

<p>MINUTES 7th MEETING OF 2018 THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 14 JUNE 2018 CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT</p>

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 9.25am.

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared at this meeting by any Member.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of 14 May 2018 were confirmed as presented.

4. Chairman's Meeting with His Excellency

The Chairman attended his formal introductory meeting with His Excellency the Governor last week. The work of the Commission, resources, and other related matters were discussed. His Excellency expressed his confidence in the Commission as well as his understanding of the importance and caliber of the work. The Chairman was asked to pass along his thanks to both Members of the Commission and of the Secretariat for the hard work and dedication to this integral Commission.

5. Outstanding Business**a. Protective Gear**

The Chairman indicated that the matter regarding the need for protective gear was raised during his meeting with His Excellency. His Excellency agreed the urgent need for this matter to be resolved and enlisted the assistance of the Attorney General to ensure this

occurs. The Commission agreed the wording of the draft bill and during the meeting made a request to the Attorney General for the Bill to be treated as an emergency one in which the 21 day constitutionally mandated public consultation period be waived. The Attorney General responded to the request indicating that he will make the request of the Honourable Premier.

b. Amendments to ACL

The Commission agreed that there are potential amendments to be made to the ACL. These have been collated in draft form and an extraordinary meeting will be held to discuss and recommend such amendments.

6. Operational Update

a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission received a summary of seven new Reports which have been received by the Manager. Five of these reports were accepted with three requiring action and two currently being dealt with by the respective entity. One report 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) and One report was not accepted as it does not fall within the scope of the ACL.

The Commission had also previously expressed interest in the outcome of an investigation requested of a public authority by a member of the public. Members were updated that the relevant Head of Department has acknowledged the Commission's request for information upon the conclusion of its review.

b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission received a written and a verbal update from the Senior Investigator on the 12 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 160 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. 115 have been concluded;
- c. 14 have not met the threshold or fallen under the remit of the Commission;
- d. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- e. 14 are now under current active investigation.

7. **New Business**

Public Authorities Law Amendment Bill 2018

Members discussed the Amendment Bill and agreed that clause 5 should be expanded to be inclusive of the Commission. A request will be made to the Attorney General.

8. **Any Other Business**

It was noted that the terms of the Chairman and Member Tim Ridley come to an end in mid-August. The necessary administrative matters associated with this will be handled by the Secretariat.

9. **Action Items**

The Secretariat will assist with the drafting of correspondence in the matters outlined above as appropriate.

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

a. Operational Update

11. **Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is 28 June 2018 at 9:00am.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57pm.



Richard Coles
CHAIRMAN
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION