

**MINUTES**  
**4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2017**  
**THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION**  
**15 MARCH 2017**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Coles	Chairman
Kadi Pentney	Member
Sophia Harris	Member

**APOLOGIES:**

W. Norman Bodden	Member
Timothy Ridley	Member

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden	Manager
Richard Oliver	Senior Investigator

**1. Meeting called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest to be declared at this meeting by any Member.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of 8 and 16 February 2017 were confirmed.

**4. Operational Update****a. New Corruption Reports**

The Commission received a summary, in accordance with the current Reporting/Complaints Procedure, of three matters which have been received by the Manager and which have been recorded as reports/complaints that are being considered. These include the one matter which was received prior to the January meeting and two new matters reported since the last meeting. Members will consider the summaries and supporting documents for discussion at the next meeting. In the event any Member feels a matter is urgent a meeting will be convened expeditiously.

**b. Existing Corruption Reports**

The Commission received a verbal update from the Senior Investigator on the 6 active investigations. For reasons of security specific details such as names, locations, dates, etc. are included in a separate confidential schedule.

During this meeting the Commission directed that one of the pending matters be concluded. As such, the Commission was informed that since inception (1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2010) there have been 135 reports/complaints registered by the Commission, of which:

- a. 3 have been received and are being considered for evidence as to whether they disclose a potential offence under the Law and/or a related offence;
- b. 1 was refused on the basis that there was no prima facie evidence of a breach of the Law;
- c. 9 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- d. 110 have been concluded;
- e. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- f. 6 are under current active investigation.

**5. Outstanding Business**

**a. Protective Gear**

The Manager sought to obtain permission from the Commissioner of Police to import goods which would be classified as protective gear for all Investigators to utilise during the course of their duties. The Commissioner has advised that he is not aware of any power under the Police Law (2010 Revision) which would allow him to do this. A legal opinion is being sought in this regard.

**b. MOU with FRA**

The FRA has provided feedback on the proposed MOU which members of the Commission agreed to accept. The Manager has been asked to make the requested changes and provide the FRA with an updated copy for signature.

**c. Administrative Matters**

As previously discussed several administrative matters have arisen since the new Commission was appointed. Members agreed that the previously suggested meeting with Her Excellency and the Deputy Governor should be arranged. The Chairman and Member Sophia Harris will attend this meeting. The Secretariat was asked to provide a list of points which the Commission has indicated they wish to discuss.

**6. New Business**

**a. Recruitment**

The Manager indicated that the advertisement for the 3 new posts of Investigator has been issued and the closing deadline is 26 March 2017. The Manager will canvass all Members to enquire whether any Member is available to participate on the panel conducting interviews for the posts.

**7. Any Other Business**

**a. MOU with RCIPS**

It was previously agreed that not all procedural matters between the Commission and the RCIPS could be detailed in an MOU and where there was a need for further discussions, the Chairman would meet with the Commissioner to discuss the same. Following a recent investigation such matters were discussed and the Chairman indicated he would discuss them with the Commissioner if required and follow up with Members at the next meeting.

**b. Request to Chair Upcoming Conference Panels**

Both the Chairman and Member Tim Ridley have been invited to Chair panels during the upcoming Tax Transparency in the Global Financial Services Ecosystem Conference.

**c. Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption Certification Workshop**

The Manager has been invited to attend a certification workshop being held in Cayman in April however it appears the Conference is aimed primarily at the private sector and targeted at assisting them to ensure compliance with local and international legislation.

**8. Action Items**

Members were asked to:

- a. Review the new corruption reports;
- b. Attend the meeting with HE and the DG when arranged (Chairman and Member Sophia Harris); and
- c. Meet with the Commissioner re: procedural issues (Chairman).

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Follow-up with the request for a legal opinion re: the protective gear;
- b. Make the proposed changes to the MOU with the FRA and provide it to the FRA for signature;
- c. Arrange a meeting with Her Excellency and the Deputy Governor for the Chairman and Member Sophia Harris (and provide the list detailed by the Commission of speaking points);
- d. Canvass the availability of members for participation on the Interview Panel; and
- e. Respond to the request for participation at the upcoming certification workshop.

**9. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting**

- a. Operational Update
- b. Corruption Reporting/Complaints Procedure
- c. Recruitment
- d. Legal Opinion Re: Protective Gear
- e. MOU with FRA
- f. Meeting with Commissioner

g. Meet with Her Excellency and the Deputy Governor

**10. Next Meeting**

The date of the next meetings is 13 April 2017 at 9:30am.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am



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Richard Coles  
CHAIRMAN  
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION