



Tonga

**OMBUDSMAN (AMENDMENT) (NO.2)
BILL 2018**



OMBUDSMAN (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 2018

Arrangement of Sections

Section

1	Short Title	5
2	Section 11(3) amended	5

EXPLANATORY NOTE	6
-------------------------	----------



OMBUDSMAN (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 2018

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE OMBUDSMAN ACT 2001

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

1 Short title and Interpretation

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Ombudsman (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2018.
- (2) In this Act, the Ombudsman Act 2001, as amended, shall be referred to as the “Principal Act”.

2 Section 11(3) amended

Section 11(3) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after every appearance of the word “Prime Minister” the words “or the Speaker”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this day of 2018.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the Bill and is intended only to explain its purpose and effect)

- (1) This Bill proposes to amend the Ombudsman Act 2001 (“the Act”) to extend the referral powers that the Prime Minister has to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. This Bill allows the referral power both to the Prime Minister or the Speaker to refer, any matter that they would like investigated, to the Ombudsman and for a report to be forthwith provided. The Ombudsman must consent to such a referral.
- (2) In providing the Speaker with this referral power, the Speaker may refer petitions submitted to Parliament, relating to any matter to the Ombudsman. If the Ombudsman consents to the referral made by the Speaker then that matter will be investigated and a report will be submitted to the Speaker.

**Hon. Sione Vuna Fa’otusia
Minister of Justice and Prisons**