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Departmental and Other Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS IN PUBLIC LIFE

DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
BY PERSONS IN PUBLIC LIFE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC OFFICE (IPO) ACT 2003, No. 6 OF 2003
CAP 23:04 OF THE 2017 REVISED LAWS
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

According to the IPO Act, a person in public life (*list of offices of persons in public life is given below*) is required to file a declaration in Form 2, with the Integrity Commission, within three (3) months after the end of the calendar year. For the 2023 calendar year just ended, all financial declarations must be filed with the Commission by Monday, April 1st 2024.

On application by a person in public life (made before March 31, 2024), the Commission may extend the period within which a declaration may be filed (section 16 (2A)).

The Form 2 declaration made by the person in public life (the declarant) shall set out:

- (a) office or offices;
- (b) income, assets and liabilities;
- (c) assets of the spouse, children or relative acquired through or traceable to the declarant's income; and
- (d) gifts made by the declarant in value exceeding one thousand dollars.

Where the declarant holds money or property in trust for another, (s)he is required to state this in the declaration.

The Act requires the Commission to examine every declaration and, where that may be necessary for the conduct of the examination, to request from the declarant any information or explanation (section 15).

Failure to file or any other breach of the requirements of the Act constitutes an offence punishable by a fine of up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) and/or to imprisonment for up to two years (section 27).

Form 2 and 'Guidelines for Filling out of Form 2' are sent to each person in public life but are also available at the Office of the Integrity Commission, Commissions Building, Cross Street, Roseau.

For additional information or clarification, the Office may be contacted at: 266-3436/3391/3494 or at integritycommission@dominica.gov.dm or amboh@dominica.gov.dm.

Persons in public life are encouraged to comply with the legislation and to submit financial declarations for calendar year 2023 to the Commission before or on Monday, April 1st 2024.

According to the Act, all persons who hold the following offices are persons in public life and are required to file annually up to two years after they have left the office.