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Departmental and Other Notices

FILING OF DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS BY PERSONS IN PUBLIC LIFE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC OFFICE ACT 2003, No.6 OF 2003
AND INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC OFFICE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015,
No. 21 OF 2015

According to the Act, a person in public life (list of offices 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 2020 calendar year just ended, all financial declarations must be filed with the Commission by Wednesday, March 31st 2021.

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, he/she is required to state this in the declaration.

According to section 16(2A), the Commission may, on application by a person in public life, extend the period within which a declaration may be filed.

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.

Non-compliance with the Act is an offence punishable by a fine of up to twenty thousand dollars (EC\$20,000) and/or to imprisonment for up to two years.

Form 2 and 'Guidelines for Filing out Form 2' are 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 to the Commission before or on March 31st 2021.

OFFICES RESPECTING PERSONS IN PUBLIC LIFE

1. Accountant General
2. Adviser or Assistant to the Prime Minister and other Ministers
3. Assistant Registrar to the High Court
4. Assistant Superintendent of Prisons