

# **APPENDIX 20**

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Secretary - Royal Land Commission  
Kingdom of Tonga

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Dear Gloria,

### Interim Reports 1 and 2 of the Royal Land Commission

1. I write in response to your email dated 13 June 2011 to the Secretary for Lands, Survey and Natural Resources requesting a response from the Ministry on the above subject.

### Recommendations in Interim Report 1

2. In response to the recommendations in Interim Report 1, the Government initiated and funded the Land Administration Project with the broad mandate of -
  - a. reviewing and clearing the backlog of land applications in the Ministry of Lands;
  - b. providing executive and legal assistance to the Ministry of Lands with the engagement of a Legal Administrator;
  - c. improving work flow and procedures; and
  - d. drafting of a Land Practices and Procedures Manual.
3. The Land Administration Project commenced on 24 June 2010 and His Majesty's Cabinet has continued its commitment by extending the project for the 2011/2012 financial year. The project continues to implement its mandate as directed by Cabinet with some major achievements.
4. The Ministry of Lands hosted a consultant engaged by the International Finance Corporation in January 2011 to draft a project proposal for the improvement of land administration in Tonga. Since submission of the consultant's report, no further contact has been made by the IFC to inform of the status of the project proposal.

### Recommendations in Interim Report 2

5. This report has been noted by the Ministry of Lands.
6. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

  
SALESI FOTU  
Acting Secretary for Lands, Survey and Natural Resources

