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From: [Ruben, Martin](#)
To: [Harrison, Garnet](#)
Subject: FW: Audit of Expenditures for Operations Tempura and Cealt
Date: Friday, December 16, 2011 12:15:36 PM

From: McCarthy, George
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 6:32 PM
To: Ruben, Martin
Cc: Bulgin, Samuel (Hon. Attorney General)
Subject: Re: Audit of Expenditures for Operations Tempura and Cealt

Dear Mr Martin,

I would not refute being in attendance at the meeting on 16th November, 2007. I am no able to raise this confirmation to a higher level as persons in attendance, other than the investigators, were not allowed to keep copies of minutes as part of their permanent records.

In response to question 2 on the minutes, for reason given in the preceding, I am unable to confirm their accuracy and, in particular, I cannot recall any terms of reference being approved.

In regards to question 3 dealing with the Terms of Reference, I am 99 percent sure that the terms of reference as shown to me at the Auditor General's office on 10th August, 2009 were not presented or approved at the meeting of 16th November, 2007 or at any subsequent meeting of the Strategic Oversight Group at which I was present.

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George A McCarthy
George A. McCarthy, OBE, JP
Cayman Islands Government

Sent from my Blackberry Handheld

From: Ruben, Martin
To: McCarthy, George
Sent: Tue Aug 11 11:03:49 2009
Subject: Audit of Expenditures for Operations Tempura and Cealt
Dear Sir:

As part of our audit of the expenditures related to Operations Tempura and Cealt, we have reviewed what we were told were the minutes of the Strategic Oversight Group that was formed in November 2007 to oversee the operations of the investigations. As part of our review procedures, we requested minutes of the meetings. In order to ensure the veracity of certain information we have been provided related to the Strategic Oversight Group, we would appreciate if you could respond to three questions. Please refer to the attached documents.

1. Did you attend a meeting of the Strategic Oversight Group on November 16, 2007?

2. Are the minutes (attached to this email) an accurate representation of the proceedings of the Strategic Oversight Group at the meeting of November 16, 2007?
3. Is it your recollection that the Terms of Reference (attached to this email) were the Terms of Reference agreed to in item #2 of those minutes?

The audit report is currently in final clearance. In order to meet our reporting commitments for this audit, I would appreciate receiving a response by Friday, August 14, 2009. If I do not receive a response, our report may include a reference to this fact.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Regards,

Martin Ruben, CGA

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Professional Standards Enquiry Strategic Oversight Group Meeting 1, 16th
November

In attendance: George McCarthy, André *redacted*, Larry *redacted*, Martin Bridger,
Simon *redacted*, Simon Tonge

1. Mr McCarthy opened and stressed that the investigation had nothing to do with performance issues connected with the two Deputy Commissioners.
2. Terms of Reference for the group were circulated by Simon *redacted* and agreed. *
3. Legal advice surrounding the '3rd September' incident were an obstacle to progressing the broader investigation.

Action – MPS to provide file to André *redacted* with advice to be provided as soon as possible thereafter.

4.

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5. The MPS reported that suitable office accommodation had been secured within the *redacted*
6. A requirement for two additional staff was identified for when the investigation goes over. These would not be made available by the MPS. The best course of action was to contract recently retired UK officers.

Action – Larry *redacted* and André *redacted* to liaise on draft contracts once the skills profiles had been drawn up. *

7. Regularity of meetings was discussed. It was agreed that meetings should be every 2 weeks whilst covert unless circumstances dictated differently. It was agreed that the Strategic Oversight Group would reconvene at on Friday 30th November at 11 am.

Simon Tonge
Head of the Governor's Office



Strategic Group – Operation TEMPURA

Terms Of Reference

- To oversee all matters and provide advice to the investigative team in relation to Operation TEMPURA
- To be the accountable body for key strategic decisions in relation to the Operation TEMPURA investigation.
- To identify, manage and advise the investigative team in relation to relevant political, constitutional and community issues.
- To provide a forum where risks, both internal and external, can be considered, discussed and managed.
- To ensure there is appropriate interaction between the Investigation team and any other relevant constitutional bodies.
- To provide the forum where legal advice can be discussed and provided.
- To provide the forum where independent advice can be sought.
- To consider and manage all relevant media implications.
- To provide a forum where all resourcing issues can be resolved.