

## SOLOMON ISLANDS ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Vavaya Ridge, Honiara,



## SECTION 69 OF THE ELECTORAL ACT 2018 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FORM

#### What the law says:

Section 69 of the *Electoral Act 2018* and regulation 9A of the *Electoral (Amendment) Regulations 2019* relate to campaign expenses and are reproduced here for ease of reference –

#### 69 Campaign expenses

- (1) Within 90 days after the publication of an election result under section 107, a candidate in the election must submit to the CEO a statement of account specifying:
  - (a) all expenses incurred by the candidate in relation to the candidate's campaign for election; and
  - (b) the source of all funds (including the amount received from each source) used to meet those expenses.
- (2) The regulations may make provision for the preparation and content of the statement of account.

#### 9A Campaign expenses

- (1) For section 69(2) of the Act, the statement of account of a candidate's campaign expenses must be in the approved form.
- (2) The statement of account must be accompanied by a statutory declaration by the candidate declaring that the candidate has not received a campaign donation from:
  - (a) a person who was not a citizen of Solomon Islands at the time of the donation; or
  - (b) a company that, at the time of the donation, had at least one shareholder who was not a citizen of Solomon Islands.

#### Note

Under section 125 of the Act, it is an offence to receive a donation from a person mentioned in sub section (3)(a) or (b).

- (3) The CEO may request further information or supporting document from the candidate in relation to the candidate's campaign expenses or donations.
- (4) The CEO may, in consultation with the Auditor-General, appoint a person who is a registered company auditor under the Accountants Act 2010 to audit

the statement of accounts.

#### Information about the Form:

- 1. The attached form has been approved by the Electoral Commission and is in Microsoft Word version to allow you to add more details if the space provided is not sufficient.
- 2. Where a candidate fills the Form on a hardcopy, separate sheets can be used to disclose other donations received and other expenses incurred if space in the hardcopy is insufficient.
- 3. Donations can be either in the form of cash, loan, bond, free lease or asset/equipment lent to the candidate for use during the campaign. For political party candidates, donation by your political party for your campaign (cash or in-kind) must be declared.
- 4. Candidates own resources/funds used for the purpose of the campaign must be included in the Statement of Account.
- 5. According to section 125 of the Electoral Act, a candidate commits an offence:
  - i) If his/her campaign expenses exceed \$500,000 and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or 5-years imprisonment or both;
  - ii) If she or he fails to comply with Section 69 of the Act and shall be liable upon conviction to a) a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or 2-years imprisonment or both; and b) \$100 for each day the offence continues;
  - iii) If he/she accepts donation from a person who is not a citizen or a company with at least one shareholder who is not a citizen of Solomon Islands and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or 5-year imprisonment or both.

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	Statement of Donations for t	he Purposes of the Campaig	n	
Type of Income (cash or in-kind)	Donor's Name	Date Received	Value (\$)	
		TOTAL		
	(Receipts show	he Purposes of the Campaign		
Date	Description of Expense	Name of Supplier or Beneficiary	Value (\$)	

TOTAL

### **DECLARATION**

I solemnly and sincerely declare to complete declaration of all dona campaign as required by section 65	tions received a	and expenses incu	
Declared at,20 before me and I certi the declarant who appeared fully t	fy that the declar	ration was read ove	r to  [Signature of declarant]
	arations.]		

#### **STATUTORY DECLARATION**

#### (Regulation 9A (2) of the Electoral (Amendment) Regulations 2019)

I,	Name of Candidate,	of	Address	of Can	didate a	and	occupation	make oa	ath and	l declare	as fo	llows –
	That I have/h	ave	e not rec	eived (	donati	ons	from:					

- (a) a person who was not a citizen of Solomon Islands at the time of the donation; or
- (b) a company that, at the time of the donation, had at least one shareholder who was not a citizen of Solomon Islands.

**AND** I make this solemn declaration believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act.

Declared at this	]	
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and I certify that the declaration was i	ead] (sign	nature of declarant)
over to the declarant who appeared fu	ly ]	
to understand the meaning and effect	]	
thereof	]	
(Signature of person authorized to take statut	ory declarations)	