

Implementation Plan for Recommendation B03.01 – Register of Interests

Create an implementation plan for the development of a comprehensive system of registration of interests including activities, timelines, and costs

No.	Implementation	Owner/Lead Officer	Comments	Start Date	End Date/Deadline	Status
1	Provide funding for the operations of a full-time Registrar of Interests and supporting Staff.	Office of the Deputy Governor	Funding for a full-time Registrar of Interests has been included in the budget since the first quarter 2023. The amount of \$178,500 has been allocated in the 2024 budget estimates to accommodate full-time operations at the Registrar of Interests including the employment of a full-time administrative officer. The addition of the officer will provide much-needed support to the Registrar if and when the legislation is amended to expand the registration of interests to all public officers.	First Quarter 2023	First Quarter 2024	Completed
2	Provide office accommodations for a full-time Registrar of Interests	Office of the Deputy Governor	Lease approved. The annual lease cost is \$61,740.00 and is accommodated in the Office of the Deputy Governor's annual budget. The space has been outfitted and the full-time Registrar commenced	First Quarter 2023	Third Quarter 2023	Completed

			her appointment on 1 st November, 2023.			
3	Registrar of Interests attends Familiarisation Trip to the United Kingdom to become familiar with the operations of the Register of Interests Office in the United Kingdom	Registrar of Interests	The part-time Registrar along with the Clerk, House of Assembly, attended the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Conference from 29 th November – 2 nd December, 2022 to give her exposure to parliamentary procedures. At that meeting, they spoke with the Registrar, United Kingdom (UK) and information was shared on the operations of the UK Register. The full-time Registrar, who commenced her appointment on 1 st November, 2023 was also present for this discussion.	Third Quarter 2022	Third Quarter 2022	Completed
4	Develop Standard Operation Procedures for the public to view the Register of Interests	Registrar of Interests	The Standard Operation Procedures that outline the process for viewing the Register were reviewed and the Attorney General's Chambers provided guidance.	Third Quarter 2022	Fourth Quarter 2023	Completed
5	Create a digital platform that will allow the public to view Members of the House of Assembly's interests	Registrar of Interests and Department of Information Technology	The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is working on creating the database at the request of the former Registrar of Interests. The current Registrar of Interests is now working with DoIT on this component which will include preparations for an online	Third Quarter 2022	Second Quarter 2025	Ongoing

			platform that will allow interests to be viewed digitally in anticipation of the approval of the amendments to the legislation. This component will be funded by the Department of Information Technology utilising in-house resources.			
6	Amend the Register of Interests Act to allow the Register of Interests for Members of the House of Assembly to be published online and be fully accessible at no cost and to include public officers from Grade 19-21	Office of the Deputy Governor	Cabinet on 7 th December, 2023 deferred the paper for three weeks to allow for further discussions. It was deferred for an additional two weeks on 27 th December to allow for public consultations to take place. The recommendation for viewing the Register of Interests for Members of the HoA at no cost was rejected. An amendment to the Principal Act, section 9(1) reduced the payment of fee from \$15.00 to \$10.00. The Public Service Management Act, 2024 makes provision for public officers from grade 17-21 to register their interests and makes provisions for the Governor and Deputy Governor to view the register.	Third Quarter 2023	Second Quarter 2024	Completed.
7	Conduct consultations with public officers (Grade 19-21) on the proposed	Governor's Office and Office of the	Consultation for public officers was conducted in December 2024	First Quarter 2024	Fourth Quarter 2024	Completed

	amendments to the Registrar of Interests Act	Deputy Governor				
8	Submit Drafting Instructions to the Attorney General's Chambers	Office of the Deputy Governor	Drafting Instructions were submitted on 29 th January, 2024	First Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2024	Completed
9	Submit draft Bill to Cabinet for Approval	Office of the Deputy Governor	Cabinet approved the Bill on 31 st January, 2024	First Quarter 2024	Second Quarter 2024	Completed
10	Submit draft Bill to the House of Assembly for passage	Office of the Deputy Governor	The Bill was passed in the House of Assembly on 9 th April, 2024.	Second Quarter 2024	Second Quarter 2024	Completed
11	Governor assents to Register of Interests Act	Office of the Deputy Governor	The Governor assented to the Bill on 16 th January, 2025.	Second Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2025	Completed
12	Launch of the online platform that will allow interests to be published online	Registrar of Interests	The online platform for public officers was launched on 9 th January, 2025. The online platform for Members of the House of Assembly will be ready for the Members' registration in May 2025	Second Quarter 2024	Second Quarter 2025	Ongoing