

COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
5th MEETING OF 2015
MINUTES
1 OCTOBER 2015
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT:	Rosie Whittaker-Myles	Chairman
	Sheenah Hislop	Member
	Pastor Shian O'Connor	Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
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1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:12pm and a prayer was offered.

2. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. Introductory Meeting with the Honourable Leader of the Opposition

The Secretariat continues to await confirmation of a date on which the Honourable Leader of the Opposition will be available to meet with the Commission.

b. SPL (Am) Bill and SPL (Regulations)

The proposed amendments to the SPL (Am) Bill have been forwarded to the Legal Drafting Department for incorporation prior to submission to Cabinet for approval. The Commission agrees that it is important for the SPL (Am) Bill to be brought into effect without further delay, but has firmly expressed its views on certain of the amendments proposed. The Commission will be addressing its concerns in writing to the Honourable Premier.

c. Report of the Commission

Members of the Commission have now been provided with the Report of the Commission covering the work from 1 February – 31 July 2015. Minor changes to the Report will be made and the finalised Report will be prepared for submission for tabling in the Legislative Assembly.

d. Public Relations

i. Website

The Manager indicated that the new website should be up and running before the Christmas holidays providing the public with easier access to information about the

Commission and its areas of remit. In the interim, changes have been made to members' information.

ii. Members' availability

Commission members agreed at a future date to provide the Secretariat with their schedules to cover the first quarterly period in 2016 in order for public relation opportunities to be organised. The Commission is also keen to explore educational opportunities involving schools.

3. New Business

a. Meeting with the Director of Procurement

From media reports the Commission became aware that draft legislation surrounding procurement is now being considered; however the Commission has not been asked to contribute to, or participate in, the process in any way. Members agreed that a meeting should be set up with the Director of Procurement and Chairman of the current Procurement Committee to discuss the advancement of the recommendations made by the previous Working Group on Procurement. The Commission intends to correspond with Her Excellency and the Honourable Deputy Governor to express its dismay that despite its constitutional mandate to review and establish procedures for awarding public contracts, it has not had any involvement in the new process nor has been invited to join or become involved with the Procurement Committee currently being Chaired by the Strategic Advisor to the Deputy Governor.

4. Action Items

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Make the minor amendments to the Report and submit the same for tabling in the Legislative Assembly;
- b. Set up a meeting with the Director of Procurement;
- c. Assist in drafting correspondence to the Honourable Premier as detailed in 2.b. above; and
- d. Assist in drafting correspondence to Her Excellency as detailed in 3.a. above

5. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

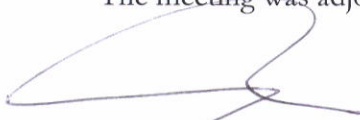
- a. Introductory Meeting with Honourable Leader of the Opposition
- b. SPL 2014, SPL (Am) Bill and SPL (Regulations)
- c. Report of the Commission
- d. Meeting with the Director of Procurement

6. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 19 November 2015 at 2pm.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.



Rosie Whittaker-Myles

CHAIRMAN

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