

MINUTES
7th MEETING OF 2019
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
11 SEPTEMBER 2019
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Coles	Chairman
Kenrick Hall	Member
Kadi Pentney	Member
Timothy Ridley	Member

APOLOGIES:

Sophia Harris	Member
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SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager
Richard Oliver	Senior Investigator

1. Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am.

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared at this meeting by any Member. In the event that any Member is conflicted, he/she recuses themselves during the discussion of the respective matter.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of 25 June 2019 were confirmed as presented.

4. Operational Update

a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Manager received three new reports/complaints that a criminal offence or an attempt to commit an offence or a conspiracy to commit an offence under the Anti-Corruption Law ("ACL") has been committed (see Sec 4 (1)(c) of the ACL). Members will review the submissions in two matters and consider these at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Enquiries are currently being made in the third matter in order to provide a fuller summary of the matter so it may be considered.

b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 170 reports registered by the Commission, of which:

- i. 3 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- ii. 141 have been concluded (or have not met the threshold or fallen under the remit of the Commission);
- iii. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action;
- iv. 14 are now under current active investigation;
- v. 2 are being considered by the Commission.

5. Outstanding Business

a. Desired Amendments to the ACL

The final draft of the desired amendments to the ACL has now been submitted to the Honourable Attorney General for consideration and further action.

b. 2018/19 Annual Report

The 2018/19 Annual Report has been agreed and signed by all members prior to being submitted to the Deputy Governor and Attorney General (copied to His Excellency the Governor) in accordance with the Law. Following this submission, the Report will be published on the Commission's website.

c. Membership

Members Sophia Harris and Kadi Pentney were reappointed by His Excellency the Governor on 16 August 2019 for a further 3 year term.

6. New Business

a. Media and Public Relations Policy

Member Tim Ridley drafted a policy to detail the ACC's stance on dealing with media and public relations matters. Members will consider the draft policy for discussion at the next meeting.

b. Presentation to Customs and Border Control Recruits

Following a request by the CBC the Chairman, along with the Chairman of the Commission for Standards in Public Life, will make a presentation (this afternoon) to the current recruitment class of the CBC on the remit, powers, work, etc. of the Commission.

7. Action Items

- a. Members will consider the matters as detailed in 4a above;
- b. The Manager will submit the ACC 18/19 Annual Report as detailed in 5b above; and

c. Members will review the newly drafted Media and Public Relations Policy.

8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Operational Update
- b. Media and Public Relations Policy

9. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was proposed for 29 October 2019 at 9:30am.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.



Richard Coles
CHAIRMAN
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION