MINUTES

9th MEETING OF 2019

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 3 DECEMBER 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 9:35am.

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 29 October 2019 were confirmed as presented.

4. Operational Update

a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Manager received one new report/complaint (ACC/COMP/2019/009) which was presented to Members at the meeting along with the information regarding the report/complaint (ACC/COMP/2019/005) which had previously been deferred. Members will consider the contents of both reports/complaints as to whether either gives rise to a criminal offence or an attempt to commit an offence or a conspiracy to commit an offence under the Anti-Corruption Law ("ACL") has been committed (see Sec 4(1)(c) of the ACL).

b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 174 reports registered by the Commission, of which:

- i. 3 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- ii. 146 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 are being considered by the Commission.

5. Existing Business

a. Media and Public Relations Policy

The draft policy detailing the ACC's stance on dealing with media and public relations was again deferred as Members required additional time to consider the content.

b. ACC Website

Members reviewed the website and provided constructive feedback which could make it more "user friendly".

6. Any Other Business

a. Desired Amendments to the ACL

The Commission agreed that an additional amendment should include the ability of the Commission to retain any proceeds awarded during confiscation proceedings. Retention of this funding would assist the Commission as it moves forward with achieving future independence. As a general comment, the Commission also agreed that the Chairman should request that the Honourable Attorney General work towards streamlining the confiscation process in order to assist the Commission with its work and also to comply with various requirements of the C-FATF.

b. Meeting Re: CI CFATF National Coordination Team

The Senior Investigator met with Jan Tibbling who has been hired by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions as a Law Enforcement Expert to assist the CI CFATF National Coordination Team. The discussions surrounded the relevant work of the Commission as it relates to the CIG's response to the Fourth Round CFATF MER and meeting any recommended actions therein.

7. Action Items

a. The Manager will review the feedback on the website and implement any changes; and

- **b.** The Manager will finalise the background information on the desired amendments to the ACL for submission to the Honourable Attorney General as set out in 6b above.
- 8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting
 - a. Operational Update
- 9. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was proposed for 14 January 2020 at 9:30am.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.

Richard Coles

CHAIRMAN

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