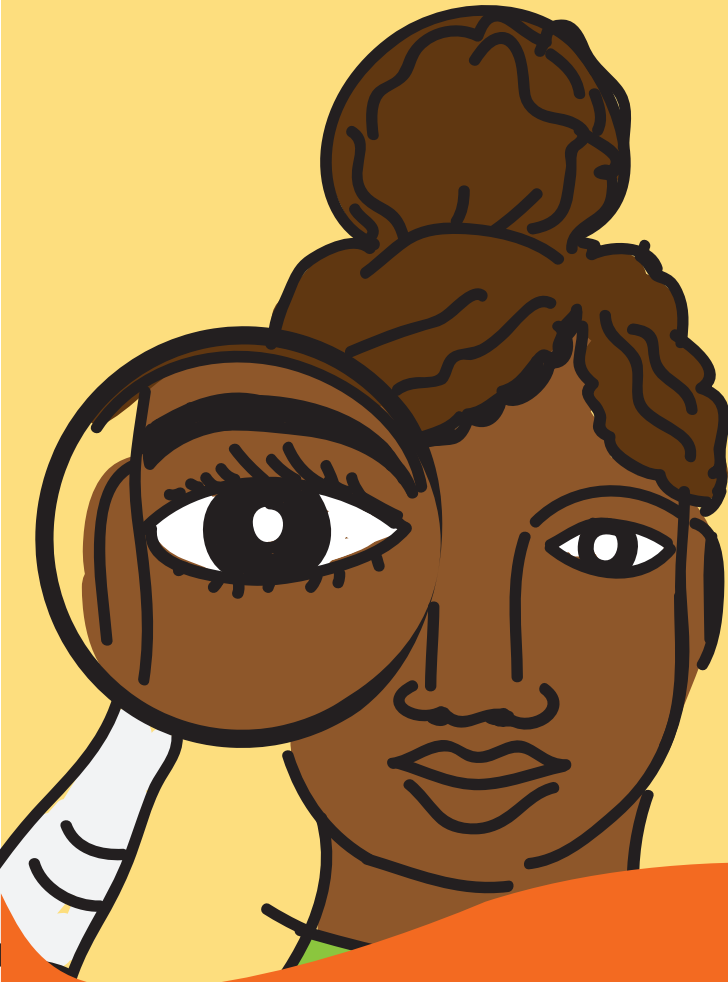




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**Code of Conduct
OBSERVERS**

NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Independent election observers are an important part of the process of conducting free and fair elections that are transparent. Observers monitor the conduct of the election and produce a report of their findings. The Solomon Islands Electoral Commission and its staff will make every effort to work in a positive and constructive manner with Observer Groups. However, observers must not interfere in the conduct of the election.

Observers operate independently from the Electoral Commission, but must be accredited by the Office of the Electoral Commission. Observers are NOT employed by the Electoral Commission, and the Commission does NOT provide any facilities, payments or resources to observers other than information.

KEY CONTACTS

The SIEC Communications Team is the first point of contact for Observers.

Office	:	(+677) 21461
Philothea Ruaeho	:	(+677) 740 2960
Ben McNair	:	(+677) 749 5283
Jimmy Isu	:	(+677) 747 3061

Observers should also endeavour to contact the Election Manager or Returning Officer in the constituency where they will be working. A list of contacts for these officers is below.

CENTRAL PROVINCE			
FRANK Omelanga		Election Manager	7496138
GEORGE Sasi	Savo/Russells	Returning Officer	7496123
JOHN Rapemora	Ngella	Returning Officer	7496134
CHOISEUL PROVINCE			
GEOFRY Pakipota		Election Manager	7496173
ROGER Joseph	East Choiseul	Returning Officer	7496145
JOE Dino	South Choiseul	Returning Officer	7496149
NELSON Tanito Kere	North West Choiseul	Returning Officer	7496170
GUADALCANAL PROVINCE			
ENLEY Sade		Election Manager	7496034
HICKSON George	North East	Returning Officer	7496049
EDWARD Juvia	East	Returning Officer	7496070
MAX Lua Tova	South	Returning Officer	7496071
BILLY Kerepiniano	West	Returning Officer	7496080
JOSEPH Sua	Central	Returning Officer	7496086
WILLIE Kokopu	North West	Returning Officer	7496092
JOHN Ada	East Central	Returning Officer	7496097
JULIAN Chonigolo	North	Returning Officer	7496098
HONIARA			
FELIX Koraimae		Election Manager	7496190
POLYCARP Kaelafa	West	Returning Officer	7496179
NARASIA Sosimo	Central	Returning Officer	7496195
MUSU Kevu	East	Returning Officer	7496205

ISABEL PROVINCE			
JOHN Mark Lokumana		Election Manager	
OLIVER Hiromana	Gao/Bugotu	Returning Officer	7496230
FREDA Pooti	Maringe Kokota	Returning Officer	
Nixson Kolihegegna	Hograno/Kia/Havulei	Returning Officer	7496229
MALAITA PROVINCE			
GANITA Filiramo		Election Manager	7496250
PEARSON Simi	Central Kwara'ae	Returning Officer	7496254
SAM Baega	Fataleka	Returning Officer	7494720
EARLY Waneta	North Malaita	Returning Officer	7494725
CHARLES Kaula	Aoke Langa Langa	Returning Officer	7494727
ADRIAN Aihari	West Are Are	Returning Officer	7494754
PETER Diudi	East Kwaio	Returning Officer	7494755
DONALD Anga	East Malaita	Returning Officer	7494757
MICHAEL Laumani	Baegu Asifola	Returning Officer	7494780
KATHERINE Luialamo	West Kwaio	Returning Officer	7494785
LOUIS J. Wale	West Kwara'ae	Returning Officer	7494791
PETER Taraumae	Small Malaita	Returning Officer	7494813
DAVID Oeta	Lau Mbaelelea	Returning Officer	7494824
MENDANA Kapei	Malaita Outer Islands	Returning Officer	7494828
PATRICK Taloni	East Are Are	Returning Officer	7494852
MAKIRA PROVINCE			
GILBERT Tabihau		Election Manager	

PRESCOTT Philimon		Returning Officer	7494857
SILAS Sitai	Central	Returning Officer	7494859
SELWYN Meplu		Returning Officer	7494861
KINGSLEY Taro	Ulawa/Ugi	Returning Officer	7494864
TEMOTU PROVINCE			
LUKE Paul Taula		Election Manager	7494879
GEORGE Suhara	Temotu Vatud	Returning Officer	7494866
LUKE Lapoe	Temotu Nende	Returning Officer	7494875
ALLAN Meduka	Temotu Pele	Returning Officer	7494876
RENBEL PROVINCE			
ALPHONSUS Pero		Election Manager	7494939
REUBEN Ngiumoana	Renbel	Returning Officer	7494907
WESTERN PROVINCE			
SAM Tim		Election Manager	7494972
ROBERT Rigeo		Returning Officer	7494940
DERALD Michael	South Vella La Vella	Returning Officer	7494960
ATABAN Zama	North New Georgia	Returning Officer	7494967
CHRISTINA Mamupio	West New Georgia	Returning Officer	7494970
FRED Naphtali	South Georgia, Rendova & Tetepare	Returning Officer	7494973
JIMMY Nonga	Marovo	Returning Officer	7494974
PATRICK Toiraena	Gizo Kolombangara	Returning Officer	7494976
HOPEFUL Piosasa	Ranogga/Simbo	Returning Officer	7495458
JOHN Kepas		Returning Officer	7495487

CODE OF CONDUCT : OBSERVERS

In order to gain accreditation as observers in the 2014 Election, all intending observers must sign the following Solomon Islands Electoral Commission's Code of Conduct for observers.

In my role as Election Observer at the 2014 Solomon Islands National Election, I agree to adhere to the following throughout the observation period:

BEHAVIOUR

- I will, to the best of my ability, exercise sound judgment, and observe the highest levels of personal discretion and professional behaviour at all times
- I will disclose to my observer group any relationship that could lead to a conflict of interest with my duties as an election observer
- I will not participate in any activity that could lead to a conflict of interest with my duties as an election observer
- I will carry my observer identity badge at all times and will identify myself to any authority upon request.

IMPARTIALITY

- I will maintain strict impartiality in the conduct of my duties and will act in a strictly neutral and unbiased manner
- I will avoid doing anything that could be seen as indicating partisan support, and at no time will I publicly express a view on any subject that is likely to be an issue in the election
- I will not accept any gift or favour from a political party, organisation, or person involved in the election process
- I will not communicate with any voter on a matter of partisan significance

- I will not wear, carry or display any party symbols or colours of a partisan nature.

RESPECT FOR LAW AND FOR THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

- I will comply with all national laws and regulations
- I will respect the role, status and authority of election officials and show a respectful and courteous attitude to all election officials and voters.
- I will undertake my duties in an unobtrusive manner and will not interfere in or impede the electoral process in any way.
- I understand that I may raise questions with election officials and bring irregularities to their attention, but I must not attempt to give instructions or to countermand their decisions.
- I will not give any unauthorised information or guidance, and I will avoid providing interpretations of applicable laws
- I will not photograph any subject without permission, and will not take any photographs which might affect the secrecy and integrity of the vote
- I will report to my observer group any criminal activity concerning the election, and any violation of the electoral laws.

CONCLUSIONS AND STATEMENTS

- I will base all conclusions on my personal observations on clear and convincing facts or evidence, and will take no account of supposition or rumour
- I will not make any public statements or comments to the media on the electoral process or on the substance of my observations.

ISSUES TO CONSIDER DURING OBSERVATION

AN OBSERVER GROUP SHOULD:

1. Try to observe all aspects of the election process, in all parts of the constituency, in order to determine its legitimacy
2. Look at whether freedoms of expression, organisation, movement and assembly have been respected
3. Try to look at whether candidates have the opportunity to have agents observe the electoral process
4. Try to assess whether the Electoral Commission and its officials have acted impartially and in a manner consistent with a free and fair election
5. Try to determine the accuracy of the voter list, and in particular whether registration of voters was inclusive and non-discriminatory
6. Try to assess whether the polling and counting was conducted in accordance with the law
7. Take special note of the participation of women in the election, in relation to the degree of participation of men
8. Take special note of the participation of vulnerable groups such as the illiterate and the disabled, with a focus on how these people were able to cast a secret vote
9. Look at whether voters have enough knowledge of the process to be able to participate in the election
10. Look at whether steps have been taken to prevent persons from voting more than once, and to guarantee the secrecy and security of the ballot
11. Observe the compilation and communication of results
12. Try to assess the validity of complaints about the electoral process made to the Electoral Commission or to the observer
13. Consider any other issue concerning the essential freedom and fairness of the election.

ELECTION OBSERVATION MUST BE TRANSPARENT

1. During the election, observer groups should inform the Electoral Commission of alleged shortcomings in the electoral process, to enable them to take any appropriate remedial action
2. After the election, observer groups should communicate to the Electoral Commission a final collective assessment of the observation process
3. In all their reports, observer groups should:
 - Identify the exact information gathered and used as a basis for their assessment of the electoral process
 - Identify all the assumptions used
 - Provide evidence and argument to support all their assumptions and judgments.

AT THE POLLING STATION

REMEMBER TO:

- Introduce yourself to Presiding Officer
- Sit down unobtrusively where you can see the activities but not close enough to interfere.
- DO NOT IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH THE PROCESS
- Go through the 'Observer Code of Conduct'

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A POLLING STATION

- Polling staff - Presiding Officer, two Polling Assistants
- Ballot box in clear view
- Voting Screen
- Candidate agents

VOTING PROCESS:

- Checking for ink
- Loudly giving name and ID number of voter
- Marking the List of Voters
- Inking finger
- Issuing ballot paper
- Voting in secret
- Putting ballot in box

WHAT TO LOOK FOR AT POLLING STATION

- Good layout versus bad (enough space, circularity of motion, positioning of voting screen(s), easy access for elderly and disabled etc)
- Easy identification of voter name and number outside station
- No unlawful activities by candidate agents

AT THE COUNTING CENTRE

COUNTING PROCESS

1. Opening ballot boxes
2. Counting
3. Rejected ballots
4. Verification

WHAT TO LOOK FOR DURING THE COUNT

- Ballot boxes and ballot box seal not tampered with
- Is the count well organised?
- Accuracy
- Fair decisions
- Nothing removed, nothing extra introduced

ORGANISATION CHART

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Chairman and two Commissioners
appointed by the Governor General

OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Managed by the Chief Electoral Officer
Responsible for operational conduct of the election.

ELECTORAL MANAGERS

One for each province one Honiara City Council. Appointed
by Electoral Commission. Responsible for coordination at
each province.

RETURNING OFFICERS

One for each constituency. Responsible for conduct
of the election at the constituency level: nominations,
recruiting polling officials, polling stations, and the count
and declaration of result.

ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS

Two assisting each Returning Officer

PRESIDING OFFICERS

One in charge of each Polling Station

POLLING ASSISTANTS

Two assisting each Presiding Officer

NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTIONS 2014

ELECTION SCHEDULE

Date				Day after the Last Day of which the Governor General's Notice may be issued
07-Oct-14	Tue	43	0	Governor General by Notice appoint Date for Election [Sect. 24]
08-Oct-14	Wed	42	1	Election Notice to be published in each ward [sect.25] Nomination opens on this day
09-Oct-14	Thu	41	2	
10-Oct-14	Fri	40	3	
11-Oct-14	Sat	39	4	
12-Oct-14	Sun	38	5	
13-Oct-14	Mon	37	6	
14-Oct-14	Tue	36	7	Last Day of Returning Officer's Notice Published [Sect. 25 (1)]
15-Oct-14	Wed	35	8	
16-Oct-14	Thu	34	9	
17-Oct-14	Fri	33	10	
18-Oct-14	Sat	32	11	
19-Oct-14	Sun	31	12	
20-Oct-14	Mon	30	13	
21-Oct-14	Tue	29	14	
22-Oct-14	Wed	28	15	Last Day of Delivery of Nomination Papers (Closed) [Sect.25 (1)(b)]
23-Oct-14	Thu	27	16	
24-Oct-14	Fri	26	17	Returning Officer's List of Candidates Published [Sect.29]
25-Oct-14	Sat	25	18	Last Day of Withdrawal of Candidature [Sect. 30]
26-Oct-14	Sun	24	19	
27-Oct-14	Mon	23	20	
28-Oct-14	Tue	22	21	
29-Oct-14	Wed	21	22	
30-Oct-14	Thu	20	23	
31-Oct-14	Fri	19	24	
01-Nov-14	Sat	18	25	
02-Nov-14	Sun	17	26	
03-Nov-14	Mon	16	27	
04-Nov-14	Tue	15	28	
05-Nov-14	Wed	14	29	
06-Nov-14	Thu	13	30	
07-Nov-14	Fri	12	31	
08-Nov-14	Sat	11	32	
09-Nov-14	Sun	10	33	
10-Nov-14	Mon	9	34	
11-Nov-14	Tue	8	35	Returning Officer's Final Notice [Sect. 33]
12-Nov-14	Wed	7	36	
13-Nov-14	Thu	6	37	
14-Nov-14	Fri	5	38	
15-Nov-14	Sat	4	39	Last Day of Appointing Polling Agents [Sec. 35(2)]
16-Nov-14	Sun	3	40	
17-Nov-14	Mon	2	41	Last Day of Appointing Counting Agents [Sect. 44(2)]
18-Nov-14	Tue	1	42	
19-Nov-14	Wednesday			ELECTION DAY



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HOW TO



Halo!



1 HELLO! WELCOME TO THE POLLING STATION
HALO! WELKAM LO PLES FO VOTE



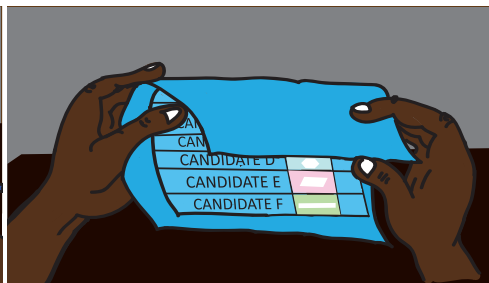
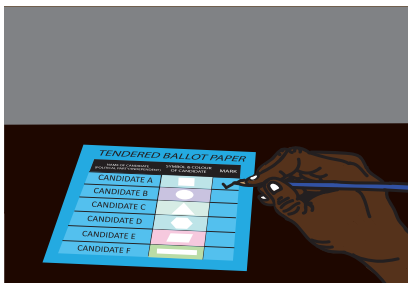
2 SEE THE POLLING ASSISTANT
GO LUKIM POLLING ASSISTANT



6 PROCEED TO VOTING SCREEN
GO LONG PRIVET VOTING BOX



5 PRESIDING OFFICER GIVES YOU A BALLOT PAPER
WANFALA OFISA BAE HEM GIVEN



7 MARK YOUR BALLOT PAPER
MARKEM BALLOT PEPA BILONG IU

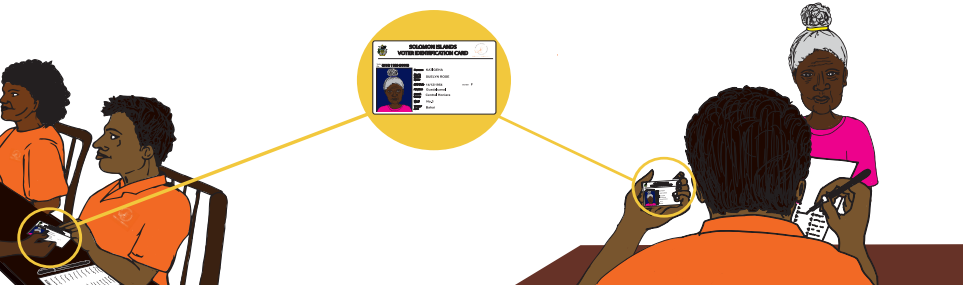


8 FOLD YOUR BALLOT PAPER
FOLDIM BALLOT PEPA BILONG IU

GO VOTE



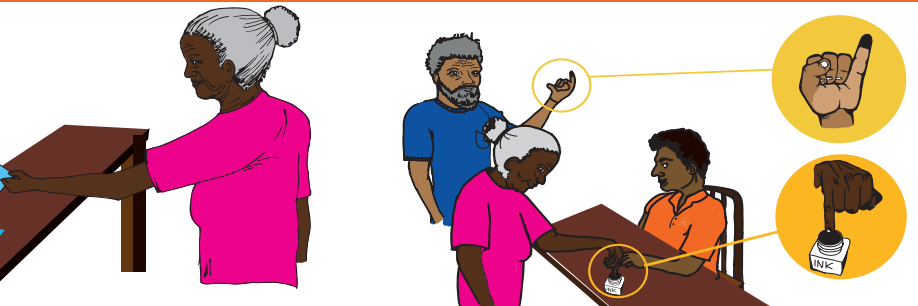
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2 ASSISTANT AND PRESENT YOUR I.D
SISITAN AND GIVIM I.D KAD BILONG IU



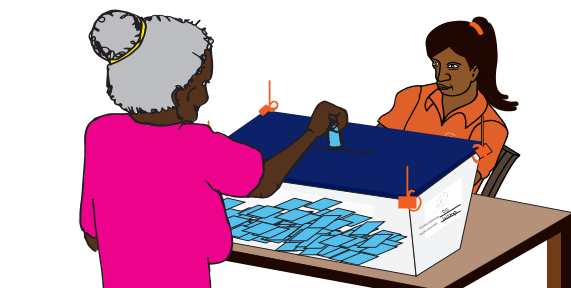
3 POLLING ASSISTANT MARKS OFF YOUR NAME
POLLING SISITAN BAE HEMI PUTIM MARK LONG NEM BILONG IU



4 TAKE YOUR BALLOT PAPER
M IU BALLOT PEPA



4 INK YOUR LEFT LITTLE FINGER
INKEM SMOL FINGA LONG LEFT HAN BILONG IU



9 CAST YOUR BALLOT PAPER
PUTIM BALLOT PEPA BILONG IU INSAED BALLOT BOX

10 LEAVE THE POLLING STATION
LUSIM POLLING STATION

ELECTION PENALTIES



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OFFENCE	PENALTY
VOTING WHEN NOT ENTITLED	FINE OF UP TO \$3000 AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 MONTHS
VOTING MORE THAN ONCE	FINE OF UP TO \$3000 AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 MONTHS
VOTING USING ANOTHER PERSON'S NAME	FINE OF UP TO \$3000 AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 MONTHS
GIVING FALSE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PUT TO A PERSON APPLYING FOR A BALLOT PAPER	FINE OF UP TO \$3000 AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 MONTHS
INTERFERING WITH AN ELECTOR WHEN CASTING HIS/HER VOTE OR OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM HIM/HER AS TO THE CANDIDATE HE/SHE HAS VOTED FOR	FINE OF UP TO \$3000 AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 MONTHS
FORGING, COUNTERFEITING, FRAUDULENTLY DEFACING A BALLOT PAPER OR THE OFFICIAL MARK ON IT	FINE OF UP TO \$5000 AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS
FRAUDULENTLY TAKING A BALLOT PAPER OUT OF THE POLLING STATION	FINE OF UP TO \$5000 AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS
BRIBERY, TREATING OR UNDUE INFLUENCE	FINE OF UP TO \$5000 AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS
DISPLAY OF CANDIDATE OR PARTY EMBLEMS IN THE VICINITY OF THE POLLING PLACE	FINE OF UP TO \$1000

**OFFENCES MUST BE REPORTED TO
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ELECTION PENALTIES

The following list gives more information about election offences. References are to appropriate sections of the Provisions. This is not a complete list of all election offences.

- Voting more than once. Maximum fine \$3000 or three months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 7(2)]
- Any corrupt or illegal practice done by the elected candidate or his agent shall render the election of such candidate invalid. [Sec. 66(1)]
- Giving false answers to questions (as prescribed in Sec. 38(c)) put to a person applying for a ballot paper. Maximum fine \$3000 or 3 months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 67]
- Forging, counterfeiting, fraudulently defacing, or destroying a ballot paper or the official mark on it. Maximum fine \$5000 or 6 months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 68(1)(b)]
- Supplying ballot papers to any person without authority. Maximum fine \$5000 or 6 months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 68(1)(c)]
- Fraudulently taking a ballot paper out of any polling station. Maximum fine \$5000 or 6 months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 68(1)(d)]
- Destroying, taking, opening or otherwise interfering with a ballot box or a packet of ballot papers without authority. Maximum fine \$5000 or 6 months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 68(1)(e)]
- Interfering with an elector when casting his vote or obtaining information from him as to the candidate he is or has voted for or the number on his ballot paper. (Except when a blind or disabled person must tell their choice to the presiding officer, as provided by law.)

Maximum fine \$3000 or three months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 69(2)]

- Failing to keep the secrecy of the vote. Maximum fine \$3000 or three months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 69(1)]
- Bribing, treating, or unduly influencing a person as to his vote. Maximum fine \$5000 or six months imprisonment or vote, together with a 5-year disqualification in respect of registration as an elector, voting, and being elected or being a member of Parliament. [Sec. 70 and 76]
- Voting under another person's name. Maximum fine \$3000 or three months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 75]
- Voting or causing another to vote, knowing that he or the other person is forbidden from voting. Maximum fine \$3000 or three months imprisonment or both. [Sec. 77(a)]
- No one, except a candidate, may wear or display

any card, symbol, or emblem indicating support for a candidate or a political party on any public way within 50 yards of a polling station. No one can make any public address in support of any candidate or political party within 200 yards of a polling station. Maximum fine \$1000. [Sec. 79]

- It is an offence for a candidate to spend more than \$50,000 in an election campaign. Maximum fine not exceeding \$3000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months, or both. [Sec. 45]

The Electoral Office should always obtain advice from the Public Prosecutor in relation to any electoral offence before responding to any alleged breach and this request for advice should be done by the Chief Electoral Officer.

