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3rd MEETING OF 2013 40th MEETING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION 13 JUNE, 2013

PRESENT: David Ritch Sara Collins Wil Pineau Chairman Member Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

Secretariat members present:

Deborah Bodden

Manager, Commissions Secretariat

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

2. Meeting with the Honourable Attorney General

The Commission met with the Honourable Attorney General to discuss the remit and work of the Commission. Amongst the issues discussed during the meeting were:

- whether there is a need for legislation for the Commission to complete its constitutional functions;
- the Commission's advisory function to the Government;
- the Commission's action plan moving forward including the need for a review of priorities;
- the constraints faced by the Commission in terms of resources which includes a lack of funding and staffing; and
- various constitutional queries and need for interpretations that have arisen since the implementation of the document.

It was agreed by both parties that the Attorney General's Chambers is a logical conduit with whom and through whom the Commission could communicate with the Honourable Ministers and Members of Cabinet; and that while the two bodies are free standing, each independent in its own right, there is a synergy which encourages collaboration. The Commission wishes to be seen by the Government as a tool/resource which can provide it with the assistance it requires on constitutional matters.

The Commission requested that the Attorney General provide it with a list of queries/issues that he and/or the Government would wish the Constitutional Commission to review.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 24 June, 2013 at 10:00am.

4. Termination

The meeting was terminated at 11:08am.

David Ritch CHAIRMAN CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION