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Statement on the Launch of the Commission for Standards in Public Life’s Redeveloped Website

The Commission for Standards in Public Life (“the Commission”) is pleased to announce the launch of its redeveloped website. The redeveloped website, www.standardsinpubliclifecommission.ky, allows for increased accessibility for the general public to the Commission and its resources. The website features various Commission reports, publications, educational material as well as local, regional and international resources on standards in public life, ethics and transparency in public office.

The Commission is an independent body established under section 117 of the 2009 Constitution to enhance democracy in the Cayman Islands and to ensure that there is sufficient oversight of the public sector. The primary purpose of the Commission is to assist in establishing and maintaining the highest standards of honesty, integrity and competence for persons in public life, in order to ensure the prevention of corruption or conflicts of interest through its supervision of the operations of the register of interest.

The Commission’s overarching powers are contained in the Standards in Public Life Law, 2014 (the “Law”) and the Standards in Public Life (Amendment) Law, 2016, (the “Amendment Law”) which are available on the website for viewing. The Commission expects that Regulations will be finalised in the very near future. Whilst Government has yet to determine a commencement date for the Law, and notwithstanding the delay with the Regulations, Commission Chairman Rosie Whittaker-Myles said “the Commission has been engaged in preparatory work leading up to the commencement of the Law and remains committed to ensuring that public officials and persons in public life adhere to the Law by disclosing any conflicts of interests or perceived conflicts of interests to ensure the maintenance of the ‘highest standards of integrity and competence in public life.’” Prevention of corruption and conflicts of interest within the public service are the Commission’s highest priorities.

With this in mind the Chairman recently attended the Third Conference for the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (“CCAICACB”) in Jamaica, at which time the Cayman Islands became a Member of the Executive Committee of the Association.

The Commission hopes that the public will find the redeveloped website to be useful and informative and that all members of the public will take this opportunity to learn more about the

Commission and the importance of its work. For more information contact the Commissions Secretariat at 244-3685.

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