

**COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE  
10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2013  
MINUTES  
21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2013  
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

**PRESENT:** Karin M. Thompson                      Chairman  
                  Nyda Mae Flatley                              Member  
                  Ian Wight    Member

**ABSENT:** Hedley Robinson                      Member

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
                  Deborah Bodden                                      Manager, Commissions Secretariat

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm and a prayer was offered.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 September, 2013 were approved.

**3. Outstanding Business**

**a. Update on the SPL Bill**

Members were advised that on 1 October the Manager, Commissions Secretariat re-submitted the SPL Bill, 2013 to Cabinet with the clarifications as requested. The Bill was accepted and was subsequently sent to the Legislative Assembly. The Bill is now available on the Commission's website, as well as that of the Legislative Assembly, for the 21-day public consultation period prior to it receiving a first reading. Members were asked to ensure any concerns they themselves, or any received from members of the public on the content of the Bill were placed in writing and forwarded to the Manager so they could be properly considered by Legal Drafting.

**b. Working Group and Sub-Committee on Procurement**

On 30 September, 2013 the Manager provided the members with a copy of the report and as such members have now been afforded an opportunity to review the report in full, including the recommendations made. Members expressed their concern regarding the recommendation for a member of the CSPL to sit on the Procurement Committee (to oversee large projects) due to the practicality of the schedule of the members and the independence of the Commission. The Chairman indicated the Commission will consider the report in further detail at the next meeting.

**c. Seventh Report of the Commission**

Members were advised that the Report has been added to the Business Paper at the Legislative Assembly for tabling. It is unknown the exact date when the report will be laid as the House is now dealing with the 2013/14 Financial Budget.

**4. New Business**

**a. Request for Board Training by Chairman**

The Chairman has been requested to provide an overview of the remit of the CSPL and the SPL Bill for members of various boards at a training session along with representatives of other Commissions. The Chairman has asked the Manager to co-ordinate the trainings as requested.

**b. Freedom of Information provisions**

The Commission has been made aware that the recommendations made by the Committee on the Review of the FOI Law, 2007 and Regulations, 2008 are proceeding to Cabinet for review.

The Commission has been invited to submit any further exemptions it may require in light of its work and the recommendation to bring it under the purview of the amended legislation.

**5. Any Other Business  
Conference**

Chairman has been asked to speak at the Government Professional Development Conference on the remit of the Commission. She has accepted the request and will therefore facilitate the presentation as the Luncheon Speaker on 3 December, 2013.

**6. Action List**

Members were asked to:

- a. ensure they review the Report of the Working Group and Sub-Committee on Procurement for discussion at the next meeting; and
- b. review the FOI exemptions as they currently stand and provide any feedback to the Manager as detailed in 4b above.

The Secretariat was tasked with:

- a. Coordinating the media events for the SPL Bill as detailed in 3a above;
- b. Coordinate the training for the boards as detailed in 4a above; and
- c. Provide members with a copy of the FOI exemptions as they currently stand for consideration.

**7. Items to be discussed at the next meeting**

- a. Update on the SPL Bill
- b. Discussion on the Report of the Working Group on Procurement
- c. Update on the Seventh Report of the Commission

**8. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 25 November, 2013 at 2:30pm.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.



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Karin Thompson

CHAIRMAN

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