

17 July 2012. **His Majesty King Tupou VI under Clause 61(2) (c) of the Constitution has revoked Lord Lasike's appointment as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga effective immediately.**



This was conveyed in a letter to Havea Hikule'o Tu'uhetoka on the 17th of July 2012. The letter advised Havea Hikule'o Tu'uhetoka that as a consequence of his Conviction on 9 July 2012 by the Supreme Court of an offence under section 4(2)(b) of the Arms and Ammunition Act which is an offence punishable by imprisonment for a maximum of 5 years.

Under Clause 23 of the Constitution the decision was effective from the date of his conviction and he is no longer an elected representative to the Legislative Assembly of Tonga.

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