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MICROSOFT 365 ROLLED OUT WITHIN PUBLIC BODIES STARTING WITH PNG PARLIAMENT

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Minister for Information and Communications Technology Timothy Masiu is pleased to announce that a team from the Digital Government Delivery division of the PNG Department of Information and Communications Technology (Department of ICT) has been deploying Microsoft 365 services to users within the Office of the Clerk at the PNG Parliament for the past 2 weeks following the signing of the Microsoft Partner Appointment for Cloud Solution Provider agreement between the Department of ICT and its Microsoft channel partner, Data#3.

Yesterday, the Department of ICT team gave Microsoft 365 online access to a total of 178 individual users at the PNG Parliament. Users can now access Microsoft 365 shared services such as enterprise email, Teams (voice and video), One Drive (user storage), Sharepoint (intranet and websites), Office apps, endpoint security, file and email security, and active directory.

Minister Masiu said that Microsoft 365 is a cloud-based shared services software package that has been procured and deployed under the shared services provisions of the *Digital Government Act 2022*.

“Procurement and deployment of Microsoft 365 within public bodies is funded by PNG taxpayer funds sourced from the ‘Digital Infrastructure & Services Program’, which is a Government of PNG Public Investment Program”, according to Minister Masiu.

The Department of ICT has prioritized deployment of Microsoft 365 within central agencies with scheduled visits to the departments of Treasury, National Planning, Prime Minister & National Executive Council, Personnel Management, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Justice and Attorney General, and Provincial and Local-Level Government Affairs.

Other public bodies that are slated for Microsoft 365 deployment include Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary, National Broadcasting Corporation, and National ICT Authority.

Mr Masiu said that the Department of ICT will also deploy Microsoft 365 to pilot provinces in each of the four regions. Four provinces have been earmarked to be part of the pilot rollout and these are Oro (Southern), Manus (New Guinea Islands), East Sepik (Momase), and Eastern Highlands (Highlands). The remaining provinces will follow suit.

Today, a representative each from the Department of ICT and the Office of the Clerk sign off on the deployment phase on site to mark the conclusion of the successful commissioning of Microsoft 365. From there the Department of ICT team will move onto its next client public body.

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