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Integrity Commission Refers Contractor General's Investigation Report in the Ian Hayles Matter to its Director of Investigation

January 26, 2023 - The Integrity Commission makes reference to the February 2017 Special Report of an Investigation of the former Contractor General, Mr. Dirk Harrison, that was conducted into 'Allegations of Conflict of Interest, Irregularity and/or Impropriety, in relation to the Construction of Buildings by Mr. Ian Hayles, former Member of Parliament, without Approval from the Hanover Parish Council'.

The Report was submitted to Parliament for tabling, by the then Contractor General, under cover of a letter that was dated February 13, 2017. However, the Supreme Court, on March 20, 2017, acting on an Application for Leave to Apply for Judicial Review, that was filed Mr. Ian Hayles and Mrs. Charlotte Alexander Hayles, barred the publication of the Report until further Order.

On December 20, 2022, the Supreme Court dismissed the Hayles' Application for Leave to Apply for Judicial Review, and cleared the way for the tabling of the Report in Parliament. The Report was tabled on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, pursuant to a letter, dated January 17, 2023, from the Integrity Commission into which the former Commission of the Contractor General was subsumed, effective February 2018.

The former Contractor General's Special Report of Investigation, which is now available for public scrutiny on the Integrity Commission's website, has referred a number of matters to the Commissioner of Police for investigation.

The Integrity Commission, however, wishes to advise the public that, acting pursuant to the powers that are vested in it by Section 46(2) of the 2017 Integrity Commission Act, it has referred the Investigation Report to the Commission's Director of Investigation.

Section 47 (1) of the Act provides, in turn, that "the Director of Investigation shall, upon receipt of a matter pursuant to Section 46, examine the matter in order to determine whether or not an investigation in relation to the matter is warranted."

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