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To: Permanent Secretaries and
Heads of Departments

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Subject: **RELEASE OF EMPLOYEES DUE TO TROPICAL DEPRESSION
AND SUBSEQUENT FLOODINGS** Date: 8/01/2009

1.0 **Introduction**

- 1.1 The Meteorological Department has at 10.45 am today issued a strong wind warning which remains in force for the Fiji Group until the weekend.
- 1.2 An active South Pacific Convergence Zone with associated strong winds and rain lies slow moving over Fiji. Forecast for the Fiji group is for Northwesterly winds of 50 to 60 kilometres per hour with momentary gusts to 85 kilometres per hour.
- 1.3 With the above developments, further rain, heavy at times with flash flooding of low lying areas, rivers and streams has been predicted for the Central Eastern, Western and the Northern Divisions.

3.0 **Release of Employees**

- 4.2 In view of the above bulletin advice by the Meteorological Department, at this stage, only employees who reside in low lying areas and that is affected by flooding should be released immediately to go home for their safety and for the protection of their property.
- 4.3 Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments must exercise their discretion in the release of the remaining staff should the situation deteriorate whereby employees will be affected by further flooding and winds.

5.0 **Clarification**

- 7.3 This Circular should be given the widest possible circulation and for further information and/or clarification, please contact Mr. Asraf Maqbool at the Public Service Commission on telephone 3314588 Ext. 218 or on email address aali@psc.gov.fj.



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