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WNBP third province to submit 2024 Annual Provincial Performance Report

PORT MORESBY: West New Britain is the third province to submit its 2024 Annual Provincial Performance Reports (APPR) to the Department of Provincial and Local Level Government Affairs (DPLGA) yesterday.

Deputy Secretary for Provincial and Local Level Services Monitoring Authority (PLLSMA), Mr. James Agigo received the 2023 and 2024 reports on behalf of Secretary Philip Leo from Provincial Administrator Mr. Leo Mapmani.

Mr. Agigo stressed on the importance of compliance reporting as part of accountability by provincial governments.

“Provincial Governments have to be compliant to mandatory requirements under the Organic Law on Provincial and Local Level Governments (OLPLLG),” Mr. Agigo highlighted.

Mr. Mapmani acknowledged Secretary Leo for his leadership and assured DPLGA that WNB will improve on its reporting by submitting future reports before the annual deadline (June 30th).

He also stressed on the need to review and broaden the scope of current reporting to reflect growth in population and other service delivery expenditure priorities.

Secretary Leo said according to DPLGA’s records, in 2023- 12 provinces have submitted, eight provinces yet to submit, while last year (2024) – three (3) provinces have submitted and 17 provinces still outstanding.

With the deadline for the 2024 APPR approaching, Minister for Provincial and Local Level Government Affairs Hon. Soroi Marepo Eoe earlier had warned provincial governments to submit their APPRs.

Minister Eoe strongly emphasized that lack of compliance not only undermines the principles of transparency and accountability that are fundamental to our governance, but also hampers our ability to effectively monitor and enhance service delivery across the nation.

The Annual Provincial Performance Reports are in compliance with Section 119 of OLPLLG, which mandates annual reporting on provincial performance.

The report details the six key minimum priority areas which are Health, Education, Transport and Works, Primary Industry, Law and Justice and Governance.

The first province to submit its 2024 report was Simbu followed by Oro and West New Britain.

Photo caption: West New Britain Provincial Administrator Mr. Leo Mapmani officially presenting the Annual Provincial Performance Reports from 2023-2024 to the Deputy Secretary for Provincial and Local Level Services Monitoring Authority (PLLSMA), Mr. James Agigo yesterday flanked by DPLGA and West New Britain provincial administration officials.

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