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# Freelancers to stay on the job as Prime Minister's office starts new fiscal year

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**August 31, 2021** – Except for businesses opening facilities and expanding in other countries and territories, most Mount Vema entities will continue to operate from Mount Vema's diplomatic premises overseas for some time until the City of Mount Vema is ready.

## **His Mount Vema Majesty's Government 2021/2022**

At present, His Mount Vema Majesty King Peter Goldishman is not just the Head of State, and the titular leader of the territory who represents the state at official and ceremonial functions, because the post of Head of Government is currently vacant, he is also the Head of Government. Therefore, the Prime Minister of Mount Vema.

He is currently the official who oversees the Capital House administration which, is the main administrative body with duties to manage the day-to-day domestic activities of His Mount Vema Majesty's Government. He delegates the work to the departments which are run by freelancers with specialist knowledge in their field of expertise, and these freelancers will stay on the job during the 2021/2022 fiscal year according to Capital House officials.

However, if there was an election, this is how it would work.

## **Prime Minister Elections**

All Mount Vema General Elections (to elect a Prime Minister) must take place on the last week of May, and whenever there is a general election, it must be organised in a manner that ensures that the Prime Minister enters office on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September.

## **The next Election - For Prime Minister of Mount Vema**

The next elections for Prime Minister of Mount Vema will take place in 2024.

## **Standing for Prime Minister**

When someone decides to stand for Prime Minister of Mount Vema, before he/she submits the candidacy, he/she must have a list of people selected among community members who he/she believes will be able to join his/her cabinet as head of a ministerial department (secretaries of state).

### **Vetting Candidates**

Within the Mount Vema society not just anyone can join the government. Candidates must submit the list of their potential cabinet officers to the security services for vetting to ensure there are no conflict of interest, candidates have no links to any organized crime, or no risk to the integrity or threat to the long-term stability of the state.

The security services then submit the list to the sovereign for approval based on the information compiled by the security services which must be verified by the Royal Mount Vema Department of Statistics and Risk Assessment. If the list is rejected by the sovereign, the candidate must find a replacement and try again until all his/her team are approved by the sovereign. If the names are approved, the candidate can then register his/her candidacy.

### **Submitting Candidacy**

When submitting candidacy, the candidate must register his/her candidacy, publish his/her manifesto, and submit the budget proposal for the next fiscal year to sovereign.

### **Campaigning and Election**

At present most Mount Vema citizens are dual nationals and living all over the world. So, when the campaign officially starts it will be covered by VSBCnews online to enable Mount Vema citizens worldwide to choose a candidate based on their manifesto and more. Campaign starts on the first week of January, and the election takes place on the last week of May.

### **After Election**

When the candidate is elected, he/she must not enter office until September 1<sup>st</sup>, after he/she swears in before the sovereign as the new Prime Minister of Mount Vema.

### **The work of the Prime Minister**

The Prime Minister works with his/her ministers and district liaison officers to ensure his/her administration delivers on the pledges made on their manifesto during the election.

There are no political parties in the political system of Mount Vema, and the elected government is not responsible for foreign relations which is the responsibility of the Head of State.

However, the elected government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Tourism can conduct negotiations and sign agreements with foreign corporations or international organizations for the benefit of the People of Mount Vema in the following cases only:

Commercial agreements, with foreign establishments, businesses and organizations; agreements with donor organizations for the purpose of implementing arrangements for the provision of assistance to the Kingdom of Mount Vema development programs; agreements for the purpose of implementing the Kingdom of Mount Vema international development commitments. Cultural, scientific and educational agreements.

### **State of the Nation**

On the first week of July the Prime Minister must address the nation before the sovereign with updates about the general state of the nation.

If the Prime Minister addresses the nation in his last term because he/she lost the election or he/she has resigned, then that address marks the end of the Prime minister's term.

However, if the Prime Minister remains in office, then after he/she addresses the nation, the Prime Minister must submit his/her budget proposal for the following fiscal year to the sovereign.

The budget proposal is a request to increase or reduce the debit ceiling. The sovereign then looks into the annual financial statements of the reserve bank which is confidential (about foreign currency reserves and overseas assets), and then he looks in the state of the annual financial statement which are public information from the Mount Vema Central Bank (Bank of Mount Vema) and the Treasury. Then by September, the sovereign must decide as follows:

Option (1)- Approve – The debit ceiling is increased or reduced as requested.

Option (2)-Reject – No changes

Option (3)-Recommendations – The sovereign may make recommendations.

The sovereign's decision is final, at least for the current fiscal year. Then the elected Prime Minister, his/her cabinet, and the congress can take it from there until the end of the current fiscal year. Make the best out of the available

resources, which must reflect on how secure, safe, and prosperous the society and the state become at the end of fiscal year and at the end of the four-year term.

