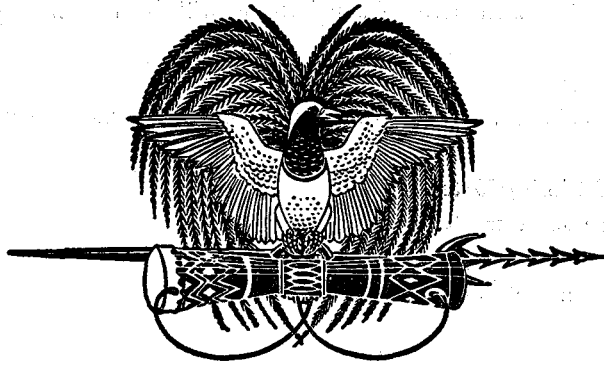


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THE OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION—THE APPOINTMENT OF OMBUDSMEN

THE Papua New Guinea Constitution provides for the establishment of the Ombudsman Commission immediately after Independence. The Commission will be an independent body consisting of a Chief Ombudsman and two Ombudsmen. They will be appointed by the Head of State on the recommendation of the Ombudsman Appointments Committee. Members of the Commission are Constitutional Office Holders under the Constitution.

The Ombudsman Commission will have two main functions of administering the Leadership Code and of hearing complaints against the bureaucracy at the National and Provincial Government levels.

Applications are now called for from suitably qualified people for appointment to the positions of Chief Ombudsman and the Ombudsmen.

Chief Ombudsman

Qualifications:

The Chief Ombudsman needs to be a person of integrity, independence of mind, resolution and of a high standing in the community. He needs to have qualities which will enable him to enjoy the respect and confidence of Ministers, Members of Parliament and Provincial Assemblies and senior public servants. Administrative ability is essential. Desirably the appointee should have a good knowledge of the workings of the bureaucracy.

Duties:

The Chief Ombudsman will have overall responsibility for the functioning and administration of the Ombudsman Commission; he will allocate tasks to the other Ombudsmen and will carry out enquiries as appropriate.

Benefits:

Salary will be appropriate for such a senior appointment, but will not be less than K8395 per annum. Other conditions will be not less than those of a Judge who is a citizen.

Ombudsmen

Qualifications:

The good general qualities required for the Chief Ombudsman are also required of both Ombudsmen. In addition, one is required to have accountancy qualifications and experience; the other is required to have administrative or legal qualifications and experience.

Duties:

Under the direction of the Chief Ombudsman, the Ombudsmen will assist in the work of the Commission. The Ombudsman with accounting qualifications and experience can be expected to spend a fair amount of his time on Leadership Code matters. The other can be expected to be involved mainly in matters relating to administrative acts and decisions at national and provincial levels.

Benefits:

Salary for these positions will be K7895 per annum. Other conditions will be not less than those of the Public Prosecutor.

Term of Appointment

In the case of all three positions, the term of appointment will be for three years with a possibility of re-appointment.

Appointment of Public Servants

If a Public Servant is appointed to one of these positions, arrangements will be made for Public Service rights to be preserved.

Address for Applications and Closing Date

All applications should be addressed to:

The Chairman,
Ombudsman Appointments Committee,
P.O. Box 2173,
KONEDOBU.

with whom applications will close on 24th October, 1975.