



**ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA INTO OBTAINING THE OFF-SHORE LOAN
FROM THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

TODAY'S SUMMARY

Hearing Date: Monday 22nd of June, 2020

Venue: First Floor, Muruk Haus, Kumul Avenue, Waigani

1. Sir Tippo Vuatha, Former Official Secretary Government House

Sir Tippo Vuatha appeared in person. The Chairman discussed with Sir Tippo Vuatha on documents already received by the Commission from his successor Mr Bill Toraso but without copies of signed loan agreements for IPIC Loan and UBS Loan. Commission asked Sir Tippo to assist Mr Toraso locate the loan agreements and provide them to the Commission, and issued directions accordingly.

2. Mr Philip Eludeme, Former Chairman of Central Supply & Tender Board

Mr Philip Eludeme, appeared with his counsel Mr Tom Sirae. The Chairman discussed the purpose of Mr Philip Eludeme appearing, to enquire with him on the assistance he will provide in giving evidence in his capacity as the former Chairman of Central Supply & Tender Board (CSTB) when the UBS loan was acquired in 2014 and also the IPIC Loan in 2009, in respect of contracts awarded by CSTB for goods and services associated with the two loans, and issued directions as follows:

- i. Mr Philip Eludeme, is to confer with the Chairman of National Procurement Commission, Dr Ken Ngangan, the Secretary of NPC Mr Babaga Naime, and the CEO of NPC Mr Simon Bole to establish if there are any relevant documents pertaining to the IPIC loan and UBS loan that may be missing.
- ii. The Secretary to the Commission, Mathew Yuangu, is to provide Mr Eludeme access to the documents provided by Dr Ken Ngangan and Mr Simon Bole.
- iii. The matter is adjourned to Monday 6th July 2020 at 9:30 am for further directions.

3. Christine Lenturut, Government Printer

Mrs Christine Lenturut's appearance is deferred to Wednesday, 24th of June 2020 at 9:30 am.