Special Investigation Audit Report on the Accounts and Records of Honiara City Council

Call for Submissions


As the independent Parliamentary body that scrutinizes the executive in the area of public finances, the PAC is responsible for examining and reporting to Parliament inappropriate or corrupt practices and systems in respect to public finances such as those identified in the reports of the Auditor General. For this purpose, we kindly invite written/oral submissions from individuals, groups and organizations in Solomon Islands who wish to express their views, knowledge or experiences regarding the findings and recommendations of the Audit Report.

The PAC hopes to collect these submissions as evidences of the inquiry and present them in a report to Parliament.

The closing date for submissions is at the close of business 4:30 pm on the 19th February, 2021. Copies of the Audit Report, the Submissions Fact Sheet, Template and the TOR can be accessed under “NEW” section on the National Parliament website (www.parliament.gov.sb) or through request to the Committee Secretary.

Submissions should be sent to: The Interim Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, National Parliament of Solomon Islands, P.O. Box G19, Honiara; or by email to the Committee Secretary by email below. ComSec@parliament.gov.sb/heston.rence@parliament.gov.sb

For further information about the inquiry or making a submission, please contact the Committee Secretariat on the details provided above.

Hon. Rick Houenipwela
Interim Chairman
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Submission Fact Sheet

Submissions are confidential until they are made public by the Committee, which might occur during the inquiry or when the report is tabled in Parliament at the end of the inquiry. The evidences compiled in the presented report are also guarded under Parliamentary privileges. This means no one is liable to any civil or criminal proceedings concerning the information disclosed to the Committee for the purpose of the hearing. If your submission contains information you do not wish to be made public, please be sure to clearly mark it ‘CONFIDENTIAL’. The Committee will consider all requests for confidentiality, but is not obliged to grant a submission confidential status if it determines that it is not in the public interest to do so.

Any submission should state whether it is from an individual or organization. State clearly in your submission if you or your organization intends to appear before the Committee. When writing your submission the following can be used as a guideline:

- Put a summary of what you want to say at the beginning
- Be clear at the beginning if you support or disagree with the Audit Report
- Say why you support or disagree with the Audit Report
- Stick to the issue or issues. Talk about your points one at a time. Don’t jumble them together
- Keep it simple, what you think and why you think
- Be truthful and provide information that supports what you are saying (Make sure your facts are right)
- Use bullet points to help make your points clear
- Provide information on what parts of the Audit Report concern you, and why you disagree with them

Pages should be numbered to help the Committee in referring to the submission during oral evidence.
Submission Template

To: [Insert Name of Committee]

From: [Is this from you or a Group?]

Say if you support or disagree with the Audit Report

**Summary of your Points** (Use headings)

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**Issues of top priority**

Suggestions **actions** that should be taken on top priorities (Recommendations)

I want to talk about my submission at a Select Committee Inquiry

☐ Yes  ☐ No
COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

The Committee is established under Standing Order 69; an Order made pursuant to the Constitution and has the functions, together with the necessary powers to discharge such,

(a) examine the accounts prescribed by Section 77 of the Public Financial Management Act 2013, together with the report of the Auditor General thereon, and to report the results of such examination to Parliament;

(b) establish the causes of any excesses over authorized expenditure and to make recommendations to Parliament on any appropriate measures to cater for such excesses of expenditure;

(c) examine such other accounts laid before Parliament as the Committee may think fit, together with any auditor’s report thereon and to report the results of such examination to Parliament;

(d) summon any public officer to give information on any explanation, or to produce any records or documents which the Committee may require in the performance of its duties;

(e) consider in detail the Draft Estimates prepared by the Government in support of the Annual Appropriation Bill;

(f) summon and examine the Accounting Officers and Technical staff of Ministries and Departments and require the production of background information and explanation in relation to Draft Estimates;

(g) report to Parliament in such a way that the report may inform Members prior to the Parliamentary debate thereon of the background to the Draft Estimates draw attention to those matters which the Committee feels should be the subject for such Parliamentary debate; and

(h) Make such recommendations as the Committee sees fit and subsequently receive comments and reports on such recommendations from the Government.