#### T. CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

#### A. SENATE

#### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

#### MANDATE

As provided under the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, the Senate, together with the House of Representatives (HREP), make up the Congress of the Philippines which is vested with legislative powers.

The major functions of the Senate are the following:

- 1. The Congress, by a vote of two-thirds of both Houses in joint session assembled, voting separately, have the sole power to declare the existence of a state of war. (Paragraph 1, Section 23, Article VI)
- 2. Within forty-eight (48) hours from the proclamation of martial law or the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, the President shall submit a report in person or in writing to the Congress. The Congress, voting jointly, by a vote of at least a majority of its Members in regular or special session, may revoke such proclamation or suspension, which revocation shall not be set aside by the President. Upon the initiative of the President, the Congress may, in the same manner, extend such proclamation or suspension for a period to be determined by the Congress, if the invasion or rebellion shall persist and public safety requires it. (Paragraph 1, Section 18, Article VII)
- 3. No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Senate. (Section 21, Article VII)
- 4. Determines by a two-thirds vote of both Houses, voting separately, that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice-President shall act as President; otherwise, the President shall continue exercising the powers and duties of his office. (Paragraph 4, Section 11, Article VII)
  - 5. The Senate shall have the sole power to try and decide all cases of impeachment. (Paragraph 6, Section 3, Article XI)

# VISION

A Senate that is independent, fair and fearless; a government institution that zealously protects the Constitution, promotes democratic values and upholds the national interest.

### MISSION

To enact laws and enunciate national policies that promote the people's welfare, empower the poor and weak, stimulate economic growth, institute good governance, promote rule of law, strengthen democracy, protect the environment and the nation's rich cultural heritage, and build an equitable, prosperous and orderly society.

#### KEY RESULT AREAS

Rule of law; improved peace and order; sustainable economic development; and good governance.

# SECTOR OUTCOME

Enactment of significant legislation and reform measures.

## B. SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

#### MANDATE

The Senate Electoral Tribunal is the sole judge of all contests relating to the election, returns, and qualifications of members of the Philippine Senate.

#### VISION

It shall be a key partner in ensuring the integrity of the electoral process.

#### MISSION

The Senate Electoral Tribunal shall steadfastly uphold the true will of the electorate as the sole judge of all contests relating to the election, returns and qualifications of Members of the Senate.

## KEY RESULT AREAS

Just and lasting peace and the rule of law  $\,$ 

## SECTOR OUTCOME

Uphold the will of the electorate

# ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOME

Fair and speedy resolution of Senatorial electoral protests achieved

# PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

## KEY STRATEGIES

Exclusive control, supervision and direction of all matters pertaining to senatorial electoral protests

ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOMES (OOs) / PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PIs)	BASELINE	2015 TARGETS
Fair and speedy resolution of Senatorial electoral protests achieved		
Senatorial electoral protests expeditiously adjudicated within the $\ensuremath{\text{term}}$	Not an election year	100%
Tribunal proceedings improved	Legal research published-None Tribunal Operations Automated-None	Reduction in processing time of electoral protests (Cannot be computed unless an actual protest is filed under the new Rules)
		One (1) Compilation for FY 2015

Two (2) Computer Programs

MAJOR FINAL OUTPUTS (MFOs) / PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PIs)

2015 Targets

MFO 1: ELECTORAL CONTESTS ADJUDICATION SERVICES

Senatorial electoral protests expeditiously adjudicated within the term
Senatorial electoral protests filed adjudicated within the Term
Tribunal proceedings improved

100%

Reduction in processing time of electoral protests

1 compilation; 2 programs

C. COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

MANDATE

The Commission on Appointments (CA) is vested by the 1987 Philippine Constitution with the power to approve or disapprove appointments made by the President of the Philippines, the confirmation of which is required under the Constitution. This power shall be discharged with impartiality, without partisan consideration and with only one impelling motive, which is the harmonious and efficient functioning of the government.

VISION

It is an efficient and competent arm of the Commission on Appointments for the effective dispatch of its constitutional mandate. Towards this end, it shall focus on the primacy of service to the public, in general, and the Members of the Commission, in particular. It shall attain the highest ethical and moral standards of public service and human relations. It shall be an instrument of change for national development and progress.

MISSION

Service and country above all

KEY RESULT AREAS

Just and lasting peace and the rule of law  $\,$ 

SECTOR OUTCOME

Check and balance on the appointment process to protect and ensure public interest.

ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOME

Review and confirmation of Presidential appointments/nominations submitted to the Commission

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOMES (OOs) / PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PIs)

BASELINE

2015 TARGETS

Review and confirmation of Presidential appointments  $\!\!/$  nominations submitted to the Commission

No. of presidential appointments / nominations received from the Office of the President  $\,$ 

Depending on the appointments / nominations submitted by the Office of the President

No. of Presidential appointments / nominations confirmed and / or given consent / unacted

Depending on the submission of complete documentary requirements by the appointees / nominees

#### MAJOR FINAL OUTPUTS (MFOs) / PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PIs)

2015 Targets

#### MFO 1: PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMATION SERVICES

Presidential appointments/nominations received from the Office of the President

No. of presidential appointments/nominations received from the Office of the President

N/A

Presidential appointments/nominations confirmed and/or given consent/unacted

No. of presidential appointments/nominations confirmed and/or given consent/unacted

N/A

#### D. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

#### MANDATE

As provided for under Section 1 of Article VI of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, the House of Representatives (HREP), together with the Senate, make up the Congress of the Philippines which is vested with legislative powers.

The major functions of the HREP are the following:

- 1. Enact laws for the rationalization, unification and clarification of the policies and programs of the national government;
- 2. Provide a forum for citizenry where they can, through their Representatives, ventilate their views of national and integral issues as well as their opinions on the manner of administering the affairs of the government; and
  - 3. Guide the government through legislation and oversee the execution of the laws of the land in its daily activities.

#### VISION

The Secretariat of the House of Representatives is an organization of career public servants providing comprehensive, strategic, innovative, efficient, environmentally responsible, ethical and citizen-friendly services to the House of Representatives, its Members and the general public and committed to sustaining a work culture of excellence, continuous learning, team work, transparency and accountability.

## MISSION

The Secretariat commits to provide efficient and effective services to the House of Representatives and its Members in the performance of their mandate with integrity, competence, transparency and accountability in the service of the Filipino people.

# E. HOUSE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

# MANDATE

The House Electoral Tribunal is the sole adjudicator of election contests involving the Members of the House of Representatives.

### VISION

It shall adhere to the principles of justice, integrity and fairness in the proclamation of the will of the electorate as to who are fit to serve as Members of the House of Representatives as mandated by the Constitution.

## MISSION

That as Members of the Tribunal Secretariat, we be true sentinels of the sanctity of suffrage, as we read and understand the real message of the voters, apply the correct appreciation of the law and evidence, discover wicked schemes to silence or falsify the voice of the people, and act with efficiency without sacrificing the uncompromising criterion of justice.

KEY RESULT AREAS

Just and lasting peace and the rule of law

SECTOR OUTCOME

Adjudication of electoral contests involving Members of the House of Representatives

ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOME

Fair and speedy resolution of Congressional electoral protests achieved

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

KEY STRATEGIES

Exclusive control, supervision and direction of all matters pertaining to congressional electoral protests

ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOMES (OOs) / PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PIs)	BASELINE	2015 TARGETS
Fair and speedy resolution of Congressional electoral protests achieved		
Congressional electoral protests expeditiously adjudicated within the term	2013 - 16 cases adjudicated	37 cases filed for 2013 - 2016 Congressional Term
	2014 - 9 cases to be resolved	12 cases adjudicated in 2015
		No Supreme Court reversal
		Cases resolved within term
Percentage reduction in processing time of electoral protests	The length of time that the cases will be adjudicated will depend on logistics, procedural due process and volume of election ballots and documents subject for revision and preliminary appreciation of contested ballots and testamentary evidences.	The 21 cases (2014 - 9 cases and 2015 - 12 cases) will have full blown electoral proceedings.
MAJOR FINAL OUTPUTS (MFOs) / PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PIs)		2015 Targets

MFO 1: ELECTORAL CONTESTS ADJUDICATION SERVICES Electoral Contests Adjudication Services Congressional electoral protests expeditiously adjudicated Percentage reduction in processing time of electoral protests

12 cases adjudicated