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LETTER #2 - INDICATION OF RULING

December 4, 2024

The Most Hon. Juliet Holness, MP Speaker of the House of Representatives Houses of Parliament Gordon House 81 Duke Street Kingston

Senator the Hon. Tom Tavares-Finson, OJ, CD, KC, JP President of the Senate Houses of Parliament Gordon House 81 Duke Street Kingston

Dear Honourable Speaker and Honourable President:

Re: Ruling – Investigation Concerning Allegations of 'an Act(s) of Corruption' in Respect of the Recovery of Outstanding National Insurance Scheme (NIS) Contributions at the Westmoreland Parish Office of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) for the Period 2022-2023, Contrary to the Corruption Prevention Act

I write further to the Commission's Notice of April 6, 2023. More particularly, I write with reference to the formal directions of the Commission given to me yesterday, December 3 2024, as well as those of the Commission's Director of Investigation and Director of Corruption Prosecution, regarding the captioned Investigation Report.

The Integrity Commission, in keeping, with, *inter alia*, the provisions of Sections 33, 53 and 54 of the *Integrity Commission Act*, 2017, has completed its Report of Investigation into the captioned matter. The referenced Report of Investigation has already been submitted to you under cover of letter of even date entitled: LETTER #1 – INVESTIGATION REPORT TO BE TABLED.

As regards the Commission's Reports of Investigation, Section 54(1) of the Act provides that:

"On completion of an investigation, the Director of Investigation shall prepare and submit to the Commission, through the Executive Director, a report of his findings and recommendations."

Section 54(3)(b) of the Act expressly provides that:

"Where upon completion of an investigation, the Director of Investigation is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that-

an act of corruption or an offence under this Act has been committed, the Director of Investigation shall, in his report to the Commission, recommend that the matter be referred to the Director of Corruption Prosecution who may take such action as may be deemed appropriate"

Additionally, Section 54(4) of the referenced Act provides that:

"Where the report to the Commission has a recommendation under subsection (3), the Commission shall submit it to Parliament for tabling, excluding such matters as the Director of Corruption Prosecution regards as likely to prejudice the prosecution of any proceedings in relation to matters referred to in the report."

The Commission's Director of Corruption Prosecution has, pursuant to the provisions of the Integrity Commission Act, inclusive of the aforementioned Sections 54(3)(b) and 54(4) of the Act, and Sections 34(1)(a) and 34(1)(b) thereof, reviewed the subject Investigation Report and has ruled that: "Upon careful consideration, it was determined that Mr. Claude McIntosh should be charged for breach of Section 14(1)(b) of the Corruption Prevention Act.

Consequently, I now so advise.

Respectfully yours,

Greg Christie

Executive Director

for and on behalf of the Integrity Commission

Enclosure

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