



submitted to the Registrar of Interests on 17 April for further comment. The Registrar responded on 18 April and provided some clarification on the Members' queries/concerns regarding the declarations.

**ii. Meeting with ROI Committee**

The Commission met with members of the ROI Committee on 18 April, 2018 at the LA Meeting Room and discussed its observations and questions arising from the inspection of the Register of Interest on 12 April as well as the role of the ROI Committee and the anticipated hand-over of responsibility to the Commission upon the commencement of the SPL Law. The ROI Committee undertook to follow up with the points raised at the meeting and to revert to the Commission. A file note of the meeting was prepared by the Secretariat. Follow-up correspondence will be sent to the Registrar of Interests, expressing the Commission's gratitude to the Committee for taking the time to meet. The Commission will await a response from the ROI Committee setting out its findings on the points discussed.

**d. Gender Equality Tribunal Findings**

The Director of Internal Audit Unit (the "IAU") confirmed, on 1 May, that the IAU's completed report on this matter was issued to the Deputy Governor and Chief Officer Howell. Follow-up correspondence will be sent to the Ministry of Human Resources & Immigration to request a report on the findings to be presented to the Commission.

**e. Ministerial Code of Conduct ("CoC")**

The Cabinet Secretary has replied that the CoC forms part of the draft Cabinet Manual and is currently being reviewed by the Honourable Premier. Once discussions have taken place and a presentation made to Cabinet, a commencement date will be set and the finalised document can be shared with the Commission. The Secretariat will follow-up with the Cabinet Secretary on this matter in three months.

**f. Miller Calls for Action Against a Chief Officer**

Members discussed the correspondence received on 28 March from the Deputy Governor, to whom the Public Accounts Committee had referred the matter. The Deputy Governor indicated that he is considering the matter in accordance with relevant legislation and that a decision/conclusion was expected in approximately 30 days. The Secretariat will follow-up on the substantial response.

**4. Any Other Business**

**a. Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (CCAICACB)**

The Fourth Annual Conference of the CCAICACB is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands and this year's theme is "Counting the real cost of Corruption– Engaging everyone in the fight". The Chairman and Member Shian O'Connor will attend and the conference information has also been shared with the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Director of the Financial Regulatory Authority.

**5. Action Items**

**The Secretariat was asked to:**

- a.** Follow up on the possible approval of the Draft SPL Regulations 2014;

- b. Send correspondence to the Register of Interests Committee as outlined above;
  - c. Request the report on the G.E.T. findings;
  - d. Follow up on the Ministerial CoC in three months; and
  - e. Follow up with the DG as detailed above.
6. **Items to be discussed at the next meeting**
- a. Standards in Public Life (SPL) Regulations/Legislation
  - b. Chairman's Meeting with His Excellency
  - c. Register of Interests – Response from the ROI Committee
  - d. Gender Equality Tribunal Findings
  - e. Miller Calls for Action Against Chief Officer
  - f. CCAICACB Conference
7. **Next meeting**  
The next meeting will be held on 12 June at 3:30pm.
8. **Adjournment**  
The meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm.



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