



PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES
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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS AND FOREIGN POLICIES

18th February, 2022

Inquiry into the Vanuatu Labor Mobility Program

Call for Submissions

The Committee on Economic and Foreign Policies of the Vanuatu Parliament will be conducting an inquiry into the *Labor Mobility Program*, which has provided direct and tangible economic benefits as well as challenges to our economy and families.

As part of the core function of Parliament to scrutinize the executive, the Committee on Economic and Foreign Policies is empowered to examine, enquire into or consider any matter, business or question as may be referred by Parliament to it from time to time and to report on it. For this purpose, we kindly invite written submissions from individuals, groups and organizations in Vanuatu who wish to express their views, knowledge or experiences regarding the Labor Mobility Program (RSE, SWP, and PLS). If you wish to appear before the Committee, please indicate this in your written submission or communicate your intention to the Committee Secretariat through our contacts provided.

The Committee on Economic and Foreign Policies hopes to collect these submissions as evidences of the inquiry and present them in a report to Parliament.

The closing date for submissions is at the close of business 4:30 pm on the Wednesday 23rd February, 2022. The Submission Fact Sheet, Template and the TOR can be accessed under "COMMITTEES" section on the Vanuatu Parliament website (www.parliament.gov.vu) or through request to the Committee Secretary.

Submissions should be sent to: **The Chairman, Committee on Economic and Foreign Policies, Vanuatu Parliament, PMB 9052, Port Vila**; or by email to the Committee Secretary at: anaimlonu@vanuatu.gov.vu

For further information about the inquiry or making submission, please contact the Committee Secretariat by email or phone (678) 7749334.



Hon. Wesley RASE (MP)
CHAIRMAN



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Submission Fact Sheet

Submissions are confidential until they are made public by the Committee, which will occur when the report is tabled in Parliament at the end of the inquiry. The evidences are compiled under Parliamentary privileges. This means no one is liable to any civil or criminal proceedings concerning the information disclosed to the Committee for the purpose of the hearing. If your submission contains information you do not wish to be made public, please be sure to clearly mark it 'CONFIDENTIAL'. The Committee will consider all requests for confidentiality, but is not obliged to grant a submission confidential status if it determines that it is not in the public interest to do so.

Any submission should state whether it is from an individual or organization. State clearly in your submission if you or your organization intends to appear before the Committee. When writing your submission, be truthful and provide information that supports what you are saying (make sure your facts are right); Use bullet points to help make your points clear; number your pages to help the Committee in referring to the submission during oral evidence.



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Submission Template

To: [Insert Name of Committee]

From: [Your Name or Group and Contact Details]

About You

- Gender
- What is your interest in the Program? Please specify.

Do you agree with the existing arrangements of the Program?

State the benefits of the initiatives to you/your group/family/community/or your organization:

State the challenges/issues of the initiatives to you/your group/family/community/or your organization:

Is there any specific improvement to current arrangements you would like to suggest (Recommendations)?

Any other comments?

I want to talk about my submission at a Committee Hearing

Yes No



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COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

The Committee is established under *Standing Order 62 and 63*; a motion made under *Article 23 of the Constitution*, together with the following duties and functions:

- a) To inquire and examine matters related to foreign and domestic investments;
- b) To inquire into and examine matters related to the regulation of economic activities;
- c) To inquire into and examine matters related to foreign and domestic commerce;
- d) To inquire into and examine matters related to land use, public-owned corporation with an economic or commercial vocation and economic infrastructures;
- e) To report to Parliament as to the results of inquiry or review on such matters subject to the inquiry or review;
- f) To recommend as to what measures are to be taken under procedural and reform changes in such matters subject to the inquiry or review;
- g) To review important new policy initiatives relating to foreign affairs and Trade and give its opinion to the Government before their implementation;
- h) To scrutinize the qualifications, experience, and suitability of proposed Vanuatu's diplomatic and trade representatives overseas prior to their appointment;
- i) To enquire into the issue concerning Vanuatu's Diplomatic Passport and the alleged sale of the same;
- j) To enquire into the management and operation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Trade and Commerce, the Vanuatu's Overseas Missions, the Department of Trade and Department of Foreign Affairs;
- k) To summon Government officials and public to assist it in its work;
- l) To consider, inquire into and examine Government bills and report to Parliament;
- m) To consider and examine annual reports of Government Ministries and report to Parliament;
- n) To receive briefings or initiate inquiries onto matters related to the subject areas of the Committee;
- o) To consider and examine any Order made by a Minister under an enactment related to the subject areas of the Committee;
- p) To consider any matter, business and question as may be referred by Parliament from time to time; and
- q) Include such other duties as assigned to the Committee by the Standing Orders approved by Parliament.