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Your Ref:

Sir. Allen Kemakeza, KBE
Speaker of the National Parliament of Solomon Islands

Dear Mr. Speaker,

OMBUDSMAN'S SPECIAL REPORT TO PARLIAMENT - ALLEGATIONS OF FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT AND MALADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE CHOISEUL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

In accordance with section 98 (3) of the Constitution, it is my pleasure and honour to present to the National Parliament this **Special Report No: 01/2011** on **Own Motion Investigation into Allegations of Financial Mismanagement and Maladministration within the Choiseul Provincial Government.**

1. Delay in Presenting Report to Parliament

Following are the reasons for the delay in presenting it to Parliament:

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(iii) Work on the Report started again when the incumbent Ombudsman settled in.

2. Action to recommendations

By now relevant actions would have been taken to most of the Recommendations. After the production of the Investigation Report, the Audit Office has made an audit of the Provincial Accounts. The issues raised would have been dealt with by the Auditor General's Office. It is understood the Provincial Authority has put in measures in place to put a stop to such practices

and to ensure strict compliance with relevant legislations and procedures.

3. Constitutional Mandate and Matters for information of Parliament

The Report highlighted a lot of maladministration action by public officials. Some of the actions by the officers were serious and contravened the relevant legislations and even the Penal Code. It is felt that though this Report might be out of date it must be presented to Parliament pursuant to the Ombudsman's powers under ***section 98 (3) of the Constitution***. It is important that Parliament is made aware of corrupt actions by Public Officials

Thank you for facilitating the presentation of the Report at the earliest Parliament Meeting.

I, yours faithfully,

Joe Poraiwai
Ombudsman.

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List of Acronyms, words and names of persons used in the Reports

If in doubt of certain words, abbreviations and names of persons and titles used in this Report, refer to the list below:

CPG	Choiseul Provincial Government
DPGCD	Department of Provincial Government and Constituency Development
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions
LCC	Leadership Code commission
Deputy Secretary	Deputy Provincial Secretary of the Choiseul Province.
John Smith Pitabelama	Holder of Ombudsman Post between 2001 and 2006.
Joe Poraiwai	Holder of Ombudsman Post from 125th July 2008 to 08th November 2011.
Lauru	Local name for Choiseul province.
MPG Legal Office	Office of the Legal Officer in the then Ministry of Provincial Government (now Department of Provincial Government and Constituency Development)
NBSI	National Bank of Solomon Islands
RSIP	Royal Solomon Islands Police Force.
Secretary	Provincial Secretary of the Choiseul Province
SIG	Solomon Islands Government

[1] Legal five year term from 09th November 2006 to 09th November 2011 but did not resume duties until after formally sworn in on 25th July 2008.

Treasurer Provincial Treasurer of the Choiseul Province.

I. CURRENT STATUS OF THE REPORT

- **Investigation Report**

Since the investigations were done in 2006, relevant Investigation Report was produced and distributed to Agencies and individuals accordingly.

- **Natural Justice Stages**

Letters were issued to relevant authorities and individuals and responses made accordingly. This is highlighted at the end of this Report.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Although the complaint referred to 'official corruption', the then Ombudsman, John Smith Pitabelama, decided to initiate an own motion investigation rather than refer the details of the complaint to another agency such as the Leadership Code Commission (LCC), the Royal Solomon Islands Police (RSIP) or the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). This was because in many instances, complainants wrongly describe the conduct in question as corruption when it might be more properly characterised as maladministration or mismanagement.

The completion of this report was delayed as a result of the previous Ombudsman's term of office ending, and legal challenges to the appointment of the current Ombudsman. However, now that these impediments are no longer operative as the current Ombudsman I have decided to finalise the report and present it to Parliament for consideration.

In reaching this decision I considered that the investigative actions and efforts the office should not be wasted. Further, I considered that the people of Choiseul Province who first raised their concerns with my office should be assured that it has attempted to discharge its constitutional and statutory functions toassist the people of Solomon Islands in their dealings with government. The people of the Solomon Islands are entitled to good governance, characterised by honesty, probity and integrity, accountability and transparency.

It is hoped that this report will be considered by various agencies within the Solomon Islands and that the recommendations made in the report will be seriously considered and where possible, implemented. It is also to be hoped that other Provincial Governments will consider the findings and recommendations detailed in this report and will review and revise their own procedures and practices accordingly.

My office's investigation examined the conduct of officials in relation to:

- The borrowing of money from businessmen to pay provincial staff wages;
- Tourism development proposal grant approval decisions;
- Phone bill payments;
- Staff redundancy and retirement decisions;
- Sports grant funding decisions;
- Borrowing for travel to Honiara by provincial staff; and
- Timber hearings processes.

I found evidence of inappropriate practices. In particular, the CPG's practice of borrowing funds from local businessmen to service wages payments was problematic. It provided a means by which maladministration and conflicts of interest readily intruded upon good governance. Closely related to this, I also found evidence of improper conduct by some CPG officials. In some instances this amounted to serious maladministration, and arguably abuse of power or corruption.

I concluded that there were two underlying systemic causes for this. The first was a lack of rigorous management oversight of financial transactions by the CPG executive. The second was a lack of sufficiently skilled and trained staff to discharge critically important CPG financial and administrative functions.

A summary of my recommendations is set out below.

1. The CPG should discontinue the practice of borrowing funds from local businessmen to service wages payments, or any other outgoing costs.

2. The Premier should more vigorously oversight the CPG's financial management and administration by becoming more directly and personally involved in all CPG financial dealings and transactions.

3. The CPG Premier should issue additional directives or procedures in relation to proper fiscal management and responsibility. In this regard, the Premier should seek the assistance of the MPG Legal Office.

4. The CPG executive should explore options to enable training for CPG officials and staff in core areas like financial administration, so that CPG staff are better able to discharge their duties and responsibilities

5. To assist with finding appropriate staff for CPG administration, the CPG executive should consider how it might facilitate an increase in remoteness loadings or allowances to attract better qualified and skilled people to the province.

6. The CPG executive should report the instances of inappropriate conduct by CPG officials identified in this report – and in particular those of the then Treasurer in relation to wages borrowing and Tourism Development Projects - to relevant accountability or law enforcement bodies such as the LCC, the RSIP or the DPP for consideration as to whether further action should be initiated.

7. The Premier should clarify to CPG staff and constituents that redundancy payments are not to be made to persons who retire on medical grounds, and that the CPG Premier review, oversee and authorise future redundancy payments.

1. INTRODUCTION

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2. FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Solomon Islands Ombudsman are provided for under section 97 of the Solomon Islands Constitution **[see *Attachment 1*]** and include:

1. Inquiring into the conduct of any person to whom this section applies in the exercise of his office or authority or abuse thereof;

2. Assisting in the improvement of practices and procedures of public bodies; and

3. Ensuring the elimination of arbitrary and unfair decisions.

The Ombudsman is empowered under section 5(1) of the *Ombudsman (Further Provisions) Act [CAP 88]* to investigate any action taken by an officer or authority in the exercise of the administrative functions of that officer or authority. The Ombudsman may investigate where a complaint has been made, or where he considers it desirable to do so of his own motion.

The Ombudsman provided the investigation team with an investigation plan and official instruments requiring officials to produce and disclose information to the team for the investigation. Copies of the investigation plan and official instruments are set out at ***Attachments 2 and 3*.**

3. NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT

The complaint is set out in full at ***Attachment 4*.** In summary form, the complaint was as follows.

The then Choiseul Treasurer, Mr Geoffrey Vakolevae and the then Choiseul Secretary (Supervising), Mr Jeffrey Pakipota allegedly failed to properly exercise their administrative duties and responsibilities. The complaint alleged in particular that:

- Mr Vakolevae had mismanaged CPG accounts such that the CPG had to borrow money from local businessmen at an excessive rate of interest (up to 30%) in order to pay the wages of CPG direct employees.
    - These borrowings and commissions drew on a large proportion of CPG funds, and included loans from MrVakolevae's own business, the Island

Bottleshop.

- MrPakipota, who was authorised to co-sign CPG cheques, allegedly failed to perform his duties in that he consented to and approved of the wage related repayments to the Island Bottleshop.

- MrVakolevae and MrPakipoka work together on certain issues with a former provincial politician and local businessman, MrSimmyVazarabatu. In concert, they arranged for an irregular transfer of approximately $50,000.00 under the guise of a Tourist Development Project ('TDP').

- MrVakolevae regularly authorised the payment of his personal phone bills from CPG funds and used his CPG office and telephone for his private business dealings.

The complaint provided details of the dates the payments were made and cheque numbers. The claims, on their face, raised significant issues about the fiscal mismanagement of CPG funds, potential instances of maladministration, non-compliance with relevant CPG regulations, ordinances, instructions or policy, and possibly corruption or other criminal actions.

4. PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES IN HONIARA

Prior to the commencement of the investigation tour, the office sought information from the National Bank of Solomon Islands ('NBSI') in Honiara about the transactions in question **[see *Attachment 5*].** The NBSI provided the office with copies of the relevant cheques, which appeared to corroborate the allegations set out in the complaint – confirming that the cheques referred to in the complaint had been made out as alleged, and providing a documentary record of the signatures of the signatories ***[see Attachment 6].***

5. THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation team travelled to Taro Island and over a number of days, interviewed the CPG Premier, Mr Jackson Kiloe, and other key CPG staff.

In the course of the investigation, the Premier and the Secretary highlighted a number of problems facing CPG administration with regard to staffing, skills and expertise.

The CPG had difficulty attracting and retaining appropriately trained and skilled officers to fill key positions, and lacked assistance and support from the national Solomon Islands Government ('SIG') in Honiara in these areas. For example, adverts for vacant positions in the CPG had attracted no applicants and the CPG's accounts had not been audited since 1995. The Premier's own professional training was in aeronautic engineering rather than administration, and a number of key CPG staff were acting well above their substantive levels and had no support staff.

These problems caused consequential difficulties for CPG administrators. While the Premier acknowledged that officials within the CPG might make mistakes or poor decisions due to these reasons, he indicated that he welcomed the investigation and would take necessary action to

ensure his staff's full assistance with our inquiries and the implementation of any recommendations that might be made on completion of the investigation. He was keen for constructive assistance and advice. The Premier's made full and frank disclosures of the problems facing CPG and support for the investigation precluded the need for the team to formally serve the Premier and other CPG officials with notices of production.

The team then met with the CPG Accountant, Ms Malasa. She had kept detailed and comprehensive accounts records and offered full access to all relevant ledgers and supporting documentation in relation to the payment of salaries over the period October 20005 to December 2005 and two payments of $16,500 cash made by Cheque Numbers 282/67 and 282/68 on 5 December 2005.

The accountant confirmed that the assertions in the complaint appeared consistent with her own understanding of the facts. In particular she:

- confirmed that the Treasurer had signed a number of cheques and associated minutes authorising payment from CPG funds to local businessmen involving the repayment of monies borrowed from them along with a 30% commission;

- had been told that the borrowings were necessary to pay the salaries of CPG employees when there was a shortfall in CPG funds due to delays in payments from the Ministry of Provincial Government (MPG) in Honiara;

- indicated that when there is a shortfall in CPG funds for paying employees' wages, the usual practice was for the Treasurer to borrow monies from Taro businesses to be repaid with a 30% commission; and

- understood that most of the borrowings had been made from the Island Bottleshop, which is owned by the Treasurer.

The team raised these matters to the Premier who advised the following:

- When there are insufficient funds in the CPG accounts to pay for direct employees' salaries, the CPG administration must borrow from business houses to ensure employees are able to provide for themselves and their families.

- The usual practice is to first ask business operators with business licence arrears to the CPG promptly pay their arrears.

- Where this does not provide sufficient funds, the Treasurer can recommend that funds be borrowed and from whom.

- The CPG has been operating without a substantive Provincial Secretary, Deputy Provincial Secretary or Deputy Provincial Treasurer for some time. This has created some administrative problems for the CPG as there is no one to undertake deputised or delegated tasks.

- The Legal Officer at the Department of Provincial Government and Constituency Development (DPGCD) had been asked by the Premier to review all provincial rules and ordinances, the most recent of which came into force in July 1992.

- There is a pressing need for training for CPG politicians, officials and employees. In the Premier's view, it is only with such training that politicians, officials and employees will be aware of their duties and responsibilities, and will be able to properly comply with relevant administrative processes and procedures.

- Currently, the payment of provincial grants is no longer a problem. Grants are paid on time in the first week of each month. Since the arrival of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI), there have been very few instances of delayed grants.

- Early in 2006 the Premier issued a minute to the Treasurer instructing him to give priority to the payment of salaries and to put aside an amount of the grant each month to avoid wages fund shortages that result in borrowings. **[See *Attachment 7*]**. Since the issue of this minute, borrowing funds to pay CPG direct employees' wages has stopped.

- The signatories to the CPG account during the period October to December 2005 were Nixon Qurusu (then Secretary), Jeffrey Pakipota (then Deputy Secretary) and Geoffrey Vakolevae (Treasurer).

- Two of the cheques issued for $16,500.00 (numbers 282167 and 282168) were made out to cash and were paid out on 5 December 2005 to two different persons. These cheques were signed by the then Secretary, Mr Qurusu, and the Treasurer, Mr Vakolevae.

- The Premier understood that these payments related to two applications for Tourist Development Project funding made by two business houses, associated with MssrsVazarabatu, Pakipota and Vakolevae The applications were brought before the Provincial Executive for consideration and approval by the then Deputy Secretary, Mr Pakipota.

- The Secretary prepared a minute directing the Treasurer to have funding payments raised and processed. Due to an objection from the Deputy Secretary, the payments were not raised or processed.

- Soon after the Premier recommended the removal of the then Secretary, Mr Qurusu (for other unrelated matters) and the Treasurer reactivated the arrangement. The Treasurer authorised the two payments to be made and directed Ms Malasa to raise two cheques for the relevant amounts.

- Although the two cheques were made out for cash, they were payable to the Island Bottleshop (owned by the Treasurer) and to Island Transit (owned by Mr Vazarabatu), the former provincial member and now local businessman.

The accountant subsequently confirmed the accuracy of this information and provided the following additional information.

- Payment of monthly grants to the Province was no longer a problem. These have been paid on time at the beginning of each month.

- The average monthly grant is around $182,000.00 and the average salary bill is approximately $13,000.00 per fortnight.

- As a result of the Premier's direction, the Treasurer should have been putting aside at least $26,000 each month for salaries. The Treasurer did not do so because there were ongoing funding shortages and 30% commissions had been paid on borrowed monies.

    - Instead, before each payday, the Treasurer would request officers to write notes requesting authority to borrow from local business owners to be repaid with 30% interest. The main source of borrowings was the Island Bottleshop, which was co-owned by the Treasurer and his father, Mr Enoch Sila.

- In the provincial budget, $50,000.00 had been allocated for tourism development and promotion. The Treasurer authorised processing of cheques for the amounts of $16,500.00 to each of Island Transit (owned by Mr Vazarabatu) and the Island Bottleshop (owned by him).

- The payment of $33,300 on 5 December 2005 reduced the amount of provincial grants funds available for salaries, and consequently the province had to borrow to pay for salaries in December 2005.

- The then Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Treasurer and Mr Vazarabatu are or were involved in the following relationships:

    - The then Secretary and the Deputy Secretary are social friends of the Treasurer and Mr Vazarabatu;

    - The then Provincial Secretary was a schoolmate of Mr Vazarabatu and is the first cousin of Mr Vazarabatu's wife.

- The CPG was responsible for paying the bills for a number of telephones, including the Premier's office and residence and the Provincial office. Every month the Province also pays the bill for the Treasurer's residential telephone.

- The Deputy Secretary's father-in-law was a driver for the Tarikukure Provincial Secondary School. He was sick and was replaced. Eventually, when the doctor certified his incapacity to continue working, he was retired on medical grounds. He was paid redundancy money despite being ineligible because of his retirement on medical grounds.

- This has caused a flow of claims from other workers who were previously retired. So far, a couple of cases have been paid by the Province following the driver's precedent.

Copies of relevant accounts and ledger entries relating to wages borrowings for October, November and December 2005 are set out at ***Attachment 8.***

Copies of relevant accounts and ledger entries relating to the tourism development proposal are set out at ***Attachment 9.***

The team also interviewed the current Secretary, Mr Pakipota, who advised that the three CPG officers authorised to sign provincial cheques were the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary and the Treasurer. Any two of the authorised signatories can sign.

During October – December 2005, the period with which the investigation was concerned, these positions were respectively occupied by Nixon Qurusu, Mr Pakipota himself and Geoffrey Vakolevae.

The Secretary said he was only involved in signing cheques as a formality when they were presented to him for his signature. He did not determine the amounts of the cheques or their purpose. His view is that he is obliged to leave the financial management of the Province to the Treasurer and to trust that the Treasurer is doing his job properly.

He said that he was not aware that the amounts of the cheques, especially those cheques relating to salary borrowings repayments, included a 30% interest component until after they had been signed and paid. However, in one instance, he detected a commission when the supporting payment voucher was attached to the cheque. He raised the commission issue with the Treasurer and after some debate managed to get the Treasurer to reduce the commission to 20%.

He understood that repayments of borrowed monies with interest or a commission had been the standard or customary practice in the Province for some time. He stated that he was just following this practice when he signed the above cheques.

The Treasurer and SimmyVazarabatu are owners of the Island Bottleshop and Island Transit respectively. Together with Mr Pakipota, they applied for funding of $50,000.00 for the purposes of 'tourism development'.

The request was received when the then Secretary was in Honiara, so it was referred to Mr Pakipota as Deputy Secretary. He referred it to the Premier for approval because the application did not appear to fall within the criteria for tourism development and promotion, for which the funding was intended. He was concerned that under the provincial town's land zoning, the Island Transit was situated in the commercial area, rather than the tourism zone and was therefore not eligible for tourism funding. The Premier indicated that he would consider and personally decide the application and that no further action was to be taken on it by other officers.

Further, Mr Pakipotawas concerned that he should not personally decide the application as he had established business links with the Treasurer and Mr Vazarabatu. He thought that this might involve a conflict of interest, so he sought advice from and consulted with the Premier. Both he and the Premier thought it prudent and preferable that he have no further involvement with the application and it was agreed that the Premier would personally decide the application.

The then Secretary, Mr Qurusu, had been recommended for removal from the province by the Premier as unsuitable due to inappropriate and improper behaviour both during and outside work hours **(see *Attachment 10*).** The then Secretary was subsequently recalled to Honiara. However, just prior to his recall, and despite the Premier's directive, the Treasurer approved the application and authorised two cheques for $16,500 each, which were paid on 5 December 2005.

After speaking with Mr Pakipota, the team then met again with the Ms Malasa. She indicated that:

- Despite the Premier's directive in writing provided to the Treasurer in January 2006, the payment of interest on loans has continued in respect of transactions

  other than loans for wages payments and provided accounts showing that the following grants had been paid to the province:

  1/09/05 receipt number 519109 $161,341.00
  2/11/05 receipt number 519133 $176,579.00
  28/11/05 receipt number 519142 $176,746.00
  14/12/05 receipt number 519143 $ 54,000.00
  (airport maintenance)
  14/12/05 receipt number 519144 $ 30,000.00
  (airport maintenance)

See *Attachment 11*for further details about the amounts and times of grants.

The accountant provided the following information relating to the allegations that the Treasurer had paid his personal telephone bill out of provincial funds. The figures in the "Totals" column of the table below represent the component of the overall bill that related to the to Treasurer's domestic telephone number, no. 63103.

Date	**Amount**	**Cheque No.**	**PV No.**	**Totals**
3/11/05	$8,8403.85	280966	19/11	$140.02
24/01/06	$4024.73	282257	77/1	$856.02
14/02/06	$4370.94	319621	34/2	$515.51
13/03/06	$1,795.32	319764	78/3	$133.03
21/04/06	$3,631.90	319804	54/4	$283.48

Ms Malasa also elaborated on some additional matters as follows:

- In October 2005, the CPG Sports Co-ordinator, John Wesley Zinga, drew a

special imprest of $38,220 for the Solomons Cup in Honiara (Special Imprest No.50/05). He failed to retirethis imprest on his return.

- Subsequently, in June 2006, Mr Zinga drew another special imprest of $40,000 for the Solomon Games in Makira (Special Imprest No. 25/06). It was to be retired at the end of July 2006. However, while the previous Imprest issued to him in 2005 was not retired, this new Imprest was issued to Mr Zinga.

- For the Treasurer's trip to Honiara at the time of our investigation, the Provincial Government borrowed $12,000.00 from Jeremiah, his cousin. A cheque for $15,600 (cheque no. 282333) was prepared to be paid as a refund for the loan, comprising the principal sum and a 30% commission.

The accountant also raised issues relation to Timber Rights Hearings processes. Here the relevant logging company deposits money into the Province's Reserve Account to cover the costs of the hearing. The people involved in the process are Executive members, the Forestry Officer (a SIG employee), Provincial administrative officials and land owners. The accountant alleged that payment of allowances involved

improprieties. The budget is to be collected from Provincial Administration and landowners produce a budget to the company. On one occasion, the budget provided for 4 days but the meeting only took 1.5 days, but no refund was made off the excess funds received.

The team again met with the Premier again following the interview with the Accountant.

The Premier expressed concerns about the payments of $16,500 made on 5 December 2005 and advised that the then Deputy Secretary, Mr Pakipota, had refused to have the payments processed. However, the then Secretary, Mr Qurusu and the Treasurer proceeded to authorise the payment and co-sign the cheques. The Premier was very concerned about these payments as he had directed the proposal not be approved.

The Premier advised that since taking office he had recommended the removal of two Secretaries and one Treasurer. His recommendations had been accepted and the officers either removed from their posts or recalled to Honiara. His immediate problem is that, if he removes the Treasurer there will be no one to co-sign provincial cheques - currently the only two people authorised to sign are the Treasurer and the Secretary (Supervising).

The Premier also advised that, from 2000, Area Councils used to deal with Timber Rights Hearings. Since then, Area Councils have ceased to exist and the hearings are being conducted by provincial executives under laws passed by the SIG in Honiara. The Premier accepted that he had to discharge this responsibility but noted that Honiara had not provided the provinces with any additional funding to meet the costs of this additional function. He also indicated that the Provincial Executive was not well placed to hear disputes because of a lack of training and expertise in this area.

He expressed concern that it was inappropriate for an administrator to undertake such a quasi-

judicial role, and raised issues about perceptions of bias from parties who were unsuccessful at the hearing. He has reluctantly accepted this responsibility despite his misgivings, and noted that other provincial premiers are similarly concerned. For example, he said that the Premier of another province had told him that he would not complete a Timber Rights Hearing unless and until a court order required him to do so. The Premier indicated, however, that - as required by *The Timber and Forestry Utilisation Act* - the Provincial Executive must deal with any Timber Rights dispute within 3 months of notification. The details of this discussion are highlighted at Issue 7 on page 25.

InAugust 2006, the team returned to Taro Island to complete the own motion investigation.

The Premier expressed his appreciation for such an investigation in the Choiseul Provincial Office. He further reiterated the need for senior positions of the Provincial Secretary and Deputy Provincial Secretary to be filled.

The team interviewed the Provincial Treasurer, Geoffrey Vakolevae, after issuing him with an order pursuant to section 12 of the *Ombudsman (Further Provisions) Act*. MrVakolevae provided the following information:

- He is a share holder of Island bottle shop. His other family members however look after the operations of the business. It is a registered business.

- The borrowing of money was done as a result of pressure from workers. However, he does not approve the borrowings himself and on two occasions the Premier sanctioned the borrowings

- He co-signed the cheques to repay the borrowings to Island bottle shop, Billy Tagubala (Laru Bay), Mamakana and Venga store owned by Jeremiah.

- He was not aware of the ruling of the Honiara magistrate court on illegal lending, was not aware that it is illegal to charge a commission.

- He confirmed that paying of salary and wages is now a budget priority.

- He admitted seeing the memo written by the Premier in January 2006.

- He indicated that shortfalls were caused by pressures from politicians to pay ward grants. Each member is entitled to $40,000 as ward grant. He has now implemented controls in paying ward grants.

- He admitted that logging companies were sometimes approached to pay their dues in order to meet salary and wages.

- Borrowings to pay wages stopped around June/July 2006 and the province is now able to pay workers on time.

- Funds for the Tourism Development Project proposals were approved by the former acting Provincial Secretary Nick Qurusu.

- The Island Bottle Shop, in which he is part owner, received its portion. The Island Transit lodge, which is owned by Simi Vazarabatu, also received funds.

- The other applicant, Jeffrey Pakipota refused to accept his portion, citing conflict of interest.

- However, he did not consider it a conflict of interest for the Island Bottle Shop to receive funding because the Island Bottle Shop is a registered business and he did not directly receive the money. Rather, the business did.

- He denied having any links with the other Tourism Development Project applicants.

- He was authorized to charge is phone bill to the province. The Provincial Secretary (PS) was aware of this. The Provincial Government was also paying phone bills of the Premier and the PS. He indicated that Mr. Qurusu authorized the payments. He advised that the Province Government was then still paying his phone bills.

The team also met with the Sports Coordinator, John Wesley Zinga. The interview was brief and the following information was provided:

- The delay in retiring the 2005 imprest was due to typing delays.

- The 2006 imprest had since become ready to be retired and the report on how the imprest was used had since become ready to be typed.

The Sport Coordinator advised that the procedure for obtaining an imprest involves an application through the Head of Departments to the Provincial Secretary. He was unable to explain why he was given the 2006 imprest despite the fact he had not yet retired the 2005 imprest.

The team also interviewed the Senior Administration Officer, Mr Luke Poloso to obtain information regarding how the province administers Timber Rights hearings, and was advised that:

- The Provincial Government submits budget to the logging companies. Submissions include information like number of days and allowances for the delegation.

- Sitting allowances were paid at the following rates: Premier $650; Deputy Premier $625; Members of Provincial Assembly $600. Other Government & Provincial Officials like Police, Forestry Officer and Provincial drivers were also paid certain sums of money of various amounts.

- The PS and Deputy PS coordinated the Timber Rights hearing, including the submission of budgets.

- The PS and the Deputy PS do the administrative work on Timber Right hearings, including budgets. The PS only attends if invited.

- The investigation team wanted to confirm the procedure for applying for imprests. Mr Poloso confirmed the procedure as outlined by the sports coordinator.

The Provincial Treasurer was also interviewed in relation to the redundancy payment for Mr Pitisopa. Mr Pitisopa is Mr. Pakipota's father in-law.

The Treasurer confirmed that Mt Pitisopa was paid the amount of $9225.68 under payment voucher 24/2, cheque No. 298636. Approval for the payment was made in Ref: CP 1/03/03, dated 12/11/03 written by Jeffrey Pakipota.

The Treasurer said that Mr Zakia Kimasaru - a provincial employee in the Works (Water Supply) Division - was also paid a redundancy package in 2004. This payment may have been made using Mr Pitisopa's case as a precedent.

The Treasurer further confirmed the following:

- He was not related to Mr Kimasaru;

- Mr Kimasaru was not entitled to a redundancy package; and

- The redundancy package affected provincial funds.

The Treasurer also indicated that he would like to provide the office with a written report. However, no report was received.

6. FINDINGS

Under section 16 of the Ombudsman Act, where the Ombudsman forms the opinion that the action or conduct under investigation was unlawful, involved a mistake of fact or law, or was unreasonable or unjust, the Ombudsman may recommend that remedial action be taken, and report his opinions and recommendations to the department or authority concerned to the Prime Minister and to any Minister concerned. The Ombudsman can recommend that a matter be reconsidered, an omission rectified, a decision varied, a practice altered, a law reconsidered, reasons for decision provided and other remedial steps taken.

As a result of our investigations at Taro Island, the following issues were identified as matters of concern.

1. Wages Borrowing

2. TDP Grant Approval
3. Phone Bill Payments
4. Redundancy & Retirement Decisions
5. Sports Grant Funding
6. Honiara Trip Borrowing
7. Timber Hearings Processes

The Ombudsman's opinions and recommendations about these issues follow.

Issue 1 - WAGES BORROWING

Borrowings and Commissions

The practice of a provincial government borrowing from businessmen to pay for its operating is inherently problematic for sound financial management and administration, and provides a means by which improper conduct, and possibly corruption, can readily interfere with good governance.

It is recommended *that the CPG discontinue the practice of borrowing funds from local businessmen subject to commissions to service wages payments or any other outgoing costs.*

The implementation of prudent financial management and appropriate administrative procedures can prevent the need for such borrowings from again arising and reduce the scope for maladministration and potentially corruption practices.

It is recommended *that new administrative procedures be implemented whereby all repayments for borrowed funds are overseen, reviewed and approved by the Premier before final processing.*

The Premier

The information obtained in the course of the investigation suggests that the Premier acted reasonably and appropriately to address the problem after becoming aware of it. Although aware of the usual or customary practice of a 30% commission being charged on loans in Solomon Islands, the Premier was not specifically aware that similar commissions had been imposed on CPG borrowings for wages. When the Premier became aware of the matter, in a timely manner he issued a directive that funds for wages payments be reserved or 'quarantined' from the CPG's monthly grant from the SIG. It appears that since his directive was issued, wages funds have been reserved and the CPG has not borrowed any monies to make wages payments. Had this not been the case, it would have been recommended in this report. The Premier is to be commended for having taken that initiative.

While the Premier could arguably have paid more attention to financial management by the Treasurer, a continuing problem facing the CPG is the lack of appropriately trained and qualified staff. This coupled with the Premier's other duties – such as resolving lands and timber disputes

– means the Premier necessarily must delegate some responsibilities to other members of the administration. In so doing, unless the Premier has had some prior knowledge of impropriety, he is entitled to trust that other officials within the CPG will discharge their duties honestly and with integrity.

The problem for Choiseul is that, even when the Premier has prior knowledge of improprieties, shortages force continued reliance upon suspect staff, if only so that there are sufficient signatories for CPG cheques.

The Premier had also requested assistance from the Solomon Islands Government in the form of an audit and review of the CPG's accounts and procedures. Arguably, had this assistance been forthcoming at an earlier time, better and more prudent financial management of CPG funds might have resulted. Staffing and skills shortages remain a critical problem for proper and efficient CPG administration. For example, the issuing of new directives or procedures in relation to proper fiscal management and responsibility would improve CPG administration. However, there is a lack of appropriate and available skills in the CPG for the drafting and content of any such procedures.

It is recommended *that the Premier request:*

1. *an audit of CPG financial affairs;*
2. *that the MPG Legal Office review the CPG's current financial instructions draft new and current administrative processes and procedures for his implementation; and*
3. *training on key competencies for CPG administrative staff.*

The Provincial Secretary

The Secretary acted appropriately and reasonably in all the circumstances, doing an adequate job in difficult circumstances. He is acting at levels beyond his substantive position and is underqualified and under-skilled for his current position. He followed what he understood to be the customary or usual practice in relation to the wages repayments and on one occasion raised his concerns about the level of the commission with the Treasurer.

It is recommended *that the Provincial Secretary be given further training and development if he is to remain in his current position.*

The Accountant

The Accountant provided excellent levels of cooperation with the team's investigations and kept meticulous records and ledgers. This enabled the team to identify the relevant transactions, locate relevant documentation and gain a better understanding of the situation. Her cooperation and record keeping is to be commended.

The former Secretary

It is the Ombudsman's view that the conduct of the former Secretary in relation to the in

authorising payments of CPG funds to business houses subject to commissions was unreasonable and perhaps unlawful.

The former Secretary appears to have failed to comply with directions from his superior office in the CPG administration and made decisions which involved conflicts of interest and the abuse of his position for personal gain. Some of his actions may have involved potentially criminal conduct and there appears to be a case for referring this other accountability agencies for further consideration.

It is recommended *that the CPG forward information about these financial dealings to the LCC the RSIP and the DPP for consideration of whether additional action needs to be taken.*

The Treasurer

It is considered that the Treasurer acted inappropriately and improperly, engaging in conduct that arguably involved conflict of interests, misuse of public funds and abuse of power. We are satisfied that his actions in authorising payments of CPG funds to business houses were manifestly unreasonable and contrary to law.

Potentially, his actions and conduct may have infringed criminal law in that he managed CPG funds in a contrived way to ensure that unnecessary borrowings were required. He profited by this in the form of loans from businesses or businessmen with whom he had direct links and which had to be repaid with excessive levels of commission or interest.

He compounded this behaviour by demonstrating a degree of recalcitrance when - after being directed by the Premier to cease borrowing funds for CPG wages payments - he pursued the same practice in respect of other CPG financial transactions. This casts significant doubts about the motives for his actions and conduct, raising serious questions about his probity and integrity.

It is recommended *that the Premier refer details of the Treasurer's conduct to other accountability and law enforcement agencies for further consideration and investigation, in particular, the LCC, the RSIP and the DPP.*

Business Houses

The Office does not have the authority to investigate the actions and conduct of private businesses and businessmen. However, some Taro Island businessmen have clearly directly benefitted from the mismanagement of TPG direct employees' wage payments. The extent too which these private parties were complicit in the situation is a matter best left to other authorities such as the DPP or the RSIP.

Issue 2 – TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL GRANT APPROVALS

The Premier

The Premier did not act inappropriately or unreasonably in the circumstances. When the matter of the approval of the proposal was first drawn to his attention by the current Secretary, he directed that he would personally decide the application. His directive was subsequently disobeyed by the Treasurer, who proceeded to a decision that directly benefited his own business interests and those of his business associates. The Premier was not aware that his directive had been disobeyed until we drew it to his attention in the course of our investigation. In our view, this exonerates the Premier from any adverse finding and implicates the Treasurer.

The Secretary

The Secretary acted appropriately and reasonably in all the circumstances. Notwithstanding his relative lack of skills and qualifications, the Secretary was able to recognise a potential conflict of interest in his ongoing involvement (as Deputy Secretary at that time) with the processing of the TDP. He acted properly in raising his concerns with the Premier and followed the Premier's advice to cease his involvement and to refer the matter to the Premier for his personal decision. The Secretary displayed commendable awareness and integrity in this instance.

The Treasurer

The actions and conduct of the Treasurer in this matter are of concern. As a member of the consortium of businessmen involved in making the application, he had a clear conflict of interest in any decision-making process. Despite becoming aware that the then Deputy Secretary had ceased any involvement in the process because of a potential conflict of interest, the Treasurer maintained direct involvement in the process. He compounded this error by disobeying an express directive from the Premier to not decide the proposal. Instead, in direct contravention of the Premier's instructions, he approved the application and facilitated payment of approximately $16,500 to his own business.

In the Ombudsman's view, the Treasurer's conduct can be characterised as serious maladministration or abuse of office that may arguably verge on criminality. By any description, it was improper, and merits some sanction or further action.

It is recommended *that the Treasurer's conduct in respect of the TDP be referred by the Premier to the LCC, the RSIP and DPP for those agencies to consideration.*

The former Secretary

The former Secretary also appears to have engaged in inappropriate behaviour and conduct comparable to that of the Treasurer. While the former Secretary might not have had similar business interests to the Treasurer, he can properly be considered, at the least, to have acted manifestly unreasonably and improperly by virtue of his close relationship with the Treasurer and his awareness that the Premier had directed that he personally would decide the application.There are grounds for concluding that the former Secretary and the Treasurer acted in concert to disobeythe Premier's instructions and approve the proposal for personal gain.

It is recommended *that the Premier to refer the former Provincial Secretary's*

behaviour to the LCC the RSIP and DPP for consideration.

Issue 3 – PHONE BILL PAYMENTS

The Ombudsman is unable to conclude that there was anything remiss in the Treasurer's phone bills being paid for by the CPG.

The investigation revealed that the Treasurer authorised the payment of his personal telephone bill from CPG funds. It is conceivable that some calls made from the Treasurer's home phone may have been on CPG business, however, there was no evidence that the Treasurer had kept records to establish this, or what proportion of those calls related to official business. Instead, the Treasurer arranged for the total cost of his telephone bills to be met by the CPG. In the absence of guidelines or policies prohibiting such an arrangement, the Ombudsman cannot conclude it involved impropriety.

It is recommended *that the Premier establish and implement guidelines relating to these matters.*

Issue 4 – REDUNDANCY AND RETIREMENT DECISIONS

The Ombudsman finds that there appears to have been a misuse of power within the CPG to facilitate payment of redundancy monies to ineligible people.

The then Deputy Secretary's father-in-law, a driver for the Tarikukure Provincial Secondary School, was paid redundancy money despite being ineligible because of his retirement on medical grounds. The guidelines provide otherwise.

This decision established a 'precedent' for claims from other workers who were previously retired. Redundancy monies have since been paid by the CPG to others in similar situations. The then Deputy Secretary, the then Secretary and the Treasurer either approved the first payment or were aware of the nature of the payment.

It is recommended *that the Premier clarify by written instruction to CPG staff and made available to constituents that redundancy payments are not to be made to persons who retire on medical grounds*
and that the Premier is to oversee and authorise futures redundancy payments.

Issue 5 – SPORTS GRANT FUNDING

The Ombudsman has concerns about the manner in which the Sports Coordinator handled funding. He did not comply with relevant administrative procedures by failing to retire this imprest on his return to Choiseul. However, it is also our view that responsibility for ensuring that imprests are properly handled rests with the

Treasurer, who appears to have failed to exercise due diligence with regard to proper accounting and recording procedures.

It is recommended *that the CPG adopt more rigorous and stringent financial management and administrative review to better ensure compliance with procedures.*

Issue 6 – HONIARA TRIP FUNDING

The Ombudsman finds that that the Treasurer's trip to Honiara was funded by borrowed monies that were subject to an excessive lender's fee and/or commission (in the usual 30% range) imposed by his own business.

Irrespective of whether or not the trip was necessary or related to CPG business, the Ombudsman view is that the Treasurer's conduct is highly questionable. By the time the monies were borrowed for the trip, the Treasurer could not be unaware that the continued borrowing at excessive rates of commission or interest was having an adverse effect on the availability of CPG funds for salary payments. Nor could he have been unaware that the Premier had directed the practice to cease in respect of wages payments.

In these circumstances, it is highly arguable that the Treasurer engaged in conduct to his personal financial advantage, amounting to a potential abuse of office.

It is recommended *that the Premier refer the details of this to the LCC the RSIP and the DPP for their consideration.*

Issue 7 – TIMBER HEARINGS PROCESS

The Premier advised that from 2000, Area Councils used to deal with Timber Rights Hearings. Since then, Area Councils have ceased to exist and the hearings are being conducted by provincial executives under laws passed by the SIG in Honiara. The Premier accepted that he had to discharge this responsibility but noted that Honiara had not provided the provinces with any additional funding to meet the costs of this additional function. As a consequence, timber companies often funded the costs of hearings. He also indicated that the Provincial Executive was not well placed to hear disputes because of a lack of training and expertise in this area.

He was concerned that it may be problematic and inappropriate for an administrator to undertake and discharge what appears to be a quasi-judicial role. He felt that this created a situation where participants might lack confidence in the process due to perceptions of bias and a lack of impartiality, particularly in the case of parties whom were unsuccessful at the hearing.

He advised that he has reluctantly accepted the responsibility and, despite his misgivings, as required by the *Timber and Forestry Utilisation Act*, the Provincial Executive will deal with any Timber Rights dispute within 3 months of notification. However, he noted that his concerns appeared to be shared by other provincial premiers, for example, one Premier has indicated that he will not complete a Timber Rights Hearing unless and until a court order is issued requiring him to proceed.

The issues raised by the Premier in relation to Timber Rights Hearings appeared to be genuine. While the processes involved in Timber Rights Hearings might be something that the Ombudsman can comment upon, the Ombudsman has decided to make no observations about the administrative processes involved in Timber Rights Hearings. Where Parliament has considered such matters and adopted a specific and particular course, it is not the Ombudsman's role to substitute an alternative view unless he is of the view it is unjust or manifestly unreasonable and that accordingly, the law should be reconsidered. This is not the case.

7. NATURAL JUSTICE LETTERS FOR COMMENTS

As a matter of Natural Justice and fairness on the Agency and the individuals who were implicated in the Report who were alleged to have been involved were given the chance to be heard. Letters were issued to the following:

1. Hon. Jackson Kiloe, the Provincial Premier
2. Mr. Nixon Qurusu, Secretary (Supervising)
3. Mr. Geoffrey Pakipota, Deputy Secretary (Supervision)
4. Mr. Mr Geoffrey Vakolevae, Provincial Treasurer

Letters for Natural Justice Comments were written to the above on 29th November 2006 signed by me in my capacity as the Principal Investigation Officer then.

During the course of the series of investigations, discussions were also held with them and also with other officers of the Province such as Ms. Malasa of the Treasury Division whose well recorded and maintenance of copies of Accounts materials assisted the Investigators in obtaining the required documents and records. Others who were implicated in the Report, e.g. Mr. Simi Vazarabatu provided information to the Investigators. The investigations were done in a very transparent manner and the officers were very cooperative with the Investigators.

8. AGENCY AND ALLEGED INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

Responses were received by those whom letters were served in December 2006. They explained their position as to how and why they were involved in the matter. At least responses were made as requested.

The Office acknowledged the officers for their responses and the cooperation they rendered during the two series of investigations carried on 21st June to 05th July 2006 and 25th August to 02nd September 2006.

9. CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this is the Final Tour Report on the Choiseul Province Tour to initiate an Own Motion investigation of an anonymous complaint received from 'concerned Choiseul people' of official corruption within Choiseul Provincial Government ('CPG') administration as mandated by the Ombudsman.

Joe Poraiwai
(Solomon Islands Ombudsman)

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10. List of Attachments

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ATTACHMENT 1

97.—(1) The functions of the Ombudsman shall be to:— Functions of Ombudsman

(*a*) enquire into the conduct of any person to whom this section applies in the exercise of his office or authority, or abuse thereof;

(*b*) assist in the improvement of the practices and procedures of public bodies; and

(*c*) ensure the elimination of arbitrary and unfair decisions.

(2) Parliament may confer additional functions on the Ombudsman.

(3) This section applies to members of the public service, the Police Force, the Prisons Service, the government of Honiara city, provincial governments, and such other offices, commissions, corporate bodies or public agencies as may be prescribed by Parliament: 1 of 1983, Sched

Provided that it shall not apply to the Governor-General or his personal staff or to the Director of Public Prosecutions or any person acting in accordance with his instructions.

(4) Nothing in this section or in any Act of Parliament enacted for the purposes of this Chapter shall confer on the Ombudsman any power to question or review any decision of any judge, magistrate or registrar in the exercise of his judicial functions.

ATTACHMENT 2

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Principal Investigation Officer

This case involves seconded staff of Choiseul Provincial Government and should be investigated under the following instructions:

A: Honiara

1: Proceed to NBSI (Agencies Branch) and collect copies of cheques and other related documents which have been identified in the attached report;

2: Record statements or collect reports from Provincial Government to explain the system which governs the disbursement of Provincial Grants, how such grants are paid, etc;

3: Find out whether the Provincial Treasurer is a substantive post holder or on acting basis. If he is on acting basis, when did that come into effect ?

4: Mr. Jeffrey Pakipota is currently the Provincial Secretary on acting basis. What is his substantive level ? His should be a matter for DPS to clarify.

5: PS/MEHRD to confirm Mr. William Sualalu's substantive level. He is now acting as Chief Education Officer/Choiseul.

6: PS/DPS to confirm how long Choiseul Province has been without a Provincial Secretary since the substantive post holder was terminated ?

7: Proceed to Provincial Government and find out whether such a business application for financial support can be directly addresses to PS Choiseul for direct funding. Is this procedural ? Show them copy of the letter written by Simmy Vazarabatu.

8: Cover any other areas which you think may assist your in your investigations.

TARO:

1: Proceed to the bank (NBSI) agency and interview the bank officer. Show him the cheques to confirm whether those copies of cheques were cashed at his agent. If he could give some information about the person or persons cashing these cheques;

2: Serve the ORDERS to persons named therein and to others whom you may think could help in your investigations;

3: Interview the Provincial Secretary (ag) about the system applied in terms of issuing of Provincial Cheques, and who are the signatories;

4: Proceed and interview Provincial Treasurer and put to him that he raised payments from his own business and later charged Choiseul Province 30% on all payments made. Tell him that he has done that with intent to gain profit from the government. This is corruption.

5: Ask him who authorised him to charge such profit ?

6: He is also to give records how much money did he give to John Wesley Zinga for the Solomon Cup Tourney last year. Take record on that.

7: Having done that, proceed and interview John Wesley Zinga to confirm if that amount is true and he should give record on that as well.

8: Check with the Provincial Government Office (Taro) about the Business names of Island Bottle Shop (IBS), Pade Topaka, and Island Transit.

9: Proceed and interview Mr. Simmy Vazarabatu about the letter he wrote to Provincial Secretary dated 30/11/2005 which is attached. Show him copy of the letter and he should confirm if that was his letter. He is to explain how they go about the matter.

10: Cover other areas as you proceed.

I want you to listen out for the Grant intended for the new site for Provincial headquarters.

John Smith Pitabelama
OMBUDSMAN

ATTACHMENT 3

ORDER

[Section 12 Ombudsman (Further Provisions) Act Cap 88]

UNDER THE POWERS vested on me under section 12 of the Ombudsman (Further Provisions) Act Cap 88, I, JOHN SMITH PITABELAMA, Ombudsman of Solomon Islands by ORDER, request you, MR. JEFFERY PAKIPOTA of Choiseul Province, in your capacity as Provincial Secretary (ag) furnish relevant information, documents or paper to the Ombudsman Investigation Team from which in my opinion will assist them in their investigations into allegations made against your performance as a public servant.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that failure to comply with this ORDER may attract the issue of a WARRANT whereby, the officers of the Ombudsman or Police Officers will execute for your arrest.

OMBUDSMAN OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

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JOHN SMITH PITABELAMA, Esq, OBE.
OMBUDSMAN OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

DATED THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF JUNE 2006

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Served by.....on...../...../2006

At.....

Signed:.....

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the ORDER.

Signed:..... Date:...../...../2006

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SCHEDULE

The Order will cover any information, document, paper or thing which may have connections with:

(a) the Provincial revenues;
(b) budget prepared by the Provincial Treasurer for Timber Right Hearings which covers allowances, transportations, accommodations and others. It is understood that these expenses were met by developers (Logging Companies);
(c) monies paid to Lauru Football Association through the Provincial Sports Co-Ordinator since 2004.
(d) Other revenues which may come to the interests of the investigators.

John Smith Pitabelama
OMBUDSMAN

ATTACHMENT 4

CONFIDENTIAL

RE: OFFICIAL CORRUPTION WITHIN CHOISEUL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

We write to you as concerned people of Lauru, sad to experience our Provincial Services grants being misappropriated by a few for our ends. The National Parliament general elections are a function under your responsibility and your programmes will be coming in a few months time. We feel that it is appropriate and just to bring to your attention several characters which you must take note of, prior to appointments official during the elections.

There are too many allegation of corruptions within the Province administration, a matter which other appropriate authorities will have to come and investigate. However, we will disclose to you some facts which will support our claims for your purpose for immediate action.

The Choiseul Provincial Treasurer **Mr Geofrey Vakolevai** is the owner of **Island Bottleshop** as well and **A & E Store in Taro**, Choiseul. Mr Geofrey Pakipota is the owner of **Padetopaka Resort** as well as a **store** in Taro, Choiseul.

Mr Vakolevai being the officer entrusted responsibility to control and account for Provincial funds grants etc. has failed to execute his responsibilities. Likewise, Mr Pakipota has not performed his duty as a signal to Provincial accounts because he has continually consented an **approval enormous payments to Island Bottleshop** which draws out most of Choiseul Provincial funds. They work regular consultation and compromise on certain issues with a former politician. These claim are serious contravention of **Financial Regulation as well as the Provincial Financial Management ordinance.**

These are just too many issues that would need investigations but we will give you the most recent one as follows:

1. **The Choiseul Provincial Treasurer** has intentionally draws out Province funds each month so that his bottleshop and store (Island BTLS **pays for Provincial Direct employ wages when due and he claims for thirty percent (30%) commission**

   (a) IBS pays Provincial employee wages **for Oct I pp on 13/10/05**
   Oct II pp on 27/10/05

   (b) Choiseul Province repays IBS on **1/11/05** on Chq. No. 280948 as follows.

$21,193.40
6,358.00 - 30% Commission

2. **Jeremiah** is the Provincial Treasurers cousin brother. He pays for wage **Nov. 1 pp 14/10/05 amount $12,000.**

(a) Choiseul Province repays Jeremiah on Chq. No. 282114 dated 2/12/05 as follows:

$12,000
3,600 - Commission
$15,600

(b) **IBS** pays wages Nov. II pp on 28/11/05 in the sum of $3540
- Choiseul Province repays IBS 4 days later on **Chq. No. 282115** dated 2/12/05 as follows:

$3,540
$1,062 - Commission
Total **$4,602**

3. **IBS** pays wages for Dec. 1 pp amount $11,310

- Choiseul Province repays IBS two (2) days later on Chq. No. 28219 dated 14/12/05 as follows.

$11,310
$ 3,390 - Commission for 2 days
Total $14,703

4. IBS pays wages for Dec I & II pp **amount $15,302** date 22/12/05

- Choiseul Province repay IBS within 6 days on Chq. No. 282214 dated 29/12/05 as follows:

$15,302.00
$ 4,590.60 - Commission 6 days
Total $19,892.60

5. Two payments of equal amounts $16,650 each were paid to IBS and Island Transit on 6/12/05. The payments breakdown were as follows.

IBS was paid $16,650 Chq. No. 282167
Island Transit paid $16,650 Chq. No. 282

These payments totalled to $33,300.
No wonder Provincial funds was exhausted and IBS uses the same money to meet wages for Dec. I & II and then claim for commissions as in clause 3 & 4 above.

6. The Provincial Treasurer owns a telephone in his residence which he uses for his private business communication and the Province meets all his bills. He also uses his office telephone for private business communication as well.

All the given information are not difficult to confirm if you contact the NBSI Agent, Taro or **Telekom Taro.**

In the absence of a substantive PS and DPS, Mr Pakipota is the only officer supervising the Choiseul Province Administration and given further election responsibility would be unfair to the officer as well as the service as his perfomance/output will be affected.

Mr Pakipota has also been implicated in the joint submission which has been highlighted in the letter from Island Transit management. The trio were close associates within the Government circle since Mr Vazarabatus political tem, more so, in the Provincial budgetary formulation as they con to apply for the full budgeted provision of $50,000 for Tourism development.

When we know who these unscrupulous characters were and still give them responsibilities, then we will be denying justice to our people and the motion of Tranparency and accountability normally preached during educational awareness programmes would be a total liar.

There are qualified experienced and honest officer within the government of Choiseul Province which you can make a choice from to deal with Election funds.

If you uphold the motion of transparency and accountability then, we will expect you to take this matter up to responsible authorities upon receipt of this anonymous letter and trust that we can be available to assist with information to those who will come to deal with these matter in length, but in a meantime, exclude these people from any higher responsibilities.

With highest regards

Concerned Lauru People.

ATTACHMENT 5

SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

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STAFF IN CONFIDENCE

Ref: Omb:6/21/3

13th March 2006

Manager Operations
National Bank Of Solomon Islands
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Honiara

Attn: Ms. Janet Marau

Dear Madam,

REQUEST TO EXAMINE AND COLLECT COPIES OF CHEQUES UNDER INVESTIGATIONS

This office is investigating a number of issues which Choiseul Provincial Treasurer Mr. Geoffrey Vakolevae is held accountable.

Briefly, the Ombudsman is mandated by both the Constitution and the Ombudsman (Further Provisions) Act to investigate government actions which are not carried out within the scope of the law or procedures.

In order for this office to effectively carry out its investigations into these series of allegations I would be most grateful if you could assist in making available for inspection and collection the following cheques:

Payer	Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Date
Choiseul Province	unknown	280948	27,551-40 ~~21,193.40~~	01/11/05
Choiseul Province	unknown	282115	4,602.00	~~28/11/05~~ 2/12/05
Choiseul Province	unknown	282114	15,600.00	02/12/05
Choiseul Province	unknown	282199	14,703.00	14/12/05
Choiseul Province	unknown	282214	19,892.60	29/12/05
Choiseul Province	unknown	282167	16,650.00	05/12/05
Choiseul Province	unknown	282168	16,650.00	05/12/05

Under law, investigations conducted by the Ombudsman and his staff are regarded as highly confidential.

Our investigation Team will be extending its formal investigations to Choiseul around mid-week this week. I am therefore requesting your assistance into this case at your earliest convenient time. Senior Investigation Officer (Rural) Mr. Billy Kerepiniano will visit your office when your are ready.

Your co-operation will be very highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

John Smith Pitabelama
OMBUDSMAN

cc: Senior Investigation Officer (Rural)

STAFF IN CONFIDENCE

ATTACHMENT 6

NATIONAL BANK OF SOLOMON ISLANDS LIMITED

P.O. BOX 37, Honiara, Solomon Islands Fax (677) 23478 Telephone (677) 21874
Swift NBSI SBSB Email: nbsi@welkam.solomon.com.sb

14th March 2006

Ref: MRO:jmm

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman of Solomon Islands
P O Box 535
Honiara
Solomon Islands

Attention : John Smith Pitabelama

Dear Sir,

RE: REQUEST TO EXAMINE AND COLLECT COPIES OF CHEQUES UNDER INVESTIGATIONS.

Acknowledgement to receipt of your letter dated 13th March 2006.

We have produce copies of requested cheques for your investigation, to be seized from this office – NBSI, Mud Alley Branch – Honiara, as per the following;

SEIZED DOCUMENTS

Item No.	Description of Items Seized	Account Name.	Type	Date/ Time	Officer
01	History Print : 018400560801 Period Requested : 02/11/2005 to 14/03/2006	Choiseul Province General Account	Copy		

02

Date	Items	Amount	Teller	Type	Date/Time	RSIP Officer
01/11/05	Chq# 280948	$27,551.40	Taro Agency	]	]	]
02/12/05	Chq# 282114	$15,600.00	Taro Agency	] Copy	] 10/3/06	]
02/12/05	Chq# 282115	$4,602.00	Taro Agency	]	]	]
05/12/05	Chq# 282168	$16,650.00	Taro Agency	]	]	]
05/12/05	Chq# 282167	$16,650.00	Taro Agency	]	]	]
14/12/05	Chq# 282199	$14,703.00	Taro Agency	]	]	]
29/12/05	Chq# 282214	$19,892.60	Taro Agency	]	]	]

I certify that the property described above was seized from Retail Operations, NBSI Honiara.

Janet M. Marau
Manager Retail Operations

Verified By : _____

DATE / / 11/05 PAID

PAY Cash OR BEARER

THE SUM OF Twenty Seven thousand Five Hundred fifty one dollars 40/100 $ 27,551.40

CHOISEUL PROVINCE
GENERAL A/C
01 840056 0801

280948

NATIONAL BANK OF SOLOMON ISLANDS LIMITED

DATE 21/12/05 STAMP DUTY PAID

PAY CASH OR BEARER

THE SUM OF Fifteen thousand Six hundred dollars only. $ 15600.00

CHOISEUL PROVINCE
GENERAL A/C
01 840056 0801

282114

NATIONAL BANK OF SOLOMON ISLANDS LIMITED

DATE 21/12/05 STAMP DUTY PAID

PAY OR BEARER

THE SUM OF Four thousand Six hundred - Two dollars only. $ 4602.00

CHOISEUL PROVINCE
GENERAL A/C
01 840056 0801

282115

DATE [illegible] PAID

PAY CASH OR BEARER

THE SUM OF NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS ONLY

$ [illegible]

CHOISEUL PROVINCE
GENERAL A/C
01 840056 0801

282214

NATIONAL BANK OF SOLOMON ISLANDS LIMITED

DATE 5/12/05 STAMP DUTY PAID

PAY Cash OR BEARER

THE SUM OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS ONLY.

$ 16,650.00

CHOISEUL PROVINCE
GENERAL A/C
01 840056 0801

282167

NATIONAL BANK OF SOLOMON ISLANDS LIMITED

DATE 5/12/05 STAMP DUTY PAID

PAY Cash OR BEARER

THE SUM OF Sixteen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars only.

$ 16,650.00

CHOISEUL PROVINCE
GENERAL A/C
01 840056 0801

282168

NATIONAL BANK OF SOLOMON ISLANDS LIMITED

DATE 14 12 06

STAMP DUTY PAID

PAY CASH OR BEARER

THE SUM OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & THREE DOLLARS ONLY $ 14703 00

CHOISEUL PROVINCE
GENERAL A/C
01 840056 0801

282199

National Bank of Solomon Islands
P.O. Box 37
Honiara, Solomon Islands

Honiara Branch
Main: (677) 21874
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CHOISEUL PROVINCE

TARO POST OFFICE CHOISEUL BAY Choiseul Province. Solomon Islands

Date: 14/03/2006

Period: 01/11/2005 - 14/03/2006 (133 Days)

TIN:
Personal Banker: Phoenix

ACCOUNT #: **CHQ - 018400560801** **SBD** Government Chequing

Transaction Information

Effective Date	Entered Date	CK #	Description	Amount	Balance
02/11/2005	02/11/2005		SIG REV	$ 176,759.00	$ 176,460.74
11/2005	02/11/2005		TRF FEE	$ 50.00	$ 176,410.74
11/2005	03/11/2005	0	SIG	$ 164.14	$ 176,574.88
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	0	TARO	$ 0.03	$ 176,574.91
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	261260	261260	$ 220.00	$ 176,354.91
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280927	280927	$ 290.00	$ 176,064.91
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	182871	182871	$ 308.12	$ 175,756.79
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	261252	261252	$ 308.12	$ 175,448.67
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280939	280939	$ 308.12	$ 175,140.55
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280936	280936	$ 308.12	$ 174,832.43
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	182799	182799	$ 310.13	$ 174,522.30
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	182707	182707	$ 310.39	$ 174,211.91
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280937	280937	$ 325.78	$ 173,886.13
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280932	280932	$ 330.29	$ 173,555.84
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280931	280931	$ 330.29	$ 173,225.55
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280938	280938	$ 338.25	$ 172,887.30
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280933	280933	$ 338.25	$ 172,549.05
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	261300	261300	$ 360.32	$ 172,188.73
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280935	280935	$ 384.64	$ 171,804.09
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280934	280934	$ 384.64	$ 171,419.45
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280921	280921	$ 480.00	$ 170,939.45
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280946	280946	$ 506.00	$ 170,433.45
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280961	280961	$ 560.00	$ 169,873.45
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280942	280942	$ 560.00	$ 169,313.45
11/2005	04/11/2005	280947	280947	$ 600.00	$ 168,713.45
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280929	280929	$ 742.50	$ 167,970.95
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280907	280907	$ 920.00	$ 167,050.95
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280959	280959	$ 928.00	$ 166,122.95
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280952	280952	$ 930.00	$ 165,192.95
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280922	280922	$ 1,000.00	$ 164,192.95
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	182820	182820	$ 1,307.90	$ 162,885.05
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280923	280923	$ 1,590.00	$ 161,295.05
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280951	280951	$ 1,800.00	$ 159,495.05
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280962	280962	$ 1,800.00	$ 157,695.05
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280953	280953	$ 2,000.00	$ 155,695.05
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280924	280924	$ 2,000.00	$ 153,695.05
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280940	280940	$ 2,000.00	$ 151,695.05
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280943	280943	$ 2,050.00	$ 149,645.05
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280950	280950	$ 2,107.72	$ 147,537.33
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280925	280925	$ 2,400.00	$ 145,137.33
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	282103	282103	$ 2,610.00	$ 142,527.33
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280964	280964	$ 2,908.25	$ 139,619.08
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280958	280958	$ 3,000.00	$ 136,619.08
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280941	280941	$ 3,000.00	$ 133,619.08

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ACCOUNT #: CHQ - 018400560801 SBD Government Chequing

Transaction Information

Effective Date	Entered Date	CK #	Description	Amount	Balance
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280967	280967	$ 4,558.00	$ 129,061.08
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280928	280928	$ 5,000.00	$ 124,061.08
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280944	280944	$ 5,182.00	$ 118,879.08
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280926	280926	$ 5,253.30	$ 113,625.78
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	261290	261290	$ 10,000.00	$ 103,625.78
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280948	280948	$ 27,551.40	$ 76,074.38
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280930	280930	$ 1,200.00	$ 74,874.38
03/11/2005	04/11/2005	280949	280949	$ 7,047.30	$ 67,827.08
04/11/2005	05/11/2005	280971	280971	$ 1,146.00	$ 66,681.08
04/11/2005	05/11/2005	280968	280968	$ 1,400.00	$ 65,281.08
04/11/2005	05/11/2005	280972	280972	$ 3,000.00	$ 62,281.08
04/11/2005	05/11/2005	280965	280965	$ 3,000.00	$ 59,281.08
04/11/2005	05/11/2005	280973	280973	$ 3,600.00	$ 55,681.08
04/11/2005	05/11/2005	280974	280974	$ 7,350.00	$ 48,331.08
04/11/2005	05/11/2005	280966	280966	$ 8,843.85	$ 39,487.23
07/11/2005	07/11/2005	261237	261237	$ 325.78	$ 39,161.45
07/11/2005	07/11/2005	280919	280919	$ 1,184.00	$ 37,977.45
07/11/2005	07/11/2005	280975	280975	$ 2,240.00	$ 35,737.45
11/2005	08/11/2005	0	TARO	$ 0.03	$ 35,737.48
08/11/2005	08/11/2005	261279	261279	$ 798.00	$ 34,939.48
08/11/2005	08/11/2005	280976	280976	$ 1,934.00	$ 33,005.48
08/11/2005	08/11/2005	280969	280969	$ 2,280.00	$ 30,725.48
08/11/2005	08/11/2005	280970	280970	$ 1,012.25	$ 29,713.23
09/11/2005	09/11/2005	261251	261251	$ 140.47	$ 29,572.76
10/11/2005	10/11/2005	0	SIG	$ 57.96	$ 29,630.72
14/11/2005	14/11/2005	0	C.VUNAGI	$ 600.00	$ 30,230.72
16/11/2005	16/11/2005	280957	280957KANA	$ 2,000.00	$ 28,230.72
16/11/2005	16/11/2005	280977	280977KANA	$ 3,000.00	$ 25,230.72
16/11/2005	16/11/2005	282105	282105KANA	$ 8,000.00	$ 17,230.72
18/11/2005	18/11/2005	0	SIG/EST	$ 149.65	$ 17,380.37
18/11/2005	18/11/2005	280978	280978	$ 1,000.00	$ 16,380.37
18/11/2005	18/11/2005	280955	280955	$ 1,840.00	$ 14,540.37
21/11/2005	21/11/2005	280979	280979	$ 750.00	$ 13,790.37
21/11/2005	21/11/2005	280980	280980	$ 1,500.00	$ 12,290.37
22/11/2005	22/11/2005	0	TARO	$ 0.03	$ 12,290.40
22/11/2005	22/11/2005	280981	280981	$ 2,010.00	$ 10,280.40
23/11/2005	23/11/2005	0	TARO	$ 0.02	$ 10,280.42
24/11/2005	24/11/2005	0	TARO	$ 0.02	$ 10,280.44
24/11/2005	24/11/2005	0	SIG/TISA	$ 57.96	$ 10,338.40
24/11/2005	24/11/2005	280983	280983	$ 1,620.00	$ 8,718.40
24/11/2005	24/11/2005	280982	280982	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,718.40
11/2005	25/11/2005	0	TARO	$ 0.01	$ 4,718.41
25/11/2005	25/11/2005	280984	280984	$ 1,180.00	$ 3,538.41
28/11/2005	28/11/2005		SIG REV	$ 176,746.00	$ 180,284.41
28/11/2005	28/11/2005		TRF FEE	$ 50.00	$ 180,234.41
30/11/2005	30/11/2005		Utilities Levy	$ 2.00	$ 180,232.41
30/11/2005	30/11/2005		Monthly Maintenance Fee	$ 29.00	$ 180,203.41
30/11/2005	30/11/2005		Interest Charge	$ 20.09	$ 180,183.32
01/12/2005	01/12/2005	280987	280987	$ 1,525.69	$ 178,657.63
01/12/2005	01/12/2005	280956	280956	$ 4,806.20	$ 173,851.43
02/12/2005	02/12/2005	0	SIG/ESTABLISH	$ 212.14	$ 174,063.57
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	282113	282113	$ 1,660.00	$ 172,403.57
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	281000	281000	$ 342.29	$ 172,061.28
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	280991	280991	$ 403.30	$ 171,657.98
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	280988	280988	$ 407.12	$ 171,250.86
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	282109	282109	$ 740.00	$ 170,510.86
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	280989	280989	$ 800.00	$ 169,710.86
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	282129	282129	$ 5,000.00	$ 164,710.86
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	282128	282128	$ 5,000.00	$ 159,710.86
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	282127	282127	$ 5,000.00	$ 154,710.86
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	282130	282130	$ 7,000.00	$ 147,710.86

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Transaction Information

Effective Date	Entered Date	CK #	Description	Amount	Balance
02/12/2005	05/12/2005	282114	282114	$ 15,600.00	$ 132,110.86
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	280954	280954	$ 565.50	$ 131,545.36
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	280997	280997	$ 658.77	$ 130,886.59
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	623490	623490	$ 700.00	$ 130,186.59
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	282112	282112	$ 740.00	$ 129,446.59
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	282125	282125	$ 990.00	$ 128,456.59
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	282111	282111	$ 1,080.00	$ 127,376.59
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	282124	282124	$ 1,200.00	$ 126,176.59
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	282117	282117	$ 1,200.00	$ 124,976.59
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	280990	280990	$ 1,640.00	$ 123,336.59
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	282110	282110	$ 1,730.00	$ 121,606.59
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	280985	280985	$ 1,919.48	$ 119,687.11
02/12/2005	06/12/2005	282135	282135	$ 2,250.00	$ 117,437.11
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	0	REV TARO	$ 2,227.74	$ 119,664.85
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	280993	280993	$ 222.74	$ 119,442.11
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	280995	280995	$ 222.74	$ 119,219.37
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	280993	280993	$ 222.74	$ 118,996.63
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	261238	261238	$ 338.25	$ 118,658.38
12/2005	05/12/2005	280996	280996	$ 350.25	$ 118,308.13
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282155	282155	$ 424.66	$ 117,883.47
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282148	282148	$ 540.00	$ 117,343.47
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282142	282142	$ 650.00	$ 116,693.47
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282122	282122	$ 1,200.00	$ 115,493.47
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282143	282143	$ 1,321.88	$ 114,171.59
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282153	282153	$ 1,470.00	$ 112,701.59
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282119	282119	$ 1,554.00	$ 111,147.59
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282149	282149	$ 1,620.00	$ 109,527.59
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282152	282152	$ 1,720.00	$ 107,807.59
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282164	282164	$ 1,820.00	$ 105,987.59
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282145	282145	$ 1,964.87	$ 104,022.72
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	280994	280994	$ 2,227.74	$ 101,794.98
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282162	282162	$ 2,370.00	$ 99,424.98
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282161	282161	$ 2,505.00	$ 96,919.98
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282144	282144	$ 2,700.00	$ 94,219.98
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282136	282136	$ 2,720.00	$ 91,499.98
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282154	282154	$ 2,920.00	$ 88,579.98
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282140	282140	$ 3,000.00	$ 85,579.98
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282137	282137	$ 3,350.00	$ 82,229.98
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282126	282126	$ 5,634.00	$ 76,595.98
05/12/2005	05/12/2005	282151	282151	$ 18,750.00	$ 57,845.98
/12/2005	05/12/2005	282156	282156	$ 2,808.00	$ 55,037.98
/12/2005	05/12/2005	282115	282115	$ 4,602.00	$ 50,435.98
06/12/2005	06/12/2005	280986	Cheque	$ 1,700.00	$ 48,735.98
06/12/2005	07/12/2005	282131	282131 AGENT	$ 720.00	$ 48,015.98
06/12/2005	07/12/2005	282160	282160 AGENT	$ 2,310.00	$ 45,705.98
06/12/2005	07/12/2005	282173	282173 AGENT	$ 7,050.00	$ 38,655.98
06/12/2005	07/12/2005	282134	282134 AGENT	$ 21,914.00	$ 16,741.98
06/12/2005	07/12/2005	282132	282132 AGENT	$ 30,844.00	($14,102.02)
06/12/2005	07/12/2005		*** Backdate: Debit Accrual Increase	$ 7.63	($14,102.02)
06/12/2005	08/12/2005	282132	282132 AGENT	$ 30,844.00	$ 16,741.98
06/12/2005	08/12/2005		*** Backdate: Debit Accrual Decrease	$ 15.26	$ 16,741.98
06/12/2005	08/12/2005		Outward Dishonour Fee	$ 150.00	$ 16,591.98
09/12/2005	09/12/2005	282182	282182	$ 1,106.08	$ 15,485.90
09/12/2005	09/12/2005	282181	282181	$ 1,319.93	$ 14,165.97
09/12/2005	09/12/2005	282172	282172	$ 1,540.00	$ 12,625.97
09/12/2005	09/12/2005	282166	282166	$ 6,800.00	$ 5,825.97
13/12/2005	13/12/2005	0	ANZ SIG CHQS	$ 30,000.00	$ 35,825.97
13/12/2005	13/12/2005	0	ANZ SIG CHQS	$ 54,000.00	$ 89,825.97
14/12/2005	14/12/2005	280998	RG CASH CHQ	$ 384.64	$ 89,441.33
14/12/2005	14/12/2005	282132	REBANK(VIT)	$ 30,844.00	$ 58,597.33
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282108	282108	$ 320.12	$ 58,277.21

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ACCOUNT #: **CHQ - 018400560801** **SBD** Government Chequing

Transaction Information

Effective Date	Entered Date	CK #	Description	Amount	Balance
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282193	282193	$ 425.00	$ 57,852.21
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282171	282171	$ 830.00	$ 57,022.21
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282176	282176	$ 1,400.00	$ 55,622.21
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282202	282202	$ 1,500.00	$ 54,122.21
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282195	282195	$ 2,160.00	$ 51,962.21
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282157	282157	$ 3,750.00	$ 48,212.21
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282165	282165	$ 5,000.00	$ 43,212.21
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282184	282184	$ 3,250.00	$ 39,962.21
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282139	282139	$ 5,000.00	$ 34,962.21
14/12/2005	15/12/2005	282199	282199	$ 14,703.00	$ 20,259.21
15/12/2005	15/12/2005	280960	Cheque	$ 5,717.60	$ 14,541.61
15/12/2005	15/12/2005	282204	282204	$ 1,101.00	$ 13,440.61
15/12/2005	15/12/2005	282178	282178	$ 1,332.00	$ 12,108.61
15/12/2005	15/12/2005		(4X100) CHEQUE BOOK	$ 200.00	$ 11,908.61
15/12/2005	15/12/2005	282180	282180	$ 3,000.00	$ 8,908.61
15/12/2005	15/12/2005	282141	282141	$ 6,000.00	$ 2,908.61
16/12/2005	16/12/2005	282175	Force Posted Debit	$ 2,231.00	$ 677.61
16/12/2005	19/12/2005	282179	282179	$ 1,000.00	($322.39)
12/2005	19/12/2005		*** Backdate: Debit Accrual Increase	$ 0.52	($322.39)
16/12/2005	19/12/2005	282158	282158	$ 2,000.00	($2,322.39)
16/12/2005	19/12/2005		*** Backdate: Debit Accrual Increase	$ 3.25	($2,322.39)
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06/01/2006	28/02/2006	282146	282146	$ 198.00	$ 90,187.83
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24/01/2006	25/01/2006	282253	282253RO	$ 1,774.00	$ 103,963.84
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06/02/2006	06/02/2006	282263	282263	$ 10,000.00	$ 169,165.85
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14/02/2006	14/02/2006	319614	319614	$ 425.00	$ 93,881.18
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14/02/2006	14/02/2006	282300	282300	$ 497.00	$ 92,007.18
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14/02/2006	14/02/2006	282284	282284	$ 40,000.00	$ 42,351.18
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15/02/2006	15/02/2006	319628	319628	$ 1,000.00	$ 72,865.18
15/02/2006	15/02/2006	319625	319625	$ 3,190.00	$ 69,675.18
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22/02/2006	22/02/2006	319673	319673	$ 359.00	$ 43,431.34
22/02/2006	22/02/2006	319655	319655	$ 405.00	$ 43,026.34
22/02/2006	22/02/2006	319646	319646	$ 413.00	$ 42,613.34
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22/02/2006	22/02/2006	319648	319648	$ 476.00	$ 37,993.34
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22/02/2006	23/02/2006	319665	319665	$ 346.00	$ 37,374.34
22/02/2006	23/02/2006	319675	319675	$ 435.00	$ 36,939.34
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ACCOUNT #: CHQ - 018400560801 SBD Government Chequing

Transaction Information

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08/03/2006	08/03/2006	319718	319718	$ 808.23	$ 76,634.09
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09/03/2006	09/03/2006	319726	319726	$ 1,020.00	$ 70,448.97
09/03/2006	09/03/2006	319719	319719	$ 1,365.00	$ 69,083.97
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13/03/2006	13/03/2006	319754	319754	$ 320.96	$ 50,678.38
13/03/2006	13/03/2006	319743	319743	$ 342.98	$ 50,335.40
13/03/2006	13/03/2006	319740	319740	$ 362.64	$ 49,972.76
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13/03/2006	13/03/2006	319762	319762	$ 5,930.00	$ 39,597.15
14/03/2006	14/03/2006		Cheque	$ 476.32	$ 39,120.83

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ATTACHMENT 7

Provincial Treasurer
Treasury Division
Choiseul Province

CH03/1/1

17/1/06

Dear Sir,

PRIORITISING OF PAYMENT ALLOCATIONS FROM MONTHLY SERVICE GRANTS

It has been the experience over the past few months that monthly service grants deposited into our Provincial General Account runs out a day or two after the grant payments were received.

This has caused a number of inconveniences with regards to imparting of effective and timely services.

Whilst all payments are important, one of our major legal requirements as an employer is to meet the salaries and wages of our provincial employees.

In view of the usual cash flow difficulties we face each month, you are encouraged to ensure that no payment is made out of the monthly service grants until the direct employees salaries each month have been set aside.

This measure must be taken to ensure our provincial staff receive their salaries on time.

Thank you.

Hon. Jackson Kiloe
Minister - Administration
Choiseul Province

cc. Minister – Finance
cc. Provincial Secretary
cc. Senior Admin. Officer (P)

ATTACHMENT 8

Memo

Endorsed 28/10/05

To : Provincial Secretary (Supervising)
Choiseul Province.

From : Provincial Treasurer

Date : 28/10/05.

Re : OCTOBER I & II WAGES FOR CHOISEUL PROVINCE DIRECT EMPLOYEES

The above refers.

Due to the problem of cashflow, my division has borrowed money from two businesses in Taro to settle wages of direct employees. These two private businesses charge 30 % commission

The following businesses are :

1. Island Bottle Shop -	$12,743.40	(Oct.I wages)
2. Island Bottle Shop	8,450.00	(Oct.II wages)
3. Lauru Bay	5,421.00	(Oct.II wages)
Total Borrowing	$26,614.40	
30 % Commission	$7,984.32	
Total Claim	$34,598.72	

Please endorse this submission for payment when we receive our monthly grant for month of November 2005.

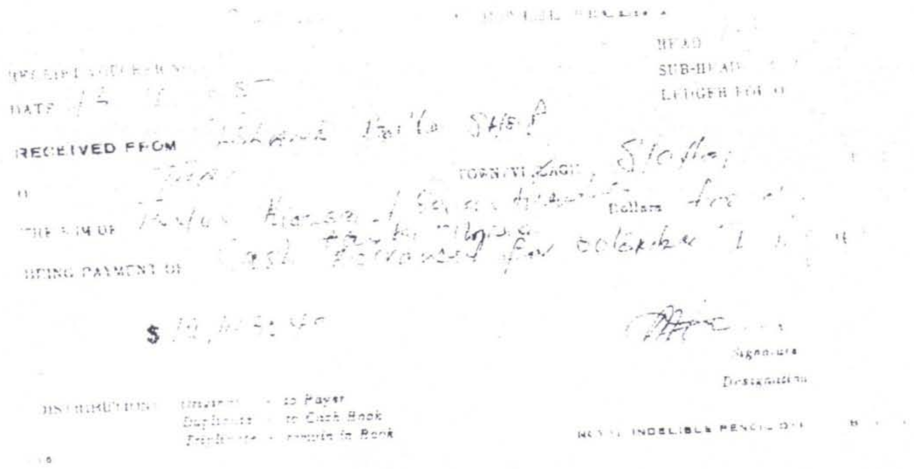
Thank you

(2) Cashier
Process payment as
follows to Island Bottle Shop.

12,743.40
8,450.00
21,193.40
× 30%
6,358.00

∴ $21,193.40 Pmx
+ 6,358.00 Com
$27,551.40

PM



COUNCIL RECEIPT

HEAD
SUB-HEAD
LEDGER FOLIO

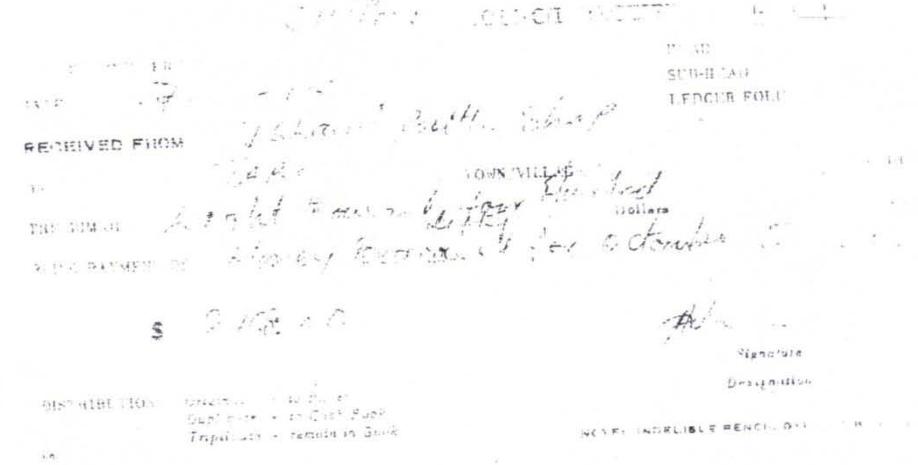
RECEIPT VOUCHER NO.
DATE [illegible]
RECEIVED FROM [illegible]
OF [illegible] TOWN/VILLAGE [illegible]
THE SUM OF [illegible] Dollars
BEING PAYMENT OF Cash Received for october

$ [illegible]

Signature
Designation

DISTRIBUTION: Original – to Payer
Duplicate – to Cash Book
Triplicate – remain in Book

NOTE: INDELIBLE PENCIL ONLY



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SUB-HEAD
LEDGER FOLIO

RECEIPT VOUCHER NO.
DATE [illegible]
RECEIVED FROM [illegible]
OF [illegible] TOWN/VILLAGE [illegible]
THE SUM OF [illegible] Dollars
BEING PAYMENT OF Money Received for october

$ [illegible]

Signature
Designation

DISTRIBUTION: Original – to Payer
Duplicate – to Cash Book
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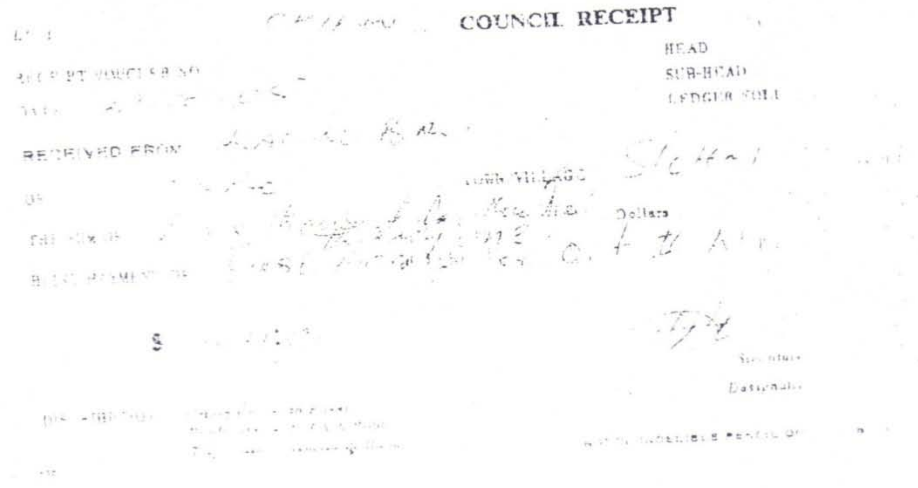

COUNCIL RECEIPT

HEAD
SUB-HEAD
LEDGER FOLIO

RECEIPT VOUCHER NO.
DATE [illegible]
RECEIVED FROM [illegible]
OF [illegible] TOWN/VILLAGE [illegible]
THE SUM OF [illegible] Dollars
BEING PAYMENT OF [illegible]

$ [illegible]

Signature
Designation

DISTRIBUTION: Original – to Payer
Duplicate – to Cash Book
Triplicate – remain in Book

NOTE: INDELIBLE PENCIL ONLY

ATTACHMENT 9

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COUNCIL PAYMENT VOUCHER

Council CAPPRN. Voucher No. 55/12

HEAD AND SUB-HEAD	NAME OF SUPPLIER	PARTICULARS OF GOODS OR SERVICES	AMOUNT PAYABLE	SUPPLIER'S SIGNATURE
	IBS Guesthouse	Being payment of Tourism assisted approved for IBS Guesthouse as per attached. LEDGER FOLIO: DEBIT FOLIO NO. Total	$16,650.00	

HEAD AND SUB-HEAD	NAME OF EMPLOYEE	MONTHLY SALARY	PERIOD	TOTAL SALARY DUE	DEDUCTIONS		NETT SALARY DUE	EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE
								Chg. 28/1/07
			Totals				$16,650	

	DEBIT Folio No.	CREDIT Folio No.	Credit Folio No.
LEDGER FOLIOS:			

Payment Authorised:

Officer-in-Charge

5/12/05

Date

I certify that the voucher is correct in all respects and that the amount(s) to the person(s) named.

Paying Officer

Date

I hereby certify that I have witnessed payment of the amount(s) to the person(s) named.

Witness

Date

TO BE COMPLETED ONLY WHEN PAYEE IS ILLITERATE

L. C. 5/5.00

COUNCIL PAYMENT VOUCHER

Council CAYMAN. Voucher No. 57/12

HEAD AND SUB-HEAD	NAME OF SUPPLIER	PARTICULARS OF GOODS OR SERVICES	AMOUNT PAYABLE	SUPPLIER'S SIGNATURE
	Island Transit	Being payment of transport assistance approved for Island Transit as per attached	$16,650.00	

LEDGER FOLIO: DEBIT FOLIO NO. Total

HEAD AND SUB-HEAD	NAME OF EMPLOYEE	MONTHLY SALARY	PERIOD	TOTAL SALARY DUE	DEDUCTIONS		NETT SALARY DUE	EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE
								chq. no. 25168
			Totals				$16,650.00	

	DEBIT	CREDIT	CREDIT
LEDGER FOLIOS:	Folio No.	Folio No.	Folio No.

Payment Authorised:

Authorising Officer

5/12/05

Date

I certify that the voucher is correct and that I have paid the nett amount(s) to the person(s) named.

Paying Officer

Date

I certify that I have witnessed payment of the amount(s) to the person(s) named.

Witness

Date

TO BE COMPLETED ONLY WHEN PAYEE IS ILLITERATE

Island Transit
P.O.Box 21
Taro
Choiseul Province

30/11/05.

Provincial Secretary
Choiseul Province.

Dear Sir,

Re : APPLICATION BY ISLAND TRANSIT, ISLAND BOTTLE SHOP GUEST HOUSE AND PADETOPAKA

Sometime end of last month, the three above businesses applied for a small financial assistance from Choiseul Provincial Government. This assistance has been budgeted by the Provincial Gov't and passed by the Assembly under culture and tourism vote during last budget meeting.

The application was submitted to the Provincial Secretary for approval since it is now become an administrative matter after the budget had been passed. The PS in respond, approved the application and direct DPS to process to PTR for funding.

To our disappointment, the DPS refer the approved application by PS to the Chairman of the Executive. There was no response and the application was shelved until today.

We see no reason why the DPS should refer the application to the Premier. The Politicians have done their part to pass the budget. It is the duty of the Administrators to implement the budget. We do not know why it was again referred to the politicians. This gives a different perception that our application has been politicized.

Moreover, the action by the DPS amounts to gross insubordination and a slap on the face of the PS who is his manager. Furthermore, his action is a betrayal to our joint application since we all agreed before we submitted the application.

The reason given by the DPS that he has a personal interest in the application is superficial and a waste of time for us. He should have [illegible]

the beginning of the application so that we did not waste our time to include **Padetopaka** in the proposal.

We therefore kindly request the office of the Provincial Secretary to give approval to only **Island Transit and Island Bottle Shop Guesthouse** for assistance. Furthermore, we kindly request the PS to direct the PTR to process the application instead of the DPS.

Together we build Choiseul Province.

Yours Sincerely,

J.S.Vazara
Management

PTR
I have already approved this application under Tourism Vote please ~~proce~~ facilitate accordingly.

1/12/05

ATTACHMENT 10

MINUTE OF EXTRA ORDINARYMEETING – CHOISEUL PROVINCE
1ST DECEMBER 2005 TIME: 3:30PM

PRESENT:	HON. JACKSON KILOE	-	PREMIER
	HON. ALICK SOQATI	-	DEPUTY PREMIER
	HON. BILLY TAKUBALA	-	MEMBER
	HON. MCATHER DOKAMA	-	"
	HON. LOREN PAJATA	-	"
	HON. PHILIP BAVARE	-	"
	GEOFFREY PAKIPOTA	-	SECRETARY

Opening prayer by Honourable Billy Takubala.

Chairman introduced the item for urgent deliberation by the government. That is; immediate removal of Deputy Provincial Secretary (Provincial Secretary Acting) Mr. Nixon Qurusu from Choiseul Province.

The officer who should uphold discipline and good Codes of Conduct however drunk and disorderly during working hours. The officer also damage provincial properties when drunk in the past months. Such behavior is not accepted and the Executive unanimously resolve to immediate removal of the officer with immediate effect.

Members of the executive express losing confidence to the administration of this province by the officer and resolved to immediate removal of the officer in Choiseul Province.

Resolution

The Provincial Executive resolved to the immediate removal of Deputy Provincial Secretary, Provincial Secretary (Ag) Mr. Nixon Qurusu from Choiseul Province with immediate effect.

Whilst Public Service recruits substantive holders to the post Mr. Geoffrey Pakipota is to man/supervise the office until a Provincial Secretary is recruited and appointed.

Hon. Jackson Kiloe
Premier

Geoffrey Pakipota
Secretary

CHOISEUL PROVINCE **ATTACHMENT 11**

Jan 05 – MPG/HQ/09/05 – 176,759.00
Feb 05 – MPG/[illegible]/23/05 – 176,759-00
Mar 05 – MPG/CH/49/05 – 176,759-00
Apol 05 – MPG/CH/69/05 – 176,759-00
May 05 – MPG/CH/89/05 – 176,759-00
Jun 05 – MPG/CH/115/05 – 176,759-00
Jul 05 – MPG/CH/143/05 – 176,759-00
Aug 05 – MPG/CH/173/05 – 176,759-00
Sept 05 – MPG/CH/202/05 – 176,759-00
Oct 05 – MPG/CH/233/05 – 161,339.50
Nov 05 – MPG/CH/253/05 – 176,759.00
Dec 05 – MPG/CH/273/05 – 176,746.00

$ 2,105,675.50

MPG/CH/305/05 — 182,060.50