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PRESS RELEASE (Re-issue): Register of Interests of the Members of the House of Assembly

The Integrity Commission advises that the **Register of Interests** for Members of the Turks and Caicos Islands House of Assembly, as at 31st December 2019 and 31st December 2020 has been completed.

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), to file with the Commission, **Statements of Registrable Interests**.

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 2019** and **The Register of Interests 2020** for the Members of the House of Assembly, as at 31st December 2019 and 31st December 2020.

The Register of Interests 2019 and **The Register of Interests 2020** is now available for public inspection at the following locations:

1. House of Assembly in Grand Turk
2. Office of the Premier - Grand Turk and Providenciales
3. Office of the Integrity Commission - Grand Turk and Providenciales (during the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm from Mondays to Thursdays and 8:00am to 4:00pm on Fridays.)
4. Office of the District Commissioner - Salt Cay, Middle Caicos North Caicos and South Caicos.

The Register can be viewed at these locations during normal working hours or at a time that is convenient for the respective offices.

Amended Note:

The Integrity Commission notes that members of the public are now aware of the details of the Registers of Interests as published in the TCI Sun on 9th October 2021. To re-iterate, the Register of Interests are available for public inspection. All information contained within are available to any member of the public who seeks to view them. The Commission is also aware of the feedback from the public regarding the information on the interests of the House of Assembly Members which has been published. The following gives a brief explanation on the Register of Interests vs. Declaration of Income Assets and Liabilities:

The **Register of Interests** is to be completed by all members of the House of Assembly and simply states their interests. No figures, values or amounts are disclosed with these interests. This Register of Interests is available for public inspection.

The **Declaration of Income Assets and Liabilities** is to be completed by all Specified Persons in Public Life (see Schedule 1 below) and contains sensitive information including figures, values or amounts. These Declarations are highly confidential and not available for public inspection.

The Declaration of Income Assets and Liabilities for House of Assembly Members are strictly confidential documents and have not been viewed by or discussed with any journalist or any member of the public. Any numbers and figures associated with the Registers of Interests for House of Assembly Members and discussed in the public forum, have not originated from the Integrity Commission.

The Integrity Commission has its responsibilities in respect of confidentiality under the Integrity Commission Ordinance. Any member of the Commission who contravenes these provisions will be guilty of an offence punishable by law.

Under Section 47, every member and employee of the Commission shall treat all records and information relating to declarations as secret and confidential. Any person who contravenes this subsection commits an offence and is liable to a fine of \$20,000 or a term of imprisonment of three years or both.

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EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

1. The Statements of Registrable Interests contain the following information relating to the member, his or her spouse and children:
 - Particulars of any directorship held in any company or other corporate body;
 - Particulars of any contract(s) with Government;
 - The name of any company (s) of which he or she is an investor;
 - A concise description of any Trust to which he or she is a beneficiary or trustee;
 - Any beneficial interest held in land;
 - Particulars of any political, trade or professional association to which he or she belongs;
 - Particulars relating to sources of income; and
 - Any other substantial interest whether of a pecuniary nature or not which may raise a material conflict of interest between his private interests and his public duty.
2. All Members of the House of Assembly have filed their respective Statements of Registrable Interests for 2019 and 2020. The Commission has taken time to examine these Statements and has confirmed the accuracy of the respective entries with each Member.
3. All House of Assembly Members are required to file their Register of Interest by 31st March each year. However, due to the Covid-19 shut-down in March 2020, the House of Assembly Members were unable to file their Registers until late 2020. The new House of Assembly members, appointed after the February 2021 elections, were required to file their Register of Interests within 90 days of their appointment date. Therefore, the Register of Interests for both 2019 and 2020 have been compiled simultaneously and are now being made available for public inspection.

Schedule 1 below details all ***Specified Persons in Public Life*** (Declarants) who are required to file a declaration.

SCHEDULE 1

(Section 2)

SPECIFIED PERSONS IN PUBLIC LIFE

1. Members of the House of Assembly
2. Members of Cabinet
3. Deputy Governor
4. Permanent Secretaries
5. Under Secretaries/Deputies Secretaries (or post of equivalent rank)

6. Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the House of Assembly
7. Chief Financial Officer
8. Chief Auditor
9. Accountant General
10. Complaints Commissioner
11. Chief Economist
12. Chief Statistician
13. Chief Medical Officer
14. Heads of Department
15. Director and Deputy Director of Planning
16. Director and Deputy Director of Surveys and Mapping
17. Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Deeds
18. Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Lands
19. Director and Deputy Director of Education
20. Director and Deputy Director of Immigration
21. Collector and Deputy Collector of Customs
22. Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Lands
23. Chief and Deputy Chief Valuation Officer
24. Deputy Heads of Departments, where the Head of Department is not called a Director
25. Deputy Attorney General
26. Crown Counsel
27. Clerk of Courts
28. Registrar and of Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court
29. Supervisor of Elections
30. Members of the Public Service Commission
31. Commissioner of Police, Deputy Commissioner and Officers at or above the rank of Superintendent

32. Special Advisers (Inserted by L.N. 64/2012)

33. Members and Staff Members of the Integrity Commission

34. Chairman, Executive Officers, Directors, Deputy Directors and Members of any body referred to in paragraph (d) of the definition of “public body” in the Ordinance

35. Any person who has a statutory duty to record the minutes of meetings of a commission, statutory board, public authority or other body referred to in item 34 who signs the entity’s books and is involved in its business and affairs

36. Any person who acts in an office referred to in this Schedule for a continuous period of six months or more.

(Amended by Ord. 1 of 2009 and 15 of 2010, L.Ns. 7/2012, 29/2012 and 64/2012 and s. 6(1) Turks and Caicos Constitution Order 2011)