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Hon. Ashneel Sudhakar  
The Chairperson  
Public Accounts Committee  
Parliament of the Republic of Fiji  
Government Building  
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Dear Chairperson

## **Clarification of Issues – 2015 Audit Report on State – Owned Entities & Statutory Authorities**

Warm Greetings from the Fijian Elections Office [FEO].

Reference is made to your letter dated 16/05/2018 regarding the above. Our comments are as follows:

1. FEO financial management system was implemented in August 2016 and Finance staff were trained in June and July 2016. The implementation of the finance system was in line with the Government financial year that falls from August to July so that balances brought forward for year ended 31 July 2016 could be updated in the FEO financial system.
2. The FEO engaged KPMG (following a tender process) to facilitate the transition and in particular:
  - a. The transition to IFRS for SME's in March 2017
  - b. To review the financial reports for year ended 31 July 2016
  - c. To review finance policy and assets to be in line with IFRS reporting standards.
3. KPMG completed its services to the FEO and the FEO finance team prepared the Annual Financial Statements for the financial year 31 July 2017. This has been subjected to audit by the Office of the Auditor General. The FEO has received draft Audit comments.

4. The FEO has engaged KPMG to assist in the compilation of the Financial Statements to ensure that the transition is properly done. At the same time, FEO Finance team will be able to bolster their capacities.

It is our intention to ensure that the transition to the international standards is done strategically with the assistance from internationally recognized institution such as KPMG. This will ensure that the financial records of the FEO are accurate, comprehensive and transparent.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohammed Saneem', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Mohammed Saneem  
*Supervisor of Elections*