MINUTES

8th MEETING OF 2016

THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

7 DECEMBER 2016

CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Coles

Chairman

W. Norman Bodden

Member

Sophia Harris

Member

Kadi Pentney

Member (by phone for part)

Timothy Ridley

Member

APOLOGIES:

N/A

ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT (ACU) MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Oliver

Senior Investigator

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden

Manager

1. Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10am

2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest to be declared (real or perceived) at this meeting by any Member.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of 12 November 2016 were confirmed.

4. Operational Update

The Commission received a verbal update from the Senior Investigator on the 7 ongoing investigations being conducted by the ACU. For reasons of security specific details such as names, locations, dates, etc. are included in a separate confidential schedule.

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 132 complaints registered by the Commission, of which:

a. 8 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;

- b. 107 have been concluded;
- c. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- d. 7 are under current active investigation.

5. Meeting with the Auditor General

This meeting was deferred due to a scheduling conflict.

6. Meeting with the Commissioner or Police

The newly appointed Commissioner of Police attended part of the meeting in order to facilitate formal introductions, a discussion of the remits, and preliminary agreement of an MOU for the parties to collaborate when needed. Further discussions will take place between the RCIPS and the ACU.

7. Outstanding Business

a. MMOU (CIMA)

Having now received the necessary advice, CIMA representatives will be informed that the Commission is content to sign the proposed MMOU and wishes to co-operate to the fullest extent possible subject to the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Law.

b. MOU (FRA)

The Commission has been informed that the FRA may not be in a position to agree an MOU with the Commission at this time. The Chairman agreed to contact the legal representative at the FRA to discuss the matter further.

c. Corruption Reporting Procedure

Amendments to the draft procedure were discussed and agreed. It will now be sent by the Secretariat to the Director of Public Prosecutions, in accordance with the Law for approval.

d. Code of Conduct

A simplified version of the Code of Conduct was reviewed and accepted. The Code will be placed on the Commission's website.

8. New Business

a. Motto

It was agreed that the current motto is not applicable to the work of the Commission and will therefore be discarded. It was not felt the Commission requires another motto at this time.

b. Website

The Commission agreed the content of the website and directions will be given to Netclues for them to make the website 'go live'. Members will be updated accordingly.

c. Supplementary Budget

The Chairman and Member Norman Bodden met with the Minister of Finance in order to discuss necessary resources for the Commission given the changes to the legislation. The Minister was receptive to this meeting and has authorised that a Cabinet Paper should be drafted for approval of an additional supplementary budget necessary for the Commission to meet its legislative mandate. The Secretariat completed this and it is now with the Chief Officer of the Portfolio of the Civil Service for submission by the Honourable Deputy Governor.

9. Any Other Business

a. Video for Orientation

The Chairman was asked to record a new video for the Civil Service Orientation briefing that all new employees attend. The Secretariat will arrange the same.

b. Request for Data on International Cooperation

In preparation for the FAT-F assessment in 2017 the RCIPS has requested a submission on data on international cooperation from the Commission. The Secretariat will put together the relevant information for members to consider the appropriateness of disclosure.

10. Action Items

Members were asked to:

- a. Contact the FRA re the proposed MOU (Chairman);
- b. Tape the orientation vides (Chairman); and
- c. Consider the data once forwarded for appropriateness of disclosure.

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Reschedule the meeting with the Auditor General;
- b. Conduct further discussions with the RCIPS re the proposed MOU;
- c. Inform CIMA of the Commission's decision on the proposed MMOU;
- d. Send the draft Corruption Reporting Procedure to the ODPP for approval;
- e. Upload the Code of Conduct to the website;
- f. Instruct Netclues to make the website 'go live' and inform members;
- g. Arrange a recording of the orientation video for the Chairman; and
- h. Collate the data for consideration by Members.

11. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Operational Update
- b. MMOU (CIMA)
- c. MOU (FRA)
- d. Corruption Reporting Procedure
- e. Meeting with Auditor General

12. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 18 January 2017 at 9:30am.

13.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Richard Coles

CHAIRMAN

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