

INVESTIGATION INTO THE FAILURE OF ALBORN LEGG, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY TO FILE STATUTORY DECLARATIONS WITH THE COMMISSION

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- (b) otherwise than for the purpose of this Act,

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1. Summary of Investigation and Findings

- 1.1 This investigation by the Director of Investigation concerns the allegation that Mr. Alborn Legg, an employee of the Transport Authority failed to file with the Integrity Commission (hereinafter the Commission), Statutory Declarations for the periods ending December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020.
- 1.2 It was found that Mr. Alborn Legg was required to file the Statutory Declarations with the Commission at the material time and having failed to do so committed an offence under Section 39 of the Integrity Commission Act (hereinafter ICA).



2. Chapter 1 - Background

2.1 Why was this investigation initiated?

2.1.1 This investigation was initiated based on a referral by the Director of Information and Complaints. The complaint alleged that Mr. Legg is in breach of the ICA by virtue of his failure to file his Statutory Declarations with the Commission for the periods ending December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020.

2.2 Jurisdiction and decision to investigate

2.2.1 Section 33 of the ICA gives the Director of Investigation the authority to investigate non-compliance with the Act by public officials.

2.3 The Investigation

- 2.3.1 During the investigation, Officers of the Investigation Division under the authority of the Director of Investigation pursued the following lines of enquiry/actions:
 - a) obtained information and witness statements from the responsible officers at:
 - (i) Transport Authority; and
 - (i) Information and Complaints Division of the Integrity Commission.



b) reviewed the information and statements collected and prepared the case file and report.

2.4 Who is the concerned public official pertinent to this Investigation?

2.4.1 Mr. Alborn Legg is the concerned public official, employed to the Transport Authority.



3. Chapter 2 – Terms of Reference

- 3.1 The Director of Investigation sought to establish the following in respect of the declarant, Mr. Legg, whether:
 - a) Mr. Legg is a public official as set out under **Section 2 of the ICA**;
 - b) Mr. Legg is employed to a public body as set out under <u>Section 2 of</u> the ICA;
 - c) He was in receipt of the qualifying emoluments as prescribed under <u>Section 39(2) of the ICA</u>, occupies a post that was published in a Gazette by the Commission or was requested to file the referenced Statutory Declarations under <u>Section 41(2)(a) of the ICA</u>;
 - d) He failed to file his required Statutory Declarations as prescribed under <u>Section 39(1) of the ICA</u>;
 - e) His failure to file his required Statutory Declarations constitutes an offence under the Act;
 - f) Recommendations ought to be made to the Director of Corruption Prosecution; and
 - g) Recommendations ought to be made in respect of any act of corruption and/or anti-corruption initiatives.



4. Chapter 3 – The Law, Evidence and Discussion of Findings

4.1 The Law

4.1.1 The overarching objective of the Commission's investigation was to determine whether there is merit in the allegation that Mr. Legg failed to file his Statutory Declarations as outlined under <u>Sections 2</u>, <u>39</u>, <u>41(2)</u>, <u>41(4)</u> and <u>43(1)</u> of the ICA, which states:

4.1.2 Section 2 of the ICA:

Section 2 of the act defines a public official as a person who is employed to a public body and a public body is defined as "... a statutory body or authority."

4.1.3 Section 39 of the ICA:

This Section requires public officials; who are in receipt of emoluments of three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) or more, to submit statutory declarations to the Director of Information and Complaints outlining their assets, liabilities and income.

4.1.4 <u>Section 41(2) of the ICA:</u>

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Section 41(2) requires that public officials who fall within the categories published in the Gazette by the Commission to submit their statutory declarations within the period specified.



4.1.5 <u>Section 41(4) of the ICA:</u>

Under Section 41(4) declarants have three (3) months from the date of the declaration to file their declarations.

4.1.6 <u>Section 43(1) of the ICA</u>:

Under Section 43(1) of the ICA a person who is required to submit a statutory declaration and who fails to do so, without reasonable cause commits an offence.

See Sections 2, 39, 41(1), 41(4) and 43(1) of the Integrity Commission Act at appendix 1.



4.2 The Evidence

4.2.1 Is Mr. Legg a public official as defined under <u>Section 2 of the ICA</u>?

4.2.1.1 Mr. Legg is employed to the Transport Authority as a Route Inspector. This was proven by the evidence provided by the Welfare & Benefits Officer at the Transport Authority. Mr. Legg therefore falls within the definition of a "public official" under <u>Section 2 of the ICA</u>.

4.2.2 Is Mr. Legg employed to a public body?

- 4.2.2.1 The evidence confirms that Mr. Legg was employed to the Transport Authority at the material time. The Transport Authority is a statutory body established under the Transport Act of 1987. Mr. Legg is therefore employed to a "public body" as defined under **Section 2 of the ICA**.
- 4.2.3 Is Mr. Legg in receipt of the qualifying emoluments as prescribed under Section 39 of the ICA, occupies a post published in the Gazette by the Commission or was written to under Section 41(2) of the ICA and requested to file the Statutory Declarations?
- 4.2.3.1 The evidence provided by the Transport Authority showed that Mr. Legg is a public official who occupies a position which falls within the categories published in the Gazette by the Commission (see appendix 2 & 3 respectively) as outlined:



Table 2: Post Occupied

Period	Qualifying Criteria
December 31, 2019	Route Inspector as
	specified under
	Jamaica Gazette Vol.
	CXLII, dated Friday,
	December 6, 2019
December 31, 2020	Route Inspector as
	specified under
	Jamaica Gazette Vol.
	CXLIII, dated Tuesday,
	December 1, 2020

Mr. Legg was therefore required to file his Statutory Declarations for the time frame specified above.

4.2.4 Did Mr. Legg fail to file his Statutory Declarations as required under <u>Section</u> 39 of the ICA?

4.2.4.1 The procedure for identifying a declarant who has not filed a statutory declaration begins with the Director of Information and Complaints writing the Heads of all Ministries, Departments and Agencies and requesting a list of public officials who are qualified to file Statutory Declarations. When the referenced lists are received, the information is



entered into a database, which provides the list of prospective declarants. Mr. Legg's name appeared on the aforementioned list of persons who were required to file Statutory Declarations with the Commission for the periods ending December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020.

- 4.2.4.2 When Statutory Declarations are filed, they are entered into another database. This enables the Commission to generate a list of those declarants who have not complied with their statutory obligations under <u>Section 39 of the ICA</u>.
- 4.2.4.3 The evidence provided by the Declarations Verification Officer at the Integrity Commission showed that Mr. Legg did not file his required Statutory Declarations for the periods ending December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020.
- 4.2.5 Does Mr. Legg's failure to file the required Statutory Declarations constitute an offence under the Act?
- 4.2.5.1 The failure to file a statutory declaration is an offence under <u>Section</u>

 43(1)(a) of the ICA, which states:

"A person who -

(a) Fails, without reasonable cause, to submit a statutory declaration which he is required to submit in accordance with the provisions of this Part;

commits an offence, ..." (See full Section at appendix 1)



4.3 Discussion of Findings

4.3.1 During the investigation into the allegations against Mr. Legg, the Director of Investigation followed all reasonable lines of enquiry, gathered evidential material and collected/recorded the statements of witnesses deemed necessary. Upon analyzing the evidential materials collected, the Director of Investigation is satisfied that there is evidence to support the allegation that Mr. Legg failed to file his required Statutory Declarations with the Commission for the periods ending December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020.

4.4 Conclusion

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- 4.4.1 Based on the foregoing, the Director of Investigation finds reasonable grounds to conclude that the following have been established in respect of Mr. Legg:
 - a) Mr. Legg is a public official as per Section 2 of the ICA;
 - b) He is employed to a public body as per Section 2 of the ICA;
 - c) He occupies a post which was published in a Gazette published by the Commission requiring him to file the Statutory Declarations;
 - d) He failed to file the Statutory Declarations for the periods ending December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020;
 - e) His failure to file constitutes an offence under <u>Section 43(1)(a) of the ICA</u>; and



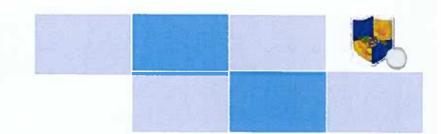
f) He has provided no lawful explanation for his failure to file the referenced Statutory Declarations.

4.5 Recommendations

- 4.5.1 The Director of Investigation recommends that this report be referred to the Director of Corruption Prosecution for consideration.
- 4.5.2 The Director of Investigation further recommends that Public entities should ensure that public officials provide, annually, proof that they are compliant with the law in respect of filing their Statutory Declarations. Public Bodies and the Office of the Services Commission should be engaged to ensure that compliance with <u>the Integrity Commission Act</u> becomes a requirement for employment and continued employment in the public service.

Kevon A. Stephenson, JP Director of Investigation August 17, 2022 Date

APPENDICES



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Appendix 1: Sections 2, 39, 41(2), 41(4) & 43(1) of the Integrity Commission Act

Section 2 of the ICA:

""public official" means-

- (a) any person holding an executive, an administrative or a judicial office, or a parliamentarian, whether appointed or elected, whether permanent or temporary, or whether paid or unpaid;
- (b) any other person who is employed to a public body; and any member of the Security Forces;

"public body" means-

- (a) a Ministry, department or agency of Government;
- (b) a Municipality or Municipal Corporation;
- (c) a statutory body or authority;
- (d) an entity the governing body of which is appointed by a Minister;
- (e) a company registered under the Companies Act, being a company in which the Government or an agency of Government holds at least fifty percent of the voting shares of the company;"



Section 39 of the ICA:

"39.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every person who, on or after the appointed day, is a parliamentarian or public official, shall submit to the Director of Information and Complaints, a statutory declaration of his assets and liabilities and his income in the form set out in the Third Schedule.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a public official who is in receipt of total annual emoluments of less than three million five hundred thousand dollars or such other amount as may be prescribed by the Minister, subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives."

Section 41(2) of the ICA:

- "(2) The Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Director of Information and Complaints, may-
 - at any time, in writing, require any public official or parliamentarian to submit a statutory declaration to the Commission;
 - (b) by notice published in the Gazette, require such categories of public officials as are specified in the notice, to submit a statutory declaration within the period so specified."



Section 41(4) of the ICA:

"(4) A statutory declaration required to be made as at a particular date shall be submitted to the Director of Information and Complaints on or before the last day of the third calendar month following that date."

Section 43(1) of the ICA:

"43.-(1) A person who-

- (a) fails, without reasonable cause, to submit a statutory declaration which he is required to submit in accordance with the provisions of this Part;
- (b) fails, without reasonable cause, to provide any information as the Director of Information and Complaints may require in accordance with the provisions of this Act; or
- (c) fails, without reasonable cause, to attend an inquiry being conducted by the Director of Investigation that he is required to attend in accordance with the provisions of this Act,

commits an offence, and is liable on summary conviction in a Parish Court to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months and the Court may make an order mandating the person to comply with the requirement in respect of which the offence was committed."



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Governor-General's Secretary (Assigned).

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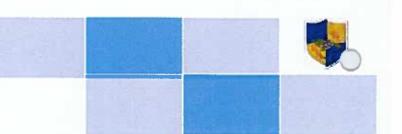
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Ryan Evans
Governor-General's Secretary and
Clerk to the Privy Council.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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THE INTEGRITY COMMISSION ACT, 2017

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 41(2)(b) of the Integrity Commission Act, 2017 ("The Act"), that the following categories of public officials are required to submit to the Director of Information and Complaints a statutory declaration of their owners and liabilities as at December 31, 2020 and income for the period of twelve morths ending December 31, 2020 on or before March 31, 2021

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Members of the Jamaica Defence Force
Principals of Public Educational Institutions



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Municipal Corporations, Portanore Municipal Council and Kingson & St. Andrew Municipal Corporation

Petrojani Limited

National Works Agency

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Motor Vehicle Title Officer
Revenue Field Officer
Sensor Tax Auditor/Tax Auditor
Stock Clerk/Warehouse Clerk/Store Clerk
Supervisor - Stores (Incorning and Dispatch)
Supervisor, Stock and Asset Management
Valuation Surveyor
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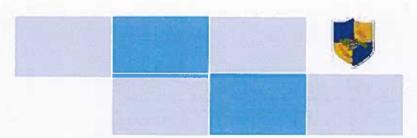
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Field Officer
Local Government Councillor
Mayor of Postanore
Municipal Engineer
Municipal Engineer
Municipal Police
Physical Planner
Planning Coordinator
Project Officer
Superintendent
Urban Planner
Works Overseer
Engineers
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Project Officer
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Quality Assistant Officer
Quality Surveyor
Regional Coordinator/Regional Supervisor

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Island Traffic Authority

Integrity Commission Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) Categories

Ballistic Data Input Technician
Compliance and Enforcement Officer
Records Clerk
Sensor Compliance and Enforcement Officer
Sensor Firearm Examination Officer
Sensor Firearm Records and Information Officer
Systems Engineer

Administrators
Cashier/Collection Officer
Chief Inspector
Inspector
Inspector
Inspector

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All Staff of MOCA

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