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SELECT COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

1. REFERENCE

The Select Committee to Oversee the Performance of the Office of the Ombudsman of the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly, established by Government Motion No 5 of 207/2018, met regularly throughout the reporting period to consider and deal with the following matters:

- Review and approve monthly invoices submitted for payment by the Office of the Ombudsman;
- Consider ~~and report on~~ Reports of the Office of the Ombudsman that were prepared and submitted by the Ombudsman and her office;
- Review and approve the Annual Budget Statement and Annual Plan and Estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman; and
- Review and discuss documents submitted by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Details of all matters brought before the Committee for consideration are disclosed in the Minutes of Proceedings.

2. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The following Members of the Legislative Assembly are the present duly elected as Members of the Select Committee To Oversee The Performance Of The Office Of The Ombudsman:

Hon Tara Rivers, JP, MLA - Chairperson

Hon Barbara Conolly, MLA - Deputy Chairperson

Capt Eugene Ebanks, JP, MLA - Member

Mr Alva Suckoo, MLA - Member

Mr David Wight, MLA - Member

3. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee met on the following dates during the reporting period:

- Thursday, October 11th 2018
- Thursday, January 10th 2019
- Thursday, February 28th 2019
- Friday, March 1st 2019
- Thursday, May 2nd 2019
- Thursday, August 8th 2019
- Thursday, October 10th 2019

4. PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

The following persons were in attendance at the meetings in the large committee room of the Legislative Assembly:

Mrs. Sandy Hermiston - The Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman
Ms. Tiffany Ebanks - The Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Ombudsman

5. REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

In accordance with the provision of Section 6(3) of the Ombudsman Law, the Committee considered the following Ombudsman Reports referred to the Legislative Assembly:

5.1 Documents Received by the Committee

The Committee reviewed and approved the following Budget documents for the Ombudsman: 04 Dec 2018

- The Ombudsman Budget Proposal 2020- 2022

5.2 Reports and Documents Received by the Committee for Information

The Committee has reviewed the following documents of the Ombudsman:

- The Information Commissioner's Office Annual Report 2017
- The Office of the Complaints Commissioner Annual Report 2017
- The Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report 2017
- The Ombudsman Year in Review Report 2018
- The Office of the Ombudsman Budget Presentation 2020 - 2022
- The Office of the Ombudsman Audit Breakdown Presentation 2017
- The Select Committee to Oversee Performance of the Office of the Ombudsman - 1st Quarterly Report 2019
- The Select Committee to Oversee Performance of the Office of the Ombudsman - 2nd Quarterly Report 2019
- The Select Committee to Oversee Performance of the Office of the Ombudsman - 3rd Quarter Report 2019
- Freedom of Information Statistics Annual Report 2019

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee is most appreciative of the efforts of the Ombudsman and her staff in presenting very fair, detailed and informative reports~~, and for the support, assistance and constructive advice given throughout its deliberations~~.

The Committee also thanks the staff of the Legislative Assembly for the assistance provided.

7. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE HOUSE

The Committee agrees that this Report be the ***Annual Report of the Select Committee To Oversee The Performance Of The Office Of The Ombudsman*** to the House for the year ***2018-2019***.

Hon Tara Rivers, JP, MLA – Chairperson