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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR CRIMES

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Date : 18 June 2021
Our Reference :
Action Officer : J. Simatab
Chief Inspector
Date :

Attention: Dr. Osbourne Like

My dear Secretary,

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR PAUL DOPSIE TO BE RE-INSTATED BACK TO WORK

I make reference to the above subject matter, the purpose of this letter.

On 27 May 2021, I received a letter from Mr. Paul Dopsie seeking my intervention and clearance for him to resume work with your department.

I would assume from the letter, your department has not reinstated Mr. Dopsie on the view that police investigation is yet to be concluded hence the reluctance to have him recalled as Executive Manager Corporate Services.

Police investigations was conducted to establish whether there was criminality involved in the procurement of drugs, bribery and misappropriation of public and donor funds. The Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) held their findings as well and made certain recommendations without specific referrals of individuals or organizations to police for investigation. The most notable event of the PAC was when a contractor Harupa Peke revealed damning allegations of bribing Mr. Paul Dopsie.

All efforts to substantiate the claims made by Mr. Harupa Peke have been unsuccessful. The Department of Finance Audit & Inspection Division headed by Secretary Ngangan have cleared Mr. Dopsie after he was referred by former Secretary Pascoe Kase. Mr. Harupa Peke has written to various organizations including Police Commissioner David Manning withdrawing all criminal complaint against Paul Dopsie.

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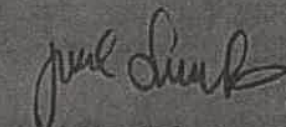
Given this circumstance, it would be unethical and unfair for police to continue investigating an allegation whose principal complainant has indicated the desire to discontinue the matter. The question now will be on whose interest is the police pursuing?

At this juncture, it would be fair that I recommend Mr. Paul Dopsie to your office to be reinstated back to the National Department of Health. This is to allow him the benefit to fully exercise his Constitutional right to employment and other privileges that come with his work as a senior public servant. The investigation has been ongoing for almost two years without any criminal prosecution instituted against Mr. Dopsie consequently reflecting no criminal responsibility at this stage.

Mr. Paul Dopsie will be required to avail himself to police in the distant future when credible and sufficient evidence is available and the imminent criminal prosecution by police.

I can be contacted on telephone 3226 327 or mobile numbers 73344529 / 7663728 if you need to speak to me regarding this matter.

Yours Sincerely,



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Director Crimes



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