

**4th MEETING OF 2011
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
6 APRIL, 2011
CONFERENCE ROOM
COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT**

PRESENT:	Richard Coles	Chairman
	Rev. Nicholas Sykes	Member
	Alistair Walters	Member
	Sara Collins	Member
	Cathy Frazier	Member

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of 2 March, 2011 were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. CBA's Offer of Assistance

Members agreed that a topic of interest for the CBA's Student Chapter may be either the extension to the Cayman Islands of CEDAW or the Cayman Islands Governments Cuban Migrant Policy. It was agreed that the Secretariat would contact Lucy Sleep and discuss one of these projects with them.

b. Cuban Migrant Policy

The Commission remains cognizant as to the sensitivity underscoring the long-standing and complex issue of maritime migrations, particularly Cubans through Cayman territorial waters.

c. Hansard Report of 9 December 2010

The HRC has reviewed existing legislation related to Legislative Assembly Privilege, the Constitution, and Standing Orders. Research is continuing into the matter, and correspondence will be sent to the Speaker of the House formally inviting her response on the subject matter. A report is anticipated at the conclusion of research.

d. CEDAW Report, Anguilla Conference

The HRC has reviewed a report prepared by Mrs. Julene Banks for her own use following the CEDAW conference. The Constitutional Commission, of which Mrs. Banks is a member, has since posted the report on its website. As the contents of the Report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Human Rights Commission the Constitutional Commission will be asked to indicate this on its website.

4. **New Business**

a. **Meeting with Jonathan Dingle (London School of Mediation)**

The HRC Chairman and the Commissions Secretariat Manager met with Jonathan Dingle regarding mediation training options. The London School of Mediation will be presenting a 40-hour training course in which a complementary place was offered to the Chairman or the Manager. Additionally, Mr. Dingle offered to host a free 2-hour training course specifically for HRC members as an introduction to mediation.

b. **Professor Jowell's Visit**

Professor Jowell is scheduled to visit Grand Cayman between 20 June 2011 and 26 June 2011. During his visit, Professor Jowell will meet with each of the four constitutionally created commissions to address areas of concern and/or assist in clearing any ambiguities that commissioners may have in relation to their mandate. The visit by Professor Jowell is facilitated at the expense of the Commissions Secretariat and it is requested that all members think of questions in advance which they would like Professor Jowell to consider.

5. **Enquiries Received**

Brent Fuller- RCIPS Polygraph Testing of Officers

The HRC was contacted by Mr. Brent Fuller of the Caymanian Compass regarding the topic of polygraphs testing with the Police Service. Mr. Fuller posed several questions to the HRC. To date, the HRC has not received any complaints from police officers indicating a human rights breach or infringement as a result of polygraph testing. In the absence of any such complaints or concerns there is no basis for HRC making enquires of RCIPS.

6. **Human Rights Complaints**

a. **Update on Human Rights Complaint 002/2011**

Members were updated on the status of this case. The investigation is now complete, and final correspondence will be sent to the parties involved.

b. **Update on Human Rights Complaint 003/2011**

Members were updated on the status of this case. The investigation is now complete, and final correspondence will be sent to the parties involved.

c. **Update on Human Rights Complaint 004/2011**

Members were updated on the status of this case which remains open.

d. **Update on Human Rights Complaint 005/2011**

Members were updated on the status of this case which remains open.

e. **Human Rights Complaint 006/2011**

The Commission reviewed this case and correspondence will be sent from the HRC to the respective complainant in accordance with HRC procedures.

7. **Update - Strategic Implementation Advisory Group (SIAG)**

The Manager informed the Commission that a pilot version of the basic presentation will be delivered to the Portfolio of Internal & External Affairs as a means to assess training content and improve efficiency and effectiveness for the full-scale training across the civil service.

The SIAG will institute a public relations campaign designed to inform civil servants of the Group's purpose, the intention of the training, and other aspects including stimulating motivation and interest in the overall concept of human rights.

In relation to the HRC's question, the Manager indicated she was informed by Crown Counsel that a comprehensive review of local legislation for human rights compliance will not be undertaken by the Portfolio of Legal Affairs. The Manager was also informed that any such review will be undertaken by each Government Department individually. HRC will write to the Attorney General enquiring as to whether he is satisfied such review procedure will be effective.

8. Any Other Business

E-mail Invitation to UN's Conference

A member of the HRC queried the validity of an invitation appearing to have been sent by the United Nations to him, as stakeholder, in relation to a conference on the Millennium Goals.

9. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

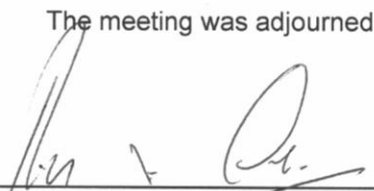
- a. CBA's decision on the proposed project
- b. Judicature Bill
- c. Questions for Professor Jowell
- d. Response to Hansard Report

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 May, 2011 @ 3:30pm in the Commissions Secretariat Boardroom.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.



Mr. Richard Coles
CHAIRMAN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION