



MINISTRY OF WORKS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Editor's Note

It is with respect that I welcome all readers to the last edition of our News Bulletin for 2014.

*It has been a long arduous journey this year with many obstacles along the way, but the Ministry has accomplished its goals & objectives that were planned at the beginning of this year. The efforts afforded by all employees in the Ministry in accomplishing this are to be applauded. **JOB WELL DONE!***

The Ministry respectfully acknowledges the support of the Honorable Minister Afioga Manu'alesagalala Enokati Posala together with the unwavering leadership of the Chief Executive Officer ('CEO') Tofa Vaelua M. Nofu Vaelua for driving and being in the forefront of all activities in order to enhance the Ministry's capability and employer involvement in all government initiatives.

A special thanks to all our stakeholders for your continuous contributions and support throughout 2014. Last but not least the respective ACEO's of the Ministry, the loyal staff and the support of all MWTI clients, a big faamalo to all for a successful year.

Malo lava le tautua'i. Malo le galulue punoua'i ua tini ai galuega o leni tausaga le manuia.

Ia manuia tele le faamanatuina o le fanau mai o le tatou fa'aola, ma ia tatou aulia ma le manuia le tausaga fou I le alofa o le tapa'au I le lagi.

CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION

16 October – POLYNESIAN AIRLINES NEW TWIN OTTER REGISTRATION



Polynesian Airlines New Twin Otter – 5W STF

Civil Aviation issued Certificate of Registration for 5W-STF which is Polynesian Airlines newly acquired Twin Otter.

17- 20 November Part 139 (Aerodromes) & Part 140 (AVIATION security) Annual Audits.

The Part 139 & 140 Annual Audits for the SAA was deferred to November due to a request from the certificate holder due to preparations for the SIDS Conference.

The audits were conducted by PASO Aerodrome & Aviation Security Inspector Rob Mclellan and assisted by CAD staff. The Final Audit Report notes that the Certificate Holder is complaint.

20 – 21 November – Part 139 (AERODROMES) RECERTIFICATION AUDIT for Fagalii Airport



- Recruited on 11 May 2010 as Operations Officer;
- Promoted on 26 March 2012 as principal Licensing & Certification Officer;
- Resigned to take up the Principal Quality Assurance Officer for Polynesian Airlines on 14 November 2014-12-04.

The Part 139 Recertification Audit was due in July 2014. Due to stagnation of negotiation between the SAA and Polynesian Airlines for the transfer of operational of Fagalii Airport back to the SAA, the Secretary for Transport decided to defer the Recertification Audit to December 2014. This decision was reached taking into consideration that the annual audit for this airport just been conducted in April 2014 and the costs savings to the current certificate holder.

The audit was conducted by PASO Aerodrome & Aviation Security Inspector Rob McLellan and assisted by CAD Staff. The Final Audit Report notes that the Certificate Holder is complaint and recommends Renewal of the CAR Pt.139 Certificate.

10 DECEMBER – PART 21 (CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCTS & PARTS)

PASO Contracted Airworthiness Inspector Mr. Michael Good and CAD Staff conducted an audit with the purpose of issuing the full Certificate of Airworthiness for Polynesian Airlines newly acquired twin otter, registration 5W-STF.

CAD STAFF FAREWELL FOR PRINCIPAL LICENSING & CERTIFICATION OFFICER MR. KARL NICKEL



Mr. Karl Nickel's history of employment at the MWTI is as follows:

POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION

2 December 2014 – WTO RULES TRAINING BY NINA TALA



A seminar on WTO Rules for developing countries was held at Beijing China from 15 October to 5 November. Nina Tala of Policy and Planning Division on behalf of

the Ministry attended for a three weeks session.

It was a fruitful and valuable seminar as it provided great insight to all relevant principle that governs and manages the existence of WTO.

Also Samoa is a member of the above Organization and our Ministry is a member of the National Working Committee on Trade Arrangements endorsed by the Cabinet on January 2010 to manage all WTO issues and cases relating to Samoa. Thus, it was important to hold a training to establish an understanding of the above for all employees of the Ministry in order to inform them of the valuable skills and knowledge gather from the seminar.

LAUNCHING OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR PLAN 2014-2019 ON 11 DECEMBER 2014



The Cabinet Development Committee endorsed the Transport Sector Plan (TSP) in its meeting in February 2014. The Transport Sector Plan 2014-2019 is a five year Plan which covers all

modes of transport including Sea, Air and Land Transport.

The development of the Transport Sector Plan (TSP) is one of the key economic infrastructures to support socio-economic development as articulated in the Strategy for the Development of Samoa (SDS) 2012 – 2016. The TSP is in two volumes with **Volume I** – outlining the main framework of action for the plan and **Volume II** – highlighting key analysis and trends used in formulating the TSP.

Honourable Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Afioga Manu'alesagalala Enokati Posala, delivered the key note address for the launch. This Plan is the first for Samoa and provides a coordinated planning framework that promotes a whole of Government perspective in the prioritisation and funding of investment in the transport sector for the next five years. The TSP provides the necessary whole of sector framework to guide the development and funding of the sector in the next five years that is consistent with this general policy objective.

Vision of Transport Sector Plan

"Sustainable, safe, secure and environmentally responsible transport network that supports Samoa's economic and social development and contributes to improving the quality of life for all Samoans". There are five (5) Key Goals of the Transport Sector Plan

Goal 1: Strengthen transport sector governance framework;

Goal 2: Improve, sustain and climate proof road transport network;

Goal 3: Improve effectiveness, safety, security and competitiveness of maritime services;

Goal 4: Upgrade the capacity, safety and security of air transport services

Goal 5: Ensure environmentally sustainable, energy efficient and socially responsible transport sector.

The Transport Sector Plan is administered by the Transport Sector Steering Committee which has been approved by Cabinet and the coordination is the prime responsibility of the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure under the Policy and Planning Division.

ASSET MANAGEMENT BUILDING DIVISION

TENDERING WORKS FOR UPGRADING OF SAMOA COLLEGE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

One of its many duties is the task above done at Vajvase -Uta. The Ministry's role in being member of the Organizing committee for Venues & Accommodations for CYG 2015, this task is highly expected from the Division. Site visits with bidders and Evaluation of Bids are some of those tasks the Division participates.

SAMOA PARLIAMENTARY COMPLEX REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT MEETING CANBERRA AUSTRALIA- 28-29 November 2014



AMB ACEO, Ms. Elsa Fruean was in Canberra to discuss and finalize finance and design aspects for the building of the Samoa Parliamentary Complex Redevelopment Project. Ms Fruean attended this

meeting on behalf of the CEO & Ministry, with representatives of the Office of the Legislative Assembly and the Ministry of Finance.

After completion of the meeting in Canberra, Ms Fruean headed straight to Korea and joined the Minister of Works, Transport & Infrastructure, Honorable Manu'alesagalala Enokati Posala in the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing Urban Developments (APMCHUD Conference) that took place from the 3-5 December 2014.



Principal Inspector Luailepou Tiki Misa with Senior Building Inspector Enesi Pualele inside

INSPECTION OF NEW HOSPITAL AT MOTOOTUA



Senior Inspector Hinnie Tumama & Senior Technical Sanitation Officer Taiese Paulo with Representative from Shanghai Construction Company

The Building Division through its daily duties (Building Inspection) carried out daily inspections through-out Upolu & Savaii for this whole year. Some of their daily tasks is to monitor and inspect all ongoing Government Projects such as the Building of the New Hospital at Motootua.

PREPARATION OF MATA' AFA TOMB AT MULINUU

One of their many tasks during the end of October, this year, the AMB Principal & Senior Building Inspectors worked relentless for the preparation of the Mataafa tomb at Mulinuu, for the funeral of one of the late Council of Deputies, Honorable Mataafa Lui Iosefa from Amaile Aleipata, whom was laid to rest on the 31st October 2014.

CORPORATE SERVICE DIVISION

REFRESHER TRAINING ON LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS 7th October 2014



The Ministry's Human Resource Section conducted a Refresher Training on the 10th October 2014. The training was

mainly focused on Leave Entitlements as in Determination 13 on Public Services Working Conditions and Entitlements Manual. The time was worth spent and the training was worth conducted to improve level of awareness on revised working conditions and entitlements.

CONTINUOUS TRAINING SESSIONS: Oct-Dec 2014

As part of our Ministry's Workforce plan priorities, HR coordinated several Continuous Learning Sessions. This is to ensure that knowledge and information is passed along to other employees of the Ministry, at any time, so that to the extent possible, information essential to the Ministry does not reside only in one employee

especially those who were blessed with travelling opportunities overseas for trainings, workshops and meetings from October-December 2014.

1. Ms Lisabella Ropati conducted a presentation on "Post Disaster Needs Assessments" on 07/11/2014.
2. Mr Robert Bartley conducted a brief presentation on "Public Works Administration" on 18/11/2014.
3. Mr Ioane Efesos presentation on Assessment and Examination of Seafarers was on 25/11/2014
4. Ms Nina Tala conducted a 20 minute session on WTO Rules for Samoa and China on 02/12/2014.



Everyone who participated in these trainings found it interesting as it is important to capture existing knowledge in order to create smooth

transitions and not impede Ministry's work and processes.

HEALTH INITIATIVES DAY

The Government endorsed a Sports Day for all Government Ministries by approving FK(14)41 dated 29 October 2014.



Thus on 7 November 2014, Ministry issued a half-day for all employees and commences the Sports day in the afternoon with a Zumba activity in the MWTI Conference Room.



Later on the Ministry headed down to the reserve opposite the building for an intense sport exercise to celebrate and showcase the validity of the above day.



It was a successful sports day full of fun and various games that would enable all employees to be fit and healthy for their daily work.

12 DECEMBER 2014 MWTI END OF YEAR FUNCTION

The Ministry held a lunch in honor of the CEO and Minister to commemorate the ending of this year successfully. It is with great pleasure that I commend all employees of MWTI for all the hard work and commitment in carrying out their daily tasks which has made it possible for all of us to celebrate the birth of our Christ with peace.



Helena Fifika
Office Assistant



Fiafia Tuigamala
CSU Driver

FAREWELL

Ms Cecilia Sefo Schmidt (Junior Accounts Clerk) resigned on the 17th October to take up her new post as Payroll Clerk for the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture.

POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION WISHES EVERYONE, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ESPECIALLY THE COLLEAGUES OF MWTI A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR....



Our Ministry farewells Mr Pio Taii whose service was terminated on retirement effective 20th October 2014.

Ms Elsa Frueans three year contract as a Contract Officer ended on 27/10/2014.



Mr Marcus Ofoia, our Human Resource Management Information System Database Officer and Ms Muriel Schuster, Human Resource/Training Officer resigned from the Ministry effective 07/11/2014 to take up their new posts at the Attorney General's Office. We wish you both all the very best.

Mr Karl Nickels resignation became effective on 14/11/2014.

NEW RECRUIT

MWTI family welcomes new employees for this quarter. Manuia le alofaiva atu i galuega fou.



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A BIG FAAMALO TO EVERYONE FOR A GREAT YEAR!

All the best to the colleagues who have resigned & Blessed Holiday to all and their families...



ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER MANU'ALESAGALALA ENOKATI POSALA AND CEO VAAELUA NOFO VAAELUA we would like to wish all supporters, clients, government ministries, corporations, everyone that has helped our ministry throughout this year a very merry Christmas & a happy new year!

Blessed end of year to the hard working crew of MWTI...



UNTIL NEXT YEAR...HAPPY READING AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS © ...GOD BLESS!!