



## PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

# FORTY NINTH SESSION – FOURTEENTH MEETING 2022

### Journal [DAY THREE]

- 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.

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### WEDNESDAY 25 MAY, 2022

64 (a)	Formal entry of Speaker at 10.00 a.m.	Hon. T. Tura
(b)	Prayers	Rev. Oirua Rasmussen
(d)	Message from the Queen's Representative (Order 84)	Nil
(e)	Other announcements by the Speaker	Welcome new Sergeant at Arms of Parliament, Mr Tere Patia, and to convey best wishes to departing Sergeant at Arms, Junior Takai for his services at Parliament.
(f)	Obituary	1. Mrs Sally Hosking 2. Mr Moo Lindsay

(g)	Statement by Ministers (Order 87)	Nil
(h)	Personal explanations (Order 90)	Nil
(i)	Questions to Ministers and other members (Part XXIII)	<p>Hon. R. Toki-Brown responded to the question raised by Mrs T. Matapo yesterday about the faulty equipment at the Dental Clinic in Mangaia – Question Time expired before Hon. R. Toki-Brown could answer the question.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Hon. R. Toki-Brown – the technician who installed the machine failed to install it properly. The technician is currently off the island but he will resolve the issue when he returns to Mangaia.</p> <p>1. Hon. G. Angene question to Hon. T. Pupuke Browne, Leader of the Opposition – The CEO for the Opposition Office wrote an article in the newspaper about taking Government to court. Do you Leader of the Opposition support the article by the CEO of the Opposition.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Hon. T. Pupuke Browne – The CEO for the Office of the Opposition is also the President of the community group called, Friends of Fiji. His comments in the newspaper was regarding his position as President for the organisation.</p> <p>My thought is that the comments made is an issue that those of us on the Immigration Select Committee failed to consider because it was not raised during the Committee consultations. Under our Constitution, it is clear that we should not discriminate between black and white. If the Friends of Fiji community feel they have a case to</p>

proceed, we should not obstruct their right to do so.

2. Hon. G. Angene question to Hon. T. Pupuke Robati, Leader of the Opposition – Do you support any changes to permanent residency in the Cook Islands?

**Response:** Hon. T. Pupuke Browne – I support the notion that we, the Immigration Select Committee should relook at this matter.

3. Hon. V. Mokoroa question to Hon. T. Pupuke Robati, Leader of the Opposition – What is your response to the rumour that if you become government, you would stop the Cook Islands Games.

**Response:** Hon. T. Pupuke Browne – I want to confirm that when we become government, we will increase our contribution to sports. My people in Rakahanga are preparing well and looking forward to the upcoming Cook Islands Games.

4. Mr V. Tupa question to Mr T. Tuavera – The Prime Minister in his comments in this House yesterday said that after the road sealing is completed in Avatiu, the roadworks would start in Turangi. What is your view on this?


**Response:** Mr T. Tuavera – I am very happy and appreciative to the Prime Minister and Government. This is a blessing for our village and the people of Ngatangia should be applauding with joy.

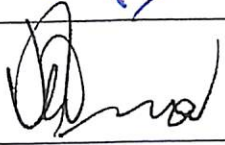
5. Mr N. Baker question to Mr T. Elikana, Member of

		<p>Parliament for the island of Pukapuka – Honourable Member you mentioned in the House yesterday about tourism starting in the Northern Group and that fish and taro would be shipped to the Northern Group. Could those goods be shipped to Rarotonga?</p> <p><b>Question Time expired</b></p>
(j)	Presentation of Bills (Order 219)	Nil
(k)	Presentation of Papers (Order 72)	Nil
(l)	Presentation of Petitions (Order 78)	Nil
(n)	Consideration of Papers (Order 74)	Nil
(m)	Orders of the Day (Order 70)	<p>Interrupted debate on the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill 2022.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr W. Heather continue with his speech from Tue 25 May 2022</li> <li>2. Mr W. Kareroa</li> <li>3. Mr T. Tangatapoto</li> <li>4. Mr W. Kareroa</li> <li>5. Hon. T. Pupuke Brown</li> <li>6. Minister of Finance, Hon. M. Brown</li> </ol> <p><b>COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY – DAY 1</b></p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$1,455,081 for Agriculture</u></b> stands part of the Schedule?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr V. Tupa</li> <li>2. Mr T. Maoate</li> <li>3. Mr N. Baker</li> <li>4. Mrs T. Matapo</li> <li>5. Mrs A. Armstrong</li> <li>6. Hon. R. Toki-Brown</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for Agriculture passed.</p>

		<p>The question is that the sum of <b><u>\$1,132,654 for AUDIT (PERCA)</u></b> stands part of the Schedule.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr V. Tupa</li> <li>2. Mrs S. Napa</li> <li>3. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</li> <li>4. Hon. V. Mokoroa</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for Audit (PERCA) passed.</p> <p>That question is the sum of <b><u>\$611,266 for Business Trade and Investment Board</u></b> stands part of the Schedule.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr V. Tupa</li> <li>2. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</li> <li>3. Hon. P. Arioka</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for BTIB passed</p> <p>That question is that the sum of <b><u>\$3,527,000 for Cook Islands Investment Corporation</u></b> stands part of the Schedule.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr V. Tupa</li> <li>2. Mrs S. Napa</li> <li>3. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</li> <li>4. Hon. M. Brown</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for CIIC passed</p> <p>Committee of Supply interrupted by adjournment at 4.45 p.m.</p>
(o)	Motions with notice for the adjournment of Parliament other than (1) above (Order 105)	<p>Nil</p> <p><b><u>Other Motions moved:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion moved by Mr V. Tupa to extend the speaking time for Hon. T. Pupuke Browne until</li> </ol>

		Hon. Browne completes with her speech. Motion supported by the Honourable Prime Minister, Mark Brown. Seconded by Mr T. Elikana Motion agreed to
(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
	Parliament suspended for break as follows: 1. 11.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. 2. 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.  Meeting adjourned at 4.45 p.m.	
	Members present: Government: 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 11. Mrs A. Puna 12. Mr A. Nicholas  Opposition: 13. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne 14. Mr W. Heather 15. Mrs S. Napa 16. Mr V. Tupa 17. Mr T. Tuavera 18. Mr M. Kitai 19. Mrs T. Matapo 20. Mr W. Kareroa 21. Mr N. Baker (arrived at 10.15 a.m.) 22. Mr M. Kitai 23. Mrs A. Armstrong	


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