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## Lemanu-Talauega Administration Holds Cabinet Meeting

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On Monday, September 19, 2022, the Lemanu-Talauega administration held its cabinet meeting at the Department of Homeland Security conference room in Tafuna. Various issues were discussed with cabinet members before Honorable Governor Lemanu Mauaga's departure tonight.

### **FY23 & Supplemental**

As cabinet leaders near the end of the budget hearing, Governor Lemanu echoed that members of the cabinet needed to hone in on the top three priorities or key projects to better serve the

Territory. Governor Lemanu confirmed that a good portion of the supplemental budget has been allocated for Manu'a projects and shared issues that residents of Manu'a face. "We do not know the struggles, if we do not uphold our duty and responsibilities of serving the residents of Manu'a," stated Governor Lemanu. He continued, "During the seasons that the Manu'atele cannot dock in the wharf, parcels, pallets, goods, materials are all thrown off the boat into the ocean, while the village men swim to bring them to shore, risking their lives." Governor Lemanu, as said before, there is a critical need and encouraged cabinet leaders to extend the good works done in Tutuila to the residents of Manu'a.

### **Presidential Declarations**

A declaration was passed by President Biden allowing federal support for the July 12-15 events with the damages from high surf, strong wind, and flood waters. "I commend all our cabinet leaders here who have provided the federal government with the proper and necessary documentation to afford American Samoa this opportunity," stated Governor Lemanu.

### **Other**

Other items that were discussed at the cabinet meeting included plans for the 2022 Christmas program, Flag Day 2023, and the opening of the Lion's Park.

Lieutenant Governor Talauega Ale thanked cabinet leaders for discussing ways to improve our service to the community. He also encouraged leaders to participate in the various activities of Coastweeks hosted by the Department of Commerce, and the Amerika Samoa Disaster Resilience Summit that will take place September 27-29, hosted by the Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management.

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