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Minutes Office of the Auditor General Management Meeting April 18, 2013

Present:

Alastair Swarbrick (AS), Auditor General
Garnet Harrison (GH), Deputy Auditor General and Freedom of Information Manager
Patrick Smith (PS), Audit Principal
Martin Ruben (MR), Audit Principal
Kimberly Lutz (KL), Administrative and Finance Manager

Discussion Items:

1. Action items updated by everyone.

2. Meeting Minutes

It was decided to prepare more formal minutes which will be posted on the OAG website.

FOSTERING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

3. 30th OAG Anniversary

Discussion and planning will take place after the election.

4. Client Survey

Survey to be prepared by GH and provided to AS, PS & MR for comments. The client survey is to be used for all 2013-14 financial statement audits.

5. Performance Audit Programme Consultation

AS and MR will meet to discuss the forward programme and how to take forward the consultation.

6. CAROSAI / CCOLA Conferences update

AS and MR gave a brief update of the CAROSAI Conference they attended in Trinidad and Tobago and CCOLA Conference in Toronto, Canada.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE OAG

7. Auditor General's Law

It was decided that no further action will be taken until after the election.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE (Corporate Operations)

8. OAG Retreat

A discussion and detailed planning of retreat to be held by management next week. CAROSAI/CCOLA Conference updates should be presented at the OAG Retreat.

9. OAG February & March 2013 financial updates

GH presented the February and March 2013 financial statements for the Office. A general discussion was held on the Office's financial position and the detailed breakdown against budget. It was noted the Office had a surplus at the end of February and March in the amount of \$167k and \$194k respectively, and it is anticipated the year end surplus will be within this range.

10. Credit Card policy

Comments were received back by AS from management on the credit card policy. AS to finalize.

11. Travel policy

AS is currently waiting on the CIG's Travel policy to be published in order to revise the Office's policy.

12. Contracted out audits

The future strategy for contracting out audits was discussed including the potential for issuing contracts for packages of audits for a term of 5 years. This will be pursued after the election due to possible changes in the structure of the Government.

13. OAG Audit

The financial statement audit of the OAG needs to be tendered out. A request for proposal is to be drafted by GH.

14. iCAT - Performance Audit

GH and MR to review the performance audit practice in conformity with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions and complete the iCAT by June 30, 2013.

15. Computer replacements

GH to procure computers according to the OAG replacement schedule.

16. Request for Proposal for Consultants

GH & MR to prepare a request for proposal to use consultants on performance audits for a 3 year basis.

17. Governor's Award

AS, GH, PS and MR to hold a meeting next week to determine who should be put forward for the Governor's award.

18. Job Description

Senior management to hold a meeting next week to discuss the review of job descriptions.

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