

COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
6th MEETING OF 2015
MINUTES
27 NOVEMBER 2015
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
Sheila Alvarez	Administrator/Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:15am and a prayer was offered.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 1 October 2015 were approved with two minor amendments.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. Introductory Meeting with the Honourable Leader of the Opposition

The Secretariat has followed up with the Office of the Honourable Leader of the Opposition for confirmation of a date on which he is available to meet with the Commission. Whilst the Secretariat has followed up twice since making its original request, no answer has been received.

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

The Commission reviewed and identified feedback on the final proposed changes to the SPL (Am) Bill to be sent to the Honourable Attorney General and Legal Drafting. Any concerns related to the proposed changes will also be documented and submitted to the Honourable Premier and Honourable Attorney General for the record.

During the review of the SPL (Am) Bill Members discussed the need to ensure Board members were properly trained and the Secretariat shared that a previous training session was co-ordinated by the Portfolio of the Civil Service approximately two years ago. The

Secretariat was asked to enquire whether such a training will be held again or whether the Professional Development Week would be an appropriate venue to offer such a training.

The Commission also agreed to request an introductory meeting in January 2016 with the Legal Draftsman who will be assigned to draft the SPL Regulations.

c. Report of the Commission

The Report of the Commission covering the work from 1 February – 31 July 2015 was submitted for tabling in the Legislative Assembly on 8 October 2015. A courtesy copy was also sent to the attention of Her Excellency. The Commission will await the formal tabling of the Report prior to publishing it on their website.

d. Procurement Legislation

Members are to forward any questions on the draft legislation by no later than 2 December 2015 to the Secretariat who will liaise with the presenters to answer the queries. A formal response will be prepared following the next meeting of the Commission.

4. New Business

a. Chairpersons Meeting

The Chairman provided a summary of the Chairpersons meeting held with Her Excellency the Governor, the Honourable Deputy Governor and the Chairman of the other Commissions supported by the Commissions Secretariat. During the meeting each Chairman provided an update on the work of their respective Commission since the last meeting.

b. Introductory Meeting with the Office of the Auditor General

The Commission has had a request from the Office of the Auditor General (the OAG) for the two bodies to meet and discuss, in general terms, their respective work. The Commission agreed this would be a useful meeting however due to the legislative work it is currently undertaking it was agreed this meeting should be scheduled to coincide with the Commission's February 2016 meeting unless any matters to be discussed are of an urgent nature.

5. Action Items

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Draft the queries of the proposed amendments to the SPL (Am) Bill and submit them to the Honourable Attorney General and Legal Drafting;
- b. Draft correspondence to the Honourable Premier as detailed in 2.b. above;
- c. Enquire as to the plans for trainings for Board members;
- d. Set up a meeting with the Legal Draftsman;

- e. Correspond with the presenters of the Procurement Legislation regarding the plan of action for feedback; and
- f. Correspond with the OAG to schedule a meeting date

6. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

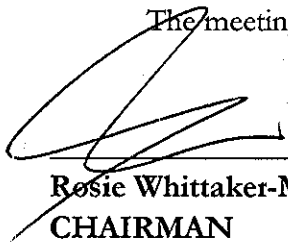
- a. SPL 2014, SPL (Am) Bill and SPL (Regulations)
- b. Procurement Legislation

7. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 16 December 2015 at 2pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.



Rosie Whittaker-Myles

CHAIRMAN

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