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20 March 2024

Our ref: CAB 1/1/27

All Permanent Secretaries and equivalents  
Solomon Islands Public Service

Copy: The Chairman, Public Service & Police and Correctional service Commission  
: The Chairman Judicial & Legal Service Commission

Dear Permanent Secretaries and equivalent,

**RE: PROHIBITING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES, ASSETS AND  
RESOURCES FOR ELECTION CAMPAIGN PURPOSES**

In accordance to the letter and spirit of General Orders [GO] C501<sup>1</sup> I write to remind addressees and our public officials that government assets and resources are not allowed for use on any election campaign purposes. Specifically, government vehicles, outboard motors, and offices must not be used for election campaign purposes. There will be no exceptions or compromise to this Order because, as public officers, we are required to remain apolitical in the course of serving a democratically elected government and its people.

Furthermore, Political Party logos, symbols, pamphlets and campaign material must not be produced, nor distributed from any government premises or displayed anywhere

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<sup>1</sup> "...officials are prohibited from actively participating in politics. In particular, they must not:

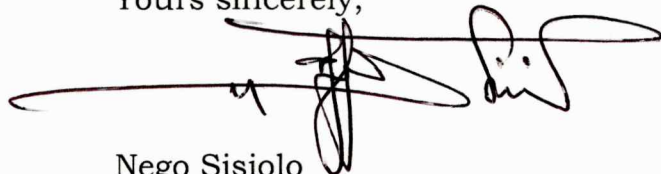
- (a) Speak, broadcast or ask questions in public on political matters;
- (b) Write letters to the press or publish books, articles or pamphlets giving their view on political matters;
- (c) Canvas or collect funds in support of political candidates or for any political cause or body;
- (d) Propose, sponsor or support in any public way a candidate for election;
- (e) Hold office or take part in any in the management of any political organization"

in government offices including government rented premises. This restriction also applies to logos, symbols, pamphlets and campaign material from Independent candidates.

Addressees are therefore requested to ensure that all public officers are made fully aware of this restriction. Any breach of the said GO provision will be investigated and may result in disciplinary actions considered against the person or persons responsible pursuant to the Public Service Commission's regulations #44.

For this purpose, I request unwavering support and cooperation from all public officials in ensuring that this Circular instruction is fully adhered to. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nego Sisiolo', written over a horizontal line.

Nego Sisiolo  
**Secretary to Cabinet**