



**DEPARTMENT OF PRESIDENT & BOUGAINVILLE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**OFFICE OF CHIEF SECRETARY**

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT**

**FRAUD SQUAD**

As President John Momis noted in his Statement to the House of Representatives during the recent special sitting of Parliament, the RPNGC Fraud have been deployed to the Autonomous Region of Bougainville for the purpose of conducting investigations into allegations of professional misconduct and theft.

Whilst it would be premature of me to speak to the allegations raised, many are matters of public record. These include the fraud perpetrated against the ABG payroll last year, and the misappropriation of millions of kina of disaster funds.

As a public service it is not for us to sit in judgement or to speculate on what the outcomes of these investigations will be. For our part, it is essential that full cooperation be afforded to RPNGC Officers so that investigations can take place unhindered.

In that context, I call on all ABG Public Servants to cooperate with the investigations that are now taking place. We are duty bound to ensure that lawful process takes its course, and this extends to the provision of evidence and facts related to the allegations raised.

As Chief Secretary, I join President Momis in committing to do everything that I can to ensure that those that take what is not lawfully theirs are held to account.

I undertake to update the public further once investigations conclude.

Together, we are united in our stand to bring good governance to the Region.

**Joseph Nobetau**