# MINUTES

# 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF 2021

# ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 19 JANUARY 2021

# **COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sophia Harris Chairman
Kenrick Hall Member
Kadi Pentney Member
Adrian Pope Member
Simon Whicker Member

#### **APOLOGIES:**

N/A

#### SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden Manager (after 10:30am)
Richard Oliver Senior Investigator

# 1. Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:28am.

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of 7 and 14 December 2020 were confirmed as presented.

#### 3. 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.

#### 4. **Operational Update**

# a. New Corruption Reports/Complaints

Members received, in advance of the meeting, hard copies of both report/complaint ACC/COMP/2020/008 (discussed at the meeting of 7 December 2020) and a new report/complaint (ACC/COMP/2020/009).

At the meeting of 7 December 2020 Members agreed that further information was required in order for an assessment of the report/complaint ACC/COMP/2020/008 to be made. The difficulties in obtaining such information since the last meeting was discussed with the

Members and it was agreed that a formal request would be actioned to attempt to obtain the same.

After discussing ACC/COMP/2020/009 Members agreed that the matter did not fall under the remit of the Commission and in any event did not meet the threshold in accordance with s.4(1)(c) of the Anti-Corruption Law.

# b. Existing Corruption Reports/Complaints

The Commission was informed that since inception (1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2010) there have been 184 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. 157 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. 1 is being assessed.

# 5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

#### a. Amendments to the ACL

The finalised responses and relevant rationales of the ACC to the Draft Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (the "Bill") were submitted to the Attorney General's Chambers for further incorporation into the Bill on 12 January 2021. In conjunction with these amendments it has been agreed that an assessment of the ACC utilising the Jakarta Principles will be undertaken by the Commissions Secretariat with the assistance of the Attorney General's Chambers.

#### b. Educational Needs/Opportunities

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that there are separate target audiences and messages which need to be formalised in long-term public relations plan. The Manager will ask the PR & Edu Coordinator to present an initial draft overarching education/public relations plan at the next meeting for consideration by Members.

#### 6. **CFATF Related Updates**

The Chairman and the Senior Investigator have continued to attend CFATF meetings as required as the Cayman Islands Government awaits a response from the CFATF following the formal submission of responses to the recommendations.

#### 7. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

# 8. Action Items

- **a.** The Manager will draft a formal request for the information needed for Members to consider ACC/COMP/2020/008;
- **b.** The Manager will draft correspondence to the complainant in ACC/COMP/2020/009 advising of the decision;
- **c.** The Manager will initiate discussions with the Attorney General's Chambers to begin the assessment of the ACC utilising the Jakarta Principles;
- **d.** The PR & Edu Coordinator will draft an initial draft overarching education/public relations plan for presentation at the next meeting.

# 9. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Operational Update
- **b.** Amendments to the ACL

# 10. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed for 23 February 2021 at 9:30am.

# 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56pm.

Sophia Harris CHAIRMAN

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