

PROCUREMENT POLICY OFFICE

- 18.55 The Procurement Policy Office (PPO) has been established pursuant to Section 4 of the Public Procurement Act of 2006 and operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.
- 18.56 The Procurement Policy Office is responsible for the formulation of policies relating to procurement; conducting oversight and monitor the performance and progress of the procurement system; recommending and facilitating the implementation of measures to improve the functions of the procurement system; and guide and promote its continuing development and improvement.
- 18.57 The Mission of the Procurement Policy Office is to promote the development of a modern and efficient public procurement system based on international best practices through close monitoring, regular auditing, capacity building and research.
- 18.58 The Procurement Policy Office has embarked on the e-Procurement System (e-PS), a web-based application hosted by the Government Online Centre that would enable all public bodies and suppliers to electronically conduct procurement proceedings from invitation to bid up to contract award. The e-PS is a new system being implemented by the Government which would bring a change in the way procurement is conducted with a shift from paper base to an electronic platform in 210 public bodies. On full implementation of the project, some 3000 public contracting would be done on-line annually by the 210 organisations falling under the ambit of the Public Procurement Act.
- 18.59 The Procurement Policy Office is administered by the Director, Procurement Policy Office and two members appointed by the President of the Republic. The Office is also manned by officers in the grades of Analyst/Senior Analyst, Assistant Manager, Procurement and Supply as well as officers of the General Services.
- 18.60 In the context of the present review exercise, representative of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development has apprised the Bureau that the grades of Manager, Procurement Policy Office and Assistant Manager, Procurement Policy Office be abolished on the establishment of the Procurement Policy Office as technical support are being provided by officers of the Procurement and Supply Cadre as well as the Analyst Cadre.
- 18.61 In the given circumstances, the Bureau is agreeable to the proposal of the Ministry to abolish the grades of Manager, Procurement Policy Office and Assistant Manager, Procurement Police Office from the establishment of the Procurement Policy Office.

Recommendation 14

18.62 We recommend that the grades of Manager, Procurement Policy Office and Assistant Manager, Procurement Policy Office, which are vacant be abolished and technical support at the Procurement Policy Office should continue to be provided by officers of the Procurement and Supply Cadre as well as the Analyst Cadre.

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SALARY SCHEDULE

Salary Code	Salary Scale and Grade
01 000 108	Rs152000 Director, Procurement Policy Office
