

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

## Recommendations and Management Responses

| Recommendation  | DFAT Response   |
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| <p>The program objectives of SIGOV could be re-specified as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improving the performance of the central agencies to enable effective delivery of key services and support economic growth;</li> <li>2. Identifying and removing other systemic obstacles to sector service delivery and to the creation of an enabling environment for growth; and</li> <li>3. Mitigating fiduciary risks to Australian and SIG funds.</li> </ol> | <p>Accept in full.</p> <p>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.</p>   |
| <p>Reduce the number of governance bodies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the number of governance bodies</li> <li>2. Focus the Core Economic Working Group (CEWG) on macro-economic planning and growth policy.</li> <li>3. Develop a new 'Delivery and Results' coordinating body, with tightly limited attendance to discuss political challenges to delivery in confidence.</li> </ol>   | <p>Accept in part.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Agree.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> |
| <p>Incorporate learning within SIGOV</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Undertake explicit diagnostic work to pinpoint constraints to service delivery</li> <li>2. Undertake cautious piloting, with clear specifications and criteria for considering it effective and for rolling it back</li> <li>3. Experiment with management coaches and confidential advice to selected senior SIG management and with peer learning.</li> </ol>                            | <p>Accept in full.</p> <p>Implementation has commenced with an initial diagnostic study to be completed by the World Bank in 2015.</p>  |
| <p>Consider a new management structure with development of sub-program lead responsibilities.</p>   | <p>Accept in full.</p> <p>A new structure is proposed which includes a team leader and additional technical advice to DFAT.</p>   |