

[Legal Notice No. 47]

**LAW REFORM COMMISSION ACT
(No. 4 of 1994)**

THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION REGULATIONS 1995

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Law Reform Commission Act, 1994, and in consultation with the Commission, I, OLIVER ZAPO, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, do hereby make the following Regulations -

1. These regulations may be cited as the Law Reform Commission Regulations 1995. Citation.

2. (1) The Commission shall meet from time to time at such places and times as the Chairman directs. Proceedings of the Commission.
 - (2) The quorum for a meeting shall be three Commissioners.
 - (3) In the absence of the Chairman from a meeting the Commissioners present may choose one of themselves to preside.
 - (4) The Commission may regulate and conduct the proceedings at its meetings as it thinks fit and shall keep minutes of those proceedings.
 - (5) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings at which he is present and, in the event of the votes being equal, shall have a casting as well as a deliberate vote.

3. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Commission may delegate to any of the Commissioners any of its powers, authorities, duties and functions. Delegation.

4. (1) The Commission may from time to time make to the Minister an interim report on its work under any reference. Reports.
 - (2) The Commission shall at the completion of its work under any reference make a final report to the Minister on its work under the reference.
 - (3) A report signed by the Chairman shall be a report of the Commission for the purposes of the Act.

5. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), where it is so agreed by a majority of members of the Commission that any business of the Commission be despatched by circulation of papers, the Secretary shall circulate papers to all the members of the Commission who may signify their decision in writing addressed to the Secretary. Decision by circulation of papers.

(2) If a member requests, in writing addressed to the Secretary, a meeting to discuss any business so circulated the decision of the Commission shall not be reached until such a meeting has been held.

(3) A decision may be reached as a result of circulation of papers notwithstanding that a member does not respond if a majority of the members concur in the decision.

Legal Research
by
Commission.

6. The Commission may institute and conduct legal research through its officers for the purposes of carrying out its functions.

Individuals
and
Committees.

7. The Commission may appoint individuals or committees, of persons who may or may not be members of the Commission and may refer any matter to such individuals or committees for consideration and report to the Commission.

Inquiries.

8. When the Commission is of the opinion with respect to any matter under reference under section 5 of the Act that it would be desirable to ascertain the views of any person, body or the public, the Commission may -

- (a) receive representations and submissions from any person, body or the public; or
- (b) hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving representations and submissions.

Submissions
and public
hearings.

9. The Commission may prescribe the terms and conditions under which representations or submissions may be received or a public hearing held and may prescribe the procedure at any public hearing.

Views may
be sought
through
communication.

10. Nothing in regulations 7, 8 or 9 shall prevent the Commission from seeking or ascertaining the views of any person or body on any matter through direct communication.

Made at Honiara this twenty-fifth day of May, 1995.

OLIVER ZAPO
Minister of Justice & Legal Affairs