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September 5, 2024

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Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Ms. Colleen Lowe
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Dear Honourable Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Honourable President and Clerk to the Houses:

Re: Special Report - Submitted by the Integrity Commission under Section 36(3) of the Integrity Commission Act in the matter of an Investigation Report of an Investigation Conducted into the Statutory Declarations submitted by The Most Honourable Mr. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister, for the years 2019-2022, in respect of concerns that he owns assets disproportionate to his lawful earnings, and that he made false statements in his Statutory Declarations, by way of omissions, contrary to law

I write for and on behalf of the Chairman and Commissioners of the Integrity Commission. They have directed that the attached Special Report should be submitted to you for tabling in the Houses of Parliament, pursuant to the powers that are reserved to the Integrity Commission by Section 36(3) of the Integrity Commission Act.

Section 36(3) of the Integrity Commission Act provides as follows:

“The Commission may, at any time, submit a report relating to any particular matter which, in the opinion of the Commission, requires the special attention of the Parliament.”

A Report of Investigation in the matter, together with an Associated Indicative Ruling and a Full Ruling, were submitted to you today, September 5, 2024, under separate cover, for tabling in the Houses of Parliament.

We ask that you take special note that the subject of the referenced Investigation and of this Special Report is the Most Hon. Prime Minister of Jamaica, whose wife is the Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives. In consequence, and in the interest of good governance, the Hon. Speaker may deem it appropriate to recuse herself from the Parliamentary processes that are and will be associated with this matter. It is for this reason that this letter is also addressed directly to the Deputy Speaker and the Clerk to the Houses.

I, therefore, so advise.

Respectfully yours,



Greg Christie
Executive Director
for and on behalf of the Integrity Commission

Attach.

Copy: Hon. Mr. Justice (Ret'd) Seymour Panton, OJ, CD, Chairman, Integrity Commission
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Special Report

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The Integrity Commission has taken note of the recommendation of its Director of Investigation, made in paragraph 6.2.3 of the captioned Investigation Report, that a copy of it be referred to the Financial Investigation Division (FID), a law enforcement agency of the Government of Jamaica.

The referenced Report of Investigation was formally submitted to the Parliament, today, September 5, 2024.

The Integrity Commission is hereby urging the Parliament to support this referral of its Director of Investigation, as there can be no finality in the matter until the FID has completed its work.

The Commission reminds Parliament that, in keeping with the provisions of the Integrity Commission Act, there can be no certification of a statutory declaration until the Commission's Director of Information and Complaints is "satisfied that the statutory declaration has been duly completed." Once he is so satisfied, he will inform the Commission.

The Commission is also respectfully urging the Parliament to develop a policy, and legislation, if thought necessary, to deal with the commercial and corporate activities of Ministers of Government and the likelihood of conflicts of interest arising therefrom.

For

The Hon. Mr. Justice Seymour Panton, OJ, CD
Chairman, Integrity Commission
For and on behalf of the Integrity Commission

September 5, 2024