

Communications Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that communications of the Human Rights Commission are well coordinated, effectively managed and responsive to the diverse informational needs of the public.

In fulfilling its constitutional mandate to contribute to public education on human rights, the Commission strives to provide clear and concise responses to the enquiries made by the general public. All enquiries made to the Commission will be discussed at a monthly meeting of the Commission prior to a response being issued.

The HRC believes that the media plays an important role in the education, promotion and understanding of human rights in our islands and as such is prepared to be accessible to answer questions in a timely fashion. It should be noted that the Chairman is the official spokesman for the HRC but other members may express their opinions on matters but in doing so will make it clear that these are personal opinions and are not being made on behalf of the HRC.

The primary source of information on the HRC is the commission's website (www.humanrightscommission.ky) where records such as minutes, reports, reviews of legislation, responses to enquiries and educational material will be posted. Media and members of the public are encouraged to regularly check the website for updates and/or answers to their questions prior to contacting the Secretariat.

All requests for comments or general enquiries and all invitations to participate in public engagements or to present information to the community should be directed to the Chairman through the Manager, Commissions Secretariat via email (deborah.bodden@gov.ky) or by telephone at 244-3685. In the event of an invitation to participate in a public engagement the Commission asks that a two week notice is provided where possible.

The Commission reserves the right to withhold any information that in its opinion is confidential in nature.