



OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

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AUDIT OFFICE SEEKS NEW AUDITOR GENERAL

The Acting Auditor General, Robert Cohen, has received clearance to commence recruitment of the next Auditor General of the Solomon Islands following the retirement of Mr Edward Ronia late 2013.

Consultations had been conducted with the Government in 2014 to clarify a number of legal issues prior to commencing recruitment. However, the process was halted with the dissolution of Parliament and the Government entering into caretaker mode in preparation for the General Elections held later in the year.

“Now that the 10th Parliament has been formed, a Speaker elected and a Public Accounts Committee appointed, the way is clear for the Auditor General’s Office to proceed with recruitment.” said the Acting Auditor General.

The Acting Auditor General said that the Office would be seeking applications from candidates from Solomon Islands as well as from the Pacific Region where many neighbouring countries have an understanding of the particular skills required of an Auditor General in a developing country such as Solomon Islands, as well as find the salary package attractive.

The position attracts a Super Scale 5 salary as well as housing, vehicle and ex gratia provisions.

The Acting Auditor General said that the Office is looking for a candidate who not only has the education and technical audit skills required to understand what sort of audit opinions should accompany financial statements submitted to him or her; but who is also able to deal sensitively with all matters arising from the audits to ensure the message for improvement ‘gets home’ and encourages change rather than create defiance.

The Acting Auditor General said that through section 108 of the Constitution the Auditor General is independent of government, and is the external auditor of the government’s accounts reporting directly to the Parliament – which he or she must do without fear or favour.

“However, in doing so, the Auditor General needs to have the skills to exert pressure for improvement through effective consultations with stakeholders; increased transparency of public sector accounts and processes; and sensible recommendations which can be relatively easy to implement but still generate improvement.” the Acting Auditor General said.

Advertisements for the position will commence this week with applications closing on Tuesday 31 March 2015.

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Attachment: Position Advertisement