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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
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Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

On June 30, 2014, this Office sent to you a letter in response to a March 27, 2014 inquiry whether security personnel at the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority and animal control officers at the Department of Agriculture (DOAg) were eligible to receive the forty percent pay raise granted to law enforcement officers pursuant to 10 G.C.A. § 55102. The letter concluded that both positions fell within the definitions of "law enforcement personnel" and were thus "entitled to the pay raises in question." The letter was not signed or approved by then Attorney General Leonardo Rapadas.

Recently, the Department of Administration (DOA) has requested my formal opinion specifically on the applicability of 10 GCA § 55102 to Animal Control Officers. DOA's request will necessarily require my reconsideration of the June 30, 2014 letter which was not, based on my review, an official opinion of the Attorney General.

As such, I am hereby rescinding the letter transmitted on June 30, 2014, including the findings and conclusions therein, pending my further review of the matter. For future clarification, only myself, or with my specific approval, a Deputy Attorney General will be empowered to respond in this manner. Please disregard any other correspondence. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Deputy Attorney General Karl Espaldon of the Solicitors Division at 475-3324.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Director Department of Administration
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