

MINUTES
1st MEETING OF 2019
THE ANTI-CORRUPTION
15 JANUARY 2019
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

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 9:30am.

2. Conflicts of Interest

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of 31 October and 14 November 2018 were confirmed as presented.

4. Operational Update

a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission received a copy of one new report which has been received by the Manager a day prior to this meeting. Members will review the submission and consider the matter at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 166 reports registered by the Commission, of which:

- i. 8 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- ii. 116 have been concluded;

- iii. 17 have not met the threshold or fallen under the remit of the Commission;
- iv. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action;
- v. 14 are now under current active investigation; and
- vi. 1 is currently being considered.

5. Outstanding Business

a. Proposed Amendments to the ACL

Members received the revised document re: ACL amendments via email prior to the meeting at which time Member Tim Ridley agreed to expand on the current draft recommended amendments for further discussion by the Commission in due course.

b. Protective Equipment

Following the passage of the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Law 2018 (on 12 September 2018):

- i. permission has been obtained from His Excellency the Governor to allow the Chairman to issue the protective equipment to investigative staff;
- ii. the majority of the equipment has been purchased through the RCIPS (with the permission of the Commissioner of Police) and the additional equipment is in the process of being ordered;
- iii. the Commissioner of Police has been informed of the names of those staff who will be issued protective equipment (in accordance with the Law);
- iv. a policy governing the use, storage, etc. of the equipment has been drafted by the Senior Investigator and reviewed by the Manager (the draft policy will now be forwarded to the Chairman for acceptance); and
- v. the Manager and Senior Investigator continue to liaise with RCIPS Training Staff to ensure all staff are trained/re-trained in the use, storage, etc. of the equipment.

6. New Business

a. Office of the Auditor General's Fighting Corruption Report

The OAG has published its Fighting Corruption Report which the Commission had provided information during the course of the information gathering by the OAG. Members discussed the content of the Report and agreed that some sections of the Report were not fully explained or no context provided. The Chairman has been summoned to the Public Accounts Committee on 30 January 2019 in order to answer questions about the Report.

b. International Tax Cooperation Economic Substance Guidance

The Chairman spoke with the Director for CIG's Department for International Tax Cooperation regarding the referenced document. The Guidance and other documents will be forwarded to Members for review and consideration should the Commission have any feedback it wishes to provide.

c. Chairman's Meeting with His Excellency

The Chairman met with His Excellency Martyn Roper, OBE on 30 November 2018. The meeting was an introductory one and the Chairman provided an overview of the work, resources, challenges, and successes of the Commission. His Excellency was very supportive of the work of the Commission. The Chairman will meet with His Excellency on an as needed basis.

7. Any Other Business

a. Staffing

A member of the investigatory team has tendered his resignation as he will be returning to the UK. The Manager will begin a recruitment exercise in due course.

b. Meeting with the Acting DPP

The Chairman will meet with the Acting DPP concerning certain active investigations.

8. Action Items

The Secretariat will

- a. continue to progress matters related to the protective equipment;
- b. forward the International Tax Cooperation Economic Substance Guidance to Members; and
- c. schedule a meeting between the Chairman and the Acting DPP.

9. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Operational Update
- b. Proposed Amendments to the ACL

10. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 12 February 2019 at 9:30am.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.


Richard Coles
CHAIRMAN
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION