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New Comptroller of Customs Appointed

Belmopan, November 23, 2026.

The Office of the Prime Minister announces the appointment of career Customs Officer Dr. Gilbert Gordon to the post of Comptroller of Customs, effective December 1, 2026.

He will succeed current Comptroller Estelle Leslie, who has served in that position since January 2021.

Dr. Gordon joined the Customs and Excise Department in 1991 as a Customs Examiner Grade II. He rose steadily through the ranks, working in various sections of the department, and was appointed Deputy Comptroller of Customs in 2020. After 35 years of service and recognition for his exceptional performance throughout his career, Dr. Gordon has now earned the post of Comptroller of Customs.

The Office of the Prime Minister wishes to acknowledge the stellar work of Mrs. Estelle Leslie, the first female Comptroller of Customs in Belize, and thank her for her service.

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