

Ministry of Public Administration,
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To: All Secretaries to Ministries
and Heads of Departments.

The Attorney-General's Advice or Opinion.

It has become necessary to draw your attention to the provisions of the Chapter XXXIII Section 1 "the Attorney-General's Advice or Opinion" in particular sub section 1:1. For convenience of reference, the sub section is reproduced here.

"When the advice or opinion of the Attorney-General is sought, the point on which such advice or opinion is sought should be stated precisely. He should be furnished with a full and complete statement of the facts of the case together with references to the relevant pages of any office file that is forwarded.

If he has been consulted before on the same question reference should be quoted to any previous opinions given by him."

02. It has been observed that in many instances in addressing the Attorney-General due care is not exercised to comply with all the applicable provisions of this section, as a result the Attorney-General and his officers have had to enter into correspondence with those seeking his advice, for clarification on many matters which would not have been necessary had the provisions of this section been properly complied with.

03. Please draw the attention of all officers to the need to read carefully and to comply with the requirements of Section 1 of Chapter XXXIII of the Establishments Code when seeking the advice of the Attorney-General. It should be emphasised that it is in the interests of the party seeking advice to do so in order to get speedy advice and a quicker resolution of their problem.

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