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NIUE ASSEMBLY INDUCTION PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY CONSTITUTION LEGAL ADVISOR PROFESSOR TONY ANGELO

Alofi, Niue - 06 June 2023 – The Crown Law Office successfully co-hosted with the Office of the Speaker an Induction program for the Members of the Niue Assembly.

This induction workshop was facilitated by the Government’s Constitution Legal Advisor, Emeritus Professor Tony Angelo, who has had a long association with Niue over the past 30 years. Solicitor General Justin Kamupala noted that “Professor Angelo has been a sound source of information and guidance for the Crown Law Office and Government of Niue on a myriad of issues that the office has had to deal with over the years. He has been the most noted and referred to authority in relation to the interpretation of the articles of the Niue Constitution in recent times and who has undertaken the drafting of many and various legislation for the Niue Government, over a number of administrations dating back to the mid 1990’s”.

The induction program covered topics relevant to the Niue Assembly such as the Letters Patent, the Niue Constitution Act 1974, the Niue Constitution, the Separation of Powers, the Role and Procedures of the Niue Assembly, Standing Orders and Constitution review and amendment.

The Annual Appropriation process was also discussed with a presentation by the Financial Secretary and staff. A presentation from the Auditor General’s Office was also made via Zoom, this presentation highlighted the role and relevance of the annual Auditors Report to the Niue Assembly. The Niue Public Service Commission also made a presentation in relation to the NPSC’s Annual report which provides insight into the state of the public service and incorporates information from Government department’s annual reports.

The Solicitor General acknowledged the active and engaged participation by the Niue Assembly Members and hopes this has been a fruitful learning experience for them. He also hopes to publish a reference booklet that may be of assistance to the Niue Assembly Members, that will provide further clarification and detail as to the structure of the Self-Governing state of Niue, and for guidance on other issues such as the procedures to make amendments to the Niue Constitution, the development and enactment of Legislation and other aspects relevant to the work of the Niue Assembly.

Subject to proposed amendments to the Niue Assembly Standing Order’s a consolidated reprint will be undertaken, for easy reference by the Niue Assembly Members.

In conclusion the Solicitor General encouraged the Niue Assembly Members to take advantage of this opportunity to avail themselves of Professor Angelo’s wealth of knowledge and is exploring options to have him visit the island more often.



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