MINUTES

4th MEETING OF 2013

THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 7 MAY, 2013

CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner of Police David Baines Chairman
Sir Peter Allen Member
Leonard Ebanks Member

Auditor General Alastair Swarbrick Member

APOLOGIES:

Complaints Commissioner Nicola Williams Member

ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Oliver Detective Inspector

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden Manager

Legal Counsel for the Commission as assigned by the Director of Public Prosecutions provided apologies for her absence.

Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am.

Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the 28 February and 20 March, 2013 meetings were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. Online Training Programmes

The online training programme is in its final stages and it is hoped that it will be rolled out prior to the 2013 General Elections.

b. Electronic Resources

There is no further update on this matter.

c. Elections Educational Campaign

Members were given an update on the campaign including press releases, advertisements, Voter's Pledge, Elections Office Face Book Page, and the Lunch and Learn Series. The feedback from the members of the public has been two-fold – some persons have embraced the campaign and others have felt the campaign unnecessarily draws negative attention to the Cayman Islands.

4. Legal Counsel's Report

There was no report submitted as Legal Counsel was not in attendance.

New Business

a. UN Convention against Corruption

The Honourable Attorney General's Chambers continues to work on having the UN Convention against Corruption extended to the Cayman Islands. The Commission has begun engaging in activities to ensure it is in compliance with the Convention's requirements.

b. Funding Opportunity

The Commission has submitted several bids for requests for funding from the Governor's Office to assist in resources during the 2013/14 annual year.

6. Operational Update

The Commission received an update from the Commissioner and D/I Oliver on the 15 ongoing investigations being conducted by the ACC Unit. The purpose of these updates is to provide the members with insight into the types of cases being handled by the ACC Unit and as a result the levels of workload they are experiencing and the resources necessary to handle such workloads. Specific details such as names, locations, dates, etc. are included in a separate schedule due to security issues. Information shared with members is done so to ensure they are able to fully act in their capacity as an oversight body.

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 75 complaints registered by the ACC (10 of which have been received within the current reporting period 1 July, 2012 – 30 June, 2013), of which:

- a. 21 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- b. 32 have been concluded;
- c. 7 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- d. 15 are under current active investigation.

It is noted that the Auditor General recused himself and stepped out of the room during a discussion of a case which relates to his position. It is further noted that a complaint related to corruption has been made against the Commissioner of Police as Chairman of the Commission – this complaint has been forwarded to the Governor's Office for consideration by an external agency.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Online Training Programmes
- b. Elections Educational Campaign

Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 28 May, 2013 at 10am.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12noon.

David Baines CHAIRMAN

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION