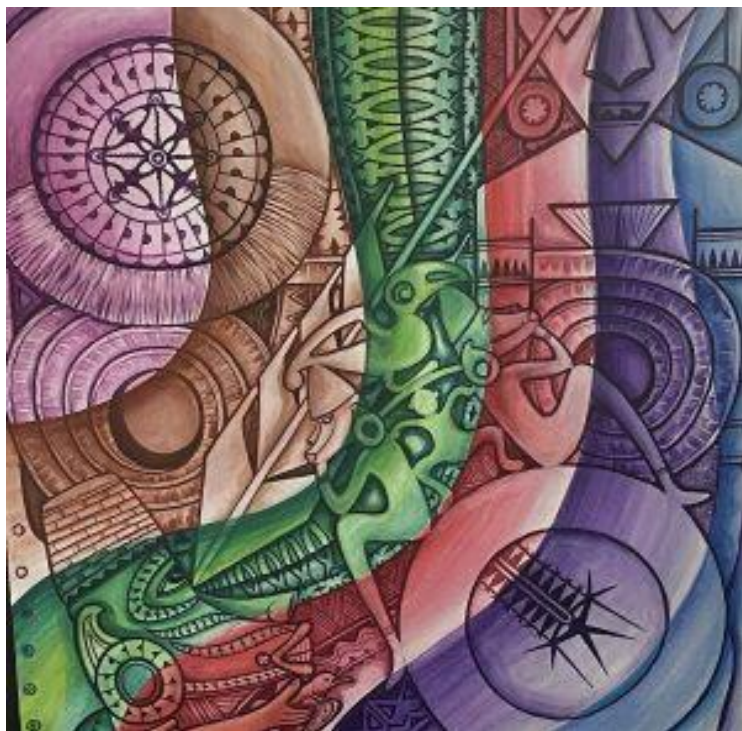




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INTRODUCTION

This Reporting year marks the 47th year since the Solomon Islands Immigration Division began operating in its modern capacity when the country gained independence on 7th July 1978. The Immigration division is mandated to facilitate all traveling activities that goes through Solomon Island borders by air and sea.

Over the years, the immigration division has successfully delivered services to its nationals and foreigners that grace the Happy Isles. With growing number of incoming visitors over the years, SI Immigration has also levelled up its competency to facilitate smooth travelling by incorporating technology and bolstering relationships with affiliating partners to keep our borders safe.

Collaborations with Affiliating partners and the exposure to technologies, resources and experiences available within the Asia and Pacific region continues to support the immigration division in technical and practical means that is far beneficial. The SI immigration has expanded its capabilities through technological advancement and training of its staff.

The success and accomplishments of the Immigration Division is a reflection of the team work that has been the embodiment of the division. Our staff has been contributing and working determinedly to ensure our borders are safe and secure. Even though challenges in the future is inevitable, SI immigration division will continue to maintain competence, professionalism and service to its people.

DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION FOREWORD



Greetings from the Office of the Director of Immigration to you all my hard and dedicated Immigration officers, serving throughout various Immigration offices, border posts, Airport and Seaports. It is a pleasure for me on behalf of the Immigration Division to present 2025 Annual Report. The report captures 2025 the milestones achievements during the financial year. We have achieved our priorities, such as the border management system, websites, Immigration strategic plan 2025 – 2035. We are anticipating to go live shortly to facilitate electronic visas for travellers. The Border Management System provides us with opportunity to facilitates border cross passengers and better manage our borders.

Last year 2025, as we could reflect, we have achieved many of competing priorities against challenging and evolving complex issues. Our collective efforts and leadership form Unit Heads and operations stands out outstandingly. The hard work all officers will not go unnoticed, as without working together, we will not be successful to implement 2025 annual work plan.

The milestone achievements outlined in this annual report demonstrate, Immigration strong commitment to build a resilient border security system. We cherished multilateral, bilateral and Trilateral cooperation we have with partners. The cooperation and deepening cooperation helped by shaping Immigration to become stronger and adapt to security environment.

The outcomes would not be possible without the guidance of Permanent Sectary Mr Riley Mesepitu, the Hon Minister, Harry Kuma MP. MCILI strong commitment and continued supports becomes a strong enabler for our achievements. We lead Immigration Division with clear vision as Immigration is mandated to provide Safe and Secure Borders for our communities and protect territorial sovereignty.

Once again, as I present this Annual Report 2025, extending our sincere appreciation to each and every Immigration officer, MCILI staff, and all the development, both national, regional and international partner law enforcements, for standing beside Immigration, walking this far.

Tagio Tu Mas.

Christopher Akosawa (Mr.)



Director of Immigration,

Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour & Immigration



The Immigration Division will continue to work on strengthening and modernizing the nations defences against all border threats through structured reforms, digitization and strategic partnering.



We Aspire to secure Solomon Islands Borders and to play our part in protecting our people and economy.

IMMIGRATION DIVISION STAKEHOLDERS

THE IMMIGRATION DIVISION WORKS WITH THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS TO PROTECT SOLOMON ISLANDS BORDERS:

DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Bio Security Division	Mines and Mineral Division
Civil Aviation	Public Prosecution
Customs Division	Royal Solomon Islands Police Force
Fisheries Division	SINU
Foreign Investment Division	Social Welfare Division
Forestry Division	Solomon Islands Financial Intelligent unit
Health Environment Division	Solomon Islands Maritime Authority
Hope Trust (SI)	Solomon Islands Ports Authority
ICT Service Unit	Solomon Islands Red Cross
Inland Revenue Division	World Vision Solomon Islands
Labour Division	

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

ABF	PIDC
APG	PIF
Bali Process Regional Support Office	PNG Immigration
Citizens Service Authority	PTCCC
EU	SPC
FFA	UNHCR
High Commissions	UNODC
IOM	UNICEF
MSG	UNDP
OCO	US States Department
PICP	USP

LEGISLATION

In accordance to the administrative arrangement's orders in place since the establishment of the Solomon Islands Immigration division during 1978, the department is responsible for the following acts, which form the legislative framework for our functions and services:

- Immigration Act 2012
- Immigration Regulation 2013
- Passport Act (Cap. 60)

Division Structure and Key Executive



AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Primary mandate of the SI Immigration Division is to facilitate and regulate the movement of travellers across the international borders of Solomon Islands and grant the relevant visas and permits to eligible applicants and passengers. The Division's responsibilities are as follows:

NATIONAL BORDER CONTROL

Solomon Island Immigration Officers provide supervision and security clearance at the borders of the nation to authorized ports of entry, which are primarily focused on the international Airport and Seaport. Other points of entry consist of docks, airstrips, traditional border crossings (TBC) and western and eastern borders spread amongst the 9 provinces.

IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

The Immigration enforcement division is mandated to ensure compliance to the immigration act 2012 and regulations.

PERMITS/VISAS

The Permit Department is responsible for the processing, adjudication and issuance of permits, visas to eligible non-Solomon Islands nationals for the purpose of working or residing in the Solomon Islands.

PASSPORT SERVICES

We facilitate legal travelling documents for our Citizens. Mandated by the Immigration Passport Act, we issue Passports ranging from Ordinary, official and diplomat passports. Other services include issuing of emergency travel document and certificate of identity to enable urgent movement.



NATIONAL BORDER CONTROL



The SI Immigration department ensures that all points of entry are supervised, its National Border Control Unit, Monitor and facilitate all passenger arrivals and departure by air and sea. Under the National Border Control, Authorized Immigration officers are responsible to administer movement at the international airport, seaport and outer border entries.

These Main Points of entry are categorized under SI National border:

1. Henderson International Airport
2. Solomon Ports Authority International Seaport
3. Western Border
4. Eastern Border

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Henderson International Airport serves as the main point of entry for all International Air carriers, flights and passengers. There are one international departure terminal and one arrival terminal that are manned by Immigration officers along with customs and bio-security. The primary mandate for immigration is to ensure our borders are safe and secure, we do so by making sure incoming foreigners are legitimate, thoroughly assessed and closely monitored once they are granted approval for entry.

There is a growing number of foreign nationals coming into the country, for various reasons such as work, visit, research, leisure and exempted purposes for diplomatic and ministerial purposes. The Following statistics further depict the bigger picture:

Movements by Air

Air passenger arrivals has increased over the years, consequently the department of immigration is constantly finding ways passengers are processed at the Henderson international airport.

There are 6 processing booths to assist with passenger clearance in the arrival terminal at Henderson Airport. 6 immigration officers do passenger clearances, 3 officers marshal for swift clearances, senior officers do supervision and monitoring. Suspicious or illegal entry passengers is referred to enforcement IO's at the airport.

ARRIVAL STATISTICS FOR 2025 REPORTING PERIOD

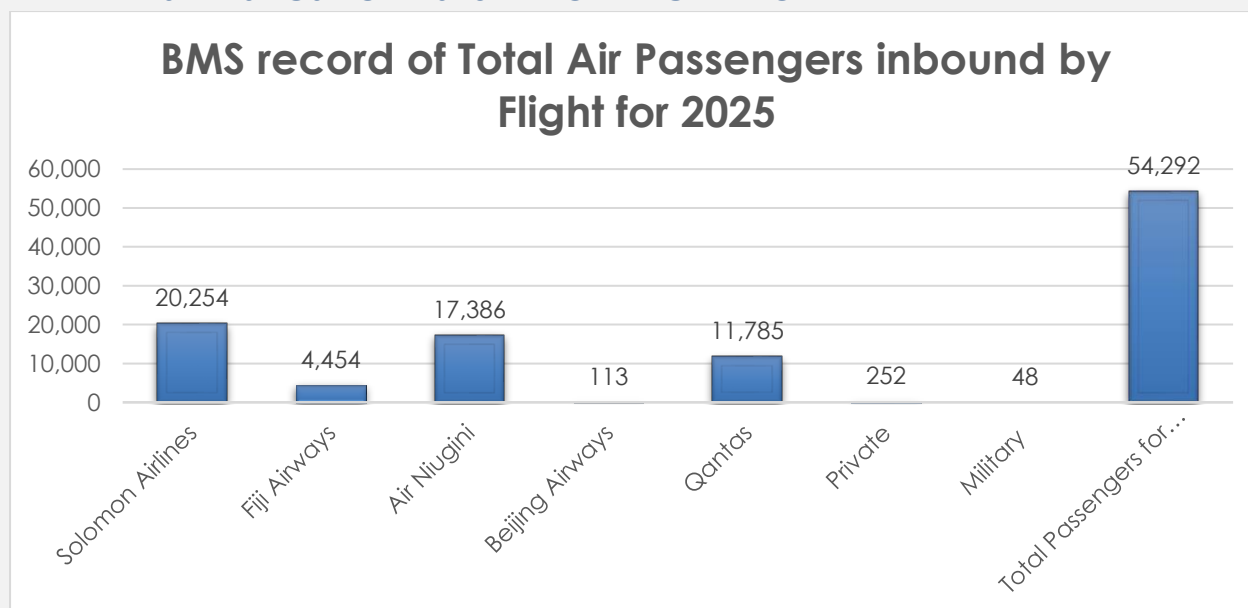


Fig 1: Total Passenger movements by flights for 2025 – 2026 period.

Airport Immigration officers processed a total of 54,292 passenger arrivals in the reporting period of 2025. BMS has accurately outlined records of all movements at the Henderson International Airport, giving insight into migration pattern and statistics.

BMS Highest Passenger permits on arrival 2025

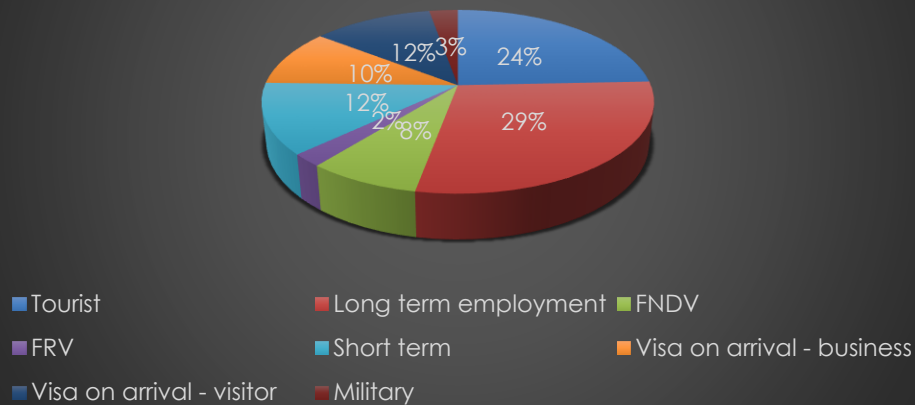


Fig 3: Percentage of permits issued for international passenger arrivals.

Statistics show that the highest incoming passenger arrivals for 2025 were returning residents with long term employment visas with 29%. Followed by an increase number of tourists at 24% as there is a growing interest by foreigners to visit and experience the Solomon Islands. A growing percentage of passengers are being granted visitor visa upon arrival and business visa which depicts an increasing demand for short term stay, combining a total of 22 %. Minority of passengers that arrive into the country are declared foreign national dependants of residents with long term visas, and family relationship visas visiting or accompanied by SI national residents. There are also recurrent small-scale arrivals of military personal, however mostly for transportation of aid, cargo, and simply part of strategic, geopolitical interests primarily focusing on protecting regional stability.



Fig 2: Airport Immigration Officers Debrief before arrival of flights.

Revenue



Fig 4: Total revenue collected for HIA for 2025 is \$1,135,700.

Revenue generated from the Henderson International Airport are attained from flight carrier fees for arrival and departure, followed by charges collected from Visa upon arrival – visitor and Business visa class. Total revenue generated by HIA is \$1,135,700 SBD, with prospect of increasing in coming years.

INTERNATIONAL SEAPORT

All international shipping vessels and passengers come through the SI International Seaport at the Solomon Ports Maritime Authority. Pax Embarkment and disembarkment are mitigated and facilitated by Immigration officers, given what purpose foreign nationals disembark, after thorough assessment they may then be granted permits to allow entry or departure if requirements are met.

Vessels incoming and departing

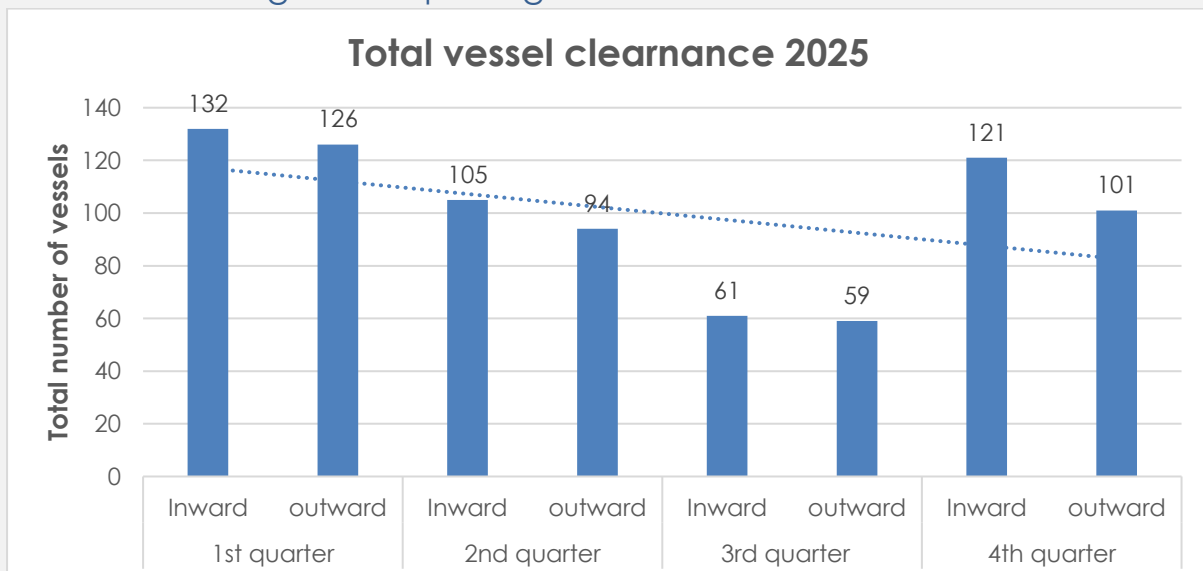


Fig 5: The reporting year 2025 shows that a total of 799 international vessels were cleared and processed for arrival and departure through our borders.

Vessel types that have been processed by immigration officers according to statistics are cruise ships, Yachts and super yachts, fishing vessels, cargo vessels, logging vessels, military vessels, passenger vessels and so forth.

Total number of Passengers incoming by Sea

Passenger Embark and Disembark

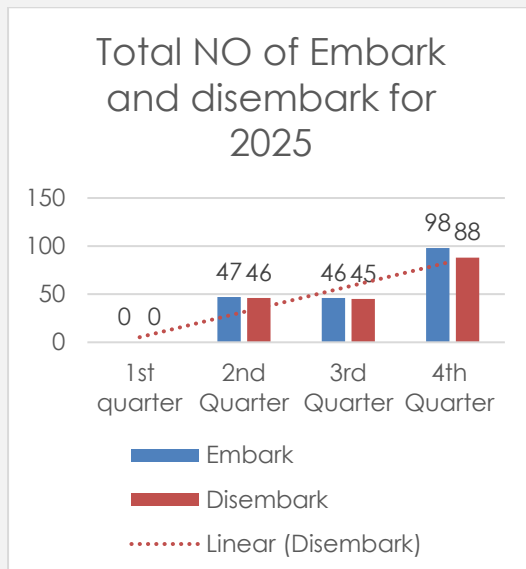


Fig 6: Total number of passengers embark and disembark amount to 370 in 2025.

Passenger embark and disembark had a slow peaking trend throughout the reporting year. 1st quarter shows a high number of vessels incoming but no passenger embarks or disembark, depicting activities of vessels transiting, operational or commercial reasons,

transporting shipment, emergency purposes etc. On the contrary, these vessels have to be boarded by immigration officers to inspect and process supporting documents to allow further voyage beyond SI borders. The second, third and fourth quarter indicates a good number of passengers cleared for embark and disembark, during that period the statistics reveal Cruise Ship arrivals depicting a good number of tourists disembarking to visit and experience Solomon Islands. Tourists get to tour parts of Honiara, engaging and spending on local crafts and also touring the provinces especially Santa Ana and Tinakula. With such activities our immigration officer accompanies the cruise ships to ensure protocols and safety measures are met, and movement is facilitated smoothly. Towards the end of the year was the highest processed number of passengers, data statistics reveal a total of 3 cruise ships in the fourth quarter explaining the high number of travellers disembarked. Further number embarkment could show Tourists embarking the cruise ships upon departure or even crew change or repatriation etc.



Fig 7: Cruise ship arrival at the Solomon Port Maritime Authority on April 2025.

Revenue

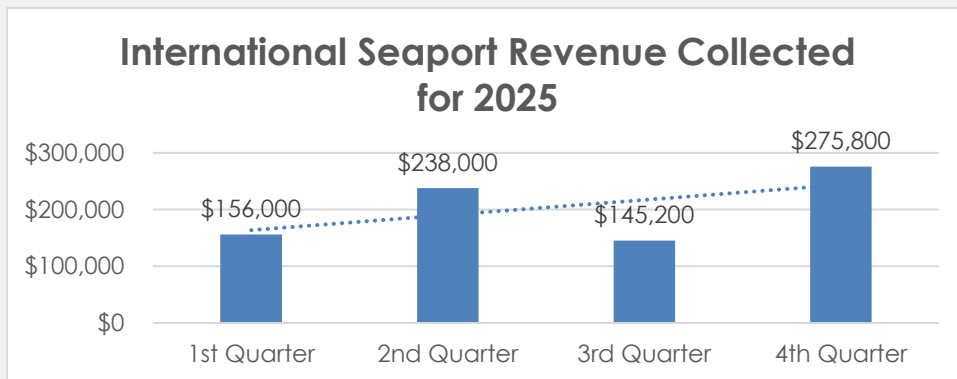


Fig 8: Total Revenue collected is **\$815,000 SBD**.

Immigration seaport unit has collected revenue from compliance penalty fees for illegal overstay, embark and disembark fees and overall vessel entry and departure fees. Additionally, if foreign passengers wish to stay beyond their permit, they may apply to an immigration officer for extension of authorization to disembark.

Overall total revenue collected amounted to **\$815,000 SBD**

EASTERN REGION

Lata Immigration Outer post

Eastern region immigration post is manned by one immigration officer. He is responsible for facilitation of foreign movement in the eastern region. Given the geographical location, there is limited movement and revenue generated, but that does mean taking for granted the risks and threats that may open up with increasing vessels and passengers for the year. Our immigration officers continue to operate efficiently in the remote areas despite minimal resources, however measures are taken to assist in their smooth service delivery.

Incoming vessels

Vessels that are commonly processed are yachts, shipping agents, tropic helicopter support and cruise ships on certain occasions.

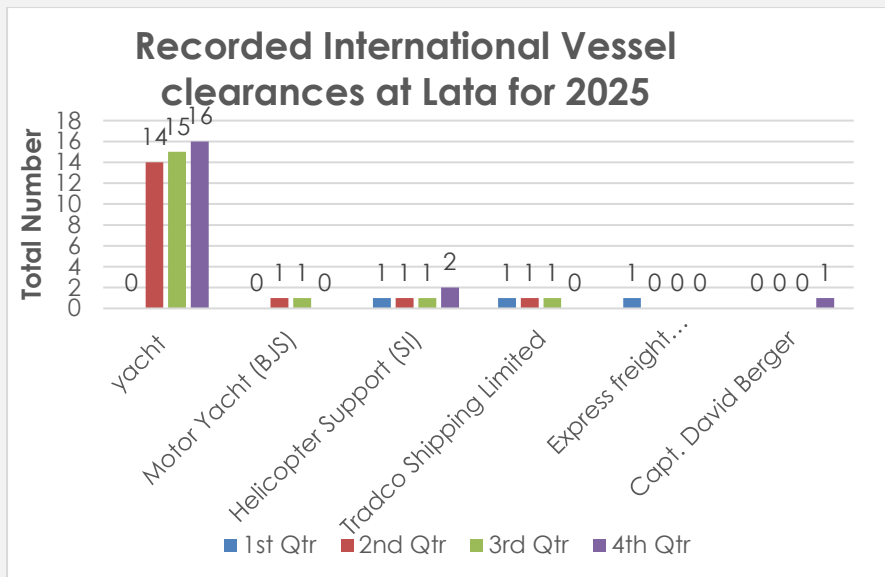


Fig 9: Total number of vessel clearances.

Yachts has been the highest cleared vessels by our immigration officers at Lata Immigration office, totalling to 45 for 2025. All of these clearances were for visiting, transiting and restock of supplies before departing. The lesser minority has been for usual transactions such as Motor Yacht (BJS), Helicopter Support (SI), Tradeco Shipping, Express freight management and Capt. David Berger who have been engaging in handling of shipment, cargo and general interests of customers.

Total Passenger/crew arrival and departure through Lata outer post.

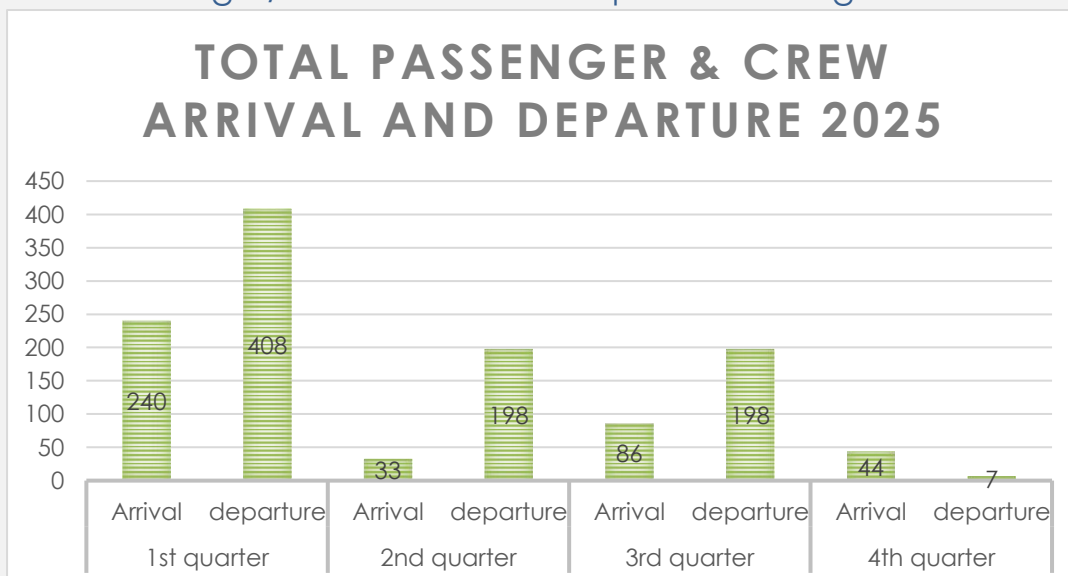


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Total passenger and crew arrivals and departure

Revenue from Fees

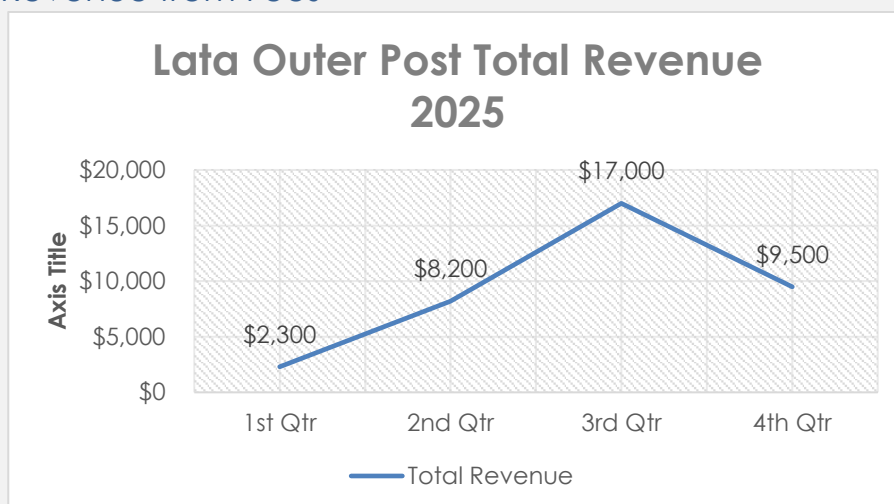


Fig 11: Total

Revenue.

Movement in and around the eastern border is minimal given the geographical location and harsh weather conditions in that particular region. Points of entry are through Lata airstrip and border by sea. Flights into Lata are very low and on occasions there are small scale visits by yachts, passenger vessels and at times cruise ships that pass by to visit. Manned by one immigration officer, he/she's responsibility is to do passenger clearances to all incoming and departing passengers by air and sea vessels. With the movements in 2025, total revenue was collected from yachts arrival/departures which totalled to \$37,000.

WESTERN SECTOR (Kulitanai, Harapa, Taro)

The Western Sector has been progressively guarded by Border Immigration officer at the western Region. Their primary work is to monitor western region outer posts that include Kulitanai, Harapa and Taro, mainly focusing on movements inbounds and outbounds by sea.

PNG-SI cross border travelling is frequent normal activity, quite so are international yachts, boats or vessels that arrive and depart through the western border.

Taro

Taro Immigration office is located in the Choiseul Province, in far western end of the Solomon Islands. The remote location of Taro Immigration office and its closeness to the western border, makes it more vulnerable to illegal border crossings and penetrations into the Solomon Islands territory. However, available resources and budget constraint was the major challenge for implementation and operations.

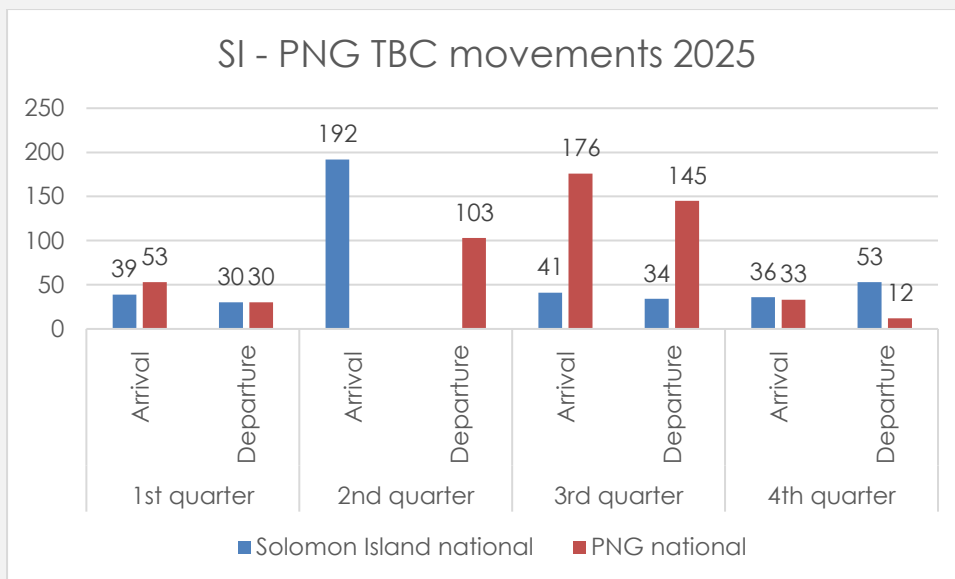


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Fig 9: The traditional border crossing between PNG & Solomon Islands has been an on-going practice that has taken place for decades.

Border movement data along the Traditional Border Crossing (TBC) at Taro entry point indicates that Papua New Guinea (PNG) nationals accounted for the highest volume of cross-border movement. A total of 552 PNG nationals were recorded undertaking both inbound and outbound travels across Solomon Islands borders, compared to 425 Solomon Islands nationals crossing into PNG.

Analysis of movement purposes reflects standard mobility patterns, primarily comprising returning residents, family and kinship visits, commercial activities, and church-related engagements. These patterns are consistent with established socio-cultural and economic interactions in the border region.

The TBC continues to facilitate and sustain longstanding kinship networks and cross-border linkages among communities in Solomon Islands, PNG, and Bougainville, underscoring its ongoing relevance in supporting traditional, social, and economic connectivity.

International vessels

Yachts and passenger vessels occasionally come through taro, all movement or permission to enter or depart must be done by an immigration officer.

Revenue

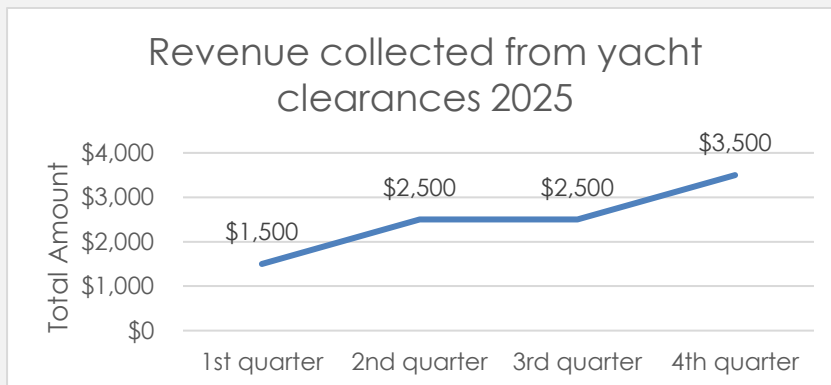


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Fig 10: Total revenue collected from yacht clearances at taro was \$10,000.

Kulitanai

Kulitanai Immigration office has reported to have done some Vessel Clearances in 3rd quarter, 2025. Not only that, it has also done some patrols along the redline and also along the coast. During the 3rd quarter period, camp monitoring and visits were also carried out.

Vessel Clearance

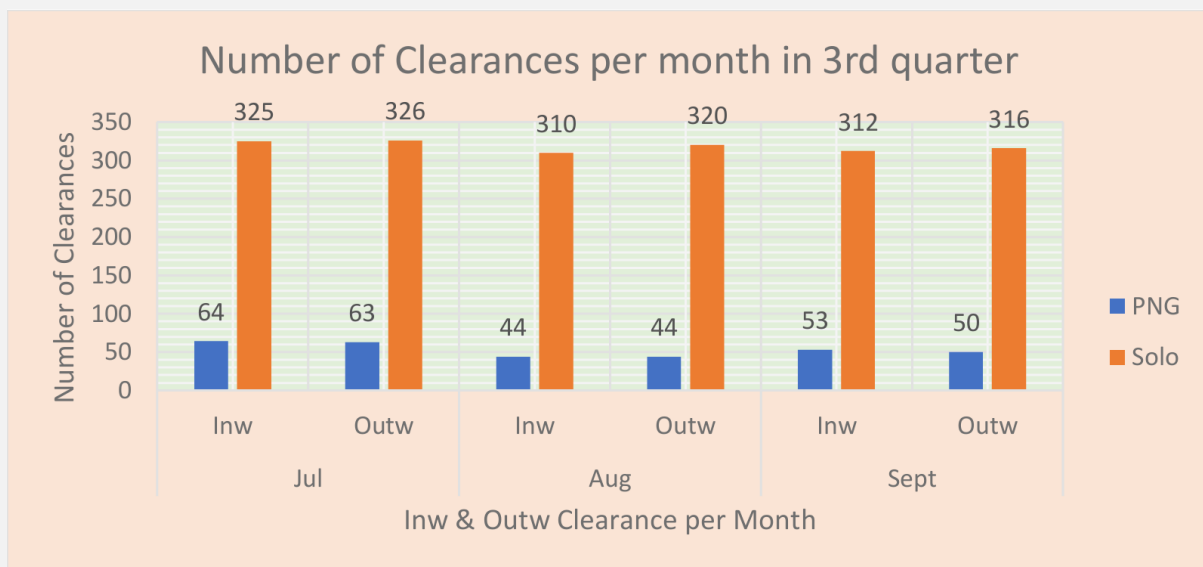


Fig 14: Vessel clearances for 3rd quarter 2025.

The trend shows a steady fluctuation of inward and outward movement over the 3rd quarter period with highest inward is 325 and outward is 326 both for Solomon Islands national. For PNG, highest inward is 64 and outward is 63.

WESTERN REGION OUTERPOSTS, Noro, Munda Gizo & Munda International Airport

The western province hosts the second international airport in Solomon Islands. Recently opened in 2023, the airport was anticipated to attract tourists and boost revenue. For the past 2 years, there is a steady increase in flights and incoming international passengers, notably with 1 flight per week, there is still room to adjust and cater the demands for tourism in SI as the years progress.



Fig 15: Munda, 2nd International Airport for Solomon Islands.

The Munda International airport serves 1 international flight per week. Since operating in 2023, there have been inconsistencies in the number of passengers and revenue generated, majority of flights have been for transit

and temporary stays shown in the short visa visitors on arrival data.



Fig 16: Western Border (Munda) Immigration Officers Manning the Munda International airport.

[Shops Assessment in Noro, Munda & Gizo](#)

Western Region Immigration officers perform shop assessments as part of their monitoring and evaluation schemes. This assessment is necessary to make sure all foreigners operating shops in the western province have valid work permits and visas. The operations have been successful although challenges that are faced by our officers is logistics and man power to monitor the vast border and different check points in the western region.

[Companies in Noro](#)

Companies that operate in Noro are closely monitored to verify total number of expats and locals that work in the establishment. 3 main companies that operate in Noro are Sol tuna, Samlimsan and NFD. There is general increase in local workers and there is also a steady increase in expats employed by the companies. All measures are taken to ensure legitimate expats with work permits and compliance to the immigration act and regulations.

NATIONAL BORDER COMPLIANCE UNIT



ENFORCEMENT

The SI Immigration Enforcement and Compliance Unit has been delivering operative services ensuring foreigners comply to the Immigration Act 2012 and Regulations 2013. Recent Increasing numbers of foreign nationals coming into the country has seen revenue increased but also triggered urgency to be proactive in upholding the law and ensuring our borders are safe. Enforcement is mandated to investigate illegal foreign nationals, detain and further deportation if necessary. So far, with the introduction of the Border Monitoring system (BMS), it has revolutionized the way cases of illegal movements are detected and dealt with. With so, it has contributed extensively to the increase in revenue generated with fines and fees etc. The following data and information will depict further the operations made by the enforcement unit.

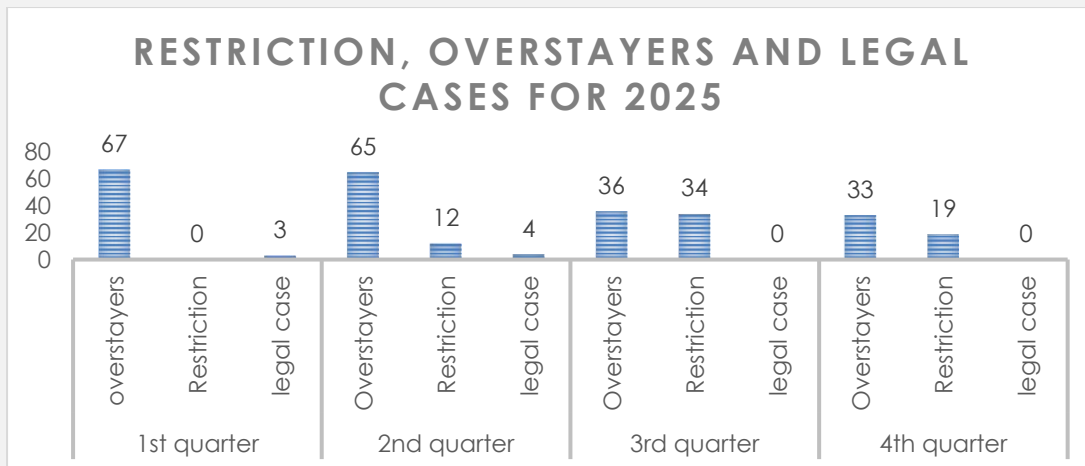


Fig 17: Total number of overstayers, restriction and legal cases.

Compliance and enforcement unit managed to report a total of 201 overstayers, applied restrictions to 65 foreign nationals and the Compliance unit have been attending to 7 legal cases that were mainly for appeal, on the contrary all these statistics are based on reported cases which leaves a huge gap still in irregular migration that need to be attended to.

Irregular migration cases

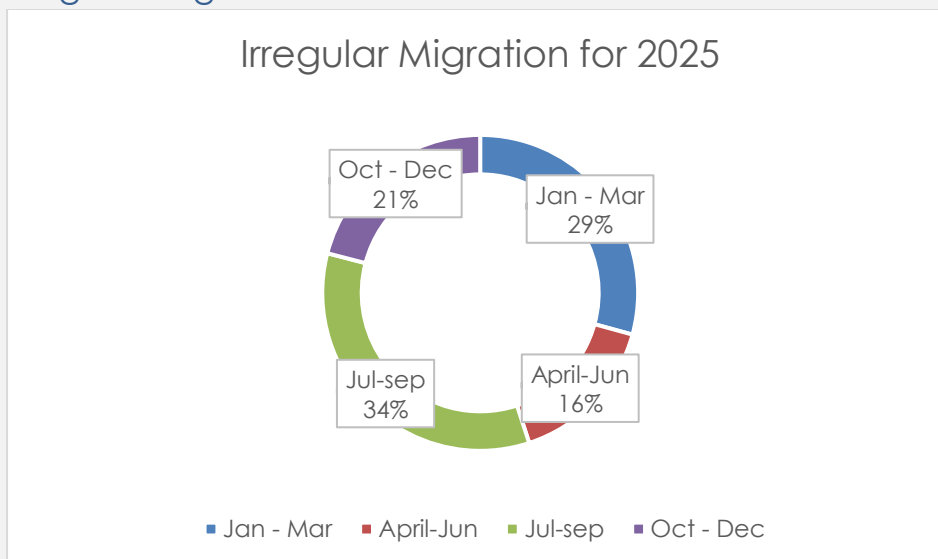


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According to enforcement data collected, statistics showcased the percentage of irregular movement throughout 2025. The highest percentage was during first quarter at 29% and third quarter with 34%. Compliance unit managed to report these cases for breaching the immigration act and have so far dealt with accordingly. Countries that categorize the highest risk are Bangladesh, Egypt etc...

Spot Fine Revenue Collected 2025

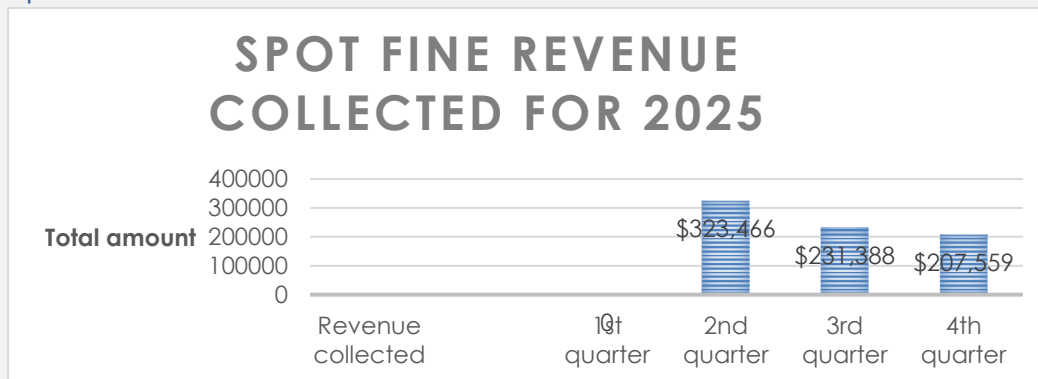


Fig 19: **Total revenue collected in Spot fines for 2025**

Revenue generated in 2025 reflected the number of spot fines and fees charged on overstayers, illegal movements, and appeal fees. There is a consistent fluctuation in revenue with the highest was 323,466 for both 2nd and 3rd quarter. 4th quarter collected 207,599 and January saw no revenue collected as majority of activities taken place were investigations. Total Revenue collected amounted to **\$854,531** SBD for 2025.

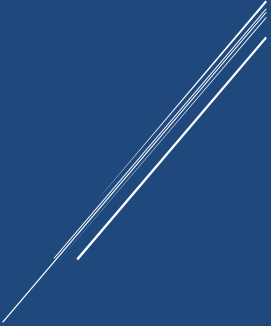
Enforcement Staff Training

Enforcement unit is the main sector that is mandated to ensure compliance, thus is crucial that our officials are trained with updated knowledge and skills to tackle rising threats.



Fig 20: Enforcement officers undertaking training on Investigative interviewing in collaboration with the Australian Border Force (ABF).

Trainings for enforcement are on-going as lucrative opportunities are being offered by Affiliating partners Australia and China, to do training courses and studies in country, as well as advanced training overseas. Our immigration Compliance officers were privileged to be engaged in such trainings, and more trainings are yet to be delivered in coming months.



PERMIT – (STV & LTV)



SI Immigration Division offers operative services on visa facilitation for foreigners, under the Permit Unit, further categorized under the Long-Term Visa and the Short-Term Visa Unit.

Long Term Employment Visa

The Long-Term Employment Visa Unit is headed by a Chief Immigration officer who reports to the director of immigration, overseeing all matters regarding long term visas and permits. The CIO is then supported by Immigration officers in delivering customer services at the counter, and processing visa applications whilst also attending to other immigration duties.

Migration Patterns

In recent years, there has been increasing numbers of foreign nationals coming into the country. There are different factors influencing this transition, ranging from vast opportunities that have risen from Political, Diplomatic interests, business leisure's and hot travelling destination which has opened up prospects for increased revenue generation. On the contrary, these statistics points to a greater concern for due diligent mitigation and monitoring of movement.

Visa Applications 2025

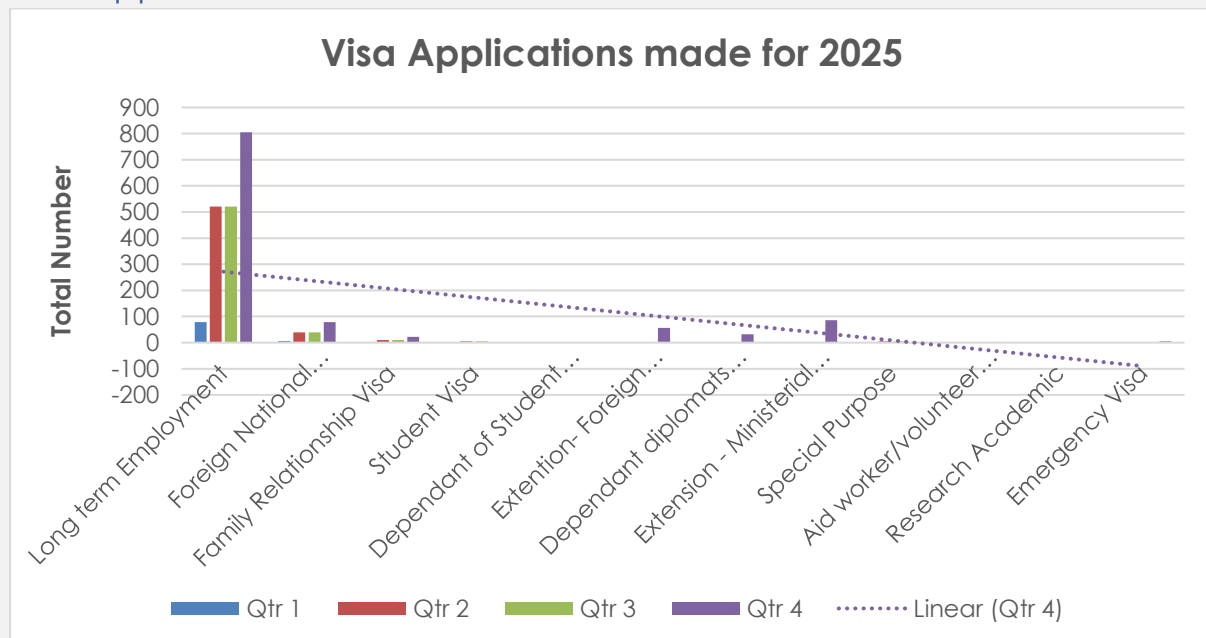


Fig 21:

The statistical data clearly shows that the majority of applications processed by LTV unit are for long term employment. That is followed by Foreign national dependents and family relationship visa.

Highest countries applying for visa

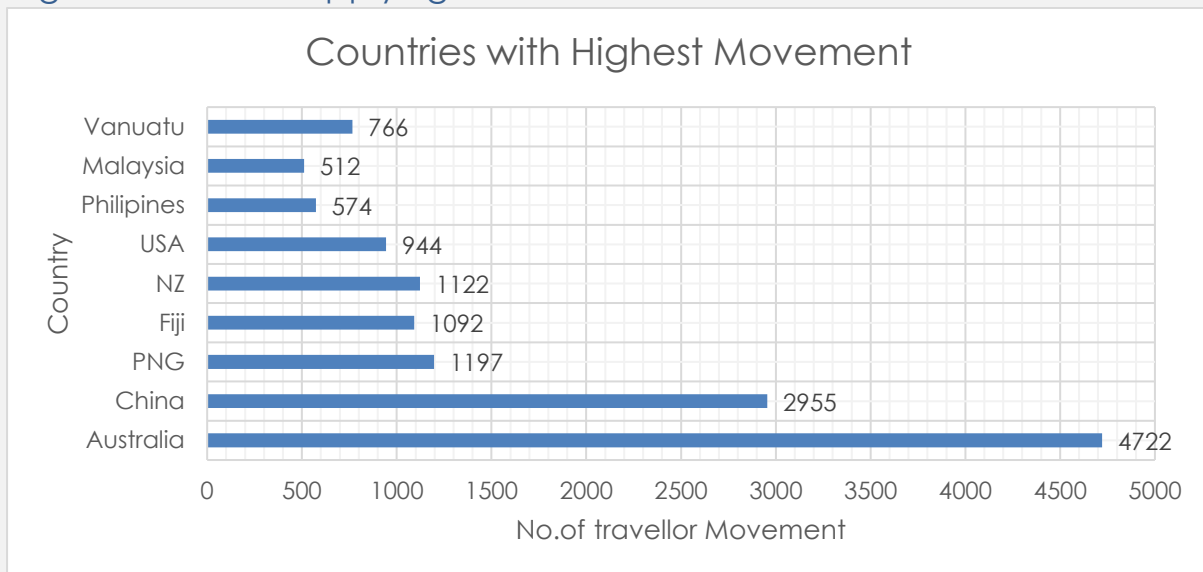


Fig 22:

BMS data has revealed a consistent trend of countries incoming into the country. Averagely, the 2 primary highest are Australia and China, for obvious reasons given political ties and mutual interests which see high percentage of their national's inbound given visa agreements especially for work and even visiting and business purposes. The lesser majority consist of pacific neighbouring countries such as PNG, Fiji and New Zealand, this is followed by New Zealand, USA and Asian countries.

Revenue Generation

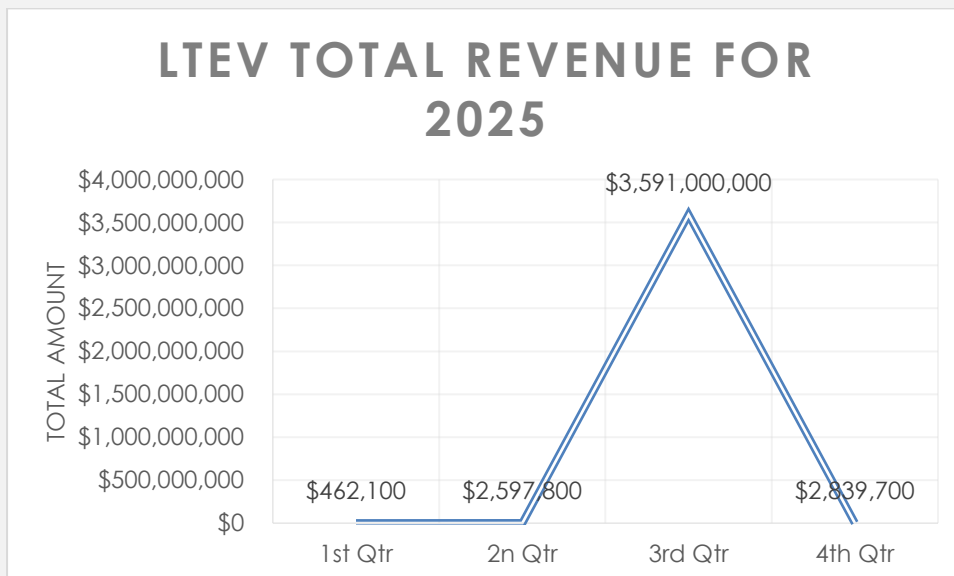


Fig 23: Total Revenue collected is \$3,596,899,600 SBD.

Revenue collected in 2025 for Long Term Employment depicts a huge leap in revenue especially from the 2nd quarter to 3rd quarter. These results were achievable with the introduction of the Border Monitoring system (BMS). Prior to the BMS, all visa applications and overall process was done manually using Microsoft excel and physical filing system, which was time consuming and prone to misplacement and

delayed processing. There was a gap in facilitation and BMS fixed the issue by enabling quicker and more accurate visa processing that encouraged steady flow of revenue through fees charged for applications, approval and conversions. It also keeps track of illegal movements and alerts immigration officers to overstayers and illegal movements.

Visa Applications

Majority of foreigners that extend their permits done so under the Long-Term Employment Visa. 82 % of visa applications has been for long term employment, the remaining 18% spreads across Dependants of LTEV applicants, diplomats and ministerial dependants, with minority consisting of family relationship visa, research and student visa etc.

Short Term Employment Visa

The Short-Term Employment Visa Unit operates under strict mandate to monitor and facilitate short term permits and smooth processing of travelling foreigners. Two main streamlines of visas are primarily focused on, which are visitor and business visa. Foreigners that come into the country do so depending on the type of country they come from, if they fall under Concessional and non-concessional countries. Countries that have an MOU with SI can be granted free visa upon arrival which is 30 days, on the contrary nationals that are not from these countries have to pay fees upon arrival.

Migration pattern

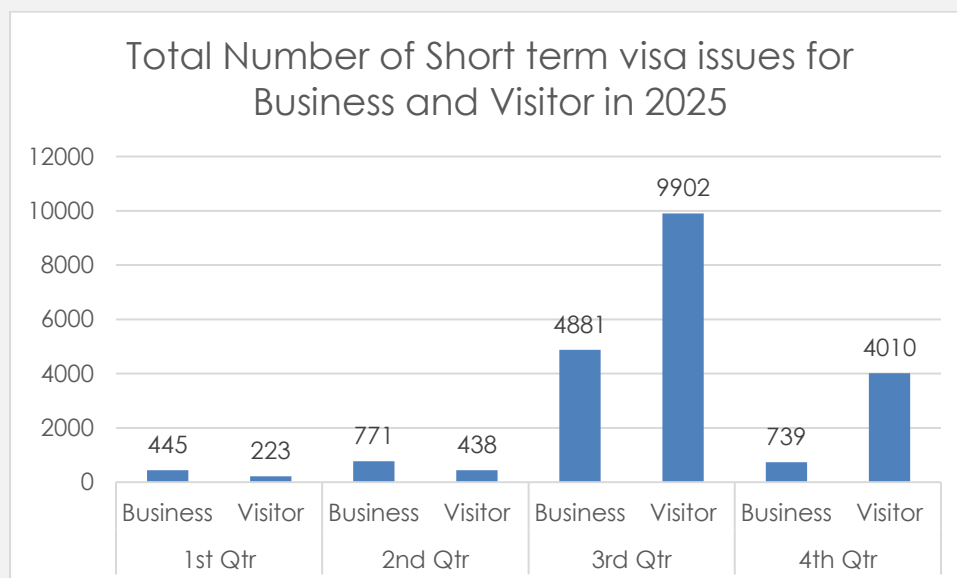


Fig 24: Business

and Visitor Visa issuances

Statistical Data identifies an increasing trend in Business and visitor visa being issued, this highly outlines a growing number of foreigners coming into the country with short term permits. Increased visitor visa class indicates many foreigners are coming into the country for visiting, whilst some are venturing for business opportunities given the lucrative markets in the country.

Revenue

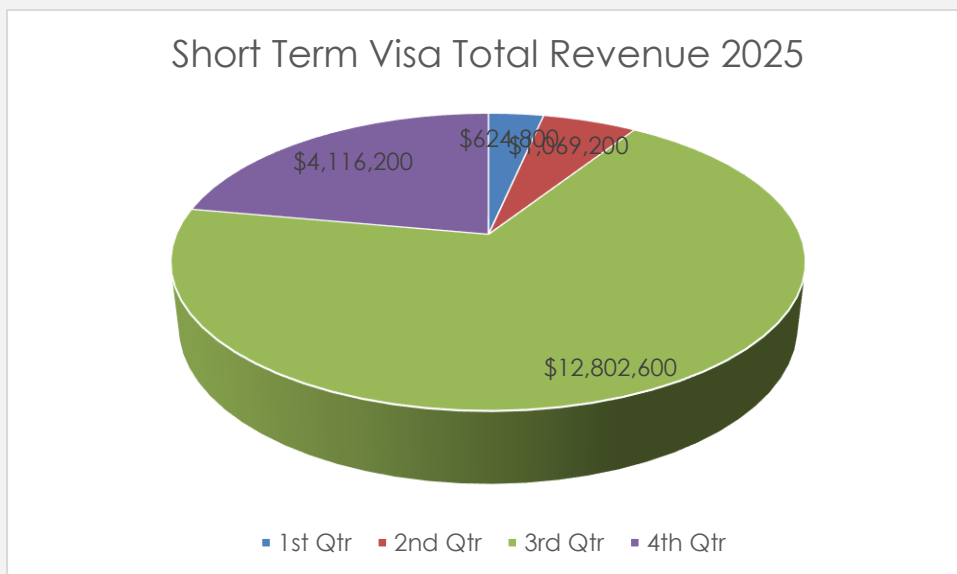


Fig 25: Total Revenue generated by STV was **\$18,612,800 SBD**.

Stats show an increasing trend of incoming visitors and business visa issuances, indicating high volume of foreigners that are gracing our shores. Tourist or visitor visa is \$800 and business visa are \$1000, and additional fees apply if foreigners wish to extend their visa. The third quarter has the highest percentage of passenger arrivals and Immigration officers at the airport have recorded collection of a total of \$18,612,800 SBD from fees for the reporting period.

**ORDINARY
PASSPORTS**

**OFFICIAL
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**CERTIFICATE
OF IDENTITY**

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PASSPORT SERVICES

PASSPORT SERVICES

Passport Services has been delivering services under the Passport Act (Cap.60) in issuances of legal travel documents for its nationals. There has been growing demand for passports by locals and 2025 has seen definite increase in applications and fees given into revenue. The Following data and stats will further elaborate on the overall outcomes:

Applications made at HQ

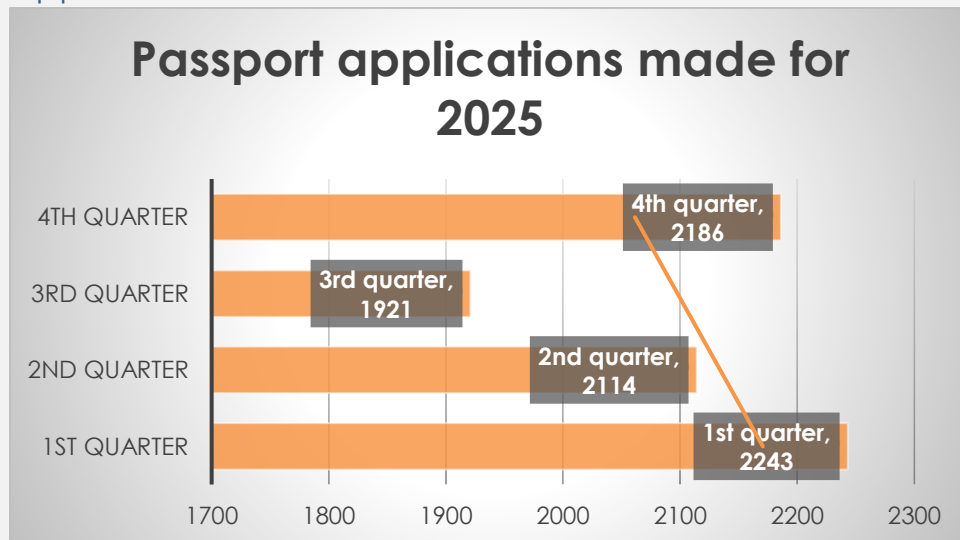


Fig 26: Passport applications submitted at Immigration HQ for 2025

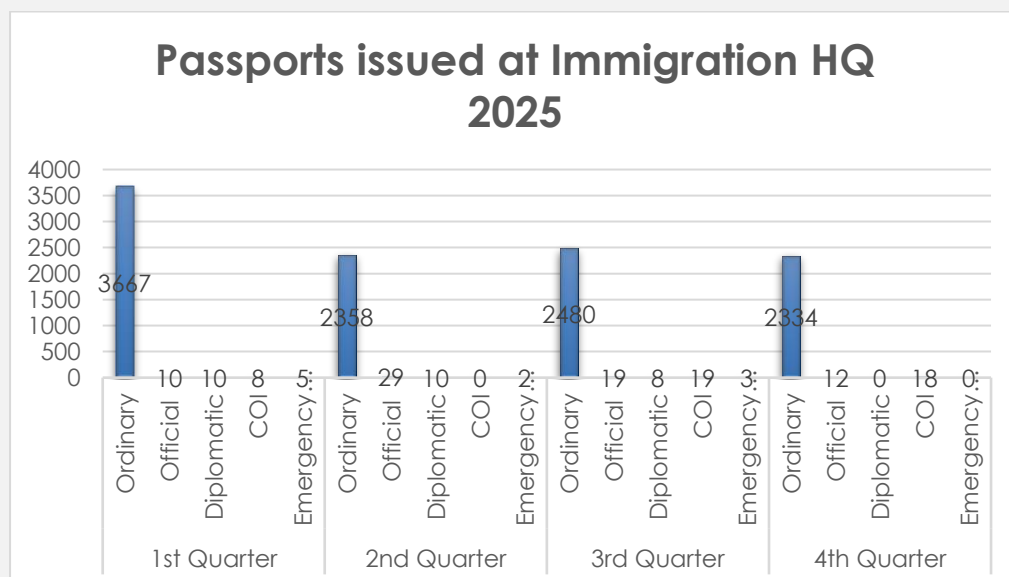


Fig 27: Total number of passports issued by Passport Services Unit, immigration division.

The Passport applications graph showcase the total number of passports that have been submitted for processing by Passport Unit. There are fluctuations throughout the year but showing consistency in demands for passport. With the rate of issuance compared to applications made by passport unit, it indicates high success rate in

service delivery. Passport Immigration officers have been working competently and professionally to meet all deadlines and demand of its nationals.



Fig 28: Immigration Officer for passport services registering and processing applicants for new passport.



Fig 29: Passport Immigration staff in the passport printing room.

Total Revenue

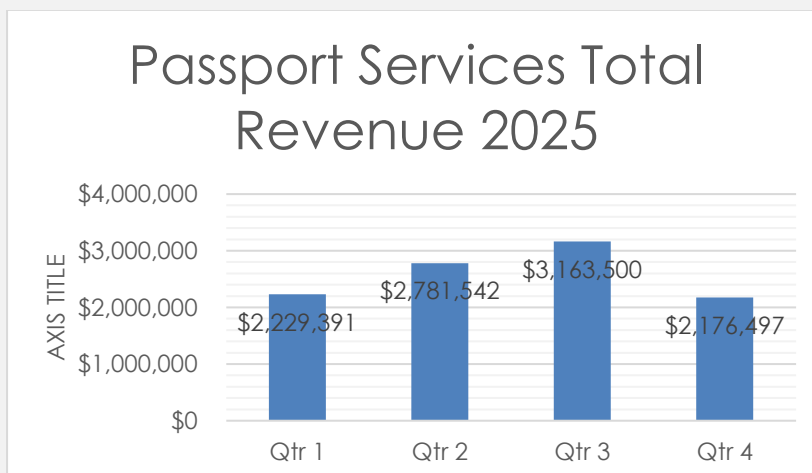


Fig 30: Total Revenue

generated by Passport Services was \$ **10,350,930 SBD**.

Passport Unit has delivered efficient services in meeting a high demand by nationals for passports in 2025. Despite a

Other SI Immigration Passport Service Offices

BRISBANE CONSULATE



Fig 31: Passport Services at the Brisbane consulate, applicant doing finger print scanning for Passport renewal.

FIJI, (SUVA) SI PASSPORT SERVICES



Fig 32: SI immigration Passport services open in Suva.

“The operation of the immigration passport services in Suva and the Brisbane consulate will assist our nationals that reside in Australia and Fiji that wish to renew their passports. It will make it easier to access and convenient”.

Immigration Division Human Resources & Training

Investment in our staff is important, as human resources are the drivers for the continuous border monitoring and facilitations. It is crucial that all staff are equipped with updated trainings on international law and protocols on travelling. Additionally, there are increased risks and threats that come with mention of drug smuggling, human trafficking, cross border crimes and other international criminal activities that are slowly surfacing in and around the Pacific Islands Borders. With that, training is ongoing with partnering allies such as Australia and China to train National border officers to be able to respond and handle issues competently. Further support from partnering Allies include upgrading of infrastructure to increase staff capacity and capabilities for official duty



Fig 33: DOI Akosawa and Senior National border control officer Training in China.

PIDC – USP MASTER IN BORDER SECURITY LAUNCHED



Fig 34: Enforcement Senior officer Mr Peter Talisman far right, Graduating with a Postgraduate certificate in Border Security under the University of the South Pacific (USP).

PIDC has solidified its support for the Masters in Border Security Course by awarding 15 scholarships to immigration officers across the PIDC membership, SI immigration has 2 of our officers completing their post graduate and more opportunities opening for more staff to undergo Security studies.

IPAM TRAINING

As the Solomon Islands Immigration Division continues to grow and respond to changing immigration requirements, it is important that officers have the knowledge and skills needed to carry out their duties effectively. This training rollout is designed to improve understanding of immigration processes, policies, regulations, and best practices in immigration administration and management.

The programme will provide participants with practical knowledge and skills to support compliance with immigration laws and procedures, improve operational performance, and strengthen decision-making. Through structured learning sessions, officers will be better equipped to perform their roles efficiently and professionally.

This training also demonstrates the Division's commitment to continuous learning and capacity building. By strengthening staff capability, Solomon Islands Immigration aims to maintain high standards of service, integrity, and compliance while supporting national development goals.

OBJECTIVES

1. Improve the knowledge and skills of immigration officials in performing their duties.
2. Increase understanding of immigration processes, policies, laws, and regulations.
3. Strengthen professional behaviour, communication, and collaboration within the immigration administration and management system.
4. Improve operational efficiency and support effective decision-making.

5. Promote continuous learning and professional development among immigration officers.

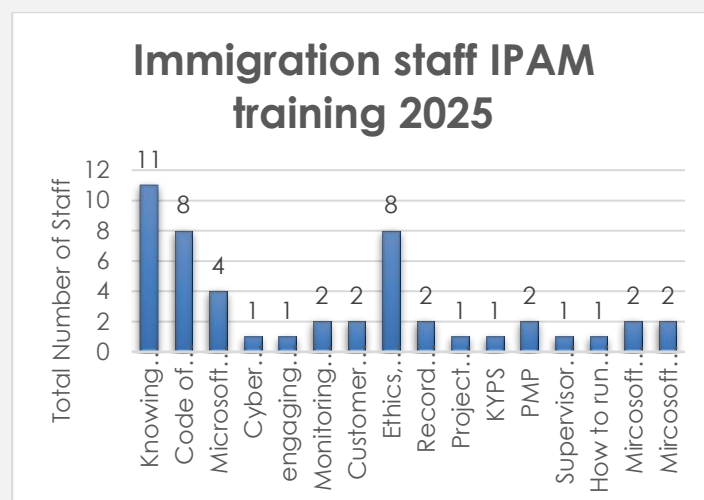


Fig 35: A total of 24 immigration staff underwent IPAM training in 2025, solidifying immigration division commitment to its staff career development and competency.

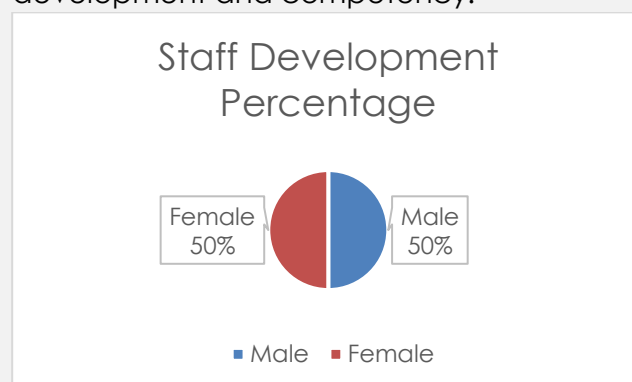


Fig 36: Shows an equal distribution and gender balance in staff development and training.

Immigration division remains committed to its staff development and therefore makes sure that staff go through training to upskill and be competent in their duties.

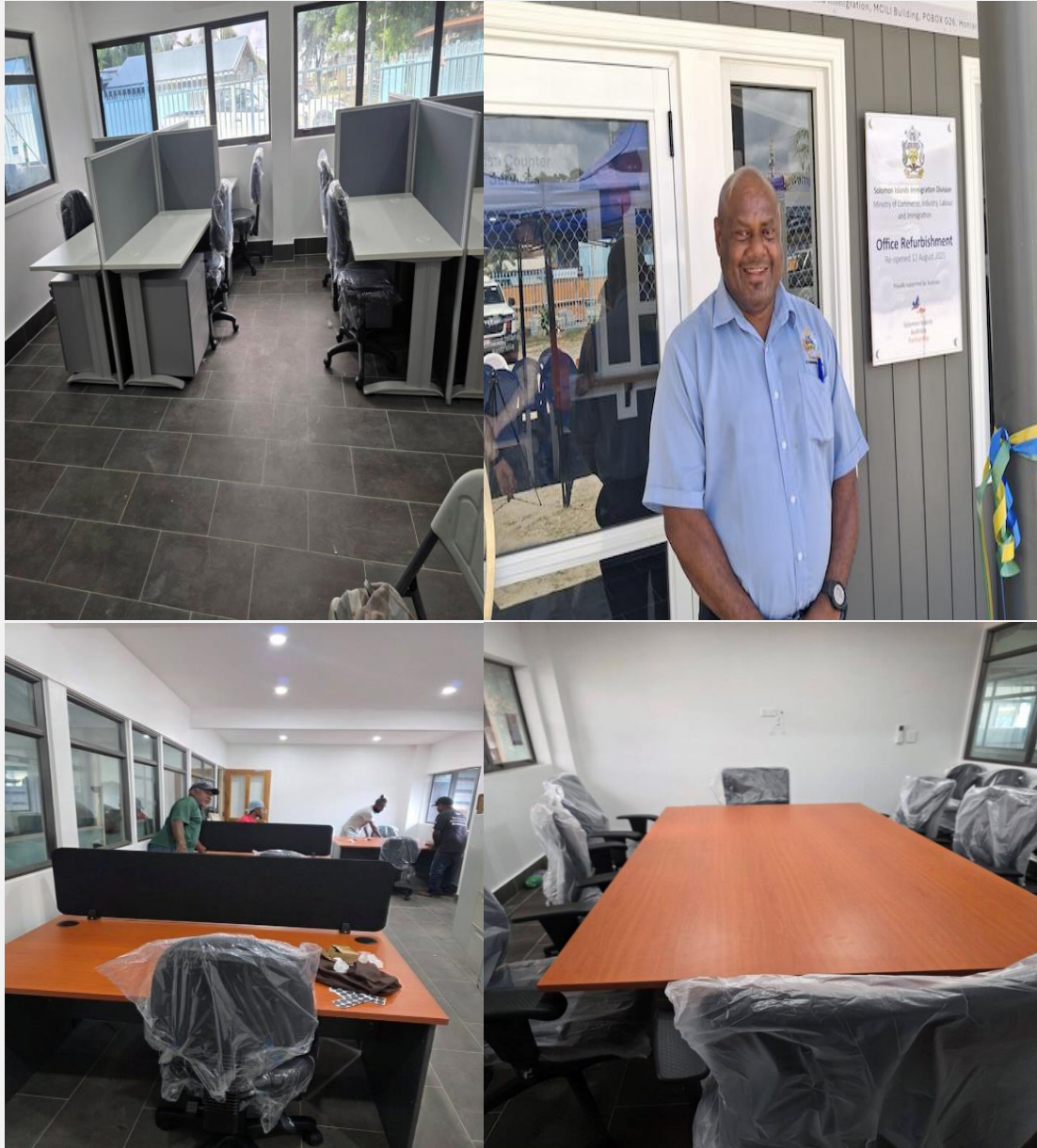
IPAM training has showcased a balance of gender inclusion with

equally shared 50% of participation of both male and female staff.

Achievements

One of the Major achievements for Immigration Division was the developed refurbished Main office.

Refurbished Main Immigration Office



The Refurbished Immigration office has been equipped with ICT equipment's, office desks, furniture's, fully furnished counter with 4 computers, drawers and other office accessories. These improvements have been a boost to SI Immigration workforce.

Launching of the Border Management System (BMS)

A major achievement by SI Immigration is the completion of its new website along with the launching of the BMS system. All end products of affiliation and collaboration with other agencies and stakeholders. This milestone achievement



Fig 37: Director of Immigration Chris Akosawa speaking during collaborations with DFAT and PNG immigration with Phase 1 launching of the BMS.



Fig 39: Minister for MCILI Hon. Harry Kuma at the official launching of the new immigration Border Management System 2025.

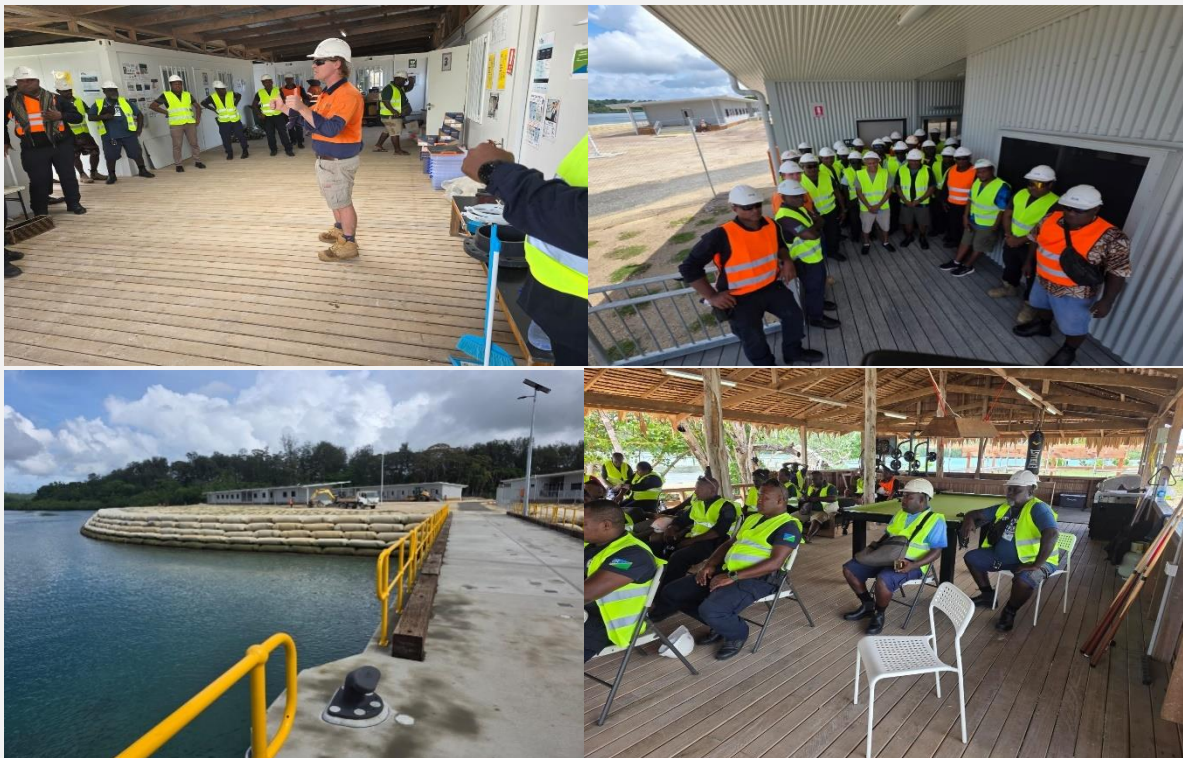


Fig 38: SI, PNG, and Australia delegates cutting of cake symbolizing opening of a new chapter for SI immigration with the BMS.

The BMS was officially launched in 28th October 2025. After thorough consultations and collaboration between SI immigration and its affiliating partners, the BMS system became a significant milestone that reflects the Solomon Islands' strong commitment to safeguarding its borders while enabling safe and efficient travel and trade, recognising the importance of digital transformation



DEVELOPMENT OF LOFUNG WHARF AND BASE AT SHORTLAND ISLANDS 2025



The Development of the Lofang base in Shortland Islands is an achievement accomplished in collaboration with the DFAT. Its purpose is to serve as a secondary immigration operational post established to support the primary border control station. The base serves as an additional point for monitoring, inspection, reporting, and responding to immigration activities within its designated area of responsibility. It enhances border coverage, facilitates passenger processing where required, and supports enforcement and surveillance operations at remote or high-traffic locations. The Lofang base will also cater for office spaces for Police, Customs, Bio-security and Affiliating Australian border officers. The Lofang base Project is set to be officially opened in 2026, which is essential in strengthening and management of our country's borders, further establishing a safer and secure Solomon Islands.