Dear Commissioner

Corruption, Crime and Misconduct and Criminal Property Confiscation Amendment Bill 2017

I refer to the above Bill, which will confer upon the Commission powers and functions to investigate unexplained wealth and initiative and conduct civil proceedings relating to unexplained wealth.

You will recall that your memorandum to me dated 4 April 2017, you advised that the Commission had the resources and the capability to undertake these functions within its existing resources.

Queries have since arisen as to these issues. In that regard, I would be grateful for your specific advice as to the following matters:

1. Do you consider that the Commission currently has sufficient resources to be able to undertake the unexplained wealth functions proposed by the Bill in addition to its existing functions? and

2. Do you consider that the unexplained wealth functions proposed by the Bill will, or could in any way, distract the Commission from fulfilling its existing functions in relation to potential serious misconduct and corruption by public officers?

Yours sincerely

Hon. John Quigley MLA
ATTORNEY GENERAL
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