



Agenda item 3 (c): Audit Report (Revised)

Proposed Recommendations:

The Board is invited to:

- (a) **note** the successful completion of the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2021;
 - (b) **welcome** the achievement of another successful unqualified opinion expressed by the External PIDC Auditor, BDO; and
 - (c) **task** the Secretariat to liaise and arrange with the Chair and Auditors as soon as possible to sign off on the audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2021.
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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to brief the Board regarding the draft External Auditor's report and the draft Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2021 (**Attachment One**) as required under the Financial Regulations to seek the Board's endorsement on the signing off on the Audited financial statement and the closure of the audit undertaken for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Background

2. As required under the PIDC Financial Regulations¹, an external audit was conducted for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 by BDO Samoa, a local Accounting & Auditing firm who was awarded the tender for PIDC External Auditor.

Audit Opinion

3. An unqualified audit opinion was expressed by the auditors showing no discrepancies or misstatement in the financial statement and this has been presented according to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Findings of Accounting & Internal Control Systems

4. In the final draft report, the Auditor did not identify any significant deficiencies or other deficiencies in internal control that can be identified by the Auditor as of sufficient importance to bring to the attention of the Board.

5. The only matter that was initially identified by the Auditor was in relation to Fixed Assets. However, subsequent discussions between the External Auditor and the Secretariat provided further information for the clarification of the Auditor. Based on these

¹ Financial Regulations 12.2

discussions, the auditor decided unilaterally to downgrade the identified matter as a minor accounting issue which the Secretariat is currently working to correct and resolve before the next financial year.