

THE INTEGRITY COMMISSION

The Integrity Commission is established under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption in Public Life Act of 1994, which is Chapter 12 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000.

The Commission consists of seven members. All are appointed by the Governor General. Two appointed in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition and the other five appointed in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition. However, for the appointment of the Chairman of the Commission, the Prime Minister shall use his best efforts to secure the agreement of the Leader of the Opposition.

The functions of the Commission are:

- (i) To receive, examine, and retain all declarations filed in relation to the income, assets and liabilities of persons in public life, whom are members of the National Assembly and members of city and town councils;
- (ii) To make such enquiries as it considers necessary in order to verify or determine the accuracy of the declarations filed under the Act, and
- (iii) To receive and investigate complaints regarding non-compliance with or breach of the provisions of the Act.

However, the National Assembly may by resolution apply the Act to any public appointee or any class of public appointee and to any public officer or any class of public officer.

In regards to its functions, the Commission shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority.

The Integrity Commission is obligated to, not later than 31st March of each year, make a report to the National Assembly of its activities in the preceding year and the report shall be tabled in the National Assembly not later than 31st May of the same year.

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[Prevention of Corruption in Public Life Act, Chapter 12](#)

[Prevention of Corruption in Public Life – Subsidiary Act Chapter 12S](#)