

4. 'Oku fakatonutonu 'a e Kupu 11 'o e Tefito'i Lao 'aki:
  - (a) hono tamate'i 'a e "\$500" pea fetongi 'aki 'a e "\$10,000"; pea
  - (b) hono tamate'i 'a e "mahina 'e 6" pea fetongi 'aki 'a e "ta'u 'e 3."
5. 'Oku fakatonutonu 'a e Kupu 12 'o e Tefito'i Lao 'aki:
  - (a) hono tamate'i 'a e "\$250" pea fetongi 'aki 'a e "\$2,500"; pea
  - (b) hono tamate'i 'a e "mahina 'e 3" pea fetongi 'aki 'a e "ta'u 'e 2".
6. 'Oku fakatonutonu 'a e Kupu 14 'o e Tefito'i Lao 'aki:
  - (a) hono tamate'i 'a e "\$250" pea fetongi 'aki 'a e "\$10,000"; pea
  - (b) hono tamate'i 'a e "mahina 'e 6" pea fetongi 'aki 'a e "ta'u 'e 3".
7. 'Oku fakatonutonu 'a e Kupu 16 'o e Tefito'i Lao 'o anga pehe ni:
  - (a) 'aki hono fakafika fo'ou 'a e kupu ko e kupu si'i (1);
  - (b) 'aki hono fakahu atu 'i he kupu si'i (1) 'a e ngaahi lea "pe fakafongaha lao tokoni" hili 'a e lea "Komisona" 'i he feitu'u kotoa 'oku ha ai; pea
  - (c) 'aki hono fakahu atu ha kupu si'i (2) fo'ou 'o anga pehe ni:
    - "(2) 'Oku ma'u 'e he Komisona, 'i hono fakahoko hono fatongia ko e Komisona, 'a e malu'i mo e ngaahi totonu malu'i 'o ha Fakamaau 'i he Fakamaau'anga Lahi."

Na'e paasi 'e he Fale Alea 'i he 'aho 22 ni 'o 'Okatopa, 2009.

BY AUTHORITY:  
Metuisela Falesiva, General Manager  
2009.



I assent,

GEORGE TUPOU V,  
23rd October, 2009

## AN ACT

### TO AMEND THE ROYAL COMMISSIONS ACT

[22nd October, 2009]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King and Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Royal Commissions (Amendment) Act 2009.
  - (2) The Royal Commissions Act (Cap. 41), as amended, is referred to in this Act, as the Principal Act.
2. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 5A as follows:

**"5A Appointment of Counsel, Technical and Professional Experts to assist Commission**

  - (1) Commissioners may appoint one or more counsel, who shall be entitled without leave to appear in the inquiry, to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties.
  - (2) Where a Commissioner is of the opinion that the subject of an inquiry warrants it, he may appoint one or more persons with the appropriate technical or professional expertise to assist the Commission."
3. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by:
  - (a) deleting "\$500" and replacing it with "\$10,000"; and
  - (b) deleting "6 months" and replacing it with "3 years".
4. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by:
  - (a) deleting "\$500" and replacing it with "\$10,000"; and
  - (b) deleting "6 months" and replacing it with "3 years".

5. Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by:
- deleting “\$250” and replacing it with “\$2,500”; and
  - deleting “3 months” and replacing it with “2 years”.
6. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by:
- deleting “\$250” and replacing it with “\$10,000”; and
  - deleting “6 months” and replacing it with “3 years”.
7. Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:
- by renumbering the provision as (1);
  - by inserting in subsection (1) the words “or counsel assisting” after the word “Commissioner” wherever appearing; and
  - by inserting a new subsection (2) as follows:
 

“(2) A Commissioner has, in the exercise of his duty as a Commissioner, the same protection and immunity as a Supreme Court Judge.”

Passed in the Legislative Assembly this 22nd day of October, 2009.

**Tonga.**

**Fika 6 ‘o e 2009**



‘Oku ou loto ki ai,

SIAOSI TUPOU V,

23 ‘o ‘Okatopa, 2009.

## **KO E LAO**

### **KE FAKATONUTONU ‘A E LAO KI HE NGAHI KOMISONI ‘A E TU’I**

[22 ‘o ‘Okatopa, 2009]

‘OKU TU’UTU’UNI ‘e he Tu’i mo e Fale Alea ‘o Tonga ‘i he Fakataha Alea ‘o e Pule’anga ‘o pehe:

- (1) ‘E ui ‘a e Lao ni ko e Lao (Fakatonutonu) ki he Ngaahi Komisoni ‘a e Tu’i 2009.
  - (2) ‘E ui ‘a e Lao ki he Ngaahi Komisoni ‘a e Tu’i (Vahe 41), ‘i hono fakatonutonu, ‘i he Lao ni ko e Tefito’i Lao.
2. ‘Oku fakatonutonu ‘a e Tefito’i Lao ‘aki hono fakahu atu ha kupu 5A fo’ou ‘o anga pehe ni:
- “5A Fakanofu ‘o e Fakafongu Lao, Kau Mataotao Fakatekinikale mo Fakapalofesinale ke tokoni ki he Komisoni**
- (1) ‘E ngofua ki he kau Komisona ke fakanofu ha fakafongu lao, ‘a ia ‘e ‘i ai ‘ene totonu ta’e tomu’a ma’u ha ngofua ke ha ‘i he faka’eke’eke, ke tokoni ki he Komisoni ‘i he fakahoko hono ngaahi fatongia.
  - (2) Kapau ‘oku ‘i he fakakaukau ‘o ha Komisona ‘oku fiema’u koe’uhi ko e me’a ‘oku fakahoko ki ai ‘a e faka’eke’eke, ‘e ngofua ke ne fakanofu ha taha pe ni’ihi ‘oku ‘i ai honau taukei fakatekinikale pe fakapalofesinale tauu ke tokoni ki he Komisoni.”
3. ‘Oku fakatonutonu ‘a e Kupu 10 ‘o e Tefito’i Lao ‘aki:
- hono tamate’i ‘a e “\$500” pea fetongi ‘aki ‘a e “\$10,000”; pea
  - hono tamate’i ‘a e “mahina ‘e 6” pea fetongi ‘aki ‘a e “ta’u ‘e 3.”