පාර්ලිමේන්තු ප්‍රකාශන මාලා අංක : 492

පරිපාලන කටයුතු පිළිබඳ පාර්ලිමේන්තු කොමසාරිස් (ඔම්බුඩ්ස්මන්) කාර්යාලය

පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාව විසින් සභාගත කරන ලද වාර්තා සම්බන්ධයෙන් ස්ථාවර නියෝග අංක 119 (4) යටතේ ගරු අමාත්‍යවරයාගේ නිරීක්ෂණ හා ගනු ලබන පියවර පාර්ලිමේන්තුව වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම.

பாராளுமன்ற தொடர் இல : 492

நிர்வாகத்திற்கான பாராளுமன்ற ஆணையாளர் அலுவலகம் (ஒம்புட்ஸ்மன்)

பாராளுமன்றத்தில் அரச கணக்குக் குழுவினால் முன்வைக்கப்பட்ட அறிக்கை தொடர்பாக நிலையியற் கட்டளை இலக்கம் 119(4) இன் கீழ் கௌரவ அமைச்சரின் அவதானிப்புக்களும் மற்றும் அது தொடர்பாக எடுக்கப்பட்டும் நடவடிக்கைகளுயும் பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பித்தல்.

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Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman)

Submission of observations of Hon. Minister and steps taken with regard to the reports tabled by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of Standing Order No. 119(4).

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Name of the Institution : Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration

Shortcomings identified by the Committee	Action taken by the Institution to rectify the shortcomings / current status
Part 1 1. The Register of Internal Audit queries was not maintained up to date basis.	Due to the limited number of staff in the office, there are not enough officers to sustain an internal audit unit.
2. Register of Risk was not maintained up to date basis.	Due to the absence of an Internal Audit Unit, a Risk Registry has not been maintained.
3. After utilizing the provision made for an expenditure item in terms of Section 94(1) of the Financial Regulations, the remaining provision at the end of the year resulted in liabilities exceeding the prescribed limit.	Due to the late payment of the previous year's outstanding bills to Sri Lanka Telecom, which had to be paid during the year under review, liabilities arose in excess of the provisions for that expenditure item.
4. Steps had not been taken to submit the annual performance report to Parliament in the proper manner.	There will be some delay, as the approval of the Prime Minister's Office must be obtained after receiving the final audit report. However, arrangements will be made in future to submit it before the due date.
5. The internal audit program had not been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting with the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulations 134(2).	Due to the absence of an Internal Audit Unit, an internal audit program has not been prepared.
6. The required number of Audit and Management Committee meeting had not been held during the year under review.	Due to the absence of an Internal Audit Unit, the Audit and Management Committee meeting has not been conducted.
Part 2 1. The website that is maintained by the institution does not provide an opportunity for the public to lodge complaints or to give commendations.	We will take the necessary actions in the future.
2. The audit opinion about the accounts of the institution has been a qualified opinion, disclaimed opinion or an unfavorable opinion.	The Auditor General's report states that, except for the effects of the matters referred to in paragraph 1.6, it presents a true and fair view. In relation to the matters stated therein, (a) The discrepancy in non-financial assets was corrected in the SIGAS system. (b) Approval was awaited, as recommended by the Public Accounts Department, to settle the discrepancy in the Advanced B account.

3. The performance agreements, covering the entire staff had not been drafted or entered.	Performance agreements have not been prepared at present and in the future, arrangements will be made for such agreements.
4. The institution had failed to identify the Sustainable Development Goals applicable to its scope. The targets to be reached to achieve the identified sustainable goals had not been decided. The indicators to measure the progress of implementation of Sustainable Development Goals had not been set.	In the future, we will endeavor to identify sustainable development goals in alignment with the nature of the institution's functions.
5. Out of the training opportunities planned, the extent of training opportunities granted, was less than 50%.	Since there are no provisions for officers to attend separate training programmes, all officers attend one programme each year.
6. In accordance with paragraph 12.1 of the Public Finance Circular No. 02/2020 dated 28.08.2020, 03 performance indicators had not been identified to clearly demonstrate the role to be performed by the institution and to measure its progress.	In the future, we will work to identify performance indicators that can measure the progress of the institution.

Retired High Court Judge K.B.K. Hirimburegama

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration

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