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MINUTES 4th MEETING OF 2020 ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 19 FEBRUARY 2020 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 Richard Oliver Manager 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 14 January 2020 were confirmed as presented.

4. **Operational Update**

a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

There were no new reports/complaints for presentation to the Commission.

b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 174 reports/complaints 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. 148 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; and
- iv. 13 are now under current active investigation.

The Chairman will contact the DPP, as he does from time to time, regarding these reports/complaints.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a. Reappointment of Member

Member Kenrick Hall was re-appointed by the Governor on 5 December 2019 for a three year term.

b. Desired Amendments to the ACL

The proposed draft amendments remain with the Attorney General for consideration. Following discussions, it was agreed that it should be brought to the attention of the Attorney General that the ACC should be included generally in all laws so as to have the same or similar provisions as other law-enforcement bodies. This omission has recently been evident with the amendments to the Freedom of Information Law and the designation of other law enforcement bodies, but not the Commission, as "Security and Intelligence Services". Member Tim Ridley agreed to draft this letter.

c. Grenada Judgment

Member Tim Ridley has not yet finished the review as detailed in the minutes of 14 January 2020. The matter was therefore deferred.

d. International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre Membership

Members agreed that the Commission should sign as an Associate Member. The Manager is to progress this matter.

e. MoU and Code of Practice

Members received a draft MOU and Code of Practice for review following the Commission's agreement at the last meeting to become a party to this MOU (along with the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, Financial Reporting Authority, and the Cayman Islands Customs and Border Control Service), to meet compliance with international standards established by the Financial Action Task Force and the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force.

f. Draft Letter to DPP

Members discussed the draft letter to the DPP and agreed further amendments. Member Sophia Harris agreed to draft such amendments for the Manager to forward to all Members for agreement.

6. New Business

a. Standards in Public Life Law Commencement ('SIPL')

Members noted the announcement of the commencement of the SIPL as of 1 March 2020 but will await further information regarding the submission of declarations.

b. Commission Compliance with CIG Policy (post CFATF report) on Anti-Corruption

This was previously agreed by the Commission and after some discussion it was agreed that no further action is needed.

c. C-FATF Related Updates

The Chairman provided Members with updates as it relates to meetings he attends following recommendations from the C-FATF.

d. MMOU On the Exchange of Information for Co-operation, Consultation and Enforcement ("MMOU")

Members approved the signing of this MMOU, and the Manager will submit the same to the Attorney General's Chambers as requested.

e. Meeting with the Auditor General

It was agreed by Members that a meeting between the Commission and the Auditor General would be scheduled for 3 March 2020.

f. Request for Support and Assistance

A request for assistance was received via email however Members agreed the message was probably spam and no reply was necessary.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

8. Action Items

- a. The Chairman will contact the DPP generally regarding reports/complaints;
- **b.** Member Tim Ridley will draft correspondence to the Attorney General as it relates to 5.b. above;
- c. Member Tim Ridley will continue his review as it relates to 5.c. above;
- d. The Manager will progress the IACCC membership as set out in 5.d. above;

- e. Members will consider the documents provided as it relates to 5.e. above;
- f. Member Sophia Harris will draft the amendments as set out in 5.f. above;
- g. The Manager will submit a signed copy of the MMOU as detailed in 6.d. above; and
- h. The Manager will request a meeting with the Auditor General for 3 March 2020.

9. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- **a.** Operational Update
- **b.** Desired Amendments to the ACL
- **c.** Grenada Judgment
- d. International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre Membership
- e. MOU and Code of Practice

10. Next Meeting

The dates of the next meeting were proposed for 3 March (at a time to be determined) and 26 March at 9:30am.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Richard Coles

CHAIRMAN ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION