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MINISTRY OF FINANCE BRIEFS TEAM LEADERS ON FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Staff members of the Ministry of Finance Imprest Section have briefed Constitutional Congress' Provincial and HCC team leaders on the purpose and proper use of Standing Imprests during the course of the Constitutional Reform consultations.

On Day One of the Team Leaders' Workshop 11th July 2011 at the Pacific Casino Hotel Conference room, team leaders were made aware of the financial processes with regards to the Standing Imprest arrangement that they have been using for their work around the provinces and Honiara City.

Mr. Denty Tuke, Assistant Accountant General clarified to the team leaders about the Standing Imprests' acquittal processes according to Solomon Islands Government Financial Instructions; while Mr. Allen Zuina informed the workshop that under the Constitutional Reform Account there are 10 Standing Imprests approved to operate for the Reform program.

This one-hour briefing session on the financial responsibility of the Provincial/HCC teams with regards to expending funds during the Constitutional Reform Programme was facilitated by Constitutional Reform Unit, to assist teams and in particular Imprest Holders to be aware of the requirements and their responsibility on finance when setting out to complete Constitutional Reform tasks.

Team leaders expressed their gratitude to the clarification and clear explanations from the Ministry of Finance staff. A second date was set for early August for these staff to do another 1 to 2hour briefing with team leaders and Imprest Holders of each province on how to do proper acquittals for funds used during the Constitutional Reform program.

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