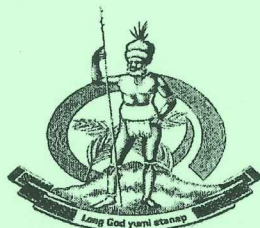


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COMMUNIQUE DE PRESSE

This communiqué de Presse is released by Vanuatu Public Service Commission to clear the air on biased and excessive reporting from the media outlet in Vanuatu and overseas concerning suspended Doctor Basil Leodoro.

The Commission today Wednesday 7th of February 2018 has re-instated Surgeon Leodoro after months of suspension on half Salary.

The Public Service Commission reiterates that in no way a public servant when suspended will attempt to bypass the Disciplinary Process set out in the Public Service Staff Manual. When a public servant is suspended and Employee Disciplinary Report is issued to him/her and it is a must that the EDR is returned within the required time frame which is 7 days.

Doctor has never responded to the allegation against him and has in couple of occasions used the Media in Vanuatu to fight his case through. The Vanuatu Public Service Commission is disappointed though to see such attitude from a respected surgeon who tried to use other means other than the Public Service Disciplinary Processes to fight his case through.

The Commission through this Communiqué is reiterating that Disciplinary Processes outlined in the Public Service Staff Manual must always be adhered to. In no exception the Commission will operate outside these setting to deal with a Disciplinary Case.

Doctor Basil has made himself ridiculous because back in his mind he knows very well that he has misappropriated a huge amount of public money and the Commission will deal with this case very soon.

This is a Gross Misconduct in terms of Public Money which can lead to his dismissal from Public Service.

The Commission has uplifted Doctor Basil Leodoro suspension this day Wednesday 7th of February 2018 and has given 72 hours for Doctor Basil to resume duties. Failure to do that will lead to further disciplinary sanctions against him.

Thank you for diffusing this Press Statement to your entourage for clarity purposes about the suspension of Surgeon Basil Leodoro.


Jacques Gedeon Taritong
Secretary
Office of the Public Service Commission.

