

Annex 1: Committee terms of reference

Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Gender Equality, Women’s Empowerment and Gender-Based Violence

The Committee shall comprise of the following Members of Parliament:

Chairman	Hon. Powes Parkop	Governor, NCD
Deputy Chairman	Hon. Allan Bird	Governor, East Sepik
Members	Hon. Rufina Peter	Governor, Central Province
	Hon. William Bando	Koroba Lake Kopiago Open
	Hon. Ricky Morris	Alotau Open
	Hon. Marsh Narewec	Wau Waria Open
	Hon. Douglas Tomoresia	Kiriwina Goodenough Open

The Committee shall have the following functions:

1. Inquire into any proposed law or issues referred to the Committee by the National Parliament;
2. Review existing or proposed laws to assess their impact on gender equality and women’s empowerment (GEWE) and propose and promote GEWE law reforms as appropriate;
3. Provide oversight of the implementation of Government policies and programmes related to promoting GEWE to ensure that Government resources are being used more effectively to address GEWE;
4. Provide oversight over the Government’s implementation of the National GBV Strategy (2016-2025) and inputs into any updated or new strategy after 2025, including the adequacy of the policy framework, coordination efforts, crisis response services, prevention activities, behaviour change activities, perpetrator programmes, GBV data collection and management and other related issues, across government departments, the Royal PNG Constabulary and related enforcement and prosecution services, the courts, provincial and local level governments, non-government organisations, community-based organisations, faith-based organisations, frontline service providers and the private sector.
5. Inquire into how women’s leadership can be more proactively supported by the Government, key national institutions such as the PNG Election Commission, Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates Commission, political parties and other stakeholders, including by examining options for implementing temporary special measures for women in Parliament.

6. Inquire into the Government's policies and programmes to promote women's economic empowerment, including in areas such as: supporting women in small and medium enterprises, supporting women in the informal sector, strengthening value and supply chains, financial literacy for women, facilitating micro-loans and micro-finance for women;
7. Inquire into the work of the National Council of Women (NCW) and its sub-national member units, including the appropriateness of the NCW Act, election processes at all levels of the body, funding of the NCW, management of the NCW at all levels, and how the NCW can be most effectively operate to engage women across the country and operate as a voice for PNG women and the issues of important to them;
8. Investigate and report on any such other matters as the committee considers appropriate and relevant to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in PNG at all levels of government and across all sectors.