



# PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

## FORTY NINTH SESSION – FOURTEENTH MEETING 2022

### Journal [DAY FOUR]

- 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.

### THURSDAY 26 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	Nil
(f)	Obituary	Nil
(g)	Statement by Ministers (Order 87)	Nil
(h)	Personal explanations (Order 90)	Nil
(i)	Questions to Ministers and other members (Part XXIII)	Mr T. Elikana, Member of Parliament for Pukapuka responded to the question raised by Mr N. Baker yesterday whether fish and taro could be sent to Rarotonga from Pukapuka.

		<p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Mr T. Elikana – Yes, it can be shipped to Rarotonga but I will not expand on my answer to prevent the Opposition from writing it in their manifesto.</p> <p>1. Mr N. Baker question to MP A. Nicholas – Why were the roads in Arorangi not completed in 2016 and instead the road project was moved to Tupapa. Who owns the chip seal machine?</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Mr A. Nicholas – The former Deputy Prime Minister, Teariki Heather, who was also the Minister for Infrastructure Cook Islands at the time, stopped the road project in Arorangi. He did not want the roads in Arorangi to be hot sealed but chipped sealed.</p> <p>Regarding the chip seal machine, I am unsure about the machine so if we can defer this question to tomorrow so I can get the correct answer.</p> <p>2. Mr V. Tupa question to Hon. G. Angene – Since you are constructing graves around the island for free, would you consider constructing water tanks for free for our people and to start in the village of Matavera.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Hon. G. Angene – Since I am already providing free service to our people to build their graves, tree trimmings, cleaning households for the destitute, yes, I can provide the same service to build water tanks for our people and to train our people.</p> <p>3. Mr T. Maoate question to Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon. M. Brown – What is the</p>
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		<p>situation with PR applicants that were already submitted almost 10 years now?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Hon. M. Brown – I can confirm that the PR applications closed last Friday and the Immigration team is eliminating those who does not fit in the criteria before proceeding to the next part of the process. In the next two weeks, we should have a final assessment for the consideration of those who have successfully qualified for PR.</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 in the Committee Supply.</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY – DAY 2</b></p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$1,729,457 for Corrective Services</u></b> stands part of the Schedule?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr W. Heather</li> <li>2. Mr V. Tupa</li> <li>3. Mr N. Baker</li> <li>4. Hon. G. Angene</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for Corrective Services passed.</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$1,204,000 for Crown Law</u></b> stands part of the Schedule?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hon. T. Pupuke Brown</li> <li>2. Hon. M. Brown</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for Crown Law passed</p>

		<p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$1,566,750 for Cultural Development</u></b> stands part of the Schedule?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr V. Tupa</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for Cultural Development passed</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$20,175,619 for Education</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 T. Matapo</li> <li>3. Mrs S. Napa</li> <li>4. Hon. V. Mokoroa</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for Education passed</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$1,634,067 for Environment</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. Hon. M. Brown</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for Environment passed</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$30,121,577 for Finance and Economic Management</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. Mr T. Elikana</li> <li>4. Hon. M. Brown</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for Finance and Economic Management passed</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$453,703 for Financial Services</u></b></p>
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		<p>Vote Item for Tourism Cook Islands passed</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$1,199,330 for Transport</u></b> stands part of the Schedule.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</li> <li>2. Hon. R. Tapaitau</li> </ol> <p>Vote Item for Transport passed</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$125,685,106 for the Total Ministries, Crown &amp; Statutory Agencies</u></b> stands part of the Schedule.</p> <p>Vote Item for Total Ministries, Crown &amp; Statutory Agencies passed</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$2,458,000 being the Total Ministerial Support Offices</u></b> stands part of the Schedule.</p> <p>Vote Item for Total Ministerial Support Offices passed.</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$12,842,445 for Total Outer Islands</u></b> stands part of the Schedule.</p> <p>Vote Item for Total Outer Islands Passed</p> <p>The Question is that the sum of <b><u>\$140,985,551 being the Gross Total for Schedule 1</u></b> stands part of the Schedule.</p> <p>Vote Item for Gross Total for Schedule 1 passed</p>
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		<p>Clause 1 – Title passed</p> <p>Clause 2 – Application</p> <p>Clause 3 – Grant and appropriation out of the Cook Islands Government Account passed.</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> <p>1. Motion moved by the Leader of the House, Ms T. Brown to suspend Standing Order 66 (b) to proceed with Question Time for half an hour only to enable the House to deliberate with the Appropriation Bill 2022. Seconded by Mr W. Heather Motion agreed to</p> <p>2. Motion moved by Ms T. Brown to suspend Standing Order 307 to enable the House to complete the debate on the Appropriation Bill 2022 in all its stages today. Seconded by Mr T. Elikana 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 T. Maki-Kavana
	<p>Parliament suspended for break as follows:</p> <p>1. 11.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.</p> <p>2. 2.25 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7.32 p.m.</p>	

	<p>Members present:</p> <p>Government:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hon. M. Brown</li> <li>2. Hon. R. Tapaitau</li> <li>3. Hon. V. Mokoroa</li> <li>4. Hon. R. Toki-Brown</li> <li>5. Hon. P. Arioka</li> <li>6. Hon. G. Angene</li> <li>7. Mr T. Elikana</li> <li>8. Ms T. Brown</li> <li>9. Mr T. Maki Kavana</li> <li>10. Mr T. Tangatapoto</li> <li>11. Mrs A. Puna</li> <li>12. Mr A. Nicholas</li> </ol> <p>Opposition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</li> <li>14. Mr W. Heather</li> <li>15. Mrs S. Napa</li> <li>16. Mr V. Tupa</li> <li>17. Mr T. Tuavera</li> <li>18. Mr M. Kitai</li> <li>19. Mrs T. Matapo (arrived at 10.30 a.m.)</li> <li>20. Mr W. Kareroa</li> <li>21. Mr N. Baker</li> <li>22. Mr M. Kitai</li> <li>23. Mrs A. Armstrong</li> </ol>	

Signature: Clerk  Date: 26/05/2022

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