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Register of Interests of the Members of the House of Assembly Completed

The Integrity Commission wishes to advise that the **Register of Interests** for the Honourable Members of the Turks and Caicos Islands House of Assembly, covering the period ending December 31st, 2017, has been completed and is now available for public inspection.

Members of the House of Assembly are required by the Turks and Caicos Islands Constitution, Section 103 (2), and the Integrity Commission Ordinance (the Ordinance), as amended, Section 52 (1) (2), to file with the Commission, once every year, **Statements of Registrable Interests** in respect of themselves as well as their spouses and dependent children.

The Statements of Registrable Interests contain the following information relating to each Member of the House, his or her spouse, and their children, in respect of their interests on the 31st day of December 2017.

- (a) Particulars of any directorships held in any company or other corporate body;
- (b) Particulars of any contract made with the Government;
- (c) The name or description of any company, partnership or association in which the person is an investor;
- (d) A concise description of any trust to which the person is a beneficiary or trustee
- (e) Any beneficial interest held in land;
- (f) Any fund to which the person contributes;
- (g) Particulars of any political, trade or professional association to which the person belongs;
- (h) Particulars relating to sources of income; and
- (i) Any other substantial interest, whether of a pecuniary nature or not, which the member considers may appear to raise a material conflict between his private interests and his public duty.

All Members of the House of Assembly have filed their respective Statements of Registrable Interests for 2017. The Commission has taken the time to examine these Statements and has confirmed the accuracy of the respective entries with each Member.

The Commission would, therefore, like to inform members of the public that it has compiled the information contained in these Statements of Registrable Interests and has produced **The Register of Interests 2017** for the Members of the House of Assembly, for the year ending December 31, 2017.

The Register of Interests 2017 is now available for public inspection at the House of Assembly in Grand Turk. It is also available for inspection at the Offices of the Integrity Commission in Grand Turk and Providenciales, during the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm from Mondays to Thursdays, and from 8:30am to 4:00pm on Fridays.

The Register will also be available at the Offices of the District Commissioners in the family islands of North Caicos, Middle Caicos, South Caicos and Salt Cay. The Register can be viewed at these locations during normal working hours, or at a time that is convenient for the respective offices.

Greg Christie, the Director of the Integrity Commission, in commenting upon the publication of the **Register of Interests 2017**, said:

“The compilation and maintenance of the Register of Interests is an important constitutional function of the Commission. Its aim is to promote transparency, openness and accountability, and thus strengthen public trust and confidence in the parliamentary and democratic process. It also provides the Hon. Members with a measure of protection against unwarranted criticism of perceived or actual conflicts between a member’s private interests and his or her public duty.

The Commission wishes to commend the Hon. Members of the Turks and Caicos Islands House of Assembly for their exemplary cooperation and support in the compilation and production of this Register of Interests for 2017.”

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