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Dear Scott

Request for Information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 13 December 2021 for information on the Solomon Islands unrest of 2021. You requested:

... copies of all email communications between Solomon Islands Policing Support Programme Team Leader Inspector Mike Cook and Police Inspector Dave Rose or any other senior managers in the International Service Group in Police National Headquarters for the period 22 November 2021 to 13 December 2021.

We have interpreted your request to mean all email correspondence passing directly between:

- Team Leader Inspector Mike Cook, and
- Inspector David Rose, and/or
- Inspector Gael Mockford, and/or
- Superintendent Steven Dunn

This includes information about the support efforts provided by New Zealand Police in response to the Solomon Islands unrest between 22 November 2021 and 13 December 2021.

Please refer to the attached correspondence “Information for Deployment Message”, “Information for Deployment Attachment”, “Single Honiara Messages”, “Solomon Islands Honiara Protests Messages”, “Weekly Reports”. Please note that sections of this correspondence have been redacted pursuant to the following sections of the OIA:

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 - (ii) any international organisation,
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- **Section 9(2)(g)(i)** – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Subject: Information for Deployment - please read email today
Attachments: Op Honiara deployment plan 021221 V3.doc

Good Afternoon Everyone

Many thanks to all of you for your prompt replies in relation to the approval to release your salary information to ISG. Tomorrow ISG staff will be working on your secondment agreements. HR will be sending these to you and you can "sign" the agreements by simply acknowledging the email. There will be instructions in the email.

I will be discussing your roster changes with your WFM. When I do this I will cc you into the emails so that you know what has occurred. I do not want any of you to receive Shift Incentive Allowance when you are not entitled to it.

The name of this Operation is Operation HONIARA.

The Project Code is s 6(a) OIA

All expense claims can be sent to the Solomon Island ISG Programme Officer Claire Levien who will process these for you. Claire can be contacted at Claire.Levien@police.govt.nz

Please find attached the Deployment Plan for Operation HONIARA. Inspector Dave Rose and I will be providing you with this information and some further details at the Briefing that we will be conducting at Whenuapai. The timing of this briefing will be determined upon our arrival at Whenuapai. If you are extremely busy sorting out requirements for tomorrow do not read the attachment just read this email.

Many of you still require vaccinations. The vaccinations will be given to you at Whenuapai. To ensure that you can travel to the Solomon Islands you must all ensure that you get on the flights you have been booked on. Your travel to Hamilton is important, your bags can follow you later as your bags do not need vaccinating to travel to Honiara!!

ISG has booked tickets with the ability to transport all of your luggage. This does not mean that Air NZ is required to put all of the bags on the flight. Bags can be off loaded even if you have paid for them on your ticket. If all passengers have numerous bags then the airline will off load bags. If any bags get off loaded then please ensure that it is not your personal bag and please ensure that you bring your Police ID, Police Phone and Personal Phone, Wallet and Passport with you when you get on the flight. We need you on the flight with the ability to get into the Whenuapai base.

If Bags get off loaded do not worry please immediately phone ISG Programme Officer Polly Sorenson on s 9(2)(a) OIA (I suggest entering Polly's name and number into your contacts on your phone today – make sure you enter it so that you can find it quickly.)

Polly and my ISG team have already made plans on how to get your luggage to Whenuapai if it gets off loaded.

If Air NZ asks you to pay for excess luggage then pay what is required and claim this back, or if you have any concerns around this then please ring Polly.

Deploying overseas during Covid times is extremely uncertain. International travel is very interesting at the moment and is a test of everyone's resilience and patience. The ISG team have a lot of experience in ensuring staff members and their luggage arrive at the correct destination. My team are incredible so I have no doubts that everything will work out.

If you have an OMG moment and realise that you have forgotten something important – do not keep it to yourself – ring Polly or me on s 9(2)(a) OIA or email the ISG Support team on s 9(2)(a) OIA. ISG is here to support all staff deploying offshore. You are all now one of our team so we are here to help you.

Inspector Shawn Rutene is one of our team members. He is about to deploy to Bougainville early next year. Shawn is based in Auckland and is our Auckland Liaison Officer for Operation HONIARA. He has kindly been coordinating things for ISG in Auckland. He can be contacted s 9(2)(a) OIA if you need to discuss any issues with travelling into Auckland. Shawn will be meeting us at the border between Hamilton and Auckland and facilitating our movement in the Auckland area.

Any concerns or enquiries please do not hesitate to phone me.

Bon Voyage and see you all tomorrow.

Regards
Gael

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International Services Group (ISG)
PNHQ

Operation Honiara

ISG Plan for

Public Order Policing Surge to the Solomon Islands

December 2021/January 2022



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Background - Security Context 1998-2003 – the “Tensions”

1. Solomon Islands is made up of six major islands and around 900 smaller ones, located between Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. It is home to around 610,000 people, making it one of the region’s more populous countries
2. In the years leading up to 1998, many Guadalcanal people resented the influence of settlers from other islands and their occupation of undeveloped land in and around Honiara. The settlers, mostly from nearby heavily-populated Malaita, had been drawn to Honiara and its environs by comparatively greater economic opportunities.
3. In 1998 existing ethnic Tensions on Guadalcanal rapidly escalated. Violent clashes involving rival militant groups erupted, destabilising the Solomon Islands and undermining national institutions (including policing). This situation persisted for over four years.

Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI)

4. In April 2003, then Solomon Islands Prime Minister Sir Allan Kemakeza requested Australian assistance to address the violence. A comprehensive package of strengthened regional assistance to support the Solomon Islands Government — the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) — was proposed and unanimously endorsed by the Foreign Ministers of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) in line with Biketawa Declaration.
5. On 24 July 2003, 2,000 police, military and civilian personnel arrived in Solomon Islands from 15 Pacific countries (led by the Australian Federal Police (AFP)) as a comprehensive long-term mission with a mandate to restore civil order, stabilise government finances, promote longer-term economic recovery and rebuild the machinery of government and related services.
6. In 2013, after eight years as a joint military-policing mission, the military component withdrew, leaving the RAMSI’s police officers (known as the Participating Police Force (PPF)) to continue a peace-keeping function and to provide capacity and capability building for the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) until 2017.
7. Under RAMSI, law and order was re-established, national institutions rebuilt and steps made towards stabilising and reforming the economy. This included AFP investment in the rearmament of RSIPF and enhancement of public order management capability. The improved security environment saw the return of business and investor confidence and helped facilitate increased flows of development assistance.
8. s 6(a) OIA

Previous 2006 and 2019 riots

9. The most significant civil unrest following the Tensions occurred in 2006 and 2019.
10. On 18 April 2006, Snyder Rini was elected Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands in a general election. This sparked rioting in Honiara amidst allegations that the election was fixed with the aid of money from Chinese businessmen.
11. Parts of Honiara were razed and looted, with Chinese-owned property particularly targeted. With up to 90% of shops burnt down in Chinatown, most Chinese evacuated the country in fear of their personal safety.
12. Snyder Rini resigned on the floor of Parliament on 26 April after just eight days as Prime Minister and as MPs were due to vote on a motion of no confidence against him.

13. In response to the 2006 riots, RAMSI forces were rapidly bolstered by further Australian and NZ troops.
14. Riots again broke out after the current Prime Minister, Mr Sogavare, was elected for the fourth time in 2019, with police using tear gas to dispel crowds in the city's Chinatown.
15. While not as significant as the 2006 and 2021 riots, substantial damage was still caused to the Pacific Casino Hotel in Chinatown and businesses near the Eastern Honiara settlement of Burns Creek during 2019.
16. RSIPF were able to effectively quell the unrest without any international surge assistance.

Current unrest

17. Significant civil unrest occurred in the capital of the Solomon Islands, Honiara, between Wednesday 24 and Friday 26 November.
18. Information received indicates what was intended to be a peaceful protest against the Sogavare administration on Wednesday became violent after the RSIPF forced back protesters, who were attempting to force entry into the parliamentary precinct, using rubber bullets and tear gas.
19. Protest activity subsequently spread to Honiara's China Town, and adjacent residential areas. Fifty-six buildings were set alight, including the Honiara High School, a BSP bank, two police stations, and retail stores, and widespread looting occurred.
20. It is considered to be the most significant unrest and damage within the Solomon Islands since the 2006 riots, and PM Sogavare reached out to Australia for assistance to quell the unrest.
21. Over 100 people have been arrested and a curfew has been imposed on Honiara and its maritime zone from 7pm to 5am until further notice.

22. s 6(a) OIA

23. s 6(a) OIA

Current Situation & International Response

24. Australia has deployed Australian Defence Force (ADF) and AFP personnel to Solomon Islands under a 2017 Security Treaty. ADF and AFP forces are now supporting the RSIPF to maintain order around Honiara.
25. They have since been joined by personnel from the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) and the Royal Fiji Military Force (RFMF). s 6(a) OIA
26. All foreign personnel deployed in the current response in Solomon Islands are operating via the 'Third State clause' of the Solomon Islands and Australia's Security Treaty.
27. Under this clause, foreign personnel report to s 9(2)(a) OIA the Commander of the AFP on the ground, who has assumed a Deputy Commissioner role in the RSIPF. You will receive further briefings from ISG on the command structure, your role and powers prior to your deployment.

28. The situation in Honiara has been stabilising to some extent following the arrival of the Australian-led contingents, although there has been extensive damage to property (a conservative estimate is SID \$270 million which equates to approximately NZD \$49 million) and at least three deaths – potentially looters trapped inside a burning building. There are also food shortages, and limited cash availability.
29. RSIPF have now moved to Community Reassurance policing and an Investigation Phase (to identify criminal offending and offences) has commenced.
30. s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
31. Humanitarian and economic aid as well as longer-term security support through capability-building and community liaison are expected to be needed.

Strategic rationale for NZ involvement

32. NZ has a foreign policy interest in having a safe and secure Pacific. This includes that our Pacific neighbours have safe and secure communities and are able to run their own democratic processes.
33. The Solomon Islands is a long-standing partner for New Zealand, and we have shared interests in a safe secure, and more prosperous future for the country.
34. This deployment has been approved by PM Ardern, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defence and Minister of Police.

NZ Police surge deployment intent

35. This NZ Police Deployment has been defined in consultation with RSIPF and AFP. This surge deployment will work in support of RSIPF both in the east and west parts of Honiara to undertake systematic and concentrated community engagement patrols to provide reassurance to the community and to dissuade others to travel to Honiara and deter further disorder.

Existing NZ Police footprint in the Solomon Islands

36. NZ Police currently have four staff s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED] deployed to Honiara under the four-year Solomon Islands Policing Support Programme (SIPSP), providing capability development support to the RSIPF. SIPSP is funded by the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) Overseas Development Assistance programme.
37. SIPSP have strong established relationships with the RSIPF. The priority focus for SIPSP is supporting RSIPF with the rollout of their Crime Prevention Strategy and associated organisational mindset change programme.
38. SIPSP staff are deployed as Senior Advisors within a mentoring capacity only. They hold no operational powers or tactical response equipment. Because of this, they are not part of the international surge response.
39. SIPSP will continue their 'business-as-usual' work, however as this is in the Crime Prevention space, it will likely be pivoted to be complimentary to the work being done by the international contingents.
40. SIPSP is currently funded until 30 June 2022, and as such will remain in country supporting RSIPF following the withdrawal of surge support.

Religion

41. Churches have a strong impact on the way people think, and play a very strong role in communal life, especially in rural areas.
42. Virtually every village has a church. Prayer or church services are regular events.
43. There is an increasing number of evangelical churches. Christian concepts are often involved in political discourse. Meetings at all levels usually begin with a prayer. Food is often blessed prior to eating. The church is a strong community influencer and mobiliser of society.
44. Despite the church's influence, magic, and witchcraft are still strong and widely feared. Additionally, Christian beliefs are often mixed with cultural circumstances that have a basis in magic or witchcraft. A diversity of religions is tolerated, but atheism is not easily understood.

Land


45. Land is central to the whole community. It is highly valued, and saturated with spiritual, historical and political significance, and provides links with ancestors and spirits. Land is a source of power – economic and political. Absolute ownership of land rests with the village or clan. Land cannot be bought or sold like other marketable commodities.

National identity

46. This is a recently introduced concept. People do not generally see themselves as Solomon Islanders, but as a country of villages or islands. They associate more with their clan, tribe, village or island.
47. 'Wantok' is the name of the wider family of belonging and has strong significance in an individual and collective sense. Each of the 10 provinces (including Honiara City) has its own flag identity.
48. This compounds the difficulty with creating national unity. In the immediate post-RAMSI environment however, the Government is pushing the message of unity, that "we are all Solomon Islanders".

Other forces

s 6(a) and s 6(b) OIA



Intel

51. s 6(a) and s 6(b) OIA



52. s 6(a) OIA



53. The environment remains fluid and changeable due to underlying tensions in the community and there remains significant opportunity for unrest and threat of unrest to escalate into violent behaviour. Updates will be provided as and when available.

Mission

54. To safely deploy 11 New Zealand Police staff to Solomon Islands to assist the RSIPF as required and conduct community reassurance patrols.

Staff list

55. ISG have selected 10 PSU staff from around New Zealand **s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA** to deploy for this mission. (See list below).

56. Deployed staff will be supported by the New Zealand Solomon Island contingent currently based in Honiara. This group is led by Inspector Mike Cook who will serve as Operation Commander for the deploying staff.

57. Deploying staff are as detailed below:

Rank	Name	QID	District	Work Phone	Personal Phone	Male/Female
Sergeant	Brett NEAL	BNAL37	Canterbury	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Male
Sergeant	Eurera RAWIRI	EREM58	Eastern	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Male
Constable	Michael COWIE	MCEW29	Tasman	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Male
Constable	Shayne AMNER	SALS68	Eastern	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Male
Constable	Ngatiki PHILLIPS	NPDP49	Canterbury	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Male
Constable	Ben JONES	BJDQ46	Wellington	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Male
Constable	Dave McCarthy	DMCQ14	Wellington	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Male
Constable	Shazmeen KHAN	SKDA19	Southern	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Female
Constable	Aaron HOGUE	AHG680	Southern	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Male
S/Constable	Raymond LOWE	RLH344	Central	Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982		Male

Equipment

58. Below is a suggested list of clothing and equipment for deployment to Solomon Islands. Be aware that temperatures are warm to hot with daytime temps in mid to high 30's and night-time temps in the 24-28 degrees range. The following list is not exhaustive.

Police uniform and equipment list- (Must Have)

- **Passport – You will not go anywhere without this document**
- **Police Phone and charger**
- **Personal Phone and charger – if you have one**
- **Hard copy printouts** of your New Zealand **AND** International vaccine pass (Laminate if possible) – You may require to show these upon landing in Honiara
- **Gazette Notice** – This will be provided to you at Whenuapai for entry to Solomons
- **Police ID** – extremely important for access to Whenuapai.
- Full PSU – PPE Which includes but not limited to:
 - Argus Helmet,
 - ‘Arnold’ hard armour limb protection,
 - POP gloves
 - Straight batons
 - Groin protection
 - Shields (long and round) (Bring what you would need on the line.)
- BAS + HAP including PPK/Handcuffs/expandable baton/OC Spray pouch
NOTE: OC Spray will be supplied in Auckland prior to departing New Zealand. Do not travel on Air New Zealand domestic flights with OC spray.
 - **You will not have the tactical options of utilising a Taser or Firearms – feel free to remove the holsters etc. from your BAS. Obviously keep the OC Spray pouch.**
- 5 x Police operational shirts
- 1 x Dress Shirt with epaulettes
- 3 x ISG Police operational trousers for use in country (**ISG supplied in Auckland prior to departure**)
- 3 x Operational Trousers. (Without being able to try on the ISG trousers please cater for the fact that you may not have an ISG Operational trousers option.)
- Police Belt
- Boots
- Socks
- Police Operational Cap if you have one (**ISG will supply an ISG Cap in Auckland prior to departure**)
- **DO NOT BRING YOUR FORAGE CAP**
- Police notebook and pens
- Backpack (**ISG supplied in Auckland prior to departure**)

Personal kit:

- Your Personal Items should fit in One Bag/Suitcase
- Wallet including credit and cash flow cards.
- Drivers Licence
- **Don't not bring anything of value and your clothes should be comfortable and loose**
- Personal sun hat/cap
- Running Shoes
- Underwear/socks
- Deployment med kit (**to be supplied by Healix at Whenuapai**)
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Lightweight comfortable clothing is recommended for off duty
- Towels x 2
- Togs
- Sandals/Jandals (a must have for walking around out of uniform)
- 2nd pair of Jandals (for showering, also essential)

- Shirts/ T- Shirts / singlet's (ensure that there is nothing offensive or controversial on them)
- Shorts / Boardies (T-Shirts and shorts will be the main things you wear when out of uniform)
- Strongly suggest a Water Bottle that can keep Water cool
- Jersey/fleece/ Light Jacket which may be handy on the flight or in Whenuapai
- Light weight Raincoat
- Any personal medications as required (enough for 8 weeks)
- Small travel, collapsible umbrella
- Phone/iPod / IPad / Laptop computer (personal not NZP) / camera / book and chargers
- Noise cancelling headphones are great for the flight if you have them.

Travel in Plain Clothes to Whenuapai

Travel on the NZDF flight on Saturday in Operational Uniform

What you will not need in country

- Jackets or warm tops
- Winter clothing
- Bedding at this stage – if sleeping bags are required ISG will source these.
- It is a suggestion that you should padlock your bags where possible – Don't forget to bring the padlock keys with you.

Telephone / Communications

59. Staff will take their NZP issue iPhones and ensure that they have all chargers and cables required. ISG have arranged for these phones to have international roaming but data is not available due to cost. Staff should utilise any available wifi while in country.
60. Portable radios from New Zealand will not be supplied, however, a work laptop computer may be taken if they have one supplied **AND** they already have a hard RSA token. Due to time constraints and lack of stock, hard RSA tokens will not be supplied for this deployment. Please note that Authenticator will not work in country.
61. Staff may take personal phones/devices if desired. Any costs involved with the use of personal devices/phones is the responsibility of the staff member. Use of wifi when available is recommended.

Health

62. All staff deploying have to have received the requisite vaccinations to guard against the more common medical issues for the region as well as both COVID-19 vaccine shots.
63. All staff deploying are covered by Allianz, the New Zealand Police travel insurance provider. If you have a medical problem, please contact the Healix 24 Hour Assistance number below and they will assist:
64. TRAVEL INSURANCE
NZ Police Corporate Travel (Short Term) – **300000000**

Healix - 24 hours assistance is available while travelling, contact the local phone operator and book a reverse charge
(collect) call to **+64 9 475 0637** "Then Press 2"
OR Email: NZPolice@healix.com

Firearms

65. Staff will not be armed for this deployment. s 6(a) OIA

66. AFP staff have legislative authority to carry and use firearms in the Solomon Islands. This authority does not extend to New Zealand Police staff.

Solomon Islands housekeeping information

Accommodation

67. Accommodation is very tight in Honiara at the moment and we are still trying to finalised details.

68. Some of you will be sharing accommodation and others will be in a single unit. Each accommodation has a full kitchen, air conditioning and is of a good standard. The availability of wifi is yet to be confirmed.

69. Because of COVID restrictions and lack of quarantining, when you are not working you will be restricted to staying **in your room** at your accommodation. Solomon Islanders are very concerned about COVID and we want to insure we mitigate the risk of transmission as much as we can.

70. At this stage it is yet to be confirmed how long these restrictions will last – you will be briefed on this once you arrive in country.

71. Because you will be house bound you will be responsible for cleaning your own apartment during the quarantine period.

Phones and Electronic Devices

72. If possible, bring a personal phone with you to use with a Solomon Island SIM card. The reason for this is the easiest way to communicate between each other is via WhatsApp or Messenger.

73. It is possible to put the local SIM card into our NZP work phones, but the security on the phones does not allow these Apps to be downloaded. We will provide you with SIM cards upon your arrival.

74. You will probably be given roaming data and calling on your NZP phones which is great for calling back home, however the data allowance allocated by Vodafone is very restrictive. Using them on Wifi is the only option.

75. Bring a device you can play and watch movies on. It may pay to download as much content as you can in the event there is no wifi at your accommodation.

76. Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney Plus (only if you have content already downloaded). Neon does not work here.

77. Bring an HDMI cable or lightening HDMI cable so you can plug your device into the TV.

Food and Water

78. Initially NZP staff will provide all food and water for you. **Please advise if you have any food allergies.**
79. Once out of COVID restrictions you will be able to shop for yourself.
80. The fruit and vegetables here are very good and are cheap. Meat costs about the same as NZ depending on what you buy, cheese is expensive and other items are slightly more expensive than NZ. You can pretty much buy everything over here that you can get at home.
81. When eating out prices range from SBD70 – 200 for a main meal. There are plenty of great cafes here with good food and coffee.
82. If you are fussy about your coffee, it will pay to bring with you some from home and a coffee plunger or maker. Granulated coffee is available here along with an assortment of instant and tea.
83. Alcohol is plentiful. The main beer over here is Solbrew with three varieties to choose from. Wine is available and ranges from SBD90 – 300 per bottle.
84. Quite often it costs the same to drink at bars than to drink at home when they have happy hour specials. You may wish to bring some alcohol over with you from NZ also.
85. **Your first 10 days will be alcohol free. Please respect this and do not open any alcohol that you bring up.**

Money

86. It will pay to load up a credit / debit card that you can use over here. There are ANZ money machines here so accessing cash via ANZ visa/debit cards without charges.
87. Other visas will incur some small charges. You can live very well on NZD500 per fortnight which will cover all your food and entertainment.
88. This is a cash society. Don't plan on using your credit cards outside of the main resorts.

Medical

89. NZP has access to an Australian medical centre with an Australian doctor in the event you need a doctor while deployed here.
90. **Bring enough of your own medications** to last for at least 6 weeks. Having said that, many medications are available from the local pharmacy without prescription.
91. If you wear contacts it will pay to bring your own contacts and solution. There is a physio and optometrist in town if needed.

Climate

92. Temperatures range from 26 degrees to about 32 degrees, but often feels hotter. The sun is really strong here and you burn quickly, so sunscreen is essential.
93. Bring your own, but there is sunscreen and insect repellent here in our store also.
94. You will not need a raincoat, even though it is the rainy season. Locals usually use an umbrella which is the best way to stay dry and cool.

Time difference

95. Solomon Islands is currently two hours behind NZ.

Power

96. Power sockets are the same as NZ. No power adaptors are required.

Customs upon arrival

97. You will be asked to declare any food etc upon arrival. Please do that, but because of the COVID risk it is very unlikely your bags will be checked by customs.

98. There is also a chance your passport may be taken by immigration and not returned to you straight away. If that happens the NZHC will retrieve them for you.

Driving

99. You can drive on your NZ DLIC here in Solomon Islands.

Recreation

100. Initially you will be restricted to doing recreation in your room. If you wish to exercise in your room bring bands etc. It may pay to bring a yoga matt or similar as the floors in the rooms are tiled.

101. Once you are released from COVID restrictions there will hopefully be some opportunity to explore in the areas around Honiara.

102. There are plenty of good beaches close by. Bring your swimming gear, goggles, snorkel and fins. We do have some snorkelling gear in our store, but the selection is pretty limited.

103. It will also pay to bring some reef shoes with you if you are planning to snorkel around coral to avoid cuts to your feet.

104. Bring your running shoes also as there is some great running opportunities and groups here.

105. As such the leadership team will be tasked with putting their minds to this detail from day one so that a comprehensive as possible debrief can be held to aid future deployments.

Appendices:

**Healix travel and health assistance information
Australia and SIG Deployment Agreement
Solomon Islands gazette and legal notice**

NEW ZEALAND POLICE – TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER

Healix provide medical assistance for New Zealand Police.

Query	Contact	Contact Details
For any new and/or claims/queries	HEALIX Emergency & General Assistance Line	+64 9 475 0637 (Select Option Two)
For any <i>non-urgent</i> queries	HEALIX General Assistance Email	NZPolice@healix.com
To Submit A Claim	Allianz	corporateclaims@allianz-assistance.co.nz

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE
CANBERRA

**Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Solomon Islands
Concerning the Basis for Deployment of Police, Armed Forces, and other Personnel to Solomon
Islands**

(Canberra, 14 August 2017)

Entry into force for Australia: 13 June 2018

**AUSTRALIAN TREATY SERIES
[2018] ATS 14**

National Interest Analysis Reference: [2017] ATNIA 27

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

**CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF POLICE,
ARMED FORCES AND OTHER PERSONNEL TO SOLOMON
ISLANDS**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR
DEPLOYMENT OF POLICE, ARMED FORCES AND OTHER PERSONNEL TO
SOLOMON ISLANDS**

The Government of Australia (“Australia”) and the Government of Solomon Islands (“Solomon Islands”) (together, “the Parties”):

COMMITTED to maintaining and strengthening close and friendly relations between Australia and Solomon Islands, and to cooperating on issues of mutual interest;

RECALLING the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (“RAMSI”), which was enabled by the *Agreement between Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Tonga concerning the operations and status of the police and armed forces and other personnel deployed to Solomon Islands to assist in the restoration of law and order and security*, and which entered into force on 24 July 2003 (“the RAMSI Agreement”);

RECOGNISING the contribution of RAMSI to the restoration of stability and security in Solomon Islands, its assistance to the functions of government, and to the development and economic recovery of Solomon Islands;

ACKNOWLEDGING the support to RAMSI provided by churches, community leaders and the people of Solomon Islands and their contribution in bringing peace and stability to Solomon Islands;

NOTING the Parties’ desire to establish a future basis upon which Australia may provide assistance to Solomon Islands in case of a major security challenge, humanitarian disaster or similar circumstances following the completion of RAMSI and the expiry of the RAMSI Agreement;

ACKNOWLEDGING their respective obligations and commitments under international law;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1 Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Agreement:

- (i) “Area of Operations” means the territory of Solomon Islands, all areas where it exercises maritime jurisdiction, and the superjacent airspace;
- (ii) “Assets” means vessels, aircraft, vehicles, armoured vehicles, supplies (including medical and pharmaceutical supplies (including blood products)), stores and prescription drugs, working dogs, equipment (including medical equipment), communications, ammunition, weapons, and any other provisions or supplies required by a Visiting Contingent for the purposes of its deployment;
- (iii) “Assisting Defence Force” means the defence force and associated civilian personnel of Australia and any Third States;
- (iv) “Assisting Police Force” means the police force and associated civilian personnel of Australia and any Third States;
- (v) “Deployment” means a deployment of a Visiting Contingent under Article 2 of this Agreement;
- (vi) “NDC” means the National Disaster Council of Solomon Islands;

“Other Personnel” means personnel of Australia and any Third States who are notified by Australia to Solomon Islands in writing, but are not members of an Assisting Police Force or Assisting Defence Force;

- (vii) “Solomon Islands Laws” means any laws, regulations or orders of Solomon Islands, including any customary laws;
- (viii) “Third State” means the government of a State in relation to which the requirements under Article 20 of this Agreement have been fulfilled; and
- (ix) “Visiting Contingent” means a contingent of personnel comprised of an Assisting Police Force, Assisting Defence Force and/or Other Personnel.

Article 2 Scope

- (1) At the written request of Solomon Islands, and subject to Australia’s acceptance of that request based on its assessment of the circumstances, Australia shall deploy a Visiting Contingent and Assets to the Area of Operations to:
 - (a) assist in the provision of safety and security of persons and property;
 - (b) provide humanitarian assistance and disaster response in coordination with the NDC; and/or
 - (c) provide such other assistance as may be mutually determined.
- (2) The Parties shall consult on the nature and duration of each deployment, taking into account its particular purpose.
- (3) Solomon Islands shall facilitate any deployment to achieve its purposes and shall provide a Visiting Contingent with any information relevant to the safety and security of a Visiting Contingent and its Assets.

Article 3 Visiting Contingent

- (1) Australia shall nominate a head of a Visiting Contingent and notify Solomon Islands of the appointment in writing through diplomatic channels.
- (2) The head of a Visiting Contingent shall have overall responsibility for management of the Visiting Contingent, and for liaising with Solomon Islands.
- (3) The head of a Visiting Contingent shall work co-operatively with Solomon Islands to achieve the purposes of the relevant Deployment.
- (4) A Visiting Contingent shall have sole responsibility for its internal direction, and the command, control, discipline and administration of its members, while respecting Solomon Islands Laws.

(5) Australia shall notify Solomon Islands of the personnel deployed to the Area of Operations as part of a Visiting Contingent under this Agreement.

Article 4 Assisting Police Force

- (1) Where an Assisting Police Force is deployed as part of a Visiting Contingent, the most senior Australian police officer notified to Solomon Islands shall serve as its commander, with responsibility for control of that Force.
- (2) Members of an Assisting Police Force shall remain under national command, except as otherwise determined in arrangements concluded under Article 20(3) of this Agreement.
- (3) The head of an Assisting Police Force shall be appointed a Deputy Commissioner of Royal Solomon Islands Police Force and other members of the Assisting Police Force may be appointed to Royal Solomon Islands Police Force.
- (4) Members of an Assisting Police Force appointed to Royal Solomon Islands Police Force shall not be required to make an oath or affirmation of allegiance.
- (5) A member of an Assisting Police Force shall be subject only to the orders of, and instructions from:
 - (a) the head of the Assisting Police Force; and
 - (b) the Commissioner of Royal Solomon Islands Police Force, in consultation with the head of the Assisting Police Force, where the member has been appointed to Royal Solomon Islands Police Force.
- (6) Subject to paragraph 5(b) of this Article, members of the Assisting Police Force shall not be subject to the orders of, or instructions from, any member of Royal Solomon Islands Police Force.
- (7) A member of an Assisting Police Force shall not be subject to any regulations concerning the administration or discipline of Royal Solomon Islands Police Force, or to the jurisdiction of any Solomon Islands disciplinary authority, court or tribunal.
- (8) A member of an Assisting Police Force shall be permitted to exercise the powers, authorities and privileges afforded to members of Royal Solomon Islands Police Force, irrespective of whether the member has been appointed pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article.
- (9) In addition to the powers and authorities referred to in paragraph 8 of this Article, an Assisting Police Force may take such action and use such force as is reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of a Deployment.

Article 5 Assisting Defence Force

- (1) Where an Assisting Defence Force is deployed as part of a Visiting Contingent, an Australian Defence Force member notified to Solomon Islands shall serve as its commander, with responsibility for the control of that Force.
- (2) Members of an Assisting Defence Force shall remain under national command, except as otherwise determined in arrangements concluded under Article 20(3) of this Agreement.
- (3) Members of an Assisting Defence Force shall exercise the powers, authorities and privileges afforded to members of Royal Solomon Islands Police Force, where reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of a Deployment.
- (4) In addition to the powers and authorities referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, an Assisting Defence Force may take such action and use such force as is reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of a Deployment.

Article 6 Jurisdiction

- (1) A Visiting Contingent shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that Solomon Islands Laws are observed and respected.
- (2) Members of a Visiting Contingent shall be immune from arrest, detention and all legal proceedings in Solomon Islands courts and tribunals in relation to actions that are taken in the course of, or are incidental to, official duties. Members of the Visiting Contingent shall not be compelled to appear or give evidence in legal proceedings of any kind in Solomon Islands courts and tribunals.
- (3) “Legal proceedings” for the purpose of paragraph 2 of this Article include criminal, civil, disciplinary and administrative proceedings, and proceedings seeking to enforce customary law.
- (4) Solomon Islands shall not exercise criminal and disciplinary jurisdiction over a member of a Visiting Contingent arising out of an action taking place in the Area of Operations if such jurisdiction is asserted over that member by Australia or a Third State, as applicable.
- (5) If Solomon Islands has exercised criminal and disciplinary jurisdiction over a member of a Visiting Contingent arising out of an action taking place in the Area of Operations, that jurisdiction shall be relinquished to Australia or a Third State if it asserts jurisdiction over that member in respect of that action.
- (6) Australia or a Third State may waive the immunity granted by paragraph 2 of this Article to its members of a Visiting Contingent.
- (7) Where Australia or a Third State waives the criminal or civil immunity of a member of a Visiting Contingent that is provided in paragraph 2 of this Article or asserts the jurisdiction referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article, the relevant State and Solomon Islands shall assist each other in carrying out all necessary investigations into any offences alleged to have been committed by that member.
Such investigations shall include the collection and production of evidence in relation to any alleged offence or offences committed by the member.

(8) Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this Article, when requested by the head of a Visiting Contingent, Solomon Islands authorities may take into custody any member of a Visiting Contingent, without subjecting them to arrest, in order to immediately deliver them, together with any items seized, to the nearest appropriate authorities of the Visiting Contingent.

(9) On receipt of a request from Australia or a Third State made in respect of Visiting Contingent members provided by that State, Solomon Islands shall provide assistance in relation to any criminal or internal disciplinary proceedings against a member of a Visiting Contingent.

Article 7

Entry and Exit

(1) Solomon Islands authorities shall facilitate the entry into, and departure from, the Area of Operations of a Visiting Contingent.

(2) Members of a Visiting Contingent shall be exempt from any Solomon Islands Laws governing visas, immigration inspection and restrictions on entering into, or departing from, the Area of Operations.

(3) Members of an Assisting Defence Force may enter into, and exit from, the Area of Operations on presentation of military identification issued by the Assisting Defence Force.

(4) Solomon Islands shall grant all members of a Visiting Contingent exemption from any departure tax.

(5) Members of a Visiting Contingent shall be exempt from any Solomon Islands Laws governing the residence of aliens in the Area of Operations, including registration, but shall not be considered as acquiring any right to permanent residence or domicile in the Area of Operations.

Article 8

Import and Export

(1) A Visiting Contingent may import into, and export from, the Area of Operations without licence, other restriction or registration and free of customs, duties and taxes, and inspection, any Assets, together with personal effects of, and items for the personal consumption or use by, members of a Visiting Contingent.

(2) Any personal property imported duty-free which is sold in the Area of Operations by members of a Visiting Contingent to persons other than those entitled to duty-free import privileges shall be subject to customs and other duties on its value at the time of sale.

Article 9

Movement and Use of Assets

- (1) Members of a Visiting Contingent and all Assets shall enjoy freedom of movement throughout the Area of Operations.
- (2) A Visiting Contingent shall have the unimpeded right to the use of roads, bridges, canals and other waters, port and airfield facilities and airspace without payment of dues, tolls or other charges or fees throughout the Area of Operations.
- (3) Members of a Visiting Contingent may possess, store and operate Assets without a permit or licence or restriction and free of duties, taxes and charges.
- (4) A Visiting Contingent shall not be required to register or obtain licences for the use of Assets under applicable Solomon Islands Laws.
- (5) Where members of a Visiting Contingent are required to use vehicles, vessels, aircraft, or other equipment of Solomon Islands, in carrying out their duties, the use of those vehicles, vessels, aircraft and equipment shall be provided free of charge, unless otherwise mutually determined between the Parties.

Article 10 Facilities, Utilities and Local Goods

- (1) A Visiting Contingent may establish areas for its premises, including headquarters, camps and training areas as may be necessary for their accommodation and the fulfilment of the purposes of a Deployment.
- (2) Except where a Visiting Contingent constructs its own premises, such premises shall be provided free of charge by the Solomon Islands.
- (3) Following consultation with Solomon Islands, a Visiting Contingent may add or alter premises provided by Solomon Islands for its use, if necessary to ensure personal security and security of Assets, and shall return such premises to their original condition on their return, fair wear and tear excepted, unless otherwise mutually determined.
- (4) Without prejudice to the fact that all such premises remain Solomon Islands territory, they shall be inviolable and subject to the exclusive control and authority of a Visiting Contingent.
- (5) Members of a Visiting Contingent who are engineering, communications and other professionals, trade and technical staff, shall not be subject to registration or licensing under Solomon Islands Laws.
- (6) Unless otherwise mutually determined, a Visiting Contingent shall have the right to the use of water, electricity and other public utilities free of charge, unless otherwise mutually determined by the Parties.
- (7) A Visiting Contingent may generate, transmit and distribute electricity for its own use free of charge without being subject to regulation or licensing requirements.
- (8) A Visiting Contingent may purchase locally produced goods and commodities that it requires in fulfilment of the purposes of a Deployment free of duties, taxes and charges.

Article 11 Communications

- (1) A Visiting Contingent shall have the authority to install and operate radio and satellite sending and receiving stations in the Area of Operations.

(2) A Visiting Contingent shall enjoy the right of unrestricted communications by radio, television, telephone, mail or any other means and of establishing the necessary facilities for maintaining such communications within and between premises of a Visiting Contingent, including the laying of cables and land lines and the establishment of fixed and mobile radio and satellite sending and receiving stations.

(3) A Visiting Contingent may process and transport mail addressed to or sent from the Visiting Contingent or members of the Visiting Contingent. With respect to mail sent from Solomon Islands, such mail shall be processed free of charge. Solomon Islands shall not interfere with the communications of a Visiting Contingent.

Article 12 Health and Safety

(1) Members of a Visiting Contingent who are medical, nursing or paramedic staff may treat members of a Visiting Contingent and other persons, including residents of the Area of Operations, as required without being subject to registration or licensing under Solomon Islands Laws.

(2) Solomon Islands shall provide all practicable assistance to members of a Visiting Contingent in relation to health and safety issues that may arise.

(3) A Visiting Contingent may take charge of, and repatriate, the body of a member of the Visiting Contingent who has died in the Area of Operations.

Article 13 Accidents

(1) A Visiting Contingent shall conduct any investigation into any accident or incident that exclusively involves its aircraft, vessels or vehicles.

(2) A Visiting Contingent and Solomon Islands shall jointly conduct any investigation into any accident or incident involving the aircraft, vessels or vehicles of a Visiting Contingent and the aircraft, vessels or vehicles of Solomon Islands or a third party

(3) A Visiting Contingent shall, in consultation with Solomon Islands, secure the incident site and take custody of all wreckage and remains in respect of all incidents involving aircraft or vehicles of the Visiting Contingent.

Article 14 Uniform and Carriage of Weapons

(1) Members of a Visiting Contingent may wear their respective national uniform when on official duty in the Area of Operations.

(2) Members of an Assisting Police Force or Assisting Defence Force may possess, carry and use arms in accordance with their internal orders or rules in order to:

(a) protect themselves, other members of a Visiting Contingent or other persons;

(b) protect public or private property, including property of the Visiting Contingent; or

- (c) to achieve the purposes of a Deployment.

Article 15
Detention and Disarmament

- (1) Members of an Assisting Defence Force and Assisting Police Force may detain and disarm any person or persons who are reasonably suspected of committing, or attempting to commit, offences in relation to persons or property, or otherwise for the purposes of a Deployment.
- (2) Persons detained shall as soon as is practicable, be released or delivered to the appropriate authorities for the purpose of dealing with such relevant offence.
- (3) Members of an Assisting Defence Force and Assisting Police Force may take into custody any person they detain or disarm or any person who is not authorised to be on the premises of a Visiting Contingent provided in Article 10 in order to deliver him or her to the appropriate authorities as soon as practicable.

Article 16
Seizure and Destruction of Weapons

- (1) Members of an Assisting Defence Force and Assisting Police Force may seize any weapons and ammunition as reasonably necessary for the achievement of the purposes of a Deployment.
- (2) A Visiting Contingent may, with the written permission of the Commissioner of Royal Solomon Islands Police Force, destroy such seized weapons and ammunition.
- (3) A Visiting Contingent shall, as far as is practicable, record particulars of weapons and ammunition, seized or destroyed, including serial numbers (if applicable) and the dates and places of seizure or destruction, and the particulars of the persons from which they were seized.
- (4) The Visiting Contingent shall not be liable to pay any compensation claims or demands arising out of the seizure or destruction of weapons or ammunition.

Article 17
Costs, Remittances and Personal Taxation

- (1) Except where otherwise provided in this Agreement, Australia and any Third States shall be responsible for the costs arising from a Deployment of a Visiting Contingent under this Agreement.
- (2) Remittances from the Area of Operations shall be freely allowed for:
 - (a) funds derived by members of a Visiting Contingent;
 - (b) funds derived by members of a Visiting Contingent from sources outside the Area of Operations, subject to any relevant laws, regulations or policies of Australia or a Third State;
 - (c) funds derived from the proceeds of sales of personal effects or other property used by members of a Visiting Contingent while serving in the Area of Operations, which are disposed of in connection with their departure from the Area of Operations.

(3) Members of a Visiting Contingent shall be exempt from taxation by Solomon Islands on their pay and other emoluments and from any other direct taxes (including death duties), fees and charges.

Article 18 Withdrawal of Visiting Contingent

(1) Solomon Islands may at any time provide a written request for the withdrawal of a Visiting Contingent, or any part of it.

(2) On receipt of such written notice, the Visiting Contingent, or its relevant part, shall withdraw within three months.

(3) Following consultations between the Parties, Australia may at any time withdraw a Visiting Contingent, or any part of it, from the Area of Operations. Australia, Solomon Islands and any Third States shall consult to appropriately manage the circumstances of such a withdrawal.

(4) A Third State may, by written notice to Australia and Solomon Islands, withdraw its contribution to a Visiting Contingent, or any part of it, from the Area of Operations. Australia, Solomon Islands and the Third State shall consult to appropriately manage the circumstances of such a withdrawal.

Article 19 Additional Matters

Any matter not covered by this Agreement shall be the subject of mutually determined arrangements made from time to time between the Parties.

Article 20 Third States

(1) Australia, with the consent of Solomon Islands, may invite third states to contribute to a Visiting Contingent for a Deployment.

(2) If this invitation is accepted, Solomon Islands shall enter into an arrangement with the third state, providing for the rights and obligations to be assumed by that third state and Solomon Islands under this Agreement.

(3) Australia shall make separate arrangements with third states which contribute personnel to a Visiting Contingent, including further details in relation to the internal direction, command, control, discipline and administration of the Visiting Contingent.

Article 21 Consultations

Any matter arising under this Agreement with respect to its interpretation, application or implementation shall be settled by consultation or negotiation between Australia, Solomon Islands, and any relevant Third States, and shall not be referred to any national or international tribunal or court or any other third party for resolution.

Article 22

Claims

(1) Solomon Islands waives all claims against Australia and/or Third States (referred to in this Article as “Respondent States”) in respect of:

- (a) loss of, or damage (including loss of use) to, property owned, hired or chartered by Solomon Islands;
- (b) maritime salvage of any vessel or cargo owned by Solomon Islands; and
- (c) personal injury or death suffered by any person employed by, or in the service of, Solomon Islands;

arising out of any act or omission of a member of a Visiting Contingent done in the performance of official duties in the Area of Operations.

(2) Unless otherwise mutually arranged, claims arising from the acts or omissions of a member of a Visiting Contingent done in the performance of official duties in the Area of Operations, and causing loss or damage to property of, or injury or death to, third parties, shall be dealt with as follows:

- (a) claims shall be filed, and settled or adjudicated, in accordance with Solomon Islands Laws;
- (b) Solomon Islands shall be responsible for handling the claim, in consultation with the Respondent States;
- (c) Solomon Islands and the Respondent States shall assist each other in the procurement of evidence concerning the claim;
- (d) the cost of satisfying the claim will be distributed between Solomon Islands and the Respondent States as follows:
 - (i) where the Respondent States are solely responsible for the loss, damage, injury or death, the costs will be solely attributed to the Respondent States; and
 - (ii) where both Solomon Islands and the Respondent States are responsible for the loss, damage, injury or death, the appropriate attribution of costs shall be mutually determined in writing between them.

(3) Where Solomon Islands and the Respondent States mutually determine in writing in respect of a claim under this Article, that the loss, damage, injury or death giving rise to the claim resulted from reckless acts or omissions, wilful misconduct or gross negligence of one of them, that State or those States shall be solely responsible for the cost of satisfying the claim.

(4) For the purposes of this Article, “gross negligence” means a serious disregard of an obvious risk.

(5) The Parties shall consult on claims not otherwise covered by this Article.

Article 23

Entry into Force Amendments and Duration

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force when the Parties have notified each other in writing, through an exchange of diplomatic notes, that their respective requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement have been satisfied.

(2) This Agreement shall prevail over any existing agreement between the Parties to this Agreement to the extent necessary to give effect to this Agreement.

(3) This Agreement may be amended by agreement in writing between the Parties after it enters into force.

(4) Any such amendment shall enter into force when the Parties have notified each other in writing, through an exchange of diplomatic notes, that their respective requirements for the entry into force of an amendment have been satisfied.

(5) This Agreement shall continue in force, unless terminated through written notice by one Party to the other Party.

(6) Such termination shall become effective on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of three months after the date of receipt of written notice of termination by the other Party.

(7) Where the Parties mutually agree in writing to terminate this Agreement, termination shall be effective as of the date agreed upon by the Parties.

(8) Termination of this Agreement shall not affect any liabilities, rights and obligations arising out of Articles 6, 13, 21 and 22 of this Agreement, and any privileges or immunities relating to actions taking place during the period of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Canberra this fourteenth day of two thousand and seventeen, in two originals, with each original being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS



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EMERGENCY POWERS ACT

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EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (NO. 3) REGULATIONS 2021

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (EXCEPTION FOR ENTRY INTO
SOLOMON ISLANDS) (NO. 211) ORDER 2021**

I, Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare, Prime Minister, under regulation 7 of the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 3) Regulations 2021* (Legal Notice No. 318 of 2021), make the following Order:

1 Citation

This Order may be cited as the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (Exception for Entry into Solomon Islands) (No. 211) Order 2021*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day it is published in the *Gazette*.

3 Non-citizens who may enter Solomon Islands

Armed forces personnel of New Zealand, who enter to provide assistance in accordance with the Agreement made in 2017 between the Government of Solomon Islands and the Government of Australia Concerning the Basis for Deployment of Police, Armed Forces and Other Personnel to Solomon Islands, may enter Solomon Islands on 1 December 2021 under regulation 7(3) of the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 3) Regulations 2021* despite the prohibition under regulation 7(1) of the Regulations.

Dated this first-day of December 2021.

HON. MANASSEH DAMUKANA SOGAVARE
PRIME MINISTER

[Legal Notice No. 344]

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT

(Cap. 11)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (NO. 3) REGULATIONS 2021

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19)(EXEMPTION FROM QUARANTINE PERIOD)(NO. 85) ORDER 2021

I, Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare, Prime Minister, under regulation 10 of the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 3) Regulations 2021* (Legal Notice 318 of 2021), make the following Order:

1 Citation

This Order may be cited as the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19)(Exemption from Quarantine Period)(No. 85) Order 2021*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day it is published in the *Gazette*.

3 Exemption from quarantine period

Armed forces personnel of New Zealand, who enter to provide assistance in accordance with the Agreement made in 2017 between the Government of Solomon Islands and the Government of Australia Concerning the Basis for Deployment of Police, Armed Forces and Other Personnel to Solomon Islands, are exempted from being quarantined at a quarantine station for the quarantine period when they enter Solomon Islands on 1 December 2021.

Dated this first-day of December 2021.

HON. MANASSEH DAMUKANA SOGAVARE

PRIME MINISTER

[Legal Notice No. 345]

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT

(Cap. 11)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (NO. 3) REGULATIONS 2021

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19)(EXCEPTION FOR ENTRY INTO SOLOMON ISLANDS) (NO. 212) ORDER 2021

I, Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare, Prime Minister, under regulation 7(5)(b) of the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 3) Regulations 2021* (Legal Notice No. 318 of

2021), make the following Order:

1 Citation

This Order may be cited as the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19)(Exception for Entry into Solomon Islands) (No. 212) Order 2021*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day it is published in the *Gazette*.

3 Persons who may enter Solomon Islands

Armed forces personnel of New Zealand, who enter to provide assistance in accordance with the Agreement made in 2017 between the Government of Solomon Islands and the Government of Australia Concerning the Basis for Deployment of Police, Armed Forces and Other Personnel to Solomon Islands, may enter Solomon Islands on 1 December 2021 despite the prohibition under regulation 7(1) of the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 3) Regulations 2021*.

Dated this first-day of December 2021.

HON. MANASSEH DAMUKANA SOGAVARE
PRIME MINISTER

GILCHRIST, Alisha

From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Thursday, 25 November 2021 9:23 AM
To: ROSE, David; MOCKFORD, Gael; LEVIEN, Claire
Cc: DUNN, Steven
Subject: Honiara

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Good Morning

A quick update from overnight here in Honiara

Another fine day dawns and the town right now is pretty quiet.....

- All NZ Police staff are safe
- No issues have been reported from the NZ High Comm
- The PM has declared an Emergency Lockdown for Honiara Boundaries commencing 1900hrs Wednesday 24 November to 0700hrs Friday 26 November 2021. Information indicates that the lockdown will negatively impact on the ordinary citizens of Honiara who are unprepared for the lockdown when it comes to food and other essentials. Thus it has the potential to trigger frustrations amongst the ordinary people of Honiara who will feel the negative effect of the lockdown.
- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- The Security situation in Honiara remains tense and vulnerable

s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]

We shortly will conduct a safety briefing before heading to Rove.

Mike Cook

Inspector: New Zealand Police
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Solomon Islands Police Support Programme
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s 9(2)(a) OIA [REDACTED]

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GILCHRIST, Alisha

From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Saturday, 27 November 2021 3:49 PM
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Subject: Solomon Islands Police Staff

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Good Afternoon District Commanders

You may be aware of the civil unrest that has been occurring in the Solomon Islands over the past 72 hours, and as I have seconded members from your District working in my team up here, I just wanted to forward you this very quick note to advise you that all our people **are safe and well** and there is no immediate concern for their safety. Thankfully all New Zealand citizens here in the Solomon Islands are all also reporting that they are safe and well.

There will be a period of time where undoubtedly the tension up here will remain in the community, but as at right now things are pretty calm.

There are many eyes continually watching and assessing the risks to our people and to all other New Zealanders in country to ensure everyone's on going safety.

Thank you for allowing your people to contribute to our policing efforts up here as it is in these times where our skills, knowledge and experience aid the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force in keeping their communities safe and ensures that NZP and the NZ Government are actively contributing to the security across the Pacific.

Kind Regards

Mike Cook

Inspector: New Zealand Police
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Honiara, Solomon Islands.

s 9(2)(a) OIA

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SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS



COOK, Michael (Mike)
To ROSE, David

Reply Reply All Forward ...

Fri 26/11/2021 9:32 AM

Solomon Islands

Follow up. Start by Friday, 21 January 2022. Due by Friday, 21 January 2022.
You forwarded this message on 26/11/2021 12:15 PM.

Hi Dave

Quick update this morning 26/11

- All NZP staff are safe and accounted for
- We have no reports of any NZ citizens in any difficulty
- Fires and looting continued through yesterday although rain in the afternoon dampened things down somewhat
- s 6(a) OIA
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- Another fine day has dawned which will allow for the continuation of unlawful behaviours
- The curfew has ended at 7.00am this morning, but there is a night time curfew tonight from 1700-0600 (I have yet to confirm this)

I'll provide more updates as they become available

Mike Cook
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GILCHRIST, Alisha

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Kia Ora

The situation overnight remained calm.

- NZ Police staff arrived in country and will be deployed from this morning
- NZP supported by NZDF will commence Community Reassurance Patrols as part of Operation Parliament today
- Parliament opens tomorrow and planning for this is well advanced

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Saturday, 4 December 2021 7:21 AM
To: ROSE, David <David.rose@xt.nz>
Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA
Subject: FW: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Kia Ora

The situation overnight remained calm.

s 6(a) OIA

The NZ contingent are scheduled to arrive this afternoon, and will start work proper tomorrow.

Kind Regards

Mike Cook

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)

Sent: Friday, 3 December 2021 7:16 AM

To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>

Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA

Subject: FW: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Good Morning

Again Overnight the streets remained calm

- The policing operation focused on Monday's parliamentary session and proposed vote of No Confidence is now well underway
- It is likely protest action will commence on Sunday
- While things are calm, there has been more panic buying with Monday's parliamentary session approaching
- People have also been leaving Honiara headed back to their villages so as to be out of town
- NZP continue to work on the accommodation issue for our incoming staff
- Curfew remains in place 1900-0600
- COVID remains a big concern for the community

Kind Regards

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Thursday, 2 December 2021 7:05 AM
To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>
Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA
Subject: FW: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Good Morning

- Overnight remained quiet with a curfew in place
- NZP are setting up the Reassurance phase of the policing operation
- NZP are sorting logistics for incoming police staff.

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Wednesday, 1 December 2021 7:10 AM

To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz >

Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA

Subject: FW: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Morena

An update from overnight

- s 6(b) OIA
- Curfew remained overnight from 1900-0600
- s 6(b) OIA
- s 6(a) OIA
- The port and all key infrastructure continues to operate
- Planning is underway for the next session of Parliament on 6th December by Police et al
- COVID remains a big concern for the community
- Community clean ups continue
- There are still some community roadblocks operating
- All NZP Staff are safe and well
- s 6(a) OIA

Kind Regards

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Tuesday, 30 November 2021 4:07 PM

To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>

Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA

Subject: FW: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Good Afternoon

An update from the day today (30/11/21)

- A formal request has been received by the NZ Government from the SIG for assistance
- s 6(b) OIA
- A contingent from s 6(a) has just arrived on a RAAF flight
- Food and Water supplies are moving fine
- ATM's continue to be filled
- Calm is returning but the overall environment remains volatile
- A 1900-0700 curfew remains
- Further arrests have been made for looting and arson
- Parliament sat today but has now adjourned until 6th December
- All NZP Staff are safe and well

Kind Regards

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)

Sent: Tuesday, 30 November 2021 7:25 AM

To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>

Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA

Subject: FW: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Morena

The town remained quiet overnight, parliament will sit again today.

Shops are beginning to open and food remains available, we are anticipating that more shops will open today.

s 6(b) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA

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There remains significant tension in the system and this is likely to remain for some time.

All NZP staff are safe and well.

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Monday, 29 November 2021 4:26 PM
To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>
Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA

Subject: FW: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Good afternoon

No real update from here this afternoon other than the situation remains calm, food is available with shops and markets opening up.

We believe from this end a request from the SIG to the NZ Government for assistance will be shortly forthcoming for assistance from NZP and NZDF

We are not anticipating any issues overnight.

All NZP are safe and well

Thanks

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Monday, 29 November 2021 8:35 AM
To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>
Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA
Subject: FW: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Good Morning

Update from overnight

- Situation remained calm overnight
- s 6(b) OIA
- Parliament is opening at 0900 – this may again provide a trigger point
- Curfew remains in place overnight
- All NZP staff remain safe and well

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Sunday, 28 November 2021 4:56 PM
To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>
Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA
Subject: FW: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Good Afternoon

Not much to update through the day today (28/11/21)

- Demand still strong for fuel, s 9(2)(ba) OIA
- Relative calm remains today with community clean up efforts being undertaken
- A Vote of No Confidence, if tabled, cannot constitutionally be heard before the 6th December. This would create another likely trigger point
- Parliament will sit from 9.00am tomorrow morning to pass ongoing COVID Emergency Legislation s 6(b) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA
- Curfew remains in place 1900-0600
- Damage and economic losses so far are estimated by CBSI to be of minimum loss of SBD\$227 million
- Critical infrastructure has been identified as s 6(a) OIA and others which are now being secured s 6(a) OIA
- A FB post currently circulating on social media pages which quote 'NEXT MOVE, NO PLAY LO STREET, GO AND HUNT FOR THE CHOISEUL PEOPLE HOUSE IN HONIARA' has generated considerable fear to not only to the people of Choiseul but also the

people of Western Province who are in Honiara. s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA

- Investigations are currently underway by RSIPF to arrest identified perpetrators arising from the protest and alleged criminal activity.
- s 6(a) OIA
- All NZP staff remain safe and well

Kind Regards

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)

Sent: Sunday, 28 November 2021 8:33 AM

To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>

Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA

Subject: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Good Morning

Update from overnight 27/11/21

- An overnight curfew was in place from 1900 – 0600
- Relative calm remained across the town overnight
- The leader of the Opposition, Mathew WALE has announced that he will be filing of vote of no confidence against the Prime Minister SOGOVARE. This will likely increase tensions across the town
- s 6(a) OIA

- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- A focus has been set on the protection of critical infrastructure s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- A move toward Community Reassurance policing will begin today
- An Investigation Phase is being stood up to identify criminal offending and offences
- ATM machines were able to be reloaded yesterday allowing people access to cash
- A focus will be on getting food into the shops/markets
- There is ample fuel supply in town
- The port should also begin operations again today – meaning more food supplies landing
- All NZP staff are safe and well and are in contact with their families back in NZ
- There remains no reports of NZ citizens being in any danger

Kind Regards

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Saturday, 27 November 2021 1:38 PM
To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz >
Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA [REDACTED]
Subject: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Good Afternoon

Update from today (27/11/21) – last for the day unless anything major comes up:

- Calm across the town remains and there is evidence that some sense of normality is returning
- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]
- An investigation phase will be commenced tomorrow to identify and prosecute suspects for damage, looting and other criminal offending
- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- A Community Reassurance phase from the RSIPF will commence as soon as there is sufficient security in and around the town
- NZP staff will be attached as advisors to the Community Reassurance Phase
- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED] as the first part of a Community Reassurance phase commencing tomorrow
- There remains community concern over COVID being brought into the country by the foreign forces
- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Money machines are starting to be refilled across the town which is easing pressure and allowing locals to purchase goods
- A number of markets are now operating again
- A curfew will begin tonight at 7pm
- All NZP staff remain safe

Kind Regards

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s 9(2)(a) OIA [REDACTED]

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Saturday, 27 November 2021 7:49 AM
To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz >
Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA
Subject: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Good Morning

Initial reports from overnight suggest that things have been relatively calm.

Updating

- All NZP Staff are safe and accounted for
- No reports of any issues for NZ Citizens
- s 6(a) OIA
- A curfew for Honiara City from 7pm to 6am daily effective on November 26 until revoked has been instigated and signed off by the GG
- s 6(a) OIA
- Enforcement staff from PNG have arrived to assist RSIPF staff s 6(a) OIA
- s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA
- Previous reports of 3 deaths s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA

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Kind Regards

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Friday, 26 November 2021 2:22 PM
To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>
Cc: s 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA
Subject: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Hi Dave

Sorry for the delay in updates

Moving forward:

- the looting and burning continues in the Ranandi and Panatina areas (East of Honiara City)
- s 6(a) OIA
- Community roadblocks have been set up around the town and are supportive of the police effort
- Rumour remains around a curfew tonight from 1700 – 0600
- s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA
- Power infrastructure is being tested with fires damaging circuitry
- s 6(a) OIA
- PNG may be sending s 6(a) OIA staff to assist the situation (request made, awaiting final confirmation)
- s 6(a) OIA

- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
- 3 government MP's have resigned this morning
- s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]

s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED] – all NZP staff are accounted for and remain safe.

Kind Regards

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From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Wednesday, 24 November 2021 5:38 PM
To: ROSE, David <x@xt.nz>
Cc: MOCKFORD, Gael <Gax@xx>; DUNN, Steven <Stevx@xx>
Subject: SOLOMON ISLANDS: HONIARA PROTESTS

Hi Dave

As per the summary below from the NZ High Commission in Honiara today – plus some bullet points:

- All our NZP mission are safe and accounted for
- s 6(b) OIA [REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

- Tear Gas has been deployed in the streets and rubber bullets at the PM's residence
- Things seem to be settling down a little at the moment – estimated numbers varying widely but in general it is thought a few hundred may be involved

- s 6(a) OIA
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- Fires attempted in Chinatown but these have been sorted mainly by local security staff
- No further intelligence to suggest what tomorrow may bring at this stage., although it has been suggested that more boat loads of people are arriving from Malaita – which may bolster numbers

- s 6(a) OIA
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We look forward to tomorrow.....

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From: s 9(2)(a) OIA
Sent: Wednesday, 24 November 2021 4:02 PM
To: s 9(2)(a) OIA
Cc: s 9(2)(a) OIA
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GILCHRIST, Alisha

From: COOK, Michael (Mike)
Sent: Tuesday, 23 November 2021 5:24 PM
To: MOCKFORD, Gael; LE SUEUR, Karen; LE SUEUR, Tony; LEVIEN, Claire; MELVILLE, Andrew (Andy);
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Christina
Subject: 20211124 - Weekly Report
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Categories: Solomon Islands

Hi Folks

Attached is the weekly report for the Solomon Islands

Kind Regards

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Solomon Islands Weekly Report – week ending 24/11/2021

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	Red Flags/Items to note <i>Any red flags or other items of importance which either ISG, NZP Executive or the Minister should be made aware of, in relation to the health safety and wellness of our staff, our NZP reputation offshore and our ability to deliver on the programmes objectives). If not relevant this week please type N/A</i>	Successes/Good news stories <i>Any successes/good news stories which have occurred this week. These will help us to document the progress of the programme towards its objectives as well as tell the story as to what we are doing in country. This could include links to any relevant media articles. If you have any photos to include please attach these to your email seperately). If not relevant this week please type N/A</i>
<p>Programme <i>(this could include any risks or changes which may have an impact on budget, scope, outcomes, and or the schedule of the programme i.e: the political and/or operational environment, stakeholder relationships, resourcing, financial, or technical elements)</i></p>	<p>Ongoing risks... Updates in Red</p> <p>There are no COVID Community Cases in the Solomon Islands. There are currently 160 persons reported as being in Quarantine (185 reported last week).</p> <p>The SIPSP Programme is now back up to our revised strength, there continues to be a transition into BAU. There will continue to be slow progress over the coming months due to new relationships and the Christmas break.</p> <p>The final session of parliament will open 24/11. It is anticipated that it is likely that there will be some protest action around overthrowing the government and the Prime Minister that may escalate into more aggressive behaviour s 6(a) OIA The final session for the year will run for 3 weeks and sitting days are yet to be finalised.</p> <p>s 6(b) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA</p>	<p>A new travel advisory has been issued by the SIG, which has significantly reduced quarantine requirements for low to medium risk countries (Gazette 263). All entrants into the Solomon Islands will have to be vaccinated (https://solomons.gov.sb/unvaccinated-travellers-will-not-enter-the-happy-isles/). Commercial flights will commence into the Solomons from the start of next year. Oversight Committee approval will still be required, this remains an ongoing and evolving process.</p> <p>Meeting with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to NZ High Comm for new staff • AFP Commander • RSIPF Senior Executive Meeting • POM scenario training exercise • NZ Volunteer Agency (COVID Vax drive 4/12) <p>Border (Through POC) reporting shows significant prevention activity on a daily basis in the Bougainville-Solomon Islands border. s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA</p> <p>The beche-de-mer season is</p>

The PM has announced a 90% vaccination target to get the borders open, s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA

The SIG has mandated that all Public Servants (Public Service Joint Memorandum No: 08/2021) will be COVID-19 vaccinated (1st dose by 31 August and 2nd dose by 30 November 2021) – failure to vaccinate will be deemed as self-termination of employment. Vaccinations are commencing with the prison population at Rove. This has now been extended out until 31/1/2022 (Public Service Memorandum 10/21)

The global pandemic remains a significant risk to the programme and the overall Solomon Islands stability in terms of the Solomon Islands government and RSIPF to respond to an outbreak of the virus. s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA

Significant work continues on the Western Border by RSIPF and increased commitment with regards to legislation and health facilities being initiated by SIG and MOH. s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA

bringing Bougainvillians across the border to dive for the beche-de-mer. s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA

There is no lockdown in Honiara or anywhere else in Solomon Islands at this stage. The situation remains calm with no reports of any significant adverse reaction from the community at this stage.

SIPSP will continue to monitor and report by exception should any information of interest come to light, or the situation changes dramatically.

Health, Safety & Wellness:

- Team Leader spoke with the ISG Wellness Advisor to update activities for the SIPSP on 19/10/21
- Health and Safety Meeting 11/11/21

If anything further is required, please contact us in SIPSP.

		
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Christina
Subject: 20211201 - Weekly Report
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Categories: Solomon Islands

Hi Team

The weekly report is attached s 6(a) OIA [REDACTED]
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Attachment information outside scope of request
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Kind Regards

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Solomon Islands Weekly Report – week ending 1/12/2021

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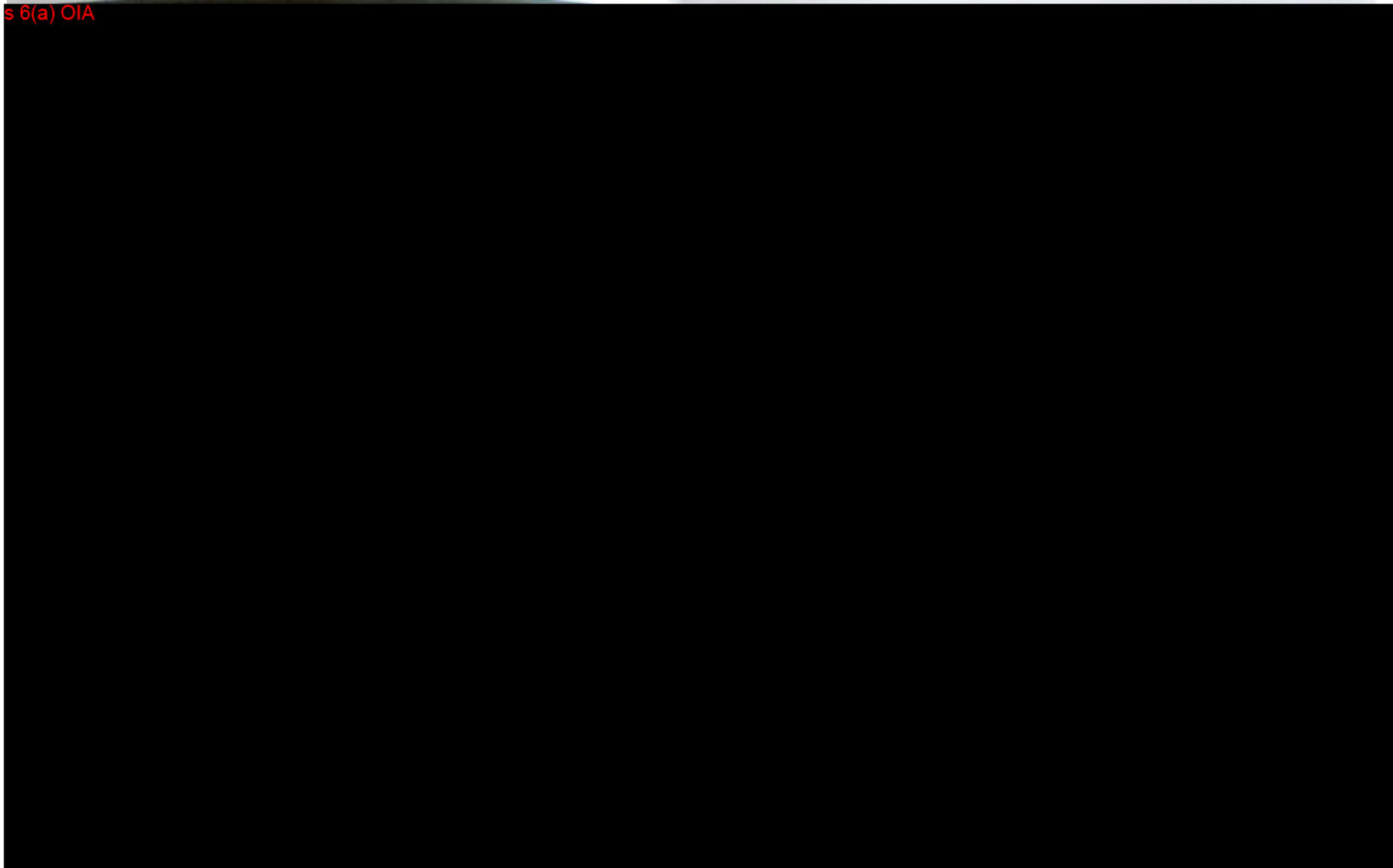
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<p>Staff</p>	<p>COOK, Le SUEUR (2) PICKOVER in country.</p>	



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Hi Team

Brief weekly update from Honiara

Thanks

Mike Cook

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Solomon Islands Weekly Report – week ending 8/12/2021

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	Red Flags/Items to note <i>Any red flags or other items of importance which either ISG, NZP Executive or the Minister should be made aware of, in relation to the health safety and wellness of our staff, our NZP reputation offshore and our ability to deliver on the programmes objectives). If not relevant this week please type N/A</i>	Successes/Good news stories <i>Any successes/good news stories which have occurred this week. These will help us to document the progress of the programme towards its objectives as well as tell the story as to what we are doing in country. This could include links to any relevant media articles. If you have any photos to include please attach these to your email seperately). If not relevant this week please type N/A</i>
Programme <i>(this could include any risks or changes which may have an impact on budget, scope, outcomes, and or the schedule of the programme i.e: the political and/or operational environment, stakeholder relationships, resourcing, financial, or technical elements)</i>	<p>Ongoing risks... Updates in Red</p> <p>There are no COVID Community Cases in the Solomon Islands. There are currently UNREPORTED persons reported as being in Quarantine (160 reported last week).</p> <p>Operation Parliament is well underway with s 6(a) OIA Foreign Force staff in country. NZP supported by NZDF is leading the Community Reassurance Phase supporting the RSIPF in community messaging and reassurance work. NZP has also contributed to the JIG for Australia and New Zealand.</p> <p>s 6(a) OIA</p> <p>Curfew is currently in place in Honiara from 1900-0600 until further notice.</p> <p>A motion of No Confidence in the PM was defeated on the 6/12/21.</p>	<p>A new travel advisory has been issued by the SIG, which has significantly reduced quarantine requirements for low to medium risk countries (Gazette 263). All entrants into the Solomon Islands will have to be vaccinated (https://solomons.gov.sb/unvaccinated-travellers-will-not-enter-the-happy-isles/). Commercial flights will commence into the Solomons from the start of next year. Oversight Committee approval will still be required, this remains an ongoing and evolving process.</p> <p>Meeting with:</p> <p>Border (Through POC) reporting shows significant prevention activity on a daily basis in the Bougainville-Solomon Islands border. s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA</p> <p>s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA</p> <p>The beche-de-mer season is bringing Bougainvillians across the border to dive for the beche-de-mer. s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA</p> <p>s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA</p>

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The SIPSP Programme is now back up to our revised strength, there continues to be a transition into BAU. Again progress has been hampered by the riots and Operation Parliament leading into the upcoming Christmas Break.

The PM has announced a 90% vaccination target to get the borders open, s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA
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The SIG has mandated that all Public Servants (Public Service Joint Memorandum No: 08/2021) will be COVID-19 vaccinated (1st dose by 31 August and 2nd dose by 30 November 2021) – failure to vaccinate will be deemed as self-termination of employment. Vaccinations are commencing with the prison population at Rove. This has now been extended out until 31/1/2022 (Public Service Memorandum 10/21)

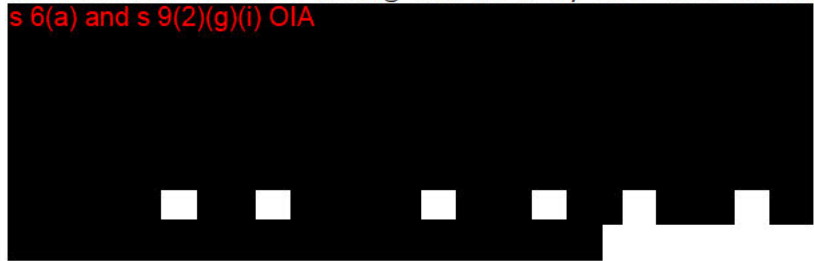
The global pandemic remains a significant risk to the programme and the overall Solomon Islands stability in terms of the Solomon Islands government and RSIPF to

SIPSP will continue to monitor and report by exception should any information of interest come to light, or the situation changes dramatically.

Health, Safety & Wellness:

- Team Leader spoke with the ISG Wellness Advisor to update activities for the SIPSP on 19/10/21
- Health and Safety Meeting 11/11/21

If anything further is required, please contact us in SIPSP.

	<p>respond to an outbreak of the virus. Existing public services in particular the health service, will be challenged in trying to manage any outbreak and issues effecting the countries stability will arise.</p> <p>Significant work continues on the Western Border by RSIPF and increased commitment with regards to legislation and health facilities being initiated by SIG and MOH.</p> <p>s 6(a) and s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA</p> 	
<p>Staff</p>	<p>COOK, Le SUEUR (2) PICKOVER in country.</p> <p>Operation Honiara Staff in Country is 10 Sworn + 1 PE (arrived 4/12/21)</p>	



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