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Mr David Manning
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Papua New Guinea Constabulary
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My Dear Commissioner,

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR PAUL DOPSIE TO BE REINSTATED
BACK TO WORK.**

This letter makes reference to the above subject matter.

On the **21st June 2021**, my Office received a letter from the Director Crimes Mr. Joel Simatap dated **18th June 2021**. In this letter he has recommended Department of Health to re-instate Mr. Paul Dopsie on the basis that efforts to substantiate the criminality involved on the procurement of drugs, bribery and misappropriation of public funds made by Mr. Harupa Peke have been unsuccessful. And that Department of Finance headed by Secretary Ngangan cleared Mr. Dopsie after he was referred by the former Secretary Pascoe Kase. Mr. Harupe has also written to various organisations including Police Commissioner David Manning withdrawing all criminal charges on the same against Paul Dopsie.

The Director Crime, Mr. Simatap also claimed that it is unethical and unfair for police to continue investigation on allegation whose principal complainant has indicated the desire to discontinue the matter against Mr. Dopsie. Therefore, Mr Simatap in his capacity as Director Crime has directed Health Secretary to re-instate Mr. Paul Dopsie.

Health Department acknowledge the above direction and have taken careful consideration of its decision. Notwithstanding the respect that is due to the Office of the Director Crimes, Department of Health, however, raises concerns on whether or not the Police Commissioners' Office is aware of the above direction to Health Department to reinstatement Mr. Paul Dopsie.

Department of Health is of the view that such direction would be coming from your respective Office or in collaboration with you because as per your letter dated **17th November 2020**, you explicitly stated in paragraph 8 of this letter that the criminal complaint against Mr. Dopsie's was registered with the Boroko Crime Unit and Special Police Forensic & Criminal Investigation Team (SPFCIT) was conducting the investigation which is chaired by yourself as the Police Commissioner. It is also noted in the above letter dated **18th June 2021** from the Director Crime that this letter was not cc'd to your high Office as the Office responsible for Special Forensic Investigation (SFI).

Pursuant to the above concerns, the Health Department kindly request your Office to formally write to us on your view of the concerns raised above by the end of this week.

Based on your letter, the Health Department will be responding to the Public Service Commission (PSC) as Mr Dopsie is now seeking reinstatement by PSC with a support letter from Director Crime dated **18th June 2021**.

Please note that, the Public Service Commission (PSC) has given Department of Health 14th days to provide a formal response to the letter to re-instatement Mr Dopsie which is due next week [**11th August 2021**].

For your noting also, the PSC has also raised concerns surrounding a letter dated **11th January 2021** from the State Solicitor of the Office of the State Solicitor re- '*Powers of Government to Commission Private Company to Audit Government Department*'. The Department of Health will also respond to it accordingly guided by copy of the above letter and response provided on the same by your Office. We however, request that any other relevant documents including updated health investigation reports be made available to us no later than this **Friday 6th August 2021**.

Your response will greatly support Health Department to respond appropriately to the PSC by **11th August 2021**.

For further clarification and queries please contact Mrs Margaret Asinimbu, Manager Legal and Governance on phone number 3013616/3013626/3013601 or 72368249 or email margaretasinimbu01@gmail.com.

Yours Sincerely,



Dr, Osborne Liko
Health Secretary.



- Attachments
1. Public Service Commission letter to NDOH dated 22nd July 2021.
 2. Letter recommendation Paul Dopsie's Reinstatement by Director Crime dated 18th June 2021.