

MINUTES
7th MEETING OF 2020
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
12 MAY 2020
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: N/A

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager
Richard Oliver	Senior Investigator

1. Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:24am.

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 1 April 2020 were confirmed as presented.

4. Operational Update

a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

There were no new reports/complaints for presentation to the Commission. Two new reports/complaints were received prior to the meeting but had not yet been processed. Given the current global pandemic Members agreed the Chairman would consider the documents initially to agree how they should be distributed to Members. The Manager also indicated that the additional information requested by the Commission (at the last meeting) in ACC/COMP/2020/001 has not yet been received though the request has been followed up on. An additional follow up (via phone) will take place later this week should the

information still not be received. This information is necessary in order for the Commission to properly assess whether the matter falls under its remit. It was further agreed that the Manager should follow up with the complainant in ACC/COMP/2020/002 given that they requested time to provide additional information in the matter.

b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 177 reports/complaints registered by the Commission, of which:

- i. 4 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- ii. 148 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. 13 are now under current active investigation; and
- v. 2 require additional information prior to being considered for acceptance.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a. Grenada Judgment

Member Tim Ridley has not yet finished the review as detailed in the minutes of 14 January 2020. The matter was therefore again deferred.

b. International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre Membership (IACCC)

The Attorney General has given his consent to move forward with the ACC's application to become a signatory as an Associate Member of the IACCC. The Chairman has signed the MOU and the Manager submitted the same. The IACCC has indicated that they will be in touch to advise of timescales for next steps.

c. Recruitment

The deadline for applications for the post of Investigator has now passed and 57 applications have been received. The Manager is currently working to determine a shortlist of candidates in order to arrange interviews in the first instance.

6. CFATF Related Updates

The Chairman informed Members that due to the current public health crisis all site visits have been placed on hold for the next several months. Whilst new dates are being formulated they are subject to change given that the climate continues to be fluid.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

8. Action Items

- a. Member Tim Ridley will continue his review as it relates to 5.a. above; and
- b. The Manager will continue to progress the recruitment exercise; and
- c. The Manager will contact the relevant parties regarding the pending reports/complaints above.

9. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Operational Update
- b. Recruitment

10. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be held on 16 June at 10:00am.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.



Richard Coles
CHAIRMAN
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

