

**MINUTES**  
**6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**2 JUNE, 2010**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

**PRESENT:** Richard Coles Chairman  
Alistair Walters Member  
Rev. Nicholas Sykes Member  
Catherine Frazier Member

**APOLOGIES:** Sara Collins Member

**SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deborah Bodden Manager  
Jason Webster Analyst  
Laura Jackson Analyst

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

**2. Confirmation of previous minutes**

- i. The requested amendments to the minutes of the 7 April, 2010 meeting were completed.
- ii. The minutes of the 4 May, 2010 meeting were approved by the Commission.

**3. Outstanding Business**

**a. Policies and Procedures Manual**

- i. The final version of the HRC's Policies and Procedure's Manual was approved by the Commission.
- ii. The Commission tasked the Secretariat with ensuring that the manual was uploaded to the HRC's website.

**b. Website**

- i. The Commission is awaiting the final version before it grants its approval.
- ii. The Chair requested that the Commission members liaise with the Secretariat and schedule an appointment to view the final version and give their approval so that the website can be launched before the next scheduled meeting.

**c. Logo Competition**

- i. The Secretariat informed the Commission that there was no response from the schools in relation to the HRC component of the logo competition and therefore there were no submissions from which to choose a logo.
- ii. The Secretariat informed the Commission that Government Information Services was prepared to design a logo for the Commission.

- iii. A member of the Commission volunteered to contact a local school and ask that they participate in the logo competition. The Commission member also agreed to give a brief discussion to the school about human rights in return for its interest and involvement.

**d. Responses to Government Bills and Legislation**

- i. The Secretariat informed the Commission that they had not received any response from the respective government agencies in relation to the Commission's comments on government bills and legislation.
- ii. The Chair requested that the Secretariat contact these government agencies and compile a progress report for the Commission to review.

**4. New Business**

**a. Human Rights Issues/Concerns**

- i. Members were asked to begin identifying breaches of human rights or any issues/concerns presently occurring in the Cayman Islands which they feel the Commission should actively investigate and report on.
- ii. The Chair suggested that the Commission investigate the mental health issues in the Cayman Islands and in particular the treatment of mental health patients, including criminals with mental health issues.
- iii. The Commission agreed that this was a worthwhile issue to investigate and tasked the Secretariat with compiling the relevant research data addressing mental health with a focus on private individuals, health services, prisoners and the courts.

**b. Constitution Week**

- i. The Secretariat informed the Commission of the scheduled activities for Constitution Week and requested that the members confirm their attendance at the scheduled events, upon receipt of the invitation.

**c. Human Rights Complaint 008/2010**

- i. The Analysts for the Commissions Secretariat were asked to excuse themselves from this portion of the meeting in order to maintain the confidentiality of the matter.

**d. Optional Website Material**

- i. The Commission agreed it was useful and informative to place a timeline of major human rights treaties and an explanation of international human rights bodies on the website for public education. Links to additional human rights documentation would be provided for interested persons.

**5. Any Other Business**

**a. Prisoners' Complaints Procedure**

- i. The Commission agreed that the current mechanisms available to prisoners for lodging human rights complaints may hinder prisoners from lodging complaints about the prisons and its staff due to the lack of confidentiality in the process.
- ii. The Commission requested that the Secretariat arrange a meeting with the relevant prisons authority to discuss alternatives to the status quo and create better confidentiality measures.

**6. Items to be discussed at the next meeting**

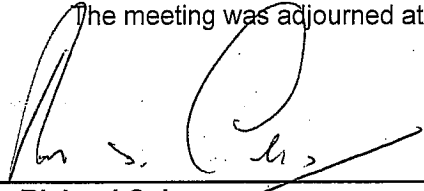
Progress report by the Secretariat on mental health research and the request for updates from the relevant government bodies regarding the HRC 's response to recent draft legislation.

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 July, 2010 @ 3:30pm in the Commissions Secretariat Boardroom.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm



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**Mr. Richard Coles**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**