

# **Teaching Service Commission at a glance**

## **Industrial and General**

Mr. Harley Kila is assisted by Mr. Leua Gavuri, Mr. Godu Mou and Ms. Maria Martin in dealing with all matters relating to teachers conditions, salaries, allowance, leaves, resignation and retirement.

## **Appointments**

Currently the Appointments Section Principal Advisor position is vacant. As such Mrs. Julie Homoka oversees this section and is assisted by Mr. Maini Ugaia and Ms. Lucy Philip. Their duties include the admission/readmission of teachers, creation and abolishing of teaching positions, appeal related to the appointments of teachers, right of tenure, acting appointment appeals, reserving the right of tenure and checking that selections and appointments have been carried out properly.

## **Legal**

Mr. Joel Nava – a/Principal Legal Advisor is assisted by Ms. Michiko Rai and Mr. Marcus Nandape in dealing with all legal and legislative matters relating to the commission. This includes amendments to the Teaching Service Acts and carrying out legal action against teachers and others and defending the commission in court matters.

## **Information Management**

Mrs. Martha Vegofi and Mr. Alfred Kwara deal with the collection, processing and timely dissemination of TSC information to the National Department of Education, Division of Education in all provinces, other government departments and also for public consumption.

## **Administration**

Mrs. Neilo Dobunaba is assisted by Mr. Areni Harena, Mr. Samson Leva, Mr. Toni Tom and Mr. Ojano Inomea to run and maintain the operational activities of the commission.

## **Admin Assistants**

When you call TSC, the voices at the end of the phones are Ms. Ikirobu Mugagata and Ms. Linda Simiri. They provide stenographic and secretarial services to the Commission.

## **The Commissioners**

The 3 Commissioners are the final decision makers. They are Mr. Michael Pearson – Chairman, Mr. Jerry Kuhena – Commissioner: Policy and Mrs. Rose August – Commissioner: Operations. Apart from dealing with the most difficult of teacher's cases, they are also involved in controlling the operations of the Teaching Service Commission. They are especially implicated in policy making, industrial and arbitration matters with various players within the teaching service which includes the Papua New Guinea Teachers Association, National Department of Education, agencies, churches and other bodies that have an impact on the terms and conditions of teachers.

## **Regional Advisors**

TSC has four (4) Regional Advisors in the regions namely: Mr. Anthony Tsora (NGI); Mr. Joseph Ouyoumb (Momase); Mr. Jacob Tumala (Highlands) and Mr. Leonard Kinminja (Southern). The advisors are based in their region capitals and are the face of the Teaching Service Commission in their respective regions. Their roles include advising provincial authorities on TSC matters and advising TSC on provincial matters. They may also visit schools to find out about teachers who have appeals with TSC or to find evidence to support teachers' claims.