

Independent Commission Against Corruption

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Executive Summary

This report, the first of its kind, attempt to accomplish the following: set a system of 'levels' to show the current level of corruption within the government from the opinion of the ICAC, document/explain occurrences of corruption in the last 100 years, and provide suggestions to each branch and certain agencies on how to improve themselves in terms of preventing and exposing corruption in their ranks.

Corruption Status Index - Code 2

Code 1- There is no corruption believed to be occurring within the Government at this time.

Code 2- There is a possibility that corruption is occurring within the Government, ICAC is on alert to begin investigations.

Code 3- There is a confirmed occurrence of corruption on going within the Government, ICAC is investigating.

Code 4- There is either multiple occurrences of corruption ongoing within the Government, or there is a singular occurrence of corruption originating from a senior official.


Code 5- There is multiple occurrences of corruption ongoing within the Government's senior levels. Immediate action is required to ensure continuity of governance and law.


Commonwealth Corruption Incidents


Pious Judge Horatio - Bribery/Corruption


Acting Commissioner Jhaems Vu successfully identified an individual within the lower judiciary that was susceptible to corrupt acts. In his capacity as Commissioner, he began an inquiry through direct investigation into the Pious Judge Horatio, a relatively recent appointment. Through approaching and engaging in short conversation with Judge Horatio,


Commissioner Vu quickly found that he was offering reduced/nil sentences and not-guilty verdicts in exchange for political favours (see below), after this was reported to the Chief Justice - Horatio was promptly dismissed from the Inferior Criminal Court and indicted on corruption, contempt of court and abuse of office charges. He was tried and found guilty during fair trial and passed away before his prison sentence concluded.


**HighAdmiral** Last Tuesday at 10:22 PM
I don't know the difference


**NerdRising** Last Tuesday at 10:23 PM
I'm not surprised
In that case, do you want a longer or shorter sentence?


**HighAdmiral** Last Tuesday at 10:24 PM
Shorter I'm assuming actually means death?


**NerdRising** Last Tuesday at 10:26 PM
I wouldn't say no
But maybe not


**HighAdmiral** Last Tuesday at 10:27 PM
I think you should try to get me out entirely
What do you want?


**NerdRising** Last Tuesday at 10:31 PM
Absolutely nothing, if the Justice presiding over your case sets you free it will set a precedent
I will also say you rejected the plea deal, because otherwise there won't be a trial
Horatio leaves the prison


**HighAdmiral** Last Tuesday at 10:42 PM
I haven't rejected any deal, you've offered me nothing?

**NerdRising** Last Tuesday at 10:43 PM
The thing about the plea deal is if you accept, you are automatically claiming you are guilty
Meaning that if you deny it, your case will go to trial

**HighAdmiral** Last Tuesday at 10:44 PM
pah

**NerdRising** Last Tuesday at 10:45 PM
Look, do you want to have a chance to go free or not?

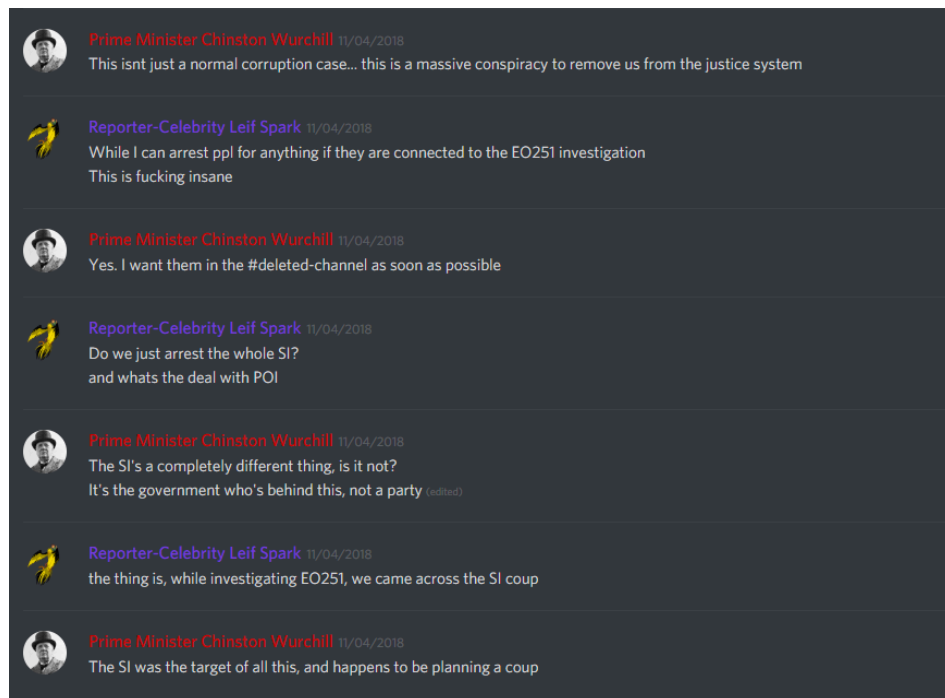
**HighAdmiral** Last Tuesday at 10:47 PM
Yeah

**NerdRising** Last Tuesday at 10:47 PM
Then plea innocent
Also, this conversation never happened
If this gets out, we're both fucked

Stellaire Interplanetaire - Treason

The political party Stellaire Interplanetaire was investigated by former Commissioner Leif Spark prior to the interregnum period (that lasted approximately 45-60 years), and was discovered to have been plotting a coup against the Hesperian Commonwealth government at the time due to what they viewed as oppressive treatment. However, the Chief Justice at the time - the Most Pious Harvey Markin - instructed Commissioner Spark to disregard this matter and instead to focus on the investigation of impeached Prime Minister Mountbatten's [Executive Order #251](#), which sought to establish black sites to hold politically-leftist (communist) prisoners.

As we all know, Stellaire Interplanetaire eventually did launch their coup and effectively seized control of all government assets through the traitor, Uriah Lee (deposed Minister of Defense and Acting Prime Minister), who arrested the entire Commonwealth cabinet during a battle against the rebels. This led to a long interregnum between true government reigning over the Commonwealth and the current ICAC Administration believes this was a large failure of the government at the time.



EO251 Investigation

A large focus of ICAC prior to the interregnum was the investigation into Executive Order #251, issued by Prime Minister Lady David Mountbatten - whom was believed to have abused the office of Prime Minister through the issuance of a secret and illegal executive order. Unfortunately, this investigation detracted from a possible investigation into Stellaire Interplanetaire which allowed a successful coup to occur. The investigation focused largely on whether or not the executive order, which established 'black sites' meant to contain political prisoners of communist-origin indefinitely, were legally valid. The Chief Justice's Office has made public all official documentation issued and received in regards to investigation, which can be reviewed here: [EO251 Dossier](#) .

At the time, the Commissioner of the ICAC and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court believed strongly that this executive order was highly illegal, and the Chief Justice strayed from tradition to issue a decision not given in response to a writ of review. After ruling the order unconstitutional however, Justice Emile Richard (later to be Chief Justice Richard) would find that Prime Minister Mountbatten's order was almost completely legal as per the constitution's rebellion clause in regards to the cessation of certain judicial rights (specifically habeas corpus) but found them guilty on alternative charges than the suggested abuse of the office of Prime Minister. Overall, the new ICAC Administration and Chief Justice's Office believe this investigation was a failure on the part of former office-holders.

Formal Recommendations

The following are formal recommendations from the Independent Commission Against Corruption targeted at specific government branches, agencies, ministries, departments or offices that the commission believes will help prevent corruption within government.

Prime Minister's Office / Cabinet

The Prime Minister's Office at this time is believed to be following the law and consulting the Judiciary whenever they are concerned about the legality of a potential executive action, however the Prime Minister's Office and Cabinet at large could benefit by taking the following actions to ensure transparency:

- Publish Cabinet Meeting notes occasionally, or provide a State of Government address to the public so they know of on going work by the Prime Minister's administration.
- When nominating an individual to public office, provide their qualifications and your reasoning with the nomination.

- Perform thorough consultations with law enforcement before appointing senior officials.
- Declassify any documentation that does not need to be explicitly confidential or secret.

Royal Military of the Hesperian Commonwealth

The Royal Military is one of our oldest (or youngest, if you consider them to not have existed officially for a long period of time) organizations, and yet is also one of our least transparent. This provides opportunities for military leadership to garner too much control of our armed forces, such as the case with Minister of Defense Uriah Lee successfully capturing the cabinet on behalf of communist rebels. The Military could improve if the following suggestions were implemented:

- Make all promotions ((#Promotions)) publicly visible, and require that valid reasoning is attached for such promotion.
- Provide frequent reports to the public on our military activity that isn't secret.
- Declassify any documentation that does not need to be explicitly confidential or secret.

Hesperian General Assembly

The General Assembly is perhaps one of the most open divisions in our government as much of their work is carried out in the eyes of the public, however there are some areas of the assembly's operations that could be improved to prevent corruption or malfeasance:

- Attach the voting numbers with every posted law.
- Make the Committee for Monetary Policy publicly visible.
- Require that nominees required to be confirmed by the General Assembly are interviewed or at least provide a statement to the assembly prior to holding the confirmation vote.
- Provide a reason when appointing an individual to Vice Chancellor.

The Judiciary

As the Judiciary is overseeing and directing this report - it is difficult to inofitself suggest methods to improve, so instead this section shall explain the steps the Judiciary is already taking to tackle corruption:

- Filling the posts of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of ICAC.
- Creating and issuing the first ICAC Institutional Corruption Report.
- Publicly announcing all appointments and administrative decisions regarding the Court's operations.
- Maintaining a public database of all judicial files.

- Creation of a General Commonwealth Court to handle minor cases to ensure the right to appeal is available to defendants.

The Grand Administrative Council

The Grand Administrative Council, or Grand Council/GC for short - is difficult to ever describe as corrupt. As the body responsible for carrying out the direct will of His Majesty very few actions of the body could ever be considered illicit or illegal, however it could take the following steps to promote transparency:

- Publicize voting numbers on all matters voted on by the Council.
- Announce publicly when a new member is admitted to the Grand Council, or when they are removed.
- Provide reports every 15 years to the General Assembly on what has been discussed by the Grand Council aside from those things sent to them by the assembly itself.

Conclusion

To conclude, the Hesperian Commonwealth is currently in the perfect position to begin solidifying measures to counteract and combat corruption within our government. Through implement the Commission's suggestions - the government can effectively mitigate the effects of corruption within our system.

At this time corruption is dwindling but the environment is not yet inhospitable for it, and so at any time it could begin to unfurl into our various sections of government. The Independent Commission Against Corruption will continue to actively monitor the government to ensure that the law is upheld and the public is informed on the integrity of their politicians and leaders.

This report is issued by and under the following authorities:

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