

MINUTES
1st MEETING OF 2018
THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
23 JANUARY 2018
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Coles	Chairman
Sophia Harris	Member
Kadi Pentney	Member
Timothy Ridley	Member
Kenrick Hall	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 9:35am.

2. Conflicts of Interest

- No conflicts of interest were declared at this meeting by any Member.
- Member Tim Ridley indicated that Dart Enterprises has provided him with a complementary ticket to their forthcoming investment conference.
- Member Kadi Pentney indicated that her father had been copied in on correspondence provided by a complainant. Numerous persons who were considered a stakeholder had been copied in but it was noted that her father was not an active stakeholder and the Commission agreed it was a peripheral issue and not a central one to the allegation.
- Member Kenrick Hall indicated that he formerly (and historically) supervised two persons whose names were mentioned in a complaint. The Commission agreed that this did not affect his ability to consider the matter.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of 11 December 2017 were confirmed as presented.

4. Operational Update

a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission received a summary of two new matters which have been received by the Manager. Of these two matters, one was not accepted as it did not give rise to a reasonable suspicion on the part of the Commission that a criminal offence or an attempt to commit an offence or a conspiracy to commit an offence under the Anti-Corruption Law ("ACL") had been committed (see Sec 4 (1)(c) of the ACL). The second matter was deferred pending further information which the Manager will seek to obtain.

b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission received a written and a verbal update from the Senior Investigator on the 9 active investigations. 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 149 reports registered by the Commission, of which:

- a. 7 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- b. 123 have been concluded;
- c. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- d. 9 are under current active investigation.

5. Outstanding Business

a. ACC Policies

The Commission agreed a new policy which governs the actions of the Commission in the event that urgent action is required relating to a report/complaint.

6. Any Other Business

a. Request for Information by the Auditor General's Office

As the AG's Office continues on their performance audit, the Commission has been asked to supply documents which would assist. Such administrative information has been provided. Those relevant entities that the information refers will also be notified.

b. Performance of Chief Officers

The Deputy Governor has requested feedback from the Commission as it relates to details of any concerns or positive interactions with Chief Officers. The Commission expressed its gratitude to the Director of Public Prosecutions as a Chief Officer who consistently provides necessary advice in matters.

7. Action Items

The Secretariat will:

- a. assist with the drafting of correspondence to complainants as appropriate; and
- b. provide the requested information to the Office of the Auditor General and notify the relevant entities of such action.

8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Operational Update

9. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 5 March 2018.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.



Richard Coles
CHAIRMAN
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION