



CABINET MEETING

Office of the President
Ngerulmud | 9:15 AM -10:30 AM
Monday, August 13, 2018

In Attendance:

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| 1. President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. | 11. Press Secretary Olkeriil Kazuo |
| 2. Vice President Raynold Oilouch | 12. Chief Lydia Ngirablosch, MOS |
| 3. Minister Elbuchel Sadang | 13. Peter Polloi, MPIIC |
| 4. Minister Baklai Temengil-Chilton | 14. Anthony Rudimch, PPUC |
| 5. Minister Emais Robert | 15. Myers Techitong, PNCC |
| 6. Minister Sinton Soalablai | 16. Legal Counsel Austin Gaylord |
| 7. DCOS Rebluud Kesolei | 17. Legal Counsel Daniel Klopper |
| 8. Director Brian Melairei | 18. Kaleb Udui, Jr., Senior Econ. Adv. |
| 9. Exec. Director Roxanne Blesam | 19. Fermin Meriang |
| 10. Grants Coordinator Judy Dean | |

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AGENDA	DISCUSSION
Ministry Briefings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Justice: Vice President Oilouch reports of successful gathering for 2018 Morets-Momes Tournament in Seattle. Ngerbeched team won the championship. Inmate Escape: MOJ is conducting an ongoing investigation concerning the recent escape of an inmate. Mid-JCM in Guam: Minister Rehuher-Marugg, Minister Sadang and Vice President covered many issues, including the development of a Palau-U.S. Committee to look into training opportunities related to law enforcement and security, ongoing discussion for assistance to address buoys, deportation, and assistance for security of upcoming 2020 Our Oceans Conference. In terms of assistance to address buoys, the U.S. Coast Guard can only provide assistance in surveying the buoys, but not funding and installation. The 2018 full JCM scheduled has yet to be confirmed. Meeting venue is still under consideration. The U.S. offered to host the meeting in light of the Palau’s schedule this year with the hosting of various events. Deportation of Palauans is reportedly a matter of Homeland Security not Immigrations. Legal Counsels are undergoing review of speed zone proposed legislation, reducing minor traffic violations to civil fines rather than criminal charges that would later impact a person’s criminal records. The matter to be part of Leadership discussion with the OEK this week. PIF in Nauru: Preparation underway for the Pacific Islands Forum to be held on September in Nauru. EMT Certification: Remaining batch of firefighters undergoing EMT training is scheduled to receive their training certificates this week, completing the requirement for all firefighters and ambulance personnel to undergo training. MOU with MOJ and KSG: An MOU is under development between the Ministry and KSG on surveillance and patrolling cooperation. Independence Day Preparation: The Committee is near finalization of preparation for this year’s activities. The Committee is due to meet will all Governors on Aug. 21 to discuss their roles and strengthen cooperation. • Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs: Ad Hoc Committee on Displace Citizens requested for an additional 30-day extension. The Committee is working on finalizing and organizing discussions for final recommendation and suggestions to the President. In terms of the Housing Development Program, Minister Temengil-Chilton is scheduled to meet with Governors and PPUC representative in the comping in developing the program. Minister Temengil-Chilton reports of scheduled visit by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to document Palau. Palau is chosen as one of five countries to be showcased in Argentina in

	<p>the lead up the Youth Olympic Games in October 2018 as part of the Olympic made vision movement. Request made for a photo op with the President on Friday, August 13th. The team will capture images of Men’s Health and other programs. Independence Day Committee is working on developing the scope of work this week for its budget request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce: MPIIC reports meeting with Sojitz and Japanese partners on Aug. 20th to finalize discussions on the Airport Terminal Project bid negotiations. Peter reports of malfunction in the operation of runway lights on Friday, Aug.10th following power fluctuations that led to fuse burn out. Operation has been switched to manual while waiting for the arrival of technical assistance from Guam to repair. As part of FAA requirements, the runway lights undergo routine maintenance checks. Normally during power outage and fluctuation, the operation is automatically switched to back-up generator, however the frequent fluctuations overloaded the fuse. Ministry of Education: Minister Soalablai reports of rock island trip with PCS, Palau Pledge and the PNMS over the past weekend as part of expanded partnership and collaboration with agencies on applied science education. <i>MOE and MOH are reminded of partnership to develop a program and publish educational materials and information on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) to schools.</i> Parley has approached MOE proposing partnership and collaboration for program development in reducing plastic use. Ministry of Health: Minister Roberts reports of medical check-up program to be covered through NHI is set to launch on Oct. 1. The coverage and costs is classified by age groups. Efforts on kebeas eradication are ongoing. MOH is working with Aimeliik in regards and working on communicating with the Bangladesh and Philippine Community to assist. Japanese candidate to the Western World Health Organization (WHO) who recently visited Palau committed to provide assistance to Palau on matter of kebeas if elected. Minister Roberts met with the OEK and the PNSB on assistance to Cuba students. OEK is considering funding assistance to the students. <i>Minister Soalablai and Minister Roberts instructed to meet with PNSB.</i> Ministry of Finance: Official communication of European Union tax haven to be communicated officially soon. Some treaties and conventions are anticipated and considered for ratification. Deadline is December 2018. A list will be submitted to the President. 2017 Audit has been completed with surplus reported. Issues remaining are findings on fixed assets and procurement. MOF is working to resolve findings and seeks for partnership and support from the Ministries for a clean 2019 audit. Minister Sadang requests for a meeting with all Ministers on the 2019 National Budget Proposal. MOU has been established with the Public Auditors Office to conduct state government audits of all 16 states. Discussions with ADB have been finalized for a \$15 million disaster relief fund loan. The loan includes a \$25,000 fee and is applicable to any disaster. Negotiations are scheduled next week. PIDB Board to hold is board meeting in Palau in October.
Agency Briefings and Other Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Proposed National Budget: The President reports the Budget Proposal is conservative and all Ministries are within the same budget level as the previous fiscal year. Efforts are ongoing in increase of flight services from Japan to Palau through All Nippon Airlines and Japan Airlines as well as the introduction of new services from Skymark Airlines who is undergoing negotiation and China Airlines who is proposing services from Japan to Taiwan and Palau. PPUC Update: PPUC reports of ongoing repair of potholes in front of Bank of Hawaii and other areas and as well filing up on trenches at PCC parking lot. Restoration of road

	<p>damaged by the Koror-Airai Sanitation Project pipe installation is anticipated for completion by December 2018. Work to reach about 30% completion by October. PPUC to work closely with the MOJ on traffic control during the road restoration phase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNCC Update: PNCC reports maintaining presence at the airport providing communication services to Palau’s visitors. A recent DTV outage was reportedly due to power outage that impacted the delivery of service, however services have since returned to normal. • EQPB Update: EQPB reiterates concerns of KASP project related to the construction of the new treatment plant and associated sewage discharge. Construction permit granted, however EQPB is seeking for PPUC to conduct study and address existing old pipe discharging sewage. • Our Oceans Committee Update: Advisory meeting is scheduled next month for Palau. The Committee is working on linking the Climate Change meeting to oceans. <i>Kaleb instructed to finalize delegation list to 2018 Bali Our Oceans Conference and communicate to Indonesia immediately.</i> • EO on Eliminating Single Use Plastic: Press Secretary Kazuo instructed to disseminate copies of the EO to all Ministries.
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Ministers are reminded to “think outside the box” and “follow up” on all matters. • All Ministers are instructed to share noteworthy information on programs and initiatives to the President’s Media and Communication Team following every Cabinet Meeting for dissemination to the public. • One-on-One with Ministers are to be scheduled in the future to follow up on the progress commitments and matters agreed before the Cabinet. • All Ministers are reminded to take note of the following upcoming events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6th Ngirbelau (Men’s) Conference: Tues., Aug. 14 @ Ngarachamayong Cultural Center 2. Visit by EarthX and GridMarket: Fri., Aug.17 3. Environmental Symposium: Weds., Aug.28 @ Ngarachamayong Cultural Center

***Meeting minutes is subject to change and approval**