



Chief Secretary to Government

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To : **Heads of Departments/Agencies**
: **Statutory Bodies**
: **State-Owned Enterprises**

Cc : **Prime Minister**
: **Deputy Prime Minister**
: **All Members of the NEC**

Date : 1st August 2019

SUBJECT : **STRATEGIC PLANNING AND MAPPING PRIORITIES**

1. Reference is made to the Prime Minister's Minute to all Ministers dated 28th June 2019 in which he spoke of taking stock and identifying key priorities over the remaining term of the current parliament.
2. Each of you will be well aware of the Prime Minister's stated objectives, including his intention to *take back PNG* and *make PNG the richest black Christian nation within 10 years*.
3. To achieve this, we must have clear, strategic and coherent policies that support the Government's objectives. As Public Servants, it is our role to ensure that that we put in place the practical mechanisms to enliven these core strategic objectives and policies. As the Prime Minister said in his minute, this must be underpinned by performance indicators and achievable expectations.
4. In that context, the Prime Minister circulated a matrix of priorities. He asked that Department and Agency Heads, and Heads of SOEs formulate clear activity plans accompanied by a realistic timetable guided by matrix. Each of you should have been engaging your respective Ministers in this process.

5. The Prime Minister has directed that all Heads of Departments, Agencies and SOEs submit their respective activity plans, aligned to the matrix, by no later than 30th August 2019. I ask that these activity statements be submitted to my office in the first instance, so that the Department of Prime Minister and NEC can commence the process of collating a whole-of-government report.
6. Consistent with the Prime Minister's clearly stated views, additions and suggestions for building on the matrix are welcomed and should be clearly identified in your activity plan.
7. I look forward to seeing finalised plans no later than *30 August 2019* as directed.



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