

14. What are the selection criteria for the selection of senior provincial election officials?

- A senior public servant,
- Had good track record and election experience
- Seen proper and fit for the job

15. Does the Electoral Commission Office have the mandate to enforce and prosecute offenders for breaching its election related offences?

No, the Electoral Commission is not a law enforcement institution or prosecutor and therefore, does not arrest or prosecute offenders. It is the role of police as law enforcers of the country. However, reports on any breach of election laws can be brought to the attention of the SIECO to verify and send to police for further investigation.

16. Does the Electoral Commission also responsible for the conduct of provincial and Honiara City Council Election?

Yes, the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission Office by law can be able to conduct provincial election and Honiara city council elections.

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**FUTURE BLO IU.....!**



## The Electoral Commission

1. What is the Electoral Commission?

The Electoral Commission is an independent body established under the SI Constitution

2. Mission statement

The Electoral Commission is an independent and impartial permanent body established under the Constitution to promote and strengthen democracy in the Solomon Islands through the delivery of free and fair elections

3. Our Vision

An independent organization that provides excellence in electoral administration resulting in strong public confidence.



Figure 1: SIEC Staff

#### 4. Our Mission

To provide Solomon Island citizens with high quality, accessible, professional electoral services through the conduct of impartial and independent elections

#### 5. Responsibility

The EC has the general responsibility to;

- Maintain and Supervise registration of voters and
- conduct election according to relevant laws,
- propose bills and regulations relating to its functions.
- Support the work of the boundary commission
- Conduct provincial and Honiara City Council Elections.

It also has powers to make and approve regulations and policies relating to what it does.

#### 6. How many commissioners do the Electoral Commission has?

The Electoral commission consist of 4 members including the chief electoral officer. Three members can vote on commissioner's decisions while one who is the chief Electoral Officer is a non-voter.

#### 7. Who can be appointed as an Electoral Commissioner?

- A former governor general
- Former speaker
- Retired Judge
- Former member of parliament
- Head of religious organisation or Civil Society
- A person who has held distinguished carrier in government and private sector

- A retired public service at Permanent Secretary Level



Figure 2: Chairman/Speaker of Parliament.

#### 8. Who appoints the Electoral commissioners?

The Governor General appoints the commissioners upon the advice of the judicial and legal service commission.

#### 9. What is the Solomon Islands Electoral Office (SIECO)?

The Solomon Islands Electoral Commission Office (SIECO) is the secretariat to the Electoral Commission.

#### 10. What does SIECO does?

- perform day to day administrative and logistical framework for the conduct of voter registration and election.
- provides secretariat to the Commission
- responsible for public awareness, devising education programs about the work that it does and;
- responsible for carrying out any other work relating to voter registration and election in SI.

#### 11. Who is the Chief Electoral Officer?

The Chief Electoral Officer is the administrative head of the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission Office. It manages the performance of its function, its staff and formulates polices and regulation for the

commission and government approval. He is a member of the commission who has no say in commissioners' decisions.



Figure 3: The Chief Electoral Officer

#### 12. Who does SIECO report to in terms of policy and legislation?

The Electoral Commission Office reports only to the Commission on any policy matter.

#### 13. How can I apply for the position of Election Manager, Registration, Revising and Returning Officer for my province?

It is the usual practice that Deputy Provincial Secretaries recommend the list of senior provincial staff base on experiences and other relevant qualifications for these positions. The Chief Electoral Officer then further evaluates their suitability and qualifications and makes the appointment.

Assistant Registration, Assistant Revising and Assistant Returning Officers are appointed by the Registration and Revising and Returning officers for respective constituencies.