



PRESS STATEMENT

Apia, 28 April 2022 – *Preparedness, Prevention and Control of COVID-19 Assessment of places of detention*

The Special Investigation and Human Rights Units of the Office today visited the Tanumalala Prison Facility to carry out regular interviews with prisoners regarding their concerns received through the Ombudsman Complaints Box, as well as to conduct a as part of the State of Human Rights Report 2022 on COVID-19. The findings of the assessment will be disseminated to the Prisons Ministry for information and implementation of recommendations made. This information will also be compiled in a report that will be made available on the Office's website for the public.

The exercise is part of the Office's mandated functions to investigate complaints of the public against law enforcement and carry out Inspection of places of detentions to ensure human rights standards are observed (including in times of emergencies).

We would like to acknowledge the Management team and the staff for their usual support.

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