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Simbu Province, first to furnish 2024 APPR

PORT MORESBY: OUT of the 20 provinces which falls under the Organic Law on the Provincial and Local-level Government (OLPLLG) requirements, only Simbu Provincial Administration has submitted its 2024 Annual Provincial Performance Report (APPR) to the Department of Provincial and Local Level Government Affairs (DPLGA) today.

The report was received by Acting Director Performance, Monitoring and Coordination Herman Mirio on behalf of Secretary Philip Leo.

The APPRs are in compliance with Section 119 of the Organic law on Provincial and Local Level Governments, which mandates annual reporting on provincial performance.

Mr. Mirio stressed that these reports must outline the six key minimum priority areas, which are Education, Health, Transport and Works, Primary Industry, Law and Justice and Governance.

“By law, the deadline for these reports is on June 30th of the preceding every year.

The reason is that, these APPRs will be presented in Parliament by the Minister for Provincial and Local Level Government Affairs,” he said.

He highlighted that APPR also provide an overview of the provincial government’s activities such as service delivery, financial management and compliance with National Policies and regulations.

Acting Director applauded the Simbu Provincial Administration for adhering to a notice issued by DPLGA to all provinces last week for the submission of all APPRs.

"Last year, only 10 provinces submitted APPRS for 2023, under the leadership of Secretary Leo, all APPRs for 2024 must be submitted to DPLGA on or before June 30th," Mr. Mirio said.

Simbu Provincial Administration Principal Advisor Policy and Planning Mr. Andrew Ninkama, who submitted the report, said the APPR captures what the provincial administration has done last year.

The findings and recommendation from these reports will guide future planning and development efforts, ensuring that provincial governments continue to improve their governance and service delivery.

Photo caption: Simbu Provincial Administration Principal Advisor Policy and Planning Mr. Andrew Ninkama (left) presenting the 2024 APPR reports to the Acting Director Performance, Monitoring and Coordination Herman Mirio (right) who is receiving this Report on behalf of Secretary Philip Leo, flanked by other senior officers of DPLGA.

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