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Entitled

**AN ACT** TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ACT 2012 RELATING TO THE COUNCIL OF  
THE UNIVERSITY.

**ENACTED** by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

## ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title
2. Commencement
3. Section 12 amended
4. Section 24 amended



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| 1. This Act may be cited as the Solomon Islands National University (Amendment) Act 2014.  | Short title        |
| 2. This Act commences on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the <i>Gazette</i> .  | Commencement       |
| 3. This Act amends the Solomon Islands National University Act 2012 (“the principal Act”).   | Act amended        |
| 4. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 12(4) and substituting it with the following:<br><br>“(4) The term of elected members mentioned in subsection (1)(a), (b), (c), (e) or (f) is 3 years, and for the elected member mentioned in subsection (1)(d) is 2 years, from the first scheduled meeting after the date of election.” | Section 12 amended |
| 5. The principal Act is amended in section 24(1)(a) by deleting “five (5)” and substituting with “two (2).”  | Section 24 amended |

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**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The primary object of the Bill is to facilitate more regular meetings of the Council of the Solomon Islands University. The Council has not been able to hold its regular meetings because of the impracticality of attaining the threshold of 5 appointed members to form a quorum. The Bill amends section 24(1)(a) of the Solomon Islands University Act 2012 to reduce the requirement for the presence of 5 appointed members to a more achievable requirement of 2 appointed members.

The Bill also amends section 12(4) of the Act to provide that the general staff member of the University who is an elected member of the Council has a 3 year term of office as an elected member. This is the same term of office as the majority of elected members. Previously, the Act did not limit the term of office of the general staff member. All elected members are eligible for re-election when their term of office expires.

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**DICK HA'AMORI**

**MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
DEVELOPMENT**

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 – Sets out the short title of the amending Bill.

Clause 2 – Sets out the procedure for the commencement of the Bill.

Clause 3 – Specifies that the Act amends the Solomon Islands University Act 2012 (the “principal Act”)

Clause 4 – Amends section 12(4) of the principal Act. Previously, this provision specified the term of office of all the elected members of the University Council except the elected member who is a general staff member of the University. The amendment adds this member to the provision so that they have the same term of office (3 years) as the majority of elected members.

Clause 5 – Amends section 24(1)(a) of the principal Act to decrease the number of appointed members of the University Council required to form a quorum for meetings of the Council from 5 appointed members to 2.

