



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Provincial Assembly of the Central Islands Provincial Government

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unqualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Central Islands Provincial Government ("Provincial Government"), which comprise the statement of cash receipts and payments as at 31 March 2019, the statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects, the statement of cash receipts and payments of the Central Islands Provincial Government for the year ended 31 March 2019 in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) Cash Basis.

Basis for Unqualified Opinion

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Provincial Government in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Solomon Islands and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ISSAI Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my unqualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and those charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements in accordance with IPSAS, and for such internal control as the management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Provincial Government's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charge with governance are responsible for overseeing the Central Islands Provincial Government financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not guaranteed that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAI will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISSAI, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Provincial Government's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policy used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Province's ability to continue as going concern. If I conclude that material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures, are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underline transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with management and those charge with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identified during my audit.

I also provide management and those charge with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguard.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

I have obtained all the information and explanation which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

In my opinion:

- i) Proper books of account have been kept by the Provincial Government, sufficient to enable the preparation of statement of cash receipts and payments;
- ii) To the best of my knowledge and according to information and explanations given to me, the statement of cash receipts and payments give the information required by the Central Islands Province Financial Management Ordinance 2018 in the manner so required; and
- iii) The Province complied with the requirements of the Public Finance and Audit [Cap 120] and the Provincial Government Act, which require the financial statements to be submitted to the office of the Auditor General not later than nine (9) months of the following year to which the financial statements relate. The revised signed statements were presented to me on 11th November 2019.



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1st April 2020