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COOK ISLANDS

Current (ongoing)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM /COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p>Pacific Island Desk New Zealand Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO)</p>	<p>The PCO (with funding from the NZ Aid Programme) is providing the services of a legislative drafter for a 3 year period (from 1 July 2011) to the Cook Islands Crown Law Office.</p> <p>PCO has prepared the following documents for the Cook Islands, which have been issued by the Solicitor General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a guide entitled "Solicitor-General's Legislative Drafting Directives for the Cook Islands" • a guide entitled "Preparing Instructions for the Drafting of Legislation" • an electronic template for drafting Bills • an electronic template for drafting regulations. <p>All legislation prepared for the Cook Islands must now comply with those documents.</p> <p>Significant pieces of legislation that the PCO is drafting or reviewing, or that the PCO has been asked to draft or review, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Regulations (<i>PCO is working on a first draft. These regulations are necessary for the implementation of the Education Act 2012</i>) • Financial Intelligence Unit Bill (<i>PCO has prepared a first draft of the Bill</i>) • Traditional Knowledge Bill (<i>PCO is making final changes to the draft Bill. It is almost ready for introduction.</i>) • Copyright Bill (<i>PCO has prepared a partial first draft of the Bill</i>) • Telecommunications Bill (<i>PCO has prepared a draft of the Bill</i>) • Police Bill (<i>being drafted by the New Zealand Police, but has been reviewed by the PCO. Current status is unknown</i>) • Public Expenditure Review Committee and Audit Bill (<i>PCO has provided a paper on a new</i>

	<p><i>reporting process for the Audit Office and PERC and is awaiting drafting instructions. This Bill is to replace the current PERCA Act)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport Bill (<i>PCO has prepared a consolidated version of the existing Act so that a Bill can be prepared from that basis when instructions are received</i>).
Pacific Section Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD)	AGD is currently assisting the Cook Islands to review the <i>Crimes Act 1969</i> (Cook Islands) and draft a new Crimes Bill. Assistance includes in-country consultation and the development of issues papers, drafting instructions and draft legislation.
<i>Cook Islands Immigration Development Project</i> Pacific Security Fund	Technical assistance is being provided by New Zealand through the Pacific Security Fund, to redraft immigration policies and legislation and to develop a new border management system.
WORKSHOPS / TRAINING	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<i>Police Prosecutors Training Programme</i> Pacific Security Fund New Zealand Police and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Graduated programme of police prosecutors training, including investigative interviewing training.

Completed (2011 / 2012)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Pacific Island Desk New Zealand Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO)	<p>Significant pieces of legislation that have recently been reviewed, drafted, or that have been reviewed and redrafted by the PCO, and that have now been enacted, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banking Act 2011

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Registers Act 2011 • Income Tax Amendment Act 2011 • Customs Act 2012 • Customs Tariff Act 2012 • Education Act 2012 (<i>PCO provided comments on a draft prepared by another party. The Bill was enacted in largely unamended form</i>) • Employment Relations Act 2012 • Financial Legislation Amendment Act 2012 • Insurance Amendment Act 2012 • Judicature Amendment Act 2012.
Commonwealth Pacific Governance Facility (CPGF) Commonwealth Secretariat; and Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing (OLDP) Australian Attorney-General's Department	<p>During 2011, CPGF provided a legislative drafter from the OLDP for Cook Islands Crown Law Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised the Development Investment Amendment Bill ready for presentation to Parliament; • Finalised drafting of the Education Bill; • Redrafted the Employment Relations Bill; • Suggesting policy solutions and assisting clients to shape their policies in order to progress matters, including extensive research of overseas legislation to find possible models that could be adapted to meet the needs of the Cook Islands; • Trialled Legislative Drafting Directives and drafting templates developed by NZ PCO; • Capacity building for two Crown Law Office staff on legislative drafting matters.
WORKSHOPS / TRAINING	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<i>Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries</i> Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP)	Funded by the UN and implemented by the UNEP, SPREP is the Pacific hub of the project. Accordingly, during 2011 SPREP provided a two week negotiation skills training course to members of staff at Crown Law, Cook Islands to assist them with upcoming MEA negotiations. The course was facilitated by SPREP staff and a consultant from private practice in Australia. SPREP is also assisting with ongoing development of training materials in relation to this course.

FIJI

Completed (2011)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Secretariat for the Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	SPREP arranged for a new Decree to be drafted in order to reform Fiji's regulatory framework for ozone depleting substances.

KIRIBATI

Current (ongoing)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<i>Changing Laws, Protecting Women and Families Project</i> The Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (RRRT/SPC)	Implementation of this project in Kiribati will include the drafting of a bill on the issue of violence against women. RRRT will provide technical assistance in the drafting process and assist with analysis on proposed legislation.
<i>Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project</i> Office of International Law - Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD); Geoscience Australia; Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SOPAC) and Commonwealth	Technical legal assistance is being provided to negotiate maritime boundaries with neighbouring States and to review and update domestic legislation declaring maritime zones. AGD reviewed draft maritime boundary treaties between Kiribati and the Cook Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Nauru and Tuvalu. Treaties were signed at the Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting in August 2012. In addition, AGD drafted the treaty settling the point of intersection ('tri-point') between the maritime boundaries of Kiribati, RMI and Nauru. The tri-point treaty was

Secretariat	also signed at the Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting in August 2012.
WORKSHOPS / TRAINING	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<i>Police Prosecutors Training Programme</i> Pacific Security Fund New Zealand Police and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	A graduated programme of police prosecutors training, including investigative interviewing training.

Completed (2013)

Pacific Section, Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD)	AGD provided assistance with the implementation of the <i>Police Service Act 2008</i> (Kiribati) and the <i>Police Powers and Duties Act 2009</i> (Kiribati). This included drafting regulations and determinations and draft amendment to the <i>Police Service Act 2008</i> (Kiribati), providing a template for the appointment of special constables and an implementation plan to guide implementation of Kiribati's police legislation.
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NAURU

Current (ongoing)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p><i>International Legal Assistance Branch</i> Pacific Section Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD)</p>	<p>AGD is continuing to provide legislative reform assistance to Nauru to strengthen its crime and policing frameworks through review of the <i>Criminal Code 1899</i> (Nauru) and the <i>Police Force Act 1972</i> (Nauru). AGD has worked closely with Nauruan stakeholders, including government lawyers and the Nauru Police Force, to prepare draft issues papers for legislative reform. Following policy directions given by the Government of Nauru, AGD has been working with the Nauru Office of Parliamentary Counsel to prepare draft legislation as part of the Criminal Code reform process.</p>
<p><i>Deep Sea Minerals Project</i> Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SOPAC)</p>	<p>Nauru is the sponsoring state for NORI, which has been granted an exploration license by the International Seabed Authority to mine for polymetallic nodules in the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone.</p> <p>There are fairly stringent expectations placed on the sponsoring State under UNCLOS, and the most pressing issues for Nauru are the need to put in place an appropriate regulatory regime, and the development of the capacity necessary to oversee NORI's activities.</p> <p>Assistance in this regard is being provided by the SOPAC Division of the SPC, through their Deep Sea Minerals project, funded by the European Union. The Deep Sea Minerals Project Legal Adviser from SOPAC is providing drafting instructions and advice to Nauru's Office of Parliamentary Counsel, which will prepare the necessary legislation for introduction to Parliament.</p>
<p>Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and International Union on the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)</p>	<p>SPREP and IUCN are working with Nauru to develop a comprehensive environmental policy which will form the basis of an environmental statute.</p>
<p><i>Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project</i></p>	<p>Technical legal assistance is being provided to negotiate maritime boundaries with neighbouring</p>

Office of International Law - Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD); Geoscience Australia; Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SOPAC) and Commonwealth Secretariat	States and to review and update domestic legislation declaring maritime zones. AGD reviewed the draft maritime boundary treaties between Nauru and Kiribati and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). The treaties were signed at the Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting in August 2012. In addition, AGD drafted the treaty settling the point of intersection ('tri-point') between the maritime boundaries of Kiribati, RMI and Nauru. The tri-point treaty was also signed at the Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting in August 2012.
OTHER ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Legal Information Access Project (LIAP) – Phase 2 (Funded by) NZ AID	Following on from LIAP Phase 1, in which all primary legislation in force was consolidated and published electronically in authorized form, LIAP 2 involves the consolidation and reprint of all subordinate legislation. Phase 2 commenced in March 2012 and is expected to be completed by August 2012. Subordinate legislation will be published on the legal database that was established in Phase 1 and is maintained by Legal Publication Unit within the Office of Parliamentary Counsel. See http://ronlaw.gov.nr
DLA Piper – through Centre for Asia Pacific Pro Bono (CAPPB) – Law Council of Australia Secretariat	In 2013, DLA Piper will provide training and ongoing mentoring to the Nauru Public Defender and other members of the legal profession. The training will be provided in four modules.

Completed (2011 / 2012)

WORKSHOPS / TRAINING	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Australia Bar Association South Pacific Lawyers Association	The Australian Bar Association (ABA) runs a four day Trial Advocacy Course. One lawyer from the Nauru Department of Justice and Border Control attended the course at the Perth District Court in July 2011. The ABA provides two scholarships annually to attend this course which include course

	fees, accommodation and meals.
Victorian Bar	In November 2011 two members of the Victorian Bar, at the request of the Chief Justice of Nauru, travelled to Nauru for 10 days to assist the lawyers and pleaders of Nauru with the development of their advocacy skills.
OTHER ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<i>Legal Information Access Project (LIAP) – Phase 1</i> (Funded by) NZ Aid	<p>The purpose of the project is to address the critical need for people to have free access to the law. It also enabled Nauru to meet its commitments under the PaCLII MOU and is a complement to information available on PaCLII.</p> <p>The main outcomes were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidated electronic reprints of all laws in force (the first consolidation since 1937); • Creating an online searchable database that contains legislation, court decisions and Gazettes; and • Establishing within the Office of Parliamentary Counsel a Legal Publication Unit that is responsible for maintaining the database and other publishing tasks. <p>See http://ronlaw.gov.nr.</p>

NIUE

Current (ongoing)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Pacific Island Desk New Zealand Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO)	<p>The PCO (with funding from the NZ Aid Programme) is providing the services of one legislative drafter for a three year period (from 1 July 2011) to the Niue Crown Law Office.</p> <p>PCO has prepared the following documents for Niue, which are to be issued by the Solicitor General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a guide entitled "Crown Law Office's Legislative Drafting Directives for Niue" • a guide entitled "Preparing Instructions for the Drafting of Legislation" • an electronic template for drafting Bills • an electronic template for drafting regulations. <p>All legislation prepared for Niue must comply with those documents.</p> <p>Significant pieces of legislation that the PCO is drafting or reviewing, or that the PCO has been asked to draft or review, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Bill (<i>PCO has almost completed drafting the Bill. It will be ready shortly for introduction</i>) • Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2013 (<i>PCO is preparing the first draft</i>) • Unclaimed Money Bill (<i>PCO has prepared a draft of the Bill</i>) • Fire Restrictions Regulations 2013 (<i>PCO has prepared a partial first draft of the regulations</i>) • Mental Health Care Bill (<i>PCO has prepared a partial first draft of the Bill</i>) • Biosecurity Bill • Anti-money Laundering Amendment Bill • Countering Financing of Terrorism Amendment Bill
<i>Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project</i>	Technical legal assistance is being provided to negotiate maritime boundaries with neighbouring

<p>Office of International Law - Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD); Geoscience Australia; Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SOPAC) and Commonwealth Secretariat</p>	<p>States and to review and update domestic legislation declaring maritime zones.</p> <p>AGD drafted the maritime boundary treaty between Niue and the Cook Islands. The treaty was signed at the Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting in August 2012.</p> <p>In June 2011, AGD and SOPAC staff travelled to Niue to brief the Niue Government on the status of their maritime boundaries and provide legal assistance to update legislation and subsequently incorporate improved data developed by SOPAC. AGD drafted the <i>Maritime Zones Bill 2011</i> (Niue), consequential amendments and public notices.</p>
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Completed (2011 / 2012 / 2013)

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<p>Pacific Island Desk New Zealand Parliamentary Counsel Office (PCO)</p>	<p>Significant pieces of legislation that have recently been drafted, or that have been reviewed and redrafted by the PCO, and that have now been enacted, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Tax Amendment Act 2012 • Taoga Niue Act 2012 • Vagahau Niue Act 2012 • Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities (World Bank) Regulations 2013 • Income Tax (Niue-New Zealand Tax Information Exchange Agreement) Regulations 2013 • Niue Bank Amendment Act 2013 • Niue Bank (Designated Bank and Authorised Agent) Regulations 2013.
WORKSHOPS / TRAINING	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p><i>Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries</i></p>	<p>Funded by the UN and implemented by the UNEP, SPREP is the Pacific hub of the project. Accordingly, SPREP provided a two week negotiation skills training course to government lawyers to assist them with upcoming MEA negotiations. The course was facilitated by SPREP staff and a consultant from</p>

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP)	private practice in Australia. SPREP is also assisting with ongoing development of training materials in relation to this course.
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PALAU

Completed (2011)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Secretariat for the Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	SPREP assisted with the development of a legislative framework for Palau to ratify the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Current (ongoing)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<i>Pacific Police Development Program</i> Pacific Section Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD)	AGD, in collaboration with officers of Papua New Guinea Department of Justice and Attorney General, has completed a review of current controls on illegal drugs under PNG law to enable PNG to enhance its legal framework on illegal drugs and precursor chemicals, and provided a gap analysis paper to

	Papua New Guinea for consideration.
EXCHANGE / MENTORING PROGRAMS	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<i>Prosecutor Exchange Programme</i> Solomon Islands Director of Public Prosecutions Papua New Guinea Office of the Public Prosecutor	Officers from the Solomon Islands Director of Public Prosecutions and the Papua New Guinea Office of the Public Prosecutor are seconded to work in each other's offices through an exchange program.
<i>Commonwealth Ombudsman Twinning Program</i> Commonwealth Ombudsman	Key activities of the Twinning Program include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The placement of PNG staff in the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office (Australia) to learn about investigations, corporate management, public relations and regional office management • Hosting discussions on the challenges of open and accountable government • Assisting with responsibilities under the Leadership Code by coordinating meetings with the OCPNG Director of Leadership and anti-corruption and integrity organisations in Australia.
<i>Strongim Gavman Program</i> Pacific Section Australian Attorney-General's Department	Senior and experienced Australian public servants are placed in PNG agencies (including the Department of Justice and Attorney General, the Office of the Solicitor General, and Office of the State Solicitor) to work with PNG counterparts under the oversight of PNG ministers and agency heads, to progress reform in the areas of economic and public sector governance, border management and transport, and law and justice.
WORKSHOPS / TRAINING	
<i>Australian Government Solicitor</i>	Since 2009, the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) has been conducting legal training for officers of PNG DJAG, particularly in the Office of the Solicitor- General and Office of the State Solicitor, on a pro bono basis. The courses which have been developed and delivered have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory interpretation • Understanding legislation • Advice writing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional writing skills, and • Commercial law advising. <p>The most recent training course, delivered over a two-week period in April 2012, also included training on presentation skills, which specifically focused on development and delivery, as well as working with DJAG lawyers on client outreach presentations.</p>
OTHER ASSISTANCE	
<p><i>Asset Restraint and Confiscation Program</i> Anti-Money Laundering Assistance Team (AMLAT) Australian Attorney-General's Department</p>	<p>Developed in conjunction with PNG, this program includes development of a comprehensive proceeds of crime investigation manual for use by the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Royal PNG Constabulary, review of the Office of Public Prosecutions proceeds of crime manual, in-country police mentoring of active cases, and delivery of a proceeds of crime workshop for PNG police and prosecutors based on the proceeds of crime manuals.</p>
<p>Environmental Defenders Office, New South Wales Australia (EDO)</p>	<p>The EDO has provided lawyers based in PNG with strategic assistance and expert advice in conducting litigation in relation to illegal logging.</p>

Completed (2011 / 2012)

WORKSHOPS / TRAINING	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p>Victorian Bar Association</p>	<p>In late November 2012, the Victorian Bar Association provided advocacy skills and professional ethics training to legal staff employed by the Papua New Guinea Office of the Solicitor-General and a small number of private practitioners. Under this training exercise, 30 government lawyers and 10 private lawyers will receive the benefit of the training from the Victorian Bar Association.</p>
<p>The Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering and</p>	<p>Regional train the trainer workshops were conducted by the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering</p>

World Bank	and the World Bank. The purpose was to assist PNG to prioritise the recommendations made in the Mutual Evaluation Report and enable all stakeholders in PNG to develop and implement a Strategic Implementation Plan for the recommendations.
AGS Pro Bono Program Australian Government Solicitor	Free legal training was provided in Port Moresby to PNG government lawyers on statutory interpretation, contract management, professional writing, practice management, presentation skills and client relationship skills.
Queensland Corrective Services	Queensland Corrective Services Training Academy delivered training programs to staff from PNG Correctional Services.
OTHER ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Supreme Court of Queensland	The Supreme Court of Queensland, Australia, donated recording and transcription equipment to the PNG courts.

SAMOA

Current (ongoing)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<i>Criminal Law Review Project</i> New Zealand Crown Law Office (CLO) Law and Justice Sector Programme	The CLO sourced legislative drafting assistance for the Samoan Office of the Attorney General in preparation of a new Crimes Act, Criminal Procedure Act, Evidence Act and Sentencing Act.

<p><i>Strengthening the Legal Framework against Terrorism in the Pacific Project</i> The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)</p>	<p>The <i>Strengthening the Legal Framework against Terrorism in the Pacific Project</i> is aimed at supporting the implementation of the universal legal framework against terrorism contained in the 16 international counter terrorism instruments.</p> <p>Acting upon a request by the government of Samoa, and in close collaboration with officials from the Samoan Office of the Attorney General (OAG), UNODC/TPB provided legislative drafting and advisory services related to the development of a draft Bill repealing the Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism Act 2005, Samoa's primary counter terrorism statute. The bill was introduced into Parliament during the March 2012 session. The first and second readings of the Bill have been completed and it has been referred to the relevant Parliamentary Select Committee for consideration.</p>
<p><i>Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project</i> Office of International Law, Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD); Geoscience Australia; Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SOPAC) and Commonwealth Secretariat</p>	<p>Technical legal assistance is being provided to negotiate maritime boundaries with neighbouring States and to review and update domestic legislation declaring maritime zones.</p> <p>AGD has reviewed Samoa's maritime zones legislation and provided a template for proclaiming the territorial sea baseline and outer limits of the territorial sea.</p>
WORKSHOPS / TRAINING	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p><i>Police Prosecutors Training Programme</i> Pacific Security Fund New Zealand Police and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>	<p>A graduated programme of police prosecutors training, including investigative interviewing training.</p>
EXCHANGE / MENTORING PROGRAMS	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p>Law and Justice Sector Programme</p>	<p>Lawyers from Australia and New Zealand have acted as mentors for Samoan lawyers.</p>

(Funded by) AusAid	
OTHER ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Law and Justice Sector Programme (Funded by) AusAid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitisation of Land and Titles Court Records, including the establishment of SamLII and the development of a Prosecutors Manual. • Record Management Project – the aim of this project is to establish a centralized system within the Office of the Attorney General.
Asia Pacific Forum	<p>Assistance is being provided in relation to the establishment of an independent national human rights institution. Asia Pacific Forum (APF) Consultants visited Samoa at the invitation of the Government, to work with the Attorney-General's Office and the Office of the Ombudsman to identify systems, processes, resources and other logistics that would be required to establish a national human rights institution within the Office of the Ombudsman.</p> <p>A report will be prepared based on the consultants' research and consultations. The report will present concrete recommendations about the structure, size, roles and functions of a proposed Human Rights Commission, the resources that will be required and how it can meet international standards for national human rights institutions.</p>

Completed (2011 / 2012)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Pacific Section Australian Attorney General's Department	The Pacific Section of the Australian Attorney General's Department reviewed the proposed Crimes Bill.
<i>Applying international drafting practices training course</i> (Funded by) Commonwealth Secretariat and New	Funding was provided in 2011 for one legislative drafter to attend a 4 week training course, on applying international drafting practices to domestic legal systems.

Zealand Office of Parliamentary Counsel	
Secretariat for the Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	SPREP assisted and provided comments on the drafting of waste management regulations for Samoa.
EXCHANGE / MENTORING PROGRAMS	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	
Law Commission New Zealand Government	The Law Commission hosted two separate exchanges from the Samoan Law Reform Commission in 2012. These exchanges resulted in both visitors learning about specific office practices and projects. The New Zealand Law Commission will continue to support the Samoan Law Reform Commission with other secondments in the future.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Current (Ongoing)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p><i>Strengthening Environmental Management and Reducing the Impact of Climate Change Project</i> United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p>	<p>The objective of the Project is to assist the Government of the Solomon Islands in capacity development for environmental management. The project includes strengthening capacity to develop and implement national environment policy and plan which also includes strengthening enforcement and compliance of environmental legislation.</p>
EXCHANGE / MENTORING PROGRAMS	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p><i>Prosecutor Exchange Programme</i> Solomon Islands Director of Public Prosecutions Papua New Guinea Office of the Public Prosecutor</p>	<p>Officers from the Solomon Islands Director of Public Prosecutions and the Papua New Guinea Office of the Public Prosecutor are seconded to work in each other's offices through this exchange program.</p>
OTHER ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p>Environmental Defenders Office, New South Wales Australia (EDO)</p>	<p>The EDO has provided lawyers based in the Solomon Islands with strategic assistance and expert advice in conducting litigation in relation to illegal logging.</p>

Completed (2011 / 2012)

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
AGS Pro Bono Program Australian Government Solicitor	The Australian Government Solicitor's Office provided free legal training in Honiara to government officers on procurement, tender evaluation, contract management and contract law.
<i>Advanced civil and criminal advocacy training skills workshop</i> Victorian Bar	In September 2011 a 4 day advanced civil and criminal advocacy training skills workshop was conducted in Honiara, Solomon Islands, for lawyers from both the private profession and from government agencies. The Workshop focused on practical exercises designed to improve participants' leading of evidence, cross-examination, re-examination and making of oral submissions. The course was facilitated by 3 members of the Victorian Bar.
<i>Trial Advocacy Course</i> Australia Bar Association South Pacific Lawyers Association	The Australian Bar Association (ABA) runs a 4 day Trial Advocacy Course. One lawyer from the Solomon Islands Public Solicitor's Office attended the course at the Perth District Court in July. The ABA provided two scholarships annually to attend this course which include course fees, accommodation, meals.
New Zealand Law Reform Commission and Australian Law Reform Commission	The NZ Law Commission presented on sentencing guidelines at a conference organised by the Solomon Islands Law Reform Commission (SILRC). Two officers from the SILRC were seconded to the Australian Law Reform Commission, and one to the New Zealand Law Commission.

TONGA

Current (ongoing)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p><i>Pacific Police Development Program</i> Pacific Section and Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing (OLDP) Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD)</p>	<p>AGD provided assistance, in partnership with the Tonga Police, the Australian Federal Police and the New Zealand Police to review and reform police legislation in Tonga. The <i>Tonga Police Act 2010</i> (Tonga) introduced significant reforms by creating new police governance arrangements, codifying general police powers of search, seizure and arrest, inserting new powers to allow forensic investigations and surveillance, and inserting safeguards for the use of those powers.</p> <p>AGD is committed to seeing the full implementation of this important legislation and remains available to assist Tonga Police as they carry out this important task. The project is currently nearing completion.</p>
<p><i>Strengthening the Legal Framework against Terrorism in the Pacific Project</i> The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Terrorism Prevention Branch (UNODC/TPB) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)</p>	<p>The <i>Strengthening the Legal Framework against Terrorism in the Pacific Project</i> is aimed at supporting the implementation of the universal legal framework against terrorism contained in the 16 international counter terrorism instruments.</p> <p>Acting on a request from the Kingdom of Tonga, UNODC/TPB provided legislative drafting assistance and delivered a draft Bill, amending the 2005 Counter Terrorism and Organized Crime Act to the Solicitor General. Officials from the Office of the Solicitor General have been reviewing the draft Bill for possible finalisation and introduction into Parliament.</p>
OTHER ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p>Tongan Crown Law Department Commonwealth Secretariat</p>	<p>With the assistance of the Commonwealth Secretariat both English and Tongan versions of Tongan laws have been updated and will be published online.</p>

Completed (2011 / 2012)

WORKSHOPS / TRAINING	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and AUSTRAC	The Tongan Crown Law Department and the National Reserve Bank of Tonga hosted a Strategic Implementation Planning workshop, supported by the APG, PIFS and AUSTRAC,- to set out a plan to respond to the recommendations contained in the Tonga's mutual evaluation report on anti-money laundering and combating terrorist financing activities adopted by the Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering.
<i>Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries</i> Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP)	Funded by the UN and implemented by the UNEP, SPREP is the Pacific hub of the project. Accordingly, SPREP provided a two week negotiation skills training course to members of staff Tonga Crown Law to assist them with upcoming MEA negotiations. The course was facilitated by SPREP staff and a consultant from private practice in Australia. SPREP is also assisting with ongoing development of training materials in relation to this course.
OTHER ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Commonwealth Pacific Governance Facility (CPGF)	Assistance was provided by the CPGF to the Tongan Crown Law Department to update the Tongan Law Reports.
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)	PIFS provided a grant to SPC to assist SPC's work in developing domestic violence related legislation in Tonga.

TUVALU

Current (ongoing)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
PROGRAM / COUNTRY / ORGANISATION	DETAILS
<p><i>Pacific Police Development Program</i> Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD)</p>	<p>AGD is working in partnership with the Tuvalu Police Service and the Australian Federal Police to continue work to implement the <i>Police Service Act 2009</i> (Tuvalu) and the <i>Police Powers and Duties Act 2009</i> (Tuvalu). AGD has provided implementation plans and legislative drafting assistance and will continue to support Tuvalu through working in-country to implement these important policing reforms.</p>
<p><i>Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project</i> Office of International Law, Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD); Geoscience Australia; Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SOPAC) and Commonwealth Secretariat</p>	<p>Technical legal assistance is being provided to negotiate maritime boundaries with neighbouring States and to review and update domestic legislation declaring maritime zones.</p> <p>An AGD officer visited Tuvalu in September 2011 to review Tuvalu's domestic maritime zones legislation. Tuvalu's new <i>Maritime Zones Act 2012</i> (Tuvalu) was enacted in May 2012.</p> <p>AGD reviewed draft maritime boundary treaties between Tuvalu and neighbouring States. Tuvalu and Kiribati signed a treaty on maritime boundaries at the Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting in August 2012.</p>

Completed (2012)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
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Legal Drafting Unit Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)	Upon the request of the Tuvalu Attorney-General, PIFS assisted the Tuvalu Attorney General's Office to provide written comments on Tuvalu's draft <i>Family Protection and Domestic Violence Bill 2012</i> .

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Current (ongoing)

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<i>Strengthening the Legal Framework against Terrorism in the Pacific Project</i> The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Terrorism Prevention Branch (UNODC/TPB) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)	UNODC/TPB has provided legislative drafting and related advisory services to the government of Vanuatu to implement the recommendations of a Mutual Evaluation of Vanuatu's Counter Terrorism Financing regime by the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG). In December 2010 UNODC drafted and provided a Bill to officials. This legislation was passed in February 2012 and officials are now working on draft legislation and possible ratification of remaining counter terrorism instruments.

Completed (2011 / 2012)

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE	
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Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship	<p>The Department of Immigration and Citizenship provided assistance in reviewing existing immigration legislation and drafting new immigration legislation. The new <i>Immigration Act 2010</i> (Vanuatu) and <i>Immigration Visa Regulations 2010</i> (Vanuatu) came into force in 2011.</p> <p>The Department of Immigration and Citizenship is continuing to provide assistance to the Vanuatu Immigration Service to develop policy and business processes to reflect the provisions of the new Act and Regulations.</p>
Secretariat for the Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	SPREP arranged for new meteorology legislation to be drafted for Vanuatu. The law incorporates new areas of geo-hazards and climate change responsibilities arising under the UNFCCC.
Secretariat for the Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	SPREP arranged for a new legislation to be drafted in order to reform Vanuatu's regulatory framework for ozone depleting substances.