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MEDIA STATEMENT
REGARDING THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES TO THE
PARLIAMENTARY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (PAC)
PROCEEDINGS

1. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) notes that the majority of the proceedings involve witnesses who consist of former high-ranking government officials, particularly the Comptroller and Secretary-General.
2. This is to ensure that all issues raised during a proceeding, especially those involving matters in the Auditor General's Report (LKAN), are appropriately explained and clarified by all relevant parties."
3. The PAC takes note that the reported tenure of the Comptroller/Secretary-General mentioned in the LKAN usually extends beyond the current Comptroller/Secretary-General's tenure, leading to these individuals being unable to provide explanations for the issues identified. This is because the reported tenure does not fall within the actual service period of the respective Comptroller/Secretary-General.
4. Therefore, it is of utmost importance for all Comptrollers/Secretaries-General to be accountable to the PAC as stipulated in the Treasury Instructions (Amendment 2023), by ensuring the presence of all witnesses, including former Comptrollers/Secretaries-General, when called upon by the Committee to attend these proceedings.

5. In this regard, the PAC would like to emphasize that all former Comptrollers/Secretaries-General are required to be accountable and present to provide explanations regarding the issues that arose during their leadership of the respective Ministries, Departments, or Government Agencies.
6. To ensure that the PAC conducts a comprehensive investigation, the absence of former Comptrollers/Secretaries-General may lead to an incomplete PAC report. Therefore, the Committee will publicly disclose the names of witnesses who are unwilling to attend PAC proceedings, so that the public is aware that the issues being investigated by the PAC are not receiving cooperation from these individuals.
7. The reluctance of these former Comptrollers/Secretaries-General to attend PAC proceedings constitutes an offense under Section 9 (a) of the Parliament (Privileges and Powers) Act 1952 (Act 347) and indirectly portrays that there are matters that former Comptrollers /Secretaries-General wish to conceal.
8. At the same time, the PAC demands that the Chief Secretary to the Government and the Director-General of Public Service Commission take note, if applicable, of the former Comptrollers/Secretaries-General who are unwilling to attend the proceedings of this committee. Furthermore, the PAC also calls for a mechanism to be established by the Government to ensure that all former Comptrollers/Secretaries-General who are summoned appear before the PAC proceedings."

9. The presence of witnesses in PAC proceedings provides the best platform for them (former Comptrollers/Secretaries-General) to provide explanations and testimony regarding the issues raised by the Auditor General in the LKAN.
10. At the same time, it is important for the PAC to provide a comprehensive and transparent report by considering the statements and explanations of all relevant parties involved in the investigated issues, ensuring that the report is truly balanced for the benefit of all parties.
11. This comprehensive and transparent PAC report is also in line with the discussions of Members of Parliament during the debate on the Auditor General's Report in both Houses. This ensures that the PAC investigates the issues raised in the Auditor General's Report in greater detail.

Thank you.

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