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An Act to amend the Land Reform Act [CAP 123].

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Parliament as follows:
Insertion of new Part

- 1 After Part VI of the Land Reform Act the following Part is inserted:
“**PART 6A - COMPENSATION**

Application of Part

9A This Part applies in relation to custom owners of land who had a right to compensation under section 11 of the Land Reform Act [CAP 123] immediately before the section was repealed by the Land Reform (Amendment) Act No. 6 of 1992.

Government to determine compensation

9B (1) The Government is to determine the amount of compensation payable to the custom owners of the land.

- (2) In determining the amount of compensation, the Government must take into account the market value of the land and any other matters that it considers relevant.
- (3) A determination must be in writing and a copy of it must be given to the custom owners of the land.

Market value of land

9C The market value of land is to be determined by the Government valuer who is to carry out such investigations as are necessary to determine the market value.

Identity of custom owners and payment

9D (1) A compensation payment must not be made to a person unless the Minister is satisfied that he or she is a custom owner of the land.

(2) A compensation payment may be made to a particular custom owner on behalf of the other custom owners of the land.

(3) A compensation payment is to be made as soon as practicable after the appeal period under section 9E expires.

Appeal rights

9E Any custom owner of the land who is dissatisfied with the amount of compensation determined by the Government may appeal to the Supreme Court within 30 days after the date on which the determination is made.”.

Commencement

2 This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.
