

Thesis Title : Powers and Duties of the Supreme Audit Institution in Internal Auditing of Central Government Agencies

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### ABSTRACT

Budget is the main factor which plays a vital role in administrates the country. Therefore, budget control system is a significant mechanism to guarantee that all moneys of taxpayers will be spent economically, efficiently and effectively. Internal Audit Units within audited agencies which are the control system within administrative agencies play a crucial role in budget control along with the Supreme Audit Institution which is the external controller. Supreme Audit Institution plays a key and active role in building such guarantee to taxpayers. Internal Audit Unit and Supreme Audit Institution is natural partner in working because Internal Audit Units' duties covered almost duties of the Supreme Audit Institution.

From legal research, found that, Organic Act on State Audit B.E.1999 Section 15 (3) entitle State Audit Commission to proclaim regulations or notifications prescribing the standards or measures in connection with the system and the control of an audited agency's budget administration audit including standards for internal control and the professional practice of an internal auditor as guidance for an audited agency in formulating its internal control and internal audit systems to achieve efficiency and effectiveness. Meanwhile, Minister of Finance also has power to proclaim such standard or measure as well. Thus, conflict or duplication of standard or measure and misunderstanding may arise and become obstacle for internal auditors in this circumstance. Moreover, continually collaboration among Supreme Audit Institution, Internal Audit Units, Comptroller General Department and Ministry of Finance may

not occur as well. Hence, the law regarding power to proclaim internal audit standard and relationship between the Supreme Audit Institution and Internal Audit Units should be amended.

Researcher proposed that power to proclaim internal audit practice standard or any standard for audited agency should belong to the committee which consists of members from related field, including representatives from the Supreme Audit Institution, Internal Audit Units, Ministry of Finance, Expert and Academics, in order to promote collaboration among Supreme Audit Institution, Internal Audit Units and another stake holders. Nevertheless, external representatives aforementioned shall have only advisory power in order to maintain the independence of the supreme audit institution. Researcher also proposed that the regulations regarding internal audit and relationship between Supreme Audit Institution and Internal Audit should be laid down in the Act of Parliament.

