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1995-96, No. 8

An Act to amend the Constitution

(11 March 1996)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short Title - This Act may be cited as the Constitution Amendment (No. 18) Act 1995-96 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Constitution of the Cook Islands (hereinafter referred to as "the Constitution").

2. Audit - Article 71 of the Constitution is amended, by repealing subclauses (3) and (4), and substituting the following new subclauses -

“(3) There shall be established by enactment a Public Expenditure Review Committee comprising a chairperson appointed by the Minister of Finance, and other members whose number and manner of appointment shall be prescribed by Act.

(4) The Act referred to in subclause (3) of this Article shall provide to the Public Expenditure Review Committee sufficient powers to investigate expenditure from the Cook Islands Government Account and other public funds or accounts of executive government and such other public statutory or local authorities or bodies as may be prescribed by law, and shall have such other functions, duties, powers, and responsibilities as shall be provided by enactment.