

#### **DEBT RECOVERY PROCESS**

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#### **DEBT RECOVERY UNIT**

One of the units under Civil Division

 Main task is to assist in debt recovery on behalf of Ministries and Government Departments including litigation and bankruptcy matters

### **Debt Recovery Process - Pre Court**

ID refers matter to AGC after efforts on their end prove unsuccessful



AGC issues a Letter of Demand (LOD)



IDs to inform AGC if payment has been made

- Current address of debtor (BruHIMS)
- Death certificate/Letters ofAdministration
- Breakdown of debt

30 days for debtor to pay from date of letter

- a) Part payment/ installments – Letter of Undertaking
- a) Full payment

## **Debt Recovery Process - Court**

ID informs no payment / agreement



AGC files in Summons and Statement of Claim



Mention date

- AGC will inform ID of date
- ID encouraged to send a representative to attend Court
- Debtors may sometimes pay the day before or the day of or may want to negotiate payment

- Debtor present and admits to claim,
   Consent Judgment entered
- Debtor has a defence AGC will inform ID and for ID to provide information
- Debtor **absent**, <u>Judgment in Default of</u>
  <u>Appearance</u>

#### **Debt Recovery Process - Judgment**

- Once Judgment has been given by the Court, AGC will inform ID and extend a copy of the Judgment
- Should the debtor default in payment, ID to inform AGC and AGC will file in Judgment Debtor Summons

 ID to inform AGC each time payment is made until the debt is settled

## **Bankruptcy Proceedings**

- If the debtor is bankrupt, AGC will have to put on hold the court case and seek recovery of the debt via bankruptcy proceedings
- IDs will be informed of this and are asked to fill in a General Proxy and Proof of Debt
- AGC will notify IDs when there is a cheque ready for collection. ID will need to authorize AGC to collect the cheque on their behalf

#### **Focal Points**

- DRU comprises of 6 officers
- •We have assigned officers for each ministry. This is to help foster ease of communication as well as a focal point to direct questions to

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## Thank You

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