

**3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF 2013  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
1 MAY, 2013  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Richard Coles	Chairman
	Sara Collins	Member
	Bishop Nicholas Sykes	Member
	Alistair Walters	Member

**APOLOGIES:** N/A

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden	Manager, Commissions Secretariat
Michael Ebanks	Analyst, Commissions Secretariat

1. **Meeting called to order**  
The meeting was called to order at 3:30p.m.
2. **Confirmation of previous minutes**  
The minutes of 6 February, 2013 were approved.
3. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
  - a. **Report on Meetings on Migrant Policies**  
Members were provided with an initial Draft Report on Migrant Policies which was discussed. Once the Report is finalised and agreed as accurate with the relevant agencies it will be uploaded to the HRC Website.
  - b. **The Adoption of Children's Bill, 2012**  
The Commission has received two responses to the comments it made in regards to this Bill. It is noted that with the LA not sitting until a new government is elected there will be a delay in passing this legislation. The Commission has requested a copy of the revised draft legislation (based on comments made in the last sitting of the House by the Minister that changes would be made) and will make enquires once the new Government is elected regarding its status.
  - c. **HRC Mediators**  
The Commission has had two submissions from persons who are interested in being appointed by the Commission to assist when needed to facilitate mediation in alleged breaches of human rights cases which the Commission has accepted. Only one of the two applicants met the criteria established by the Commission. As such, the Chairman will write to that individual to indicate acceptance and their place on a panel that will be available to complainants where mediation is appropriate.
4. **New Business**
  - a. **HR Compliant Legislation Assessment**  
The Commission approved a Human Rights Impact Assessment tool to make available to public officials for their reference when developing legislation to ensure it is human rights compliant. As with the previous assessment tool created to assist public officials in developing human rights compliant policies, this assessment tool will be forwarded to the Honourable Deputy Governor and all Chief Officers for onward transmission to their staff. It will also be posted on the Commission's website.



- d. Draft correspondence to the Chief Officer (Ministry Health, Environment, Youth, Sports, and Culture) regarding the Assessment of Environmental Governance Frameworks in the UK Overseas Territories;
- e. Draft correspondence regarding HRC Complaints and Enquiries as required; and
- f. Draft correspondence to the Supervisor of Elections enquiring as to the remit of the HRC members in the role of local election observations.

**Members will:**

- a. Review each of the draft educational pamphlets; and
- b. Consider their availability to act as an Elections Observer.

**8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting**

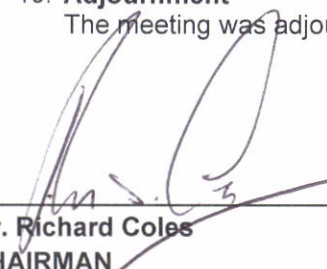
- a. Educational Pamphlets
- b. 2013/2014 Budget
- c. Potential Conflicts of Interests

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 5 June, 2013 @ 3:30p.m.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50p.m.



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Mr. Richard Coles  
CHAIRMAN  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION