



PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

FORTY NINTH SESSION – FOURTEENTH MEETING 2022

Journal [DAY ONE]

- Constitution Article 38**
- (1) There shall be a Clerk of Parliament
 - (2) The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of Parliament and shall transmit a copy of those records to the [Queen's Representative] as soon as practicable.

Standing Order 64 Order of Business – PART XVII (a) Formal Entry of Speaker; (b) Prayers; (c) Swearing in of new Members (order 32); (d) Messages from the Queen's Representative (Order 84); Other announcements by the Speaker; (f) Obituary; (g) Statements by Ministers (Part XXIII); (j) Presentation of Bills (Order 219); (k) Presentation of Papers (Order 72); (l) Presentation of Petitions (Order 78); (m) Orders of the Day (Order 70); (n) Consideration of Papers (Orders 74); (o) Motions with notice (Order 105); (p) By leave of the Speaker (Alteration of the Order of Business); (q) Closing prayers.

MONDAY 23 MAY, 2022

64 (a)	Formal entry of Speaker at 1.00 p.m.	Hon. T. Tura
(b)	Prayers	Rev. Oirua Rasmussen
(d)	Message from the Queen's Representative (Order 84)	<i>Message No. 1</i> <i>"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."</i>

		<i>DATED at AUCKLAND this 20th day of May, 2022.</i>
(e)	Other announcements by the Speaker	Nil
(f)	Obituary	Nil
(g)	Statement by Ministers (Order 87)	Budget Statement – Appropriation Bill 2022 – Minister of Finance, Mark Brown.
(h)	Personal explanations (Order 90)	Nil
(i)	Questions to Ministers and other members (Part XXIII)	<p>1. Mr V. Tupa question to Minister G. Angene – Is it true Minister that you have started a new funeral services business to help families to bury their loved ones? Response: G. Angene – No, I have not, but I am helping those bereaved families due to the high cost of burial services.</p> <p>2. Mr T. Tuavera question to Minister G. Angene – I heard someone instructing Members of Parliament over the radio to pay him \$5,000 for tree trimming services. Minister, have you paid your \$5,000? Response: Minister G. Angene – I want to correct the Honourable Member’s statement. The figure is \$15,000 and not \$5,000. No, I have not. I started the tree trimming services in my constituency for free so why should I pay this amount of money.</p> <p>3. Mr T. Tuavera question to Prime Minister, Mark Brown – Mr Prime Minister for a healthy informed budget debate, we need both Book 1 and 2. Where is Book 2? Response: Hon. M. Brown – The Bill is yet to be presented to the House. I</p>

expect further documentations to be made available to our Members after Question Time.

4. Mrs S. Napa question to Prime Minister, Mark Brown – How long is this Parliament sitting?

Response: Hon. M. Brown – We are looking to sit for the whole of this week, Monday to Friday with extended times to start at 10.00 a.m. and finish at 5.00 p.m. We intend to pass the Appropriation Bill in all its Stages by Friday.

5. Mr W. Heather question to Prime Minister, Mark Brown – Was the contract tendered for the Avatiu stream project?

Response: Hon. M. Brown – I believe the contract was tendered and awarded to Mike Rennie construction builders.

6. Mr V. Tupa question to Prime Minister, Mark Brown – When will the work for beautifying the road and footpath at Takitumu School commence? Will there be work in the area where ICI had worked in removing the trees. Maybe they could tar seal the area and the cracked footpath?

Response: Hon. M. Brown – I will look into this and have our government workers to look at the areas to beautify. However, I do not want any negative repercussions especially during these times.

7. Mr N. Baker question to Prime Minister, Mark Brown – About five to six years now, I have received a Bill from the Tax Department for \$84,000 tax arrears. I heard taxes owed

		<p>by some companies have been abolished and T&M is one of the companies. Is this true?</p> <p>Response: Hon. M. Brown – Mr Speaker, the tax affairs of every person and every company in this country is a private and confidential matter between the Tax Department and themselves. As Minister of Finance, I do not know what the tax affairs are of individuals or of companies with the Tax Department. That would be a question better directed by the Member to the owners and directors of T&M Heather.</p> <p>8. Mr W. Heather question to Prime Minister, Mark Brown – What is happening to the procurement of the incinerator for waste? Is this project going ahead or not because there is no mention of it in our Budget Book.</p> <p>Response: Mr A. Nicholas responded – Myself, Infrastructure Cook Islands and the Waste Management team met with two consultants from New Zealand last week. They presented their recommendation to us regarding the incinerator. The Waste Management team accepted their recommendations and were requested to return in August this year.</p>
(j)	Presentation of Bills (Order 219)	Appropriation Bill 2022
(k)	Presentation of Papers (Order 72)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paper No. 111 – Report on a review of the Standing Orders. 2. Paper No. 116 – Cook Islands National Superannuation Fund (Contribution Rate) Amendment Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/11.

		<p>3. Paper No. 117 – Environment (Montreal Protocol) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/12.</p> <p>4. Paper No. 118 – Transport (Motor Driver Licensing) Amendment Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/13.</p> <p>5. Papers No, 119 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/14.</p> <p>6. Paper No. 120 – COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/15.</p> <p>7. Paper No. 121 – Public Expenditure Review Committee (Appointment of Other Committee Members) Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/16.</p> <p>8. Paper No. 122 – Justices of the Peace (Remuneration) Regulations 2021, Serial No. 2021/17.</p> <p>9. Paper No. 123 – Te Mato Akamoēau — Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report 2020-21.</p> <p>10. Paper No. 124 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Amendment Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/01</p> <p>11. Paper No. 125 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2022, Serial No. 2022/02.</p>
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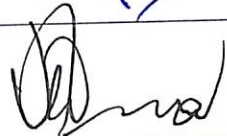
		<p>12. Paper No. 126 – Ombudsman (Terms and Conditions of Appointment) Order 2022, Serial No. 2022/03.</p> <p>13. Papers No. 127 – COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Amendment Regulations 2022, Serial No.2022/04.</p> <p>14. Paper No. 128 – COVID- 19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2022, Serial No. 2022/05.</p> <p>15. Paper No. 129 – COVID -19 (Air Border) Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/06.</p> <p>16. Paper No. 130 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2022, Serial No. 2022/07.</p> <p>17. Paper No. 131 – International Relationship Property Trusts Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/08.</p> <p>18. Paper No. 132 – Cook Islands Immigration Act Commencement Order 2022, Serial No. 2022/09.</p> <p>19. Paper No. 133 – Cook Islands Immigration Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/10.</p> <p>20. Paper No. 134 – COVID-19 (Public Health Measures) Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/11.</p>
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		<p>21. Paper No. 135 – COVID-19 (Border Entry Requirements) Regulations 2022, Serial No. 2022/12.</p> <p>22. Paper No. 137 – PERC Report on Complaint regarding Integrity of Information produce by Revenue Management Division (RMD).</p> <p>23. Paper No. 138 – PERC Report on Complaint received regarding Revenue Management Division at the Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>24. Paper No. 139 – Public Accounts Committee Report on the Review of the Appropriation Bill 2022/2023.</p>
(l)	Presentation of Petitions (Order 78)	Nil
(n)	Consideration of Papers (Order 74)	Nil
(m)	Orders of the Day (Order 70)	Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2022.
(o)	Motions with notice for the adjournment of Parliament other than (1) above (Order 105)	<p>Nil</p> <p><u>Other motions moved:</u></p> <p>1. Mrs S. Napa moved for leave of absence for Hon. T. Pupuke Browne. Seconded by Mr T. Tamaiva Leave granted</p> <p>2. Minister of Finance, Hon. M. Brown moved for Second</p>

		<p>Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2022. Seconded by Mr T. Tamaiva</p> <p>3. Leader of the House, Ms T. Brown moved to suspend Standing Order 224 to enable the House to proceed on the Appropriation Bill 2022 forthwith. Seconded by Mr T. Elikana Motion agree to.</p> <p>4. Leader of the House, Ms T. Brown moved to suspend Standing Order 54 (2) and that Parliament adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, 24th May 2022 with a break at 11.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and resume until 2.30 p.m. with a break from 2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and continue until 5.00 p.m. Seconded by Mr William Heather Motion agreed to.</p>
(p)	By leave of the Speaker the order of business set out in the Order Paper may be altered on any particular day	Nil
(q)	Closing Prayer	Mr V. Tupa
	Meeting adjourned at 4.10 p.m.	
	<p>Members present: Government:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. M. Brown 2. Hon. R. Tapaitau 3. Hon. V. Mokoroa 4. Hon. R. Toki-Brown 5. Hon. P. Arioka 6. Hon. G. Angene 7. Mr T. Elikana 8. Ms T. Brown 9. Mr T. Maki Kavana 10. Mr T. Tangatapoto 	

	<p>11. Mrs A. Puna 12. Mr A. Nicholas</p> <p>Opposition:</p> <p>13. Mr W. Heather 14. Mrs S. Napa 15. Mr V. Tupa 16. Mr T. Tuavera 17. Mr M. Kitai 18. Mrs T. Matapo 19. Mr W. Kareroa 20. Mrs A. Armstrong 21. Mr N. Baker 22. Mr M. Kitai</p> <p>Leave of absence – Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</p>	

Signature: Clerk  Date: 23/5/2022

Signature: Speaker  Date: 23.05.22