



## PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

### FORTY NINTH SESSION – FOURTEENTH MEETING 2022

#### Journal [DAY FIVE]

- 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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### FRIDAY 27 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)	Nil
(e)	Other announcements by the Speaker	Nil
(f)	Obituary	1. Mrs Rima Matua
(g)	Statement by Ministers (Order 87)	Nil
(h)	Personal explanations (Order 90)	Nil
(i)	Questions to Ministers and other members (Part XXIII)	1. Mr T. Tuavera question to Hon. R. Tapaitau – Mr Speaker I departed this House

		<p>yesterday downhearted and disappointed because of the outburst from the Minister Robert Tapaitau when he raised a Point of Order against the Leader of the Opposition. It was a personal attack and my question to him is, will he apologise to the Leader of the Opposition.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Hon. R. Tapaitau – I do not see what outburst the Member is talking about. I raised a Point of Order like any ordinary Point of Order that Members raise in this House.</p> <p>2. Hon. G. Angene question to the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. T. Pupuke Browne – You, Honourable Leader of the Opposition in your speech yesterday mentioned about local Justices of the Peace becoming the Judge in our country. You are a lawyer amongst all these Justices of the Peace and this post better suits you. Are you willing to accept the Judge position in our country?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Hon. T. Pupuke Browne – If I accept this position, I doubt whether the Prime Minister will give his consent. If the Prime Minister does appoint me as Judge, he will have no lawyer in court. Secondly, if I become Judge and there are many petitions from the CIP camp after a General Election, I will dismiss all of them (<i>as a joke</i>). Please Minister accept my answer, yes/no.</p> <p>3. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne question to Prime Minister, Hon. M. Brown – I read an interesting article by Petero</p>
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		<p>Okotai on Tuesday claiming that we do not deserve our salary because we do not sit regularly. Mr Okotai recommended to pay us according to the number of days we sit. The idea attracted me maybe to control our sitting days. What are your thoughts Mr Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Hon. M. Brown – That question should be directed to the Members of the Opposition because more than half of our team work in the Executive seven days a week. Our Members do more work outside of Parliament than in Parliament where we just sit, talk and debate. The Members of the Opposition should question their Parliamentary salary as to whether it should be cut because they also work in a second job. I am not sure whether the Leader of the Opposition would support that proposal. We are all in favour of enabling more sitting days and we spent more than a year going through our Standing Orders to find out how we can make that happen.</p> <p>4. Mr V. Tupa question to the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. T. Pupuke-Browne – Can you Leader of the Opposition clarify your statement in the newspaper about your support to the use of marijuana for medicine and for a Referendum to be given to our people.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Hon. T. Pupuke Browne – Yes, I did support the use of marijuana as medicine and a Referendum but I told CINEWS that was my personal view and not of the Democratic Party because I did not have discussions</p>
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		with them. To be frank, our people has the last say in terms of legalising marijuana.
(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)	<p><b>CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS</b></p> <p>1. Paper No. 111 – Report on a review of the Standing Orders.  Motion moved by Mr T. Elikana to receive Paper No. 111.  Seconded by Hon. R. Toki-Brown  Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr T. Elikana</li> <li>• Hon. M. Brown</li> <li>• Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</li> </ul> <p>Motion moved by the Leader of the House, Ms T. Brown that Parliament adopt the revised Standing Orders together with the accompanying Appendices as set out in Part 2 of the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the Review of the Standing Orders with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.  Seconded by Mr T. Elikana  Motion agreed to</p> <p>Paper No. 111 passed.</p> <p>2. Paper No. 116 – Cook Islands National Superannuation Fund (Contribution Rate) Amendment Order 2021, Serial No. 2021/11.</p> <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 Akamoeau — 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> <p>12. Paper No. 126 – Ombudsman (Terms and Conditions of</p>
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		<p>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> <p>21. Paper No. 135 – COVID-19 (Border Entry Requirements)</p>
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		<p>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>Motion moved by Hon. T. Pupuke Browne to refer Paper No. 137 to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration in the next Parliament. Seconded by Mrs S. Napa Motion agreed to</p> <p>23. Paper No. 138 – PERC Report on Complaint received regarding Revenue Management Division at the Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>Motion moved by Hon. T. Pupuke Browne to refer Paper No. 138 to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration in the next Parliament. Seconded by Mr V. Tupa Motion agreed to</p> <p>24. Paper No. 139 – Public Accounts Committee Report on the Review of the Appropriation Bill 2022/2023.</p> <p>Motion moved by Mr T. Elikana to refer Paper No. 139 to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration in the next Parliament. Seconded by Mr V. Tupas Motion agreed to</p> <p>Paper No. 140 – Financial Statement (Appropriation Bill 2022-23)</p>
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(m)	Orders of the Day (Order 70)	<p>1. Second Reading of the Ombudsman Amendment Bill 2022 Seconded by Hon. R. Toki-Brown Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hon. V. Mokoroa</li> <li>2. Mr V. Tupa</li> <li>3. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</li> <li>4. Mr T. Elikana</li> <li>5. Mrs S. Napa</li> <li>6. Mr W. Heather</li> <li>7. Mr A. Nicholas</li> <li>8. Hon. P Arioka</li> <li>9. Hon. M. Brown</li> </ol> <p>Bill passed.</p> <p>2. Second Reading of the Criminal Justice (Validation of Parole Board Reappointments) Bill 2022 Seconded by Mr V. Tupa Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr V. Tupa</li> <li>2. Hon. T. Pupuke Browne</li> <li>3. Hon. G. Angene</li> </ol> <p>Bill 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 Ms. T. Brown to extend Parliament until all business of the House is disposed. Seconded by Mr T. Elikana Motion agreed to</p> <p>2. Motion moved by Ms. T. Brown to adjourn Parliament <i>Sine Die</i>. 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 A. Maki-Kavana
	Meeting adjourned at 2.36 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. Mrs A. Armstrong 22. Mr N. Baker 23. Mr T. Maoate	

Signature: Clerk

Date:

27/05/2022

Signature: Speaker

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