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The Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) hands over the responsibility of evaluating tenders to appoint an external auditor to audit the accounts of the OAG.

The Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Office of the Secretary-General to Parliament to clearly demarcate the role and responsibility to advertise and evaluate tenders to appoint the external auditor for the Office of the Auditor-General.

Section 14(1) of the Audit Act 1969 provides that the Speaker of Parliament may appoint a natural person to audit the accounts of the Office of the Auditor-General for a term not exceeding 3 years.

Prior to the execution of this MOA, the OAG advertised and evaluated the expressions of interest/tender submissions. At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the OAG submits a recommendation to the Speaker of Parliament.

Upon receipt of the recommendation, the Speaker of Parliament then appoints an external auditor to audit the accounts of the OAG. This has been the practice since the Audit Act 1969 was amended in 2006.

The MOA was signed by the Acting Secretary-General to Parliament Ms Viniana Namosimalua and the Auditor-General Mr Ajay Nand at the Parliament Complex this morning.

The Auditor-General Mr Ajay Nand says “transferring of this role to the Parliament will promote greater independence and transparency in the selection and appointment of the external auditor for the OAG”.

