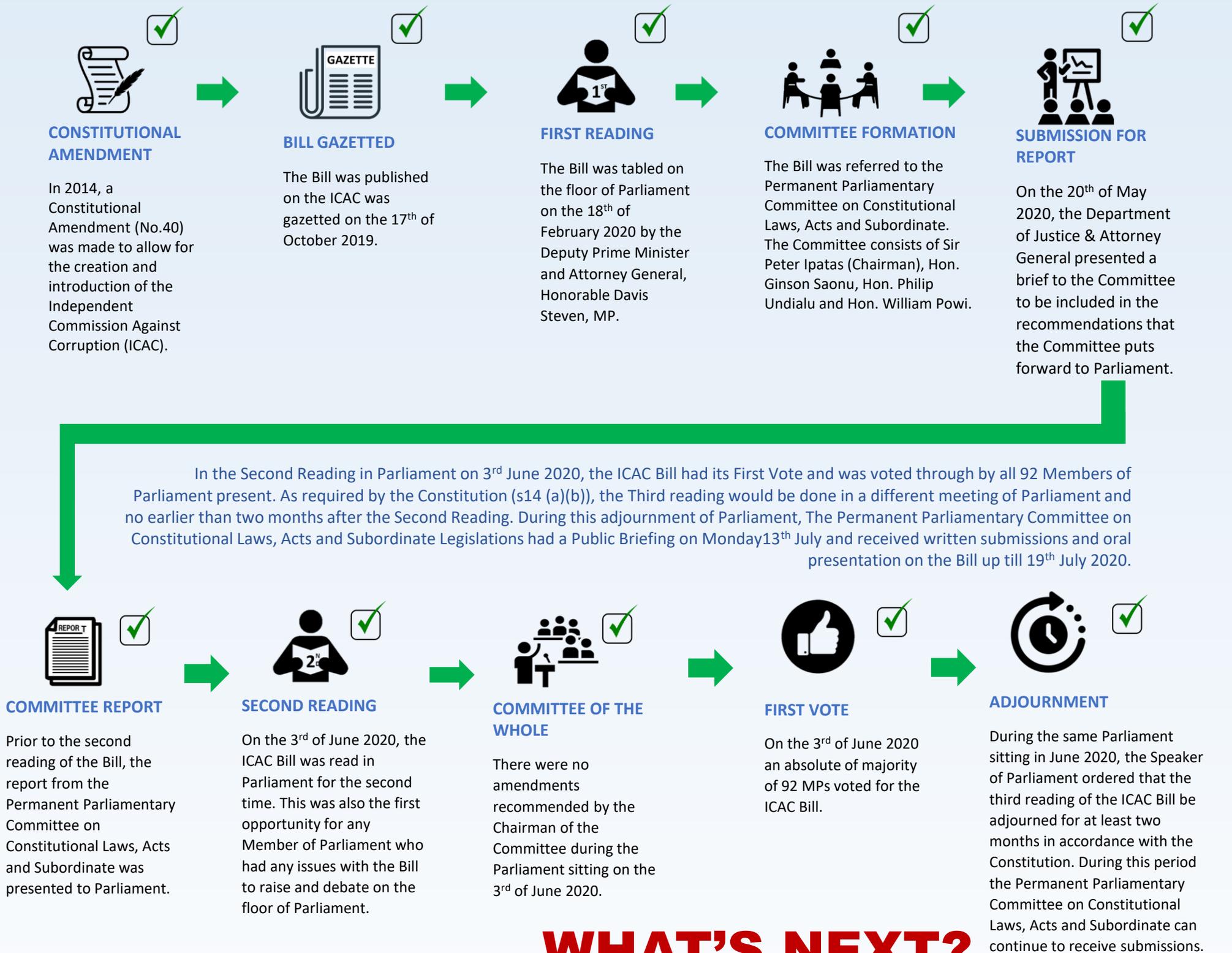




THE PNG ICAC BILL: an update on progress

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) is a constitutional office that is responsible for investigating corrupt conduct by public officials and private persons. ICAC also aims to enhance the integrity of public administration. The ICAC Bill was gazetted and had a 1st Reading in Parliament. This process is outlined below with the information drawn from Section 19A and 20 of the Parliamentary Standing Orders.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR:



WHAT'S NEXT?

The ICAC Bill will go through a 3rd Reading and the second opportunity for debate; then there will be the 2nd Vote amongst MPs present. Once the required majority votes in favor of the Bill, the Speaker will then certify the Bill to become a Law and will then be printed in the National Gazette as an Act of Parliament.



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GAZETTING OF THE ICAC ACT

The final part of this process is to gazette the new Act of Parliament. The Act takes full effect as soon as it is gazette.



CERTIFICATION BY THE SPEAKER

The ICAC Bill becomes an Act of Parliament on the certification of the Speaker. This means that it officially becomes a law of Papua New Guinea.



SECOND VOTE

The Speaker will then put forward the question that the Bill be read a 3rd time. This will be decided by a vote. If the Bill receives the required majority, it shall become a law upon certification by the Speaker.

If the Bill does not receive the support of the required majority, the process lapses.



THIRD READING

The Bill is read a third time in Parliament and this would also be the second opportunity for Members of Parliament to debate if they have any issues with the Bill.