

**PRACTICE DIRECTION 5 OF 2014:
SERVICE OF PROCESS ON THE KINGDOM**

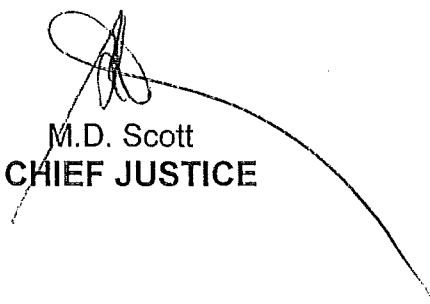
1. Section 6 of the Crown Proceedings Act (Cap 13) provides that:

“Where the Kingdom of Tonga is a party to a suit, all process in the suit required to be served upon that party shall be served upon the Solicitor –General of the Kingdom or in his absence upon the Chief Secretary to the Cabinet”.

2. Difficulty and delay has resulted from service of process on individual Ministries.
3. It has now been agreed by the Solicitor-General, the President of the Law Society and myself that henceforth all process involving a Government Ministry (including the Ministry of Lands) shall be served on the Solicitor-General (or an officer of the Crown Law Department). Service should not be effected on individual Ministries and will no longer be accepted by them.
4. Proceedings issued out of the Vava'u Registry will need to be sent down to Nuku'alofa for service upon Crown Law Office.
5. This Practice Direction has no application to Public Enterprises e.g. Tonga Broadcasting Commission.
6. This Practice Direction is effective immediately.

NUKU'ALOFA: 22 August 2014.




**M.D. Scott
CHIEF JUSTICE**

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