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From: Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms

To: Supervising Officers, in Charge of Ministries/Departments

Australia Awards- Short Courses 2017

The Australian Government is offering Short Courses in 2017 to African Countries, including Mauritius. The Short Courses will normally last between one and three months and the fields of study are as follows:

- Agricultural Productivity
- Extractives
- Public Policy

2. The aim of these Australia Awards Short Courses is to foster and strengthen capacity of partner countries, in the areas mentioned above, for mid to senior level professionals.

3. The Australian Government will cover the full cost of tuition fees, training materials, accommodation, living expenses, health insurance for basic medical and hospital care in Australia and in Africa, travel within Africa and to and from Australia.

4. For information relating to course requirements, course contents and application form, applicants can access the website www.australiaawardsafrica.org.

5. Applications and supporting documents should be submitted, either electronically or in hard copy as per instructions on the website, to the Managing Contractor for the Australia Awards in Africa, 310 Brooks Street, Menlo Park, Pretoria 0042, South Africa.

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Candidates should also forward a copy of their application, through their respective Supervising Officer, to the Human Resource Development Division, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms on e-mail address: trainingmcsar@govmu.org. The closing date for submission of applications is 15 January 2017.

6. Before submitting their application, applicants should **imperatively need to obtain confirmation from their respective Supervising Officer that they would be released in the event they are selected for the scholarship.**

7. Upon selection, the awardee would be eligible for study leave as provided under Section 10 of Chapter 4 of the Human Resource Management Manual, as required.

8. It would be appreciated if the contents of this Circular Letter could be brought to the attention of all eligible officers serving in the different Divisions of your Ministry/Department, including those in Statutory Bodies falling under the purview of your Ministry. Female candidates and persons with a disability should strongly be encouraged to apply.

Copy to: Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service

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