

COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
11th MEETING OF 2020
MINUTES
6 NOVEMBER 2020

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rosie Whittaker-Myles	Chairman
Sheenah Hislop	Member
Isatou Smith	Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Secretariat
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1. Meeting called to order

The meeting commenced at 9:10am. The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting was opened with a prayer.

2. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. Amendments to the SPL Law

Members discussed and agreed the collated responses to the Draft SPL (Amendment) Law 2020 produced by the Legal Draftsman. These comments will be submitted by the Manager to the Legal Draftsman in order to effect the requested changes or for clarification.

b. Data Protection Query

Members discussed and agreed a response to correspondence from the Ombudsman's Office related to data protection and the submission of declarations.

c. Register of Interests

Members agreed that they would attend the Secretariat Offices (as their schedules allow) to continue to review the declarations entered into the Register in accordance with the SPL Law.

d. Queries Related to the Submission of Declarations

During the meeting (10:35a – 11:15a) Members met with the Honourable Attorney General to discuss concerns, advice, procedures, and the way forward, given the commencement of the Law and the Regulations and the filing of declarations by persons in public life. In addition, Members discussed the issue of persons who are subject to the SPL Law and the need to clarify this in some instances. The AG agreed to provide advice on matters of concern to the Commission and also to draft rules for the collection of civil debts as imposed

under the SPL Law. The Manager was asked to draft a Cabinet Paper to clarify persons subject to the SPL Law.

3. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

4. Action Items

- Submit the comments on the Amendment Law to the Legal Draftsman (Manager);
- Submit a draft CP as set out in 2.d. above (Manager); and
- Review declarations entered into the Register (Members).

5. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. Amendments to the SPL Law
- b. Register of Interests

6. Next meeting

The next meeting date will be agreed via round robin.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.



Rosie Whittaker-Myles

CHAIRMAN

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