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# PRESS STATEMENT

## EDUCATION ACT (1983) REVIEW

The Acting Secretary for Education, Dr Uke Kombra would like to inform the stakeholders that the work on the review of the Education Act 1983 which commenced last year is progressing. The review took place after the advice was received from the Minister for Education, Hon. Nick Kuman, M BE, MP through the National Education Board to undertake the review.

The review is consistent with the legislative reform agenda set by the O'Neill-Dion Government during the inauguration of the current term of Parliament. Societal needs and expectations as well as the enactment of other legislations necessitate the review of the Education Act to improve the co-ordination and effectiveness of service delivery.

Dr. Kombra said the Department of Education acknowledges the support of the European Union, Human Resource Development Program 1 (HRDP1) given to the Education Act Review Technical Working Team (EARTWT) as they lead

the review.

He also said all the regional stakeholder consultations were done last year and emerging policy issues paper was developed by the Education Act Review Technical Working Team.

Views from the Ministry of Education have been sought and recently, a progress report on the review was presented at the senior education officers' conference in Lae, and the July National Education Board meeting.

The remaining stakeholder consultation workshops have started on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2015 and will end with the government departments on the second week of August, 2015. Following these, the Technical Working Team will compile a report on the views and suggestions gathered from the consultations. A written report will be consulted on with the stakeholders and the Department of Education before it is handed to the legal draftsman engaged to work with

the Technical Working Team. Drafting of the amendment bill, 2015 will start immediately and will use appropriate processes before it reaches the Parliament.

The Acting Secretary is inviting the public to submit any additional views or queries to this email address: **Act\_Review@education.gov.pg**

The public may also write to:

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