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TIPNG: MPs must support tabling of 2005 Guns Report

Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) expresses support for Minister for Internal Security Hon Sani Rambi for his plans to table in parliament the long shelved Guns Committee Report compiled in 2005.

TIPNG says the continuous neglect of the guns report by the government does not make sense considering the substantial amounts of public funds that were used to compile the report. The anti-corruption watchdog is saddened by the fact that such a substantiative report with significant recommendations has been forgotten on Waigani shelves to date.

TIPNG says it is about time this very important report is tabled with the support from all MPs in Parliament. TIPNG believes it is a way forward in combating violent firearms-related crime and the influx of illegal firearms into the country through illicit and corrupt practices.

TIPNG urges MPs to support the Minister for Internal Security when he tables the report in Parliament. TIPNG says violence with use of firearms is widespread and affects people from all walks of life.

The anti-corruption NGO says that for any Member of Parliament not to support tabling the report would be a direct insult and neglect of the welfare and safety of their constituents who gave the MPs the mandate to work towards their safety as their elected representatives in Parliament.

It is very crucial for the good of the people that all MPs support the tabling of the report and subsequent implementation of the report's recommendations.

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