

**THE COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**

**4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF 2011**

**MINUTES**

**2 MAY, 2011**

**CONFERENCE ROOM**

**COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

**PRESENT:** Karin M. Thompson                      Chair  
Nyda Mae Flatley                                  Member  
Roy McTaggart                                      Member  
Hedley Robinson                                  Member  
Pastor Winston Rose                              Member

**APOLOGIES:** N/A

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

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:20pm. Pastor Rose opened the meeting with a prayer and the Chair then welcomed all members of the Commission.

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 March, 2011 were approved with two typographical corrections. It is noted that due to not having quorum, the Commission did not hold a meeting in April. As a result, the decision was taken by the Chair and member present to hold two meetings in May in order to attend to the business of the 11 April, 2011 agenda.

**3. Outstanding Business**

a. Professor Jowell's Visit

Professor Jowell's visit has now been confirmed and all members have received a tentative date for the CSPL's meeting with him. All members with the exception of Pastor Rose, who will be off island, have confirmed their attendance. The Chairman shared three questions, as identified by the Secretariat based on previous discussions during meetings of the Commission. These questions have been forwarded to Professor Jowell and the Chairman has asked that by the next meeting members identify any other questions/areas of concerns which the Commission is of the view may require Professor Jowell's input and advice.

b. Review of 4<sup>th</sup> draft of SPL Bill

The Chairman shared her comments on the latest draft of the Bill and after a discussion ensued with all members, changes were made. It has now been agreed that the draft will be sent to Professor Jowell along with queries identified by the Commission for his comments.

**5. Any other business**

### Meeting with the Auditor General's Offices

The Chair confirmed that from the Auditor General's office have requested a meeting with her and she has provided her schedule but no date has been set at this time. She will update members at the next meeting.

### **6. Items to be discussed at next meeting**

- a. Update on SPL Bill 2011 [Fourth Draft];
- b. Lesser Contracts Falling Outside the Remit of the CTC;
- c. Questions to be posed to Professor Jowell; and
- d. Correspondence from the Constitutional Commission.

### **7. Action List**

- a. It was agreed that before the next meeting the Secretariat will make the proposed changes to the draft SPL Bill on behalf of the Commission. The Secretariat has also been asked to prepare for the chairman's approval a preliminary list of the queries which the Commission will be seeking to have clarified at its meeting with Professor Jowell which is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.
- b. Members will ensure they have reviewed Part IX of the Financial Regulations (2008 Revision) detailing the policies on awarding "lesser" contracts;
- c. Members will identify any other questions/areas of concern to pose to Professor Jowell; and
- d. The Chairman will forward the correspondence from the Constitutional Commission to the Secretariat for acknowledgement.

### **8. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the CSPL will be held on 23 May, 2011 at 2:30 pm in the Commissions Secretariat boardroom.

### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28pm.



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**Karin Thompson**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**