



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Isabel Provincial Assembly

Report on the Financial Report

I was engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of the Isabel Provincial Government, which comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2014, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

My audit report is confined to those elements of the financial statements that are mandatory reporting requirements under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards under the Cash Basis of Accounting (IPSAS Cash). My report does not consider the fairness or reasonableness of any additional notes or amounts disclosed as non-mandatory notes.

Provincial Government and Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Isabel Provincial Government and management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards under the Cash Basis of Accounting (IPSAS Cash), and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

My audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on my judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, I have considered the internal controls relevant to the Province's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. My audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the presentation of the financial statements.

Because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, I was not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

The disclaimer of opinion is attributed to the continued failure in the system of recording and controlling accounting transactions and insufficient audit evidence to support transactions and accounts. I was unable to confirm or verify by alternative means the balances and disclosures with respect to the financial statements.

Receipts

Sufficient evidence for market fee collections and export licences for logging and copra were unable to be verified against the supporting documentation. As a result, I was unable to verify or confirm by alternative means, the completeness, accuracy and occurrence of the reported receipts balance as disclosed within the financial statement for the financial year ended 31 March 2014.

Payments

Sufficient supporting documentation was unable to be located to verify thirty five payments transactions totaling \$983,604.00 (6.3% of total payments). Given the various breakdowns in internal controls identified, I am unable to verify the accuracy, completeness and occurrence of reported payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2014.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, I have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the financial statements of the Isabel Provincial Government for the financial year ended 31 March 2014.

Emphasis of Matter

Inconsistency in the financial statements

I draw your attention to note 2, 3, 8, 11, 12 and 14 to the financial statements which has disclosed a number of discrepancies in the 2012-13 comparative informations between the face of the statements and the notes to the amounts, which were different to the amounts that was audited for 2012-13 financial year.



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