO 219)
7. Presentation of Papers (SO 72)
8. Orders of the Day (SO 70)
9. Consideration of Papers (SO 74)
10. Closing Prayers
11. Adjournment at 5.00 pm

COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

- 12.45 pm - All Official documents disseminated, filed, stamped & delivered to appropriate Minister/Member and cue set.
- Chamber Officers - at their respective stations
- 12.53 pm - First Bell (2 minutes) - Members' warning
- 12.58 pm - Final Bell (2 minutes) - All Chamber Officers in position
- 1.00 pm Clerk at the Table: **“Cross-over!”**
- Radio Broadcast commences
- All the Members rise in their seats

- Staff and persons in the Public Gallery be upstanding
- “MR SPEAKER”** - Formal Entry of Speaker
(Proceed to Seat, Everyone Remain up-standing)
- Entry of Chaplain - Message and Prayer - Chaplain exits
- **MR SPEAKER:** Assumes his seat - Invites members to be seated - Calls the House to Order - Salutations.

MR SPEAKER (T. TURA): Please be seated Honourable Members. Kia Orana to all of us this afternoon and welcome back to Parliament.

I have a message from the Queen’s Representative and I shall read that to you.

*Message to Parliament,
Royal Recommendation signed by the Queen’s Representative, Sir Tom Marsters, KBE.*

Message No. 1

“The Queen’s Representative in pursuance of Article 3 of the Constitution, on behalf of Her Majesty and in pursuance of Article 43 of the Constitution recommends Parliament to proceed upon the Bill, the Short Title where is the Appropriation Bill 2022.”

DATED at AUCKLAND this 20th day of May, 2022.

I lay this on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, I have a few announcements to make.

ANNOUNCEMENTS [SO 64 (e)]

MR SPEAKER: Speaker to indicate if any.

OBITUARIES [SO 64 (f)]

MR SPEAKER: Speaker to indicate if any.

QUESTION TIME [Part XXIII]

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Members, we have come to Question Time. This will be for 30 minutes. I recognise the Honourable Member _____. You have the Floor.

Question Time continues for 30 minutes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC BILLS (PART XXXI)

MR SPEAKER: Our first Bill for presentation is the Appropriation Bill 2022. I call the Minister of Finance, Honourable Mark Brown, you have the Floor.

HON. M. BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker. I stand to present before the House, the Appropriation Bill 2022.

(Hon. Minister hands the copy to the Clerk)

CLERK: Short Title Reads: Appropriation Act 2022.

MR SPEAKER: Can the Minister please name the date and time for the Second Reading of the Bill.

HON. M. BROWN: After the presentation of Papers Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Minister of Finance. The Appropriation Bill 2022 is ordered for a Second Reading after the presentation of Papers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS [SO 72]

I call upon the Deputy Speaker, Honourable Tingika Elikana to present Paper No. 111 – Report on a review of the Standing Orders.

MR T. ELIKANA: Thank you Mr Speaker. It is my honour to present:

Paper No. 111 – Report on a review of the Standing Orders

I now lay this on the Table.

(Deputy Speaker presents a short explanatory statement)

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Elikana. I now call upon the Honourable Minister, Rose Brown to present Paper No. 116 – Cook Islands National Superannuation Fund (Contribution Rate) Amendment Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/11.

HON. R. TOKI-BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker, it is my honour to present Paper No. 116 – Cook Islands National Superannuation Fund (Contribution Rate) Amendment Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/11.

I lay this on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Rose Brown. I now call upon the Honourable Prime Minister, Mark Brown to present, Paper No. 117 – Environment (Montreal Protocol) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/12 and Paper No. 118 – Transport (Motor Driver Licensing) Amendment Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/13.

HON. M. BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker, it is my honour to present:

Paper No. 117 – Environment (Montreal Protocol) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/12 and

Paper No. 118 – Transport (Motor Driver Licensing) Amendment Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/13.

I lay these on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Prime Minister. I now call upon the Minister for Health, Honourable Rose Brown to present Paper No, 119 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/14 and Paper No. 120 – COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/15.

HON. R. TOKI-BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker, it is my honour to present:

Papers No, 119 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/14 and

Paper No. 120 – COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/15

I lay these on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Rose Brown. I call upon Minister Vaine Mokoroa to present the following Papers:

Paper No. 121 – Public Expenditure Review Committee (Appointment of Other Committee Members) Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/16.

Paper No. 122 – Justices of the Peace (Remuneration) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/17 and

Paper No. 123 – Te Mato Akamoeau — Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report 2020-21.

HON. V. MOKOROA: Thank you Mr Speaker, it is my honour to present:

Paper No. 121 – Public Expenditure Review Committee (Appointment of Other Committee Members) Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/16.

Paper No. 122 – Justices of the Peace (Remuneration) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/17 and

Paper No. 123 – Te Mato Akamoeau — Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report 2020-21.

I lay these on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Mokoroa. I call upon the Minister for Health, Honourable Rose Brown to present Papers No. 124 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Amendment Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/01 and Paper No. 125 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2022, Serial No. 2022/02.

HON. R. TOKI-BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker, it is my honour to present:

Paper No. 124 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Amendment Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/01 and

Paper No. 125 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2022, Serial No. 2022/02.

I lay these on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Rose Brown. I call upon the Minister for Ombudsman, Honourable Vaine Mokoroa to present Paper No. 126 – Ombudsman (Terms and Conditions of Appointment) Order 2022, Serial No. 2022/03.

HON. V. MOKOROA: Thank you Mr Speaker, it is my honour to present:

Paper No. 126 – Ombudsman (Terms and Conditions of Appointment) Order 2022, Serial No. 2022/03

I lay this on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Mokoroa. I call upon the Minister for Health, Honourable Rose Brown to table the following Papers:

Papers No. 127 – COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Amendment Regulations 2022, Serial No.2022/04

Paper No. 128 – COVID- 19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2022, Serial No. 2022/05

Paper No. 129 – COVID -19 (Air Border) Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/06 and

Paper No. 130 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2022, Serial No. 2022/07.

HON. R. TOKI-BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker, it is my honour to present:

Paper No. 127 – COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Amendment Regulations 2022, Serial No.2022/04.

Paper No. 128 – COVID- 19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2022, Serial No. 2022/05.

Paper No. 129 – COVID -19 (Air Border) Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/06 and

Paper No. 130 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2022, Serial No. 2022/07.

I lay these on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Rose Brown. I call upon Minister Vaine Mokoroa to present Paper No. 131 – International Relationship Property Trusts Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/08 132.

HON. V. MOKOROA: Thank you Mr Speaker, it is my honour to present:

Paper No. 131 – International Relationship Property Trusts Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/08
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I lay this on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Vaine Mokoroa. I call upon the Prime Minister, Mark Brown to present Paper No. 132 – Cook Islands Immigration Act Commencement Order 2022, Serial No. 2022/09 and Paper No. 133 – Cook Islands Immigration Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/10.

HON. M. BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker. I have the honour to present:

Paper No. 132 – Cook Islands Immigration Act Commencement Order 2022, Serial No. 2022/09 and

Paper No. 133 – Cook Islands Immigration Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/10

I lay these on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Mark Brown. I call upon the Minister for Health, Honourable Rose Brown to present Paper No. 134 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/11 and Paper No. 135 – COVID-19 (Border Entry Requirements) Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/12.

HON. R. TOKI-BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker. I have the honour to present:

Paper No. 134 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/11 and

Paper No. 135 – COVID-19 (Border Entry Requirements) Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/12

I lay these on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Rose Brown. I call upon the Honourable Minister, Vaine Mokoroa to present Paper No. 137 – PERC Report on Complaint regarding Integrity of Information produce by Revenue Management Division (RMD) and Paper No. 138 – PERC Report on Complaint received regarding Revenue Management Division at Ministry of Finance.

HON. V. MOKOROA: Thank you Mr Speaker. I have the honour to present:

Paper No. 137 – PERC Report on Complaint regarding Integrity of Information produce by Revenue Management Division (RMD) and

Paper No. 138 – PERC Report on Complaint received regarding Revenue Management Division at the Ministry of Finance

I lay these on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Minister Mokoroa. I call upon the Chairman for the Public Accounts Committee, Honourable Tingika Elikana to present Paper No. 139 – Public Accounts Committee Report on the Review of the Appropriation Bill 2022/2023.

MR T. ELIKANA: Thank you Mr Speaker. I have the honour to present, Paper No. 139 – Public Accounts Committee Report on the Review of the Appropriation Bill 2022/2023.

I lay this on the Table.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Honourable Elikana. That concludes the presentation of Papers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2022. I call the Leader of the House on the Floor.

MS T. BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker. I move that Standing Order 224 be suspended to enable the House to proceed on the Appropriation Bill 2022 forthwith.

MR SPEAKER: Thank you Leader of the House.

I call for a Secunder to the Motion.

Secundered by

The Question is that the Motion be agreed to.

Those in favour say Aye

Those Against say No

The Ayes have it

I now call the Minister of Finance for the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2022.

HON. M. BROWN: Thank you Mr Speaker. I move:

That the Appropriation Bill 2022 be read a Second time

(Minister of Finance deliver his Budget Statement)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Minister, I will have to interrupt you. It is now time for recess. You can continue when we resume after lunch.

Sitting suspended at 2.30 p.m.

Sitting resumed at 3.00 p.m.

MR SPEAKER: Please be seated Honourable Members. Parliament is resumed.

Before we suspended, the Minister of Finance, Mark Brown was on the Floor. You may continue Honourable Minister.

(Hon. M. Brown continue with his Budget Statement)

MR SPEAKER: Thank you very much Minister of Finance. I now call for a Seconder to the Motion.

Seconded by

I propose the Question that the Bill be read a Second time.

I now open the Floor to Honourable Members to debate on the principles and merits of the Appropriation Bill 2022.

I see the Honourable you have the Floor.

(Debate continue on the principles and merit of the Bill)

MR SPEAKER: Honourable Member, I will have to interrupt you, our time is up.

Honourable Members, that brings us to the end of our sitting for today. Thank you all for your contributions to our meeting today. I would like to ask an Honourable Member to close us in prayer.

Closing prayer by a Member.

Parliament is adjourned until Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 1.00 pm.
