

THE COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
1st MEETING OF 2012
MINUTES
9th JANUARY, 2012
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PRESENT:	Karin M. Thompson	Chair
	Hedley Robinson	Member
	Pastor Winston Rose	Member
APOLOGIES:	Nyda Mae Flatley	Member
	Roy McTaggart	Member
SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:	Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:50pm. Pastor Rose opened the meeting with a prayer and the Chairman then welcomed all members of the Commission.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 December, 2011 were approved.

3. Outstanding Business

a. SPL Bill

Members were advised that the Chairman has now received feedback from the Attorney General's Chambers which allowed the Commission to positively move forward with presenting the Bill to Cabinet for consideration. The AG's Chambers have posed several questions to the Commission of a legal nature in order to strengthen the Bill and ensure the true intent of the Bill is captured. The Chairman will provide answers on these legal questions and then circulate them to the members for approval before forwarding to the AG's Chambers for a final completion of the draft Bill. It is the hope of the Commission that the Bill will be presented to Cabinet within the next three months and no later than the submission of the fifth report.

b. Fourth Report of the Commission

Members were advised that the Fourth Report is almost in the finalised draft stages and will be forwarded to all members no later than 3 February for their input. The report is scheduled to be submitted for tabling no later than 17 February, 2012.

c. Statutes of Proposed Legislation

This area continues to need careful review and consideration. The initial views of the Commission will be discussed in the Commission's Fourth Report.

6. Any Other Business

Meeting with the Financial Secretary

The Chairman once again apologised for the late start of the meeting but indicated that her meeting with the Financial Secretary (FS) had run longer than anticipated. The Chairman indicated that the meeting was very productive in that they were able to review each of the recommendations set out by the Commission in their Third Report and the Chairman was able to glean feedback on each one from the FS. The Chairman was further able to confirm that the FS is the public official who is considering the carrying out of any recommendations made by the Commission to the procurement process.

The Chairman asked that the Secretariat convey her gratitude to the FS for meeting with her and indicate that the Commission hopes to receive his written feedback on the recommendations as discussed at their meeting prior to the submission of their Fourth Report so that these may be taken into consideration. The Chairman further asked the Secretariat to forward the FS a copy of a draft Declaration Form so that he may better understand the Commission's recommendation:

"require each member of the CTC and any DTC to complete a full disclosure of all pecuniary and business interests to the Financial Secretary before commencing work and an update every twelve months thereafter."

7. Items to be discussed at next the meeting:

- a. Submission of the Fourth Report of the Commission;
- b. Status of draft SPL Bill;
- c. Update on rules and proposed statutory framework; and
- d. Ongoing review of statutes of proposed Legislation.

7. Action List

Members will provide feedback on the Draft Fourth Report of the Commission no later than 13 February, 2012.

The Secretariat will e-mail the Financial Secretary as indicated above.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting of the CSPL will be held on 20th of February, 2012 at 2:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.



Karin Thompson
CHAIRMAN
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