MINUTES 4th MEETING OF 2016 THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 7 JUNE 2016 CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Acting Commissioner of Police Anthony Ennis

Chairman

W. Norman Bodden

Member

Acting Auditor General Garnet Harrison

Member

Acting Complaints Commissioner Bridgette Von Gerhardt

Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT MEMBERS PRESENT:

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 19 April 2016 meeting were previously confirmed by round robin email and signed by the former Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

a. ACC Legislation

The Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill 2016 was passed into Law and a commencement date will be agreed in due course. The current Commission will continue the business/work until such time. It was noted that whilst the amendments change the composition of the Commission, s.13(5) of the Law allows for the Chairman to "invite the Auditor General or the Commissioner of Police to attend any meeting of the Commission and to participate in such meeting or to provide information to the Commission on areas of their work which relate to anti-corruption matters."

4. New Business

a. MOU's/Policies

It was agreed that the amendments to the legislation created a situation where the relationship between the RCIPS, specifically the Financial Crimes Unit, and the Commission/Unit need to be formalised. In addition, such an arrangement may also be needed with the Office of the Auditor General. The Manager and Senior Investigator will work on formulating such policies and obtain legal advice where necessary to ensure the Commission/Unit remain in a position to successfully conduct their investigations and meet their legislative remit.

b. Resources/Budget

Again, the amendments to the legislation create a situation where logistically arrangements need to be agreed such as a capital injection into the Commissions Secretariat's budget in order to purchase a vehicle. The Chairman agreed to speak with Her Excellency about this need.

5. Operational Update

The Commission received an update from the Senior Investigator on the 9 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 127 complaints registered by the ACC, of which:

- a. 13 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- b. 95 have been concluded;
- c. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- d. 9 are under current active investigation.

6. Report by the Auditor General and Complaints Commissioner

There was not a necessity for updates from the Acting Auditor General or Acting Complaints Commissioner of their respective offices which relate to anti-corruption matters.

7. Any Other Business

The Chairman discussed several matters which have been reported to the RCIPS but which may need to be handled jointly by the Anti-Corruption Unit and the Financial Crimes Unit. Members agreed that relationships between the two organisations need to remain strong.

Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Anti-Corruption Legislation
- b. MOU's/Policies
- Resources/Budget/Staffing

9. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was tentatively agreed for 6 July 2016 at 10am. This meeting is subject to the commencement date of the Amendment Law.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Anthony Ennis

CHAIRMAN

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION