**Independent Review of the Solomon Islands Economic and Public Sector Governance Program**

**Recommendations and Management Responses**

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| **Recommendation**  | **DFAT Response**  |
| The program objectives of SIGOV could be re-specified as:1. Improving the performance of the central agencies to enable effective delivery of key services and support economic growth;
2. Identifying and removing other systemic obstacles to sector service delivery and to the creation of an enabling environment for growth; and
3. Mitigating fiduciary risks to Australian and SIG funds.
 | Accept in full. We recommend adopting these objectives as program outcomes for phase one of SIGOV (to June 2017) to sit under the four long-term objectives as set out in the original design. This evolves the program to take a more problem driven and adaptive approach while remaining within the parameters of the program funding approvals.  |
| Reduce the number of governance bodies 1. Reduce the number of governance bodies
2. Focus the Core Economic Working Group (CEWG) on macro-economic planning and growth policy.
3. Develop a new ‘Delivery and Results’ coordinating body, with tightly limited attendance to discuss political challenges to delivery in confidence.
 | Accept in part. 1. Accept the need to streamline governance arrangements and will cease attendance at SIG led committees. Instead the program will consult semi-annually with Permanent Secretaries on program priorities and resourcing.
2. Agree.
3. Agree with the need to focus on cross program results, however an additional body is not required. Results will be assessed through a whole of program performance assessment framework and high level consultations.
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| Incorporate learning within SIGOV1. Undertake explicit diagnostic work to pinpoint constraints to service delivery
2. Undertake cautious piloting, with clear specifications and criteria for considering it effective and for rolling it back
3. Experiment with management coaches and confidential advice to selected senior SIG management and with peer learning.
 | Accept in full. Implementation has commenced with an initial diagnostic study to be completed by the World Bank in 2015.  |
| Consider a new management structure with development of sub-program lead responsibilities.  | Accept in full. A new structure is proposed which includes a team leader and additional technical advice to DFAT.  |