

Executive Order No. 325

To create a task force to account for property of the National Government.

WHEREAS, there have been reports of some property of the National Government that is believed to be missing, which was reportedly removed during the transition and turnover from one administration to the next; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2012, the day before the inauguration, the Chief of Property and Supply in the Ministry of Finance, Millan Isaack, issued an internal memorandum urging those who had removed property to return the property immediately or face prosecution;

WHEREAS, the property of the National Government has not been properly accounted for and it will require an ongoing effort to account for all government property; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order No. 270 President Johnson Toribiong created a task force to account for property of the national government and to provide a report on November 15, 2009 (issued Sept. 9, 2009); and

WHEREAS, the task force created by Executive Order No. 270 never issued its report on November 15, 2009, as required by Executive Order No. 270; and

WHEREAS, 17 PNC § 3005 provides that the unauthorized removal or possession of government property is a crime punishable by a fine and up to six (6) months in prison; and

WHEREAS, the property of the national government rightly belongs to the people of the Republic; accordingly, theft from the national government constitutes theft from the people; and

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority set forth in the Constitution as vested in the President of the Republic to execute the law, the President hereby orders as follows:

- (1) That the “Government Property Task Force” be created, serve without compensation, and be composed of the following members:
 - a. Mr. Millan Isaack, Chief of the Division of Property and Supply, or his designee, shall serve as the Chair of the Task Force;
 - b. Mr. Xavier Ngirameong;
 - c. Mr. Lerrins Remeliik;
 - d. Mr. Francis Meyar;
 - e. Mr. Paulus Ongalibang;
 - f. Ms. Barbara Tulop

- g. Ms. Sicely Tadao
 - h. Mr. Temedik Ngireblekuu
 - I. Ms. Jennifer Anson
 - j. Mr. Stice Rdechor
 - k. Mr. Leo Remengesau
 - l. Mr. Samil Beouch
- (2) That the Government Property Task Force shall undertake an audit of all property of the national government, including a review of purchase orders and external grants from the last four (4) years.
- (3) That the Government Property Task Force shall work with the Office of the Attorney General and the Bureau of Public Safety to provide protection for informants to the fullest extent of the law, if necessary for the informant's safety.
- (4) That the Government Property Task Force shall forward information that relates to the unlawful removal or possession of government property to the Attorney General.
- (5) That the Government Property Task Force shall issue a report to the President not later than Mach 15, 2013 that shall provide the following: (1) an accounting for property of the National Government, and (2) any recommended prosecutions, with accompanying evidence in support thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 6th day of February, 2013 in the Republic of Palau.

/s/
Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau