

<p><b>MINUTES</b>  <b>MEETING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION</b>  <b>2 FEBRUARY 2017</b>  <b>CONFERENCE ROOM</b>  <b>ARTEMIS HOUSE</b></p>
--

<b>PRESENT:</b> Ben Tonner	Acting Chairman
Reverend Donovan Myers	Member
Lisa-Ann Hurlston-McKenzie	Member
Danielle Coleman	Member

**COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden	Manager
Sheila Alvarez	Administrator/Analyst
Lise Hurlstone	Administrator/Analyst

**APOLOGIES:**

James Austin-Smith	Chairman
--------------------	----------

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:32pm.

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The 12 January 2017 minutes were approved.

**3. New Business****a. Electronic Vehicle Licences**

The Commission was updated on ongoing correspondence with the Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licencing ("the Department") regarding the new electronic vehicle licencing system. An article appeared in a local media outlet that seemed to contradict the Department's statement to the Commission that vehicles and individuals could not be tracked. Upon receiving clarification from the Department it appears that there were inaccuracies in how the matter was reported, and the Department indicated that it was seeking to respond to the article to clarify these inaccuracies (including that the CIG does not have the ability to track vehicles with this system). The Commission agreed that at this time no further action is required.

**b. Annual Report**

The Commission was informed that the draft Annual Report was ready for review and would be circulated to members after the meeting. Members agreed to provide responses within two weeks so that the Report may be submitted at the final sitting of the House at the end of the month.

#### **4. Human Rights Complaints & Enquiries**

##### **a. Update on Human Rights Complaint 004/2015**

The Commission discussed the follow up inquiry received from the complainant, whose complaint had been closed last year. The Commission agreed that, after relevant inquiries had been made, a letter would be prepared to the complainant in response.

##### **b. Update on Human Rights Complaint 029/2016**

The Commission reviewed the draft correspondence to the public authority regarding its decision relating to this complaint and it was approved.

##### **c. Update on Human Rights Complaint 037/2016**

The Commission was updated on this complaint. The Commission agreed the Manager should follow up with the public authority again, ascertaining whether a response would be forthcoming or whether there was no additional information it wished to submit for consideration.

##### **d. Update on Human Rights Complaint 044/2016**

The Commission was updated on this complaint as further information was received from the complainant's legal representative. The information indicated that the legal representative has filed court proceedings and as such the Commission agreed, per its policy, that it would not get any more involved in the matter. The complainant will be notified and the file will be closed.

##### **e. Update on Human Rights Complaint 046/2016**

The Commission was updated on this complaint and the draft letter to the public authority seeking clarity on how it arrived at its decisions in this matter was approved.

##### **f. Update on Human Rights Complaint 047/2016**

The Commission was updated on this complaint and its draft letter to the complainant was approved. This file is now closed.

##### **g. Update on Human Rights Complaint 001/2017**

The Commission was updated on the latest information relating to this case and agreed that it was satisfied with its progress but would continue to make periodic check-ins with the public authority until the matter is resolved.

##### **h. Human Rights Complaint 002/2017**

The Commission reviewed this complaint and agreed that correspondence would be sent to the complainant agreeing with the Secretariat's previous referrals, and noting that based on the information provided there does not appear to be a breach of rights at this time. The file will then be closed.

##### **i. Human Rights Complaint 003/2017**

The Commission reviewed this complaint supporting documents/information. The Commission agreed that the alternate resolution being sought in this case was the appropriate avenue through which to resolve the matter, and that a letter would be drafted to the complainant informing her as such. The file will then be closed.

**5. Any Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

**6. Action Items**

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Circulate the draft Annual Report for members' review;
- b. Dispatch the approved correspondence as outlined above; and
- c. Draft correspondence or conduct research in all outstanding and new human rights complaints and enquiries.

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

- a. New and outstanding human rights complaints
- b. CEDAW Report

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the HRC has been scheduled for 9 March 2017 at 2:30pm at the offices of the Commissions Secretariat.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18pm.



---

**Ben Tonner**  
**ACTING CHAIRMAN**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**