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Press Release

Investigation and resignation of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Over the last several months, the Integrity Commission has been conducting an investigation into complaints made against the former Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Mr. John Masters, by several members of his Office alleging acts of corruption and breaches of the Code of the Conduct, including victimization.

There has been much public speculation about the nature of our investigation and, consistent with our policy, the Commission has refrained from commenting whilst the investigation was ongoing. However, the former DPP of his own volition made statements to the media confirming that he was the subject of an Integrity Commission's investigation. The Commission's investigation into these complaints was virtually completed at the time the former DPP resigned from office.

The Commission can also confirm that while this investigation was going on, the former DPP lodged a separate complaint against the Dep. DPP, Mrs. Angela Brooks, in which he made very grave allegations against her including, among other things, that she misled the House of Assembly in relation to allocation of some funds in the Office of the DPP's budget for the 2015-16 Financial Year. The Commission examined the former DPP's complaint pursuant to its powers under section 80(1) (a) of the Integrity Commission Ordinance. The Commission found that the former DPP's complaint against Mrs. Brooks was frivolous, false and malicious. As a result of its findings, the Commission made certain recommendations to the relevant TCIG authorities, including that the authorities might consider Mr. Master's removal from office as the DPP for misbehaviour pursuant to section 91(4) of the TCI Constitution. The Commission also recommended for the immediate recall of the Deputy DPP, Mrs. Angela Brooks, from administrative leave.

The Commission's report of its findings and recommendations were communicated to the former DPP on Friday 27th May, 2016. The Commission has subsequently been informed that since communicating its report to Mr. Masters, he has resigned his office for personal reasons and left the Turks and Caicos Islands. In the light of his resignation, the Commission, at its next meeting, will decide on a course of action in relation to the investigation commenced as result of the complaints of some members of staff of the Office of DPP against the former DPP, Mr. Masters.

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