

INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

- 18.25 The Independent Review Panel (IRP) is established under Section 44 of the Public Procurement Act 2006 to look into requests made by unsatisfied bidders to review procurement proceedings in certain specific cases.
- 18.26 The objectives of the IRP are to uphold and maintain confidence of suppliers and contractors as well as the general public in the public procurement process; to ensure and enable transparency and good governance in the public procurement process; to hear and determine appeals against procurement decisions by a Public Body and/or the Central Procurement Board in line with the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Regulations as well as other Laws of Mauritius, and in the respect of the principles of best practice.
- 18.27 The IRP comprises a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and four other persons having wide experience in legal, administrative, economic, financial, engineering, scientific or technical matters and appointed by the President of the Republic. The Chairperson is, presently, assisted in his functions by an Office Management Executive and officers of the General Services.

Secretary, Independent Review Panel (New Grade)

- 18.28 Section 44(c) of the Independent Review Panel Act provides for a Secretary who would be a public officer and perform under the administrative control of the Chairperson of the Independent Review Panel. Management has submitted that with the increase in the number of requests made by unsatisfied bidders to review procurement proceedings, there is need for a Secretary to be responsible for all administrative matters and office operations of the Independent Review Panel. We are agreeable with this request and are making appropriate recommendation.

Recommendation 7

- 18.29 **We recommend the creation of a grade of Secretary, Independent Review Panel on the establishment of the Independent Review Panel. Appointment thereto should be made by selection from among candidates possessing a Degree in Management or Business Administration or Public Administration or Law from a recognised institution or an equivalent qualification; and reckoning at least three years' experience in the public sector.**
- 18.30 Incumbent in the grade of Secretary, Independent Review Panel would be required to, among others, act as the Secretary of the Review Panel; register all applications for review of procurement proceedings which are filed and scrutinize every application to ascertain whether the application is in order; liaise with the public bodies in relation to all cases of review filed with the Independent Review Panel; issue convocation letters to Applicants, the Public Body, the Central

Procurement Board and the successful bidders; communicate the decision of the Panel to all parties concerned; receive deposits made for filing of applications and submit to the Finance Section of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development; initiate action for the refund of amount deposited by Applicants; and liaise with the State Law Office and affirm affidavits for the Independent Review Panel.

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SALARY SCHEDULE**

Salary Code	Salary Scale and Grade
12 000 107	Rs 140000 Chairperson, Independent Review Panel
12 000 102	Rs 110000 Vice-Chairperson, Independent Review Panel
01 054 081	Rs 25525 x 775 – 32500 x 925 – 37125 x 1225 – 40800 x 1525 – 49950 x 1625 – 56450 Secretary, Independent Review Panel (New Grade)
