

COFE's Minutes of Meeting

COFE held its second meeting in 2009 on Feb 5 and looked into the following matters.

- Oil metering was reviewed and the committee took note of MOO's advice that a comprehensive metering system would be completed by end of the year 2009.
- With regard to KDMG's comment on the cash receipts and payments statement that an amount of \$1312005000 was incorrectly posted to the DFI account and related to cell phones licensing, the committee emphasized that this error must be corrected and the stated amount must be booked into the correct account.
- The committee was informed of the contents of MOO letter # 7/157/403 dated Jan 22 2009 and will follow up the results of the meetings referred to in the letter.
- The committee will write to the ministries that have not established audit units to check contracts and inquire about the reasons there for.
- The committee noted that the laws regulating the organizations and the operations of the various ministries were passed along time ago and needed revision. Although a new law on the subject has been drafted it has not yet been passed by the legislative bodies. As it was important for internal control purposes that more suitable regulatory laws be promulgated soonest possible, the committee decided to approach the council of ministers to authorize the ministries to make the appropriate changes in their organization structures and write job descriptions. These can reviewed in the light of the new laws when passed.
- The unified instructions for contracting have not yet been issued. The committee will follow up.
- E&Y's observations on the 2007 DFI financial statements which have not been cleared will be referred to KPMG for investigation and comment. As for the comment that there were no complete records of Iraqi frozen assets abroad, the committee will inquire from the MOF whether this comment is correct. If so, the committee will write to the general secretariat of the council of ministers on the subject.
- KPMG was informed of the date of the next IAMP meeting (2-3 April 2009) and the need to submit the audit reports at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

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