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PRESS STATEMENT

ICT Audit Across All Public Bodies to Commence

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Port Moresby — As Minister responsible for the Digital Government and Cybersecurity agenda, I wish to inform all public bodies, stakeholders, and our people that the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) will be undertaking a Whole-of-Government ICT Audit, pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 of the Digital Government Act 2022 commencing 3rd Quarter 2025.

This whole-of-government ICT audit will be overseen by the Public Service ICT Audit Committee, established under the Act, and will involve a comprehensive assessment of digital systems and infrastructure currently used by public bodies. The audit is part of our continuing efforts to digitalize public service delivery, promote cybersecurity resilience, and ensure digital systems are operating in compliance with Cabinet-endorsed ICT Policies and Gazetted Technical Standards.

Public Bodies will be assessed particularly against:

- The Government Technology Stack;
- Domain Name Standards;
- Email Standards;
- Website Standards; and
- · Cybersecurity Standards.

These standards are not optional. They form part of the regulatory framework designed to enforce accountability, security, and interoperability across government digital systems. The ICT Audit will also cover:

- ICT organizational structures,
- Internal ICT policies and procedures,
- Compliance with the Digital Government Act,
- · Risk assessments related to digital infrastructure, and
- Any systems offering services to or used by public bodies.

I call on all public bodies to fully cooperate with DICT and the ICT Audit Committee. This includes facilitating access to systems, responding to requests for documentation, and supporting any follow-up assessments or independent technical audits as recommended.

All findings will be reported to Cabinet and on the floor of Parliament. I expect that the Public Service ICT Steering Committee will consequentially undertake compliance and enforcement measures to ensure findings of the ICT Audit are addressed.

For further inquiries, public bodies may contact the Department of ICT at info@ict.gov.pg.

Approved for Release

HON. TIMOTHY MASIU, MP

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