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RSIPF's Prosecution Department Receives Critical Support from Australian Government

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF)'s Prosecution Department has once again received a critical support from the Australian government.

On 20th March 2025, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) delivered a support to the RSIPF's Prosecution Department that includes desktop computers, monitors and uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) through the Australian-Solomon Islands Partnership for Justice (ASIPJ) program.

The handover ceremony, which took place at the Central Police Station, was attended by the Prosecution Department Director, Chief Superintendent Rodney Wheatney.

In his remarks, Chief Superintendent Wheatney thanked the Australian government for its continued support saying this latest support will enhance their department's work.

"This support will empower our department to perform its duties with efficiency and effectiveness," Chief Superintendent Wheatney said.

The support represents the enduring security and policing partnership between the Solomon Islands and Australia which spanned two decades. This is not the first instance where DFAT supported the RSIPF's Prosecution Department. Over the years, DFAT has contributed a wide range of assistance including office equipment, advisory services, training programs and support for provincial tours and court circuits.

Chief Superintendent Wheatney said the support represents a renewed commitment to justice and reflects the ongoing partnership between Australia and Solomon Islands.

He said for years their department experienced challenges while working with outdated technology.

"we operated with systems that were slow, inefficient and unable to meet the growing demands of our work.

Despite these obstacles, our team remained steadfast in upholding justice. The new computers and accessories we have received will no longer be hindered by obsolete hardware," Chief Superintendent Wheatney said.

He said the support is a catalyst for meaningful and long-term change as it will enable them to work efficiently, enhance the accuracy of their services and deliver justice in a timely manner.

Chief Superintendent Wheatney said the technological upgrade was not solely about improved equipment, but about enhancing the quality of services provided by the Prosecution Department.

He said this will ensure there is timely access to justice and the demands of the future are met.

Chief Superintendent Wheatney said the support from DFAT and ASIPJ highlights the Australian government's trust in the Prosecution Department and the strong partnership between the two nations.

He said the support not only shows the importance of what they do, but also strengthen the bond between Australian and Solomon Islands.

"This is a reminder that the pursuit of justice knows no boundaries and through collaboration, we can face and overcome challenges together," Director Wheatney added.

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