MINUTES 4th MEETING OF 2014 THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 5 AUGUST, 2014 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
Complaints Commissioner Nicola Williams Member

APOLOGIES:

Richard Oliver Detective Inspector, ACU

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden Manager

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the 12th May, 2014 meeting were confirmed.

3. Outstanding Business

a. 2014-2015 Budget

The 2014-2015 budget was debated in the Legislative Assembly and agreed with no changes. The budget allows for the provision of two Investigators to provide investigative services for the Anti-Corruption Commission. The Chairman and Manager continue to work to put in place formal secondment agreements with the two existing Investigators for the 2014-2015 budget year.

b. Server/Software Programme

The server has arrived and is in the process of being installed. Following the installation of the server the new case management system for the use by the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) will be installed.

4. Operational Update

The Commission received an update from the Commissioner and the Manager on the 20 ongoing investigations being conducted by the ACU. The purpose of these updates is to provide the members with insight into the types of cases being handled by the ACU 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 107 complaints registered by the ACC (none of which have been received within the current reporting period 1 July, 2014 – 30 June, 2015), of which:

- a. 3 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- b. 74 have been concluded;
- c. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- d. 20 are under current active investigation.

5. Report by the Auditor General

The Auditor General provided a briefing of the concerns he is experiencing and investigating which relate to the Anti-Corruption Commission. It is noted that his office works closely with the Anti-Corruption Unit in some instances and thus information is shared in a collaborative effort.

6. Any Other Business

Tenure of Members

It was noted that the current of employment agreement of member Nicola Williams, who serves on the ACC by virtue of holding the position of Complaints Commissioner, expires in several weeks. At this time the member indicated that a new agreement is not in place. On that basis it was queried who would act as the Complaints Commissioner should a new agreement not be agreed. Following discussion the Chairman indicated that should it become apparent that an Acting Complaints Commissioner will be put in the place he will review the previous vetting completed on the post-holder and determine whether any further vetting shall be necessary prior to attendance at meetings due to the sensitive nature of the information provided to and discussed with members.

Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. 2014/2015 Budget
- b. Server/Software Programme

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2 September, 2014 at 10am.

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9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

David Baines CHAIRMAN

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