



# **THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION**

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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**The Hon. Mr. Mohabir A. Nandlall, SC, MP**  
**Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs**  
**95 Carmichael Street**  
**Georgetown**

Dear Hon. Attorney-General,

**Re: Annual Report for the Financial Year 2023**

The Law Reform Commission (LRC) has a mandate to keep under review all the laws applicable to Guyana with a view to its systematic development and reform, including in particular the modification of any branch of the law, the elimination of anomalies, the repeal of obsolete and unnecessary enactments, the reduction of the number of separate enactments and generally the simplification and modernisation of the law.

We are pleased to officially present our third Annual Report for the twelve (12) months of operations for the financial year 2023. This report comprises a brief background to the first Law Reform Commission in Guyana, along with its activities, achievements and challenges during the reporting period.

We are optimistic that this report would inform future policy interventions and be useful in promoting feedback and building commitment in law reform work in Guyana.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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**Wendy Ann Denanath**  
**Secretary**

## **PREFACE BY THE SECRETARY**

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It is an honour for the Law Reform Commission (LRC) to publish its Annual Report for the twelve (12) months of operations for the financial year 2023. This report comprises a brief background to the first Law Reform Commission in Guyana, along with its activities, achievements and challenges during the reporting period.

What began as a slow start to our operations which was characterised by many challenges, has nevertheless resulted in a few success stories, such as, the process for conducting stakeholder engagements and receiving proposals for law reform (*an important stage in the law reform process*).

One (1) of our greatest challenges during this period was the absence of a Chairperson and two (2) Commissioners which staggered operations during the financial year. Acquisition of supplies and stationery from the Ministry of Legal Affairs is also an ongoing challenge.

Support of the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs, along with the Management & Staff of the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Support for the Criminal Justice System Project, respectively, played a pivotal role in the continuous streamlining of operations at the LRC. We continue to be grateful for their support and guidance.

The LRC is equally grateful to the staff who have contributed to our success during the reporting period and has emerged stronger and wiser after enduring several challenges.

As we enter the financial year 2024, we are optimistic that it will be one of many more successes in law reform towards the social, cultural and economic development of Guyana.

**Wendy Ann Denanath**

**Secretary**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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Sincere gratitude is extended to the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs whose support and guidance has been pivotal in the establishment of the LRC. Gratitude is also extended to the Management & staff of the Ministry of Legal Affairs and Support for the Criminal Justice System Project, respectively, for their assistance in the stabilization of the LRC. The LRC is grateful to the staff who have contributed to our success during the twelve (12) months of operations. We have indeed emerged stronger and wiser.

The publication of this our third Annual Report has been made possible by the support of the four (4) current Commissioners and staff of the Secretariat competently led by the Secretary, Ms. Wendy Ann Denanath.

The LRC is also grateful to the several stakeholders who have acknowledged the establishment of the LRC and have begun to submit their respective proposals for law reform.



## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

<b>GOG</b>	The Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana
<b>IDB</b>	Inter-American Development Bank
<b>CCJ</b>	Caribbean Court of Justice
<b>LRC</b>	Law Reform Commission
<b>SCJS</b>	Support for the Criminal Justice System
<b>MOLA</b>	Ministry of Legal Affairs
<b>MOF</b>	Ministry of Finance
<b>PEU</b>	Project Execution Unit
<b>A-G</b>	Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs
<b>GABI</b>	Guyana Association of Bankers Inc.
<b>NICIL</b>	National Industrial & Commercial Investments Limited
<b>CEO</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>LO</b>	Legal Officer
<b>RO</b>	Research Officer
<b>FO</b>	Finance Officer



## **CHAPTER ONE (1)**

### **ABOUT THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION**

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#### **1.0 Introduction**

This chapter introduces the Law Reform Commission. It consists of the mandate, functions, values, principles & attributes and mission statement of the LRC. It also presents the organizational chart of the LRC.

#### **1.1 Establishment**

The Law Reform Commission was established by the Law Reform Commission Act (2016), as amended, on July 1, 2022 when staff assumed duties. Staff were employed between the months of July to August 2021 and seven (7) Commissioners were officially sworn in on August 11, 2021, but commenced duties on September 1, 2021. On September 1, 2021, the LRC became fully operational. In December 2021, one (1) of its Commissioner tendered his resignation. The former Chairperson, the Hon. Mr. B.S Roy, together with another Commissioner also elected not to have their contracts renewed in August 2022. The Secretariat is currently located at 91 Middle Street, Georgetown and the LRC currently comprises of four (4) Commissioners and three (3) members of staff.

#### **1.2 Mandate of the LRC**

The LRC is a statutory body that was established to provide for the establishment of a Law Reform Commission for keeping under review the laws of Guyana for the purpose of their simplification, modernization, systematic development and reform and for connected matters.

#### **1.3 Specific Functions of the LRC**

The functions of the LRC are set out in Section 7 of the Law Reform Commission Act (2016), as amended, which provides that it shall be the duty of the Commission to keep under review all the law applicable to Guyana with a view to its systematic development and reform, including in particular the modification of any branch of the law, the elimination of anomalies, the repeal of obsolete and unnecessary enactments, the reduction of the number of separate enactments and generally the simplification and modernization of the law and for that purpose-

- (a) to receive and consider suggestions for the reform of the law which may be forwarded to it either on the invitation of the Commission or otherwise, by Judges, public officials, lawyers and Commissioners of the general public;
- (b) to receive and consider proposals for changes in the law referred to it by the Minister or recommended by any law reform committee, association of lawyers or other learned bodies;
- (c) to prepare and submit to the Minister from time-to-time specific programmes for the examination of different branches of the law with a view to reform including recommendations as to whether such examination should be carried out by the Commission or some other body in relation to branches of the law that require technical expertise;
- (d) to undertake, in pursuance of any recommendation of the Minister, the formulation of draft Bills relating to the proposals for reform contained in such recommendation;
- (e) to undertake, pursuant to any recommendations approved by the Minister, the examination of particular branches of the law and the formulation, by means of draft instructions or otherwise, of proposals for reform therein;
- (f) to provide at the instance of the Minister advice and information to Ministries and Departments of Government and Statutory Authorities concerned with proposals for the amendment or reform of any branch of the law;
- (g) to obtain such information in regard to the laws and legal systems of other countries as in the opinion of the Commission is likely to facilitate the performance of any of its functions.

#### **1.4 Mission Statement**

“To continually review the Laws of Guyana to ensure their simplification, modernization and systematic development in keeping with the social, cultural and economic needs of Guyana”.

#### **1.5 Core Values**

In achieving its mission, the LRC strives to articulate and execute its functions with loyalty to the following core values:

- Integrity;
- Teamwork;
- Professionalism;
- Transparency and Accountability; and
- Courtesy and Equality

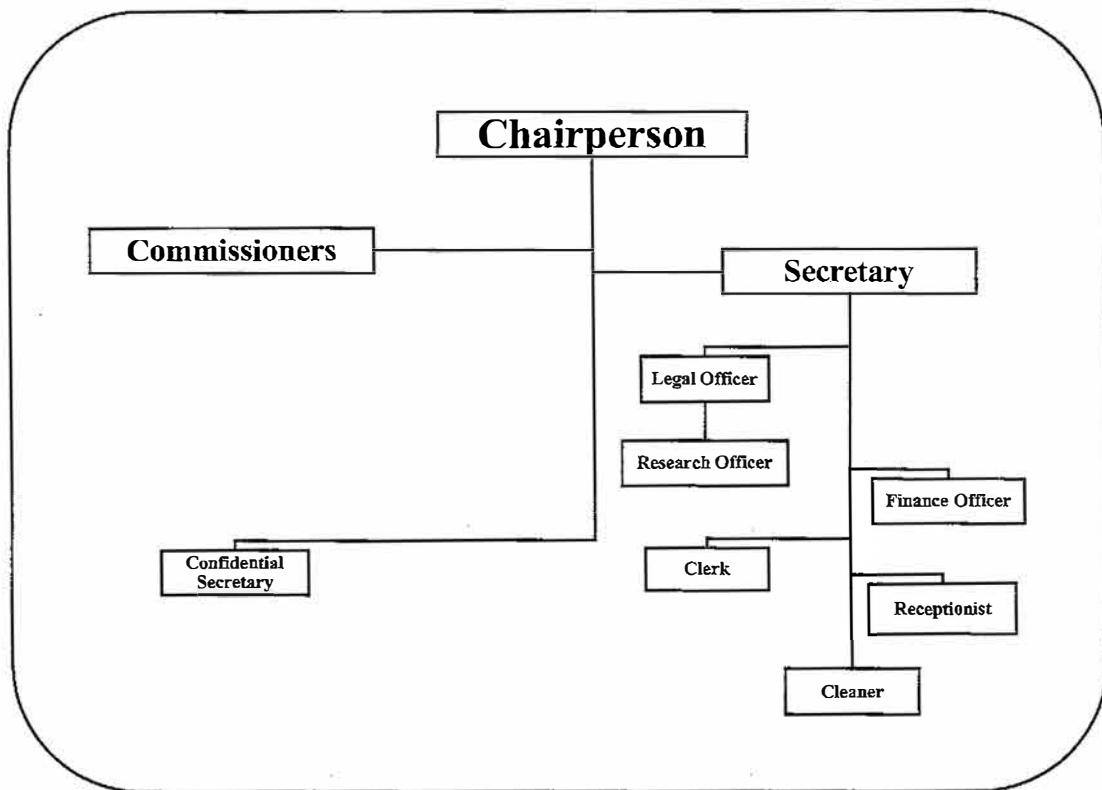
#### **1.6 Fundamental Principles and Attributes**

Like other Law Reform Commissions in the Commonwealth, the LRC appreciates the fact that a national law reform agency should possess certain distinguishing characteristics which are:

- Permanent;
- Authoritative;
- Full-time;
- Independent;
- Consultative;
- Implementation-Minded

#### **1.7 Structure and Administration of the LRC**

At the apex of the LRC stands the Commissioners, headed by the Chairperson. The Secretary to the Commission also serves as the Head of Administration and is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Secretariat. The Commissioners meet once every week to assess progress and proposals received for law reform and to also provide appropriate direction to the Secretariat. The Chairperson serves on a full-time basis while all the other Commissioners serve on a part-time basis. The full organizational structure is captured in the chart below:




















## CHAPTER TWO (2)

### LAW REFORM PROPOSALS

2.0 This Chapter highlights the proposals received for law reform during the reporting period.





#### 2.1 Database of law reform proposals received.

No.	Legislation	Stakeholder/ Recommended by	Priority	Current Status
1	Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act via Report by Mr. Peter Pursglove	 The Hon. A-G  The CCJ  Ms. Joann Bond	No. 1	Please refer to comments below.
2	Record Retention and Disposal ([A] Record-keeping requirements of financial institutions, [B] Digitizing Customer Information – Evidence Act, and Recommendations)	 GABI	No. 2	Please refer to comments below.
3	Companies Act	 The Hon. A-G  GABI  The CCJ  Mr. Ronald Ally  Mr. Stephen Fraser	No. 3	Please refer to comments below.
4.	Procurement Act via Report by Ms. Sabine Englehart	 The Hon. A-G  Ms. Mandie Mickle	No. 4	Please refer to comments below.
5	Deceased Persons Estates' Administration Act	 The Law Reform Commission	No. 5	Please refer to comments below.
6	The Court of Appeal Act Cap. 3:01	 The Bar Association of Guyana	No. 6	Please refer to comments below.
7	Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act	 The CCJ	No. 7	Please refer to comments below.
8	Landlord and Tenant Act	 The Law Reform Commission	No. 8	Please refer to comments below.
9	Legislation that make provisions for Qualified Independent/ Private Valuation Officers/ Surveyors	 Mr. Joel Freeman, Property Manager, NICIL	No. 9	Please refer to comments below.
10	Matrimonial Causes Act & Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) Act	 The Law Reform Commission	No. 10	Please refer to comments below.



No.	Legislation	Stakeholder/ Recommended by	Priority	Current Status
11	Infancy Act	the Law Reform Commission	No. 11	Please refer to comments below.
12	Title to Land (Prescription & Limitation) Act	✦ Christopher Ram & Associates ✦ The CCJ	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
13	Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act	✦ Director of Public Prosecutions	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
14	Juvenile Justice (Amendment) Bill 2001	✦ Director of Public Prosecutions	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
15	Management of unclaimed funds and Recommendation. Section 18 of the AML/CFT Act – Suspicious Transaction Report	✦ GABI	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
16	Civil Procedure Rules under the High Court Act and Recommendations	✦ GABI	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
17	E-commerce and Digital signatures and Recommendations	✦ GABI	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
18	Income Tax Act	✦ GABI	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
19	Draft Movable Property Security Bill	✦ GABI	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
20	Criminal Law (Procedure) Act	✦ The Hon. A-G ✦ The CCJ	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
21	Deeds Registry Act	✦ The CCJ	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
22	Amerindian Act No. 6 of 2006	✦ The Bar Association of Guyana	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
23	Review of the Evidence Act Cap 5:03 to reflect the modern realities of times.	✦ The Bar Association of Guyana	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
24	Revision of the Trade Marks Act Cap. 90:01 to allow registration of services and other modern amenities.	✦ The Bar Association	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.



No.	Legislation	Stakeholder/ Recommended by	Priority	Current Status
25	Update of Patents and Designs Act Cap. 90:03 to allow for patenting of pharmaceuticals and other modern amenities.	 The Bar Association of Guyana	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
26	Civil Laws of Guyana to be updated to allow for the enforcement of mortgages in accordance with Common Law Principles.	 The Bar Association of Guyana	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
27	Rice Farmers (Security of Tenure) Act.	 The Hon. A-G	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.
28	Plea Bargaining Act	 The Hon. A-G	To be determined	Please refer to comments below.

## **CHAPTER THREE (3)**

### **ACTIVITIES OF THE LRC**

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3.0 This chapter presents the activities of the LRC during the reporting period.

#### **3.1 Number of meetings held**

A total of fifty-one (51) meetings were held during the reporting period on the following dates:

- January 4, 2023 – Virtual & face to face;
- January 12, 2023 – Virtual & face to face;
- January 19, 2023 – Virtual & face to face;
- January 26, 2023 – Virtual & face to face;
- February 2, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- February 9, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- February 16, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- February 21, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- March 2, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- March 9, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- March 16, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- March 23, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- March 31, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- April 6, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- April 13, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- April 20, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- April 27, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- May 4, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- May 11, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- May 18, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- May 24, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- June 1, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- June 8, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- June 15, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- June 22, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- July 6, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- July 13, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- July 21, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- July 27, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- August 3, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- August 10, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;

- August 17, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- August 24, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- August 31, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- September 7, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- September 14, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- September 21, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- September 28, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- October 5, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- October 12, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- October 19, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- October 26, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- November 2, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- November 9, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- November 16, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- November 23, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- November 30, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- December 7, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- December 14, 2023 - Virtual & face to face;
- December 21, 2023 - Face to face; and
- December 28, 2023 - Virtual & face to face.

### **3.2 Matters that arose from meetings**

During the reporting period, the following matters arose and were addressed:

#### **1) The Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act and the Pursglove Report**

In 2022, the LRC commenced a review of Mr. Pursglove’s report emerging from his “*Consultancy to review existing legislation (Decriminalising of Offences: Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act) and propose recommendations of amendments*”. This exercise entailed seeking the views of stakeholders, identifying relevant case law, examining consequential existing and pending legislation; as well as considering similar legislation in other Commonwealth countries.

The findings have been categorised as:

- Provisions to be retained;
- Provisions to be repealed;
- Provisions to be amended; and
- Provisions for which further consultation is required.

The LRC's report on recommendations for amendments to this Act was finalised and submitted to the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs on February 9, 2023.

## **2) The Evidence Act Cap 5:03**

The LRC, during the reporting period, reviewed the following aspects of the Evidence Act:

- An amendment to Section 91;
- The inclusion of provisions pertinent to the admissibility of computer records in Criminal Proceedings; and
- The omission from the Evidence Act, Cap 5:03 of provisions giving legal effect to electronic documents, electronic records, electronic signatures and electronic transactions, thus, the necessity for the prompt passage into law of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Bill of 2019 after the completion of consultations with all internal and external stakeholders.

A report on the LRC's recommendations for reform of this Act was prepared and submitted to the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs on March 13, 2023.

## **3) The Companies Act Cap 89:01**

In September 2022, the LRC reviewed the following aspects of the Companies Act:

- An amendment to Section 44(1);
- The inclusion of provisions covering Non-Profit Companies;
- Steps of the amalgamation process; and
- Virtual and Hybrid Shareholder meetings.

A report on the findings of this review which included recommendations for reform was submitted to the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs on December 6, 2022.

Following a response from the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs, the LRC embarked on a second round of stakeholder consultations in the financial year 2023. Additional requests for proposals for reform to this Act were sent to the Bar Association of Guyana, The Registrar of Commerce, Christopher Ram & Associates and the Guyana Securities Council. The Registrar of Commerce was engaged in relation to his submissions and submissions from the Guyana Securities Council were received on December 28, 2023. As at December 31, 2023, those

submissions were being reviewed. It is anticipated that a further report would be finalised and submitted to the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs in the financial year 2024.

#### **4) The Procurement Act Cap 73:05**

At a meeting held with the Hon. A-G on January 29, 2022, he stressed that the area of Procurement required strengthening in Guyana. He explained that though tedious, the procurement process which requires transparency needed to be expedited swiftly to effectively execute the 2022 budget. The LRC therefore agreed to prioritize the Procurement Act, along with the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act. Following the discovery of a previous study of this legislation by Ms. Sabine Englehart who made recommendations for reform, the LRC decided to review Ms. Englehart's report to avoid the duplication of efforts. A thorough analysis of the report and actions based on the recommendations made by Ms. Englehart was done during the second and third quarters of 2022. Requests for recommendations for amendments to this legislation were sent to eighteen (18) stakeholders and to date, the LRC is still awaiting feedback. Engagements with the National Procurement and Tender Administration Board were also done but no recommendations were submitted to date as well. As a result, this matter was moved down the LRC's agenda pending stakeholder feedback.

#### **5) The Deceased Persons Estates' Administration Act Cap 12:01**

The LRC in 2022, conducted a review of this Act and recognised that the amendment of 2021 made no provisions for the accessibility of neither pensions nor gratuity. The LRC's findings on this legislation were submitted to the Hon. Attorney-General on May 8, 2023.

#### **6) The Court of Appeal Act Cap 3:01**

In the final quarter of 2022, the LRC commenced a review of this Act and in so doing, wrote to twenty-one (21) stakeholders, including the Chancellor of the Judiciary (ag), seeking recommendations for amendments. To date, no response was received from the stakeholders but a second request for proposals for amendments was sent to the Chancellor of the Judiciary (ag) on January 17, 2023. To date, the LRC is still awaiting feedback. It is anticipated that a report on recommendations for amendments to this Act would be finalised and submitted to the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs in the financial year 2024.

**7) The Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act Cap 10:02**

The LRC, in reviewing the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act, commenced research on;

- Judicial considerations of the Act;
- Legislative context of the Act, i.e. where the Act was derived from;
- Jurisdictions in which the Act had been incorporated and is currently being used (where it has been retained and the manner of retention); and
- Comparative adjustments/ amendments to the Act in Guyana and other jurisdictions that have taken place.

During the reporting period, cases from the Guyana Law Reports, West Indian Law Reports and the Law Reports of British Guiana were reviewed and a list of those applicable was compiled. It is anticipated that a report on recommendations for amendments to this legislation would be finalised and submitted to the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs in the financial year 2024.

**8) The Landlord & Tenant Act Cap 61:01**

The LRC in the last quarter of 2022, completed an interim review of the Landlord & Tenant Act and engaged the Chief Magistrate for possible recommendations for amendments. To date, the LRC is still awaiting feedback from the Chief Magistrate but during the reporting period, a decision was made that an interim report on the LRC's views would be submitted to the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs in the financial year 2024.

**9) Qualified Independent/ Private Valuation Officers/ Surveyors.**

Following proposals by Mr. Joel Freeman, Property Manager, NICIL for legislation that would make provisions for Qualified Independent/ Private Valuation Officers/ Surveyors, Mr. Freeman was invited to an engagement with the LRC on March 24, 2022. At that meeting, it was highlighted that there is currently a Diploma in Valuation Programme being offered by the University of Guyana of which Mr. Freeman is a student. Having supported the recommendations proposed by Mr. Freeman, the LRC reached out to the University of Guyana for a copy of the syllabus (course content and training) and other supporting information applicable to the Programme, which may



be of assistance in the drafting of the proposed legislation. The LRC and Mr. Freeman will continue to have frequent engagements until this matter is tabled for drafting.

#### **10) Matrimonial Causes Act Cap 45:02 & Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) Act Cap 3:05**

In November 2023, the LRC decided to review S14 of the Matrimonial Causes Act together with S34 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) Act with a view to making these sections non-discriminatory and gender neutral whereby the obligation to pay maintenance would not only be applicable to husbands but wives as well. The manner in which the issue of Spousal Maintenance is dealt with in other regional jurisdictions was researched and to date, this matter is still under review.

#### **11) Infancy Act**

A few weeks in the last quarter of 2023 were spent researching whether this Act was repealed. In January 2024, it was concluded that the Infancy Act was not repealed and S14 which makes provisions for upper guardianship of the court is not included in the Custody, Contact, Guardianship and Maintenance Act.

#### **12) Judicial Decisions**

During the reporting period, two (2) decisions were reviewed:

- 1) Research was conducted on the CCJ's judgement in the case of Orwin Hinds and Cleon Hinds v. The State. It was concluded that the case was not relevant to the Parole Act, but rather S100 (a) of the Criminal Law (Offences) Act.
- 2) Research was conducted on the CCJ's judgement in the case of Basil Williams v. Prithima Kisoona. The case related to the issue of judicial impartiality and the applicability of the Judicial Code of Conduct and the Bangalore Principles.

#### **13) Bills**

During the financial year 2023, four (4) Bills were submitted by the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs for review:

**1) The Data Protection Bill 2023**

On April 15, 2023, the LRC was tasked with reviewing the draft Data Protection Bill 2023 by the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs. This Bill was reviewed from April 15, 2023 to May 9, 2023. On May 10, 2023, the LRC made its submissions on this Draft Bill.

**2) The Criminal Procedure (Plea Discussion and Plea Agreement) Bill 2023**

On April 15, 2023, the LRC was tasked with reviewing the draft Criminal Procedure (Plea Discussion and Plea Agreement) Bill 2023 by the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs. This Bill was reviewed from April 15, 2023 to August 17, 2023. On August 18, 2023, the LRC made its submissions on this Draft Bill.

**3) The Criminal Law Procedure (Paper Committals) Bill 2023**

On June 28, 2023, the LRC was tasked with reviewing the draft Criminal Law Procedure (Paper Committals) Bill 2023 by the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs. This Bill was reviewed from June 28, 2023 to August 17, 2023. On August 18, 2023, the LRC made its submissions on this Draft Bill.

**4) Draft Civil Procedure (Declaration of Title) Rules 2023**

On August 31, 2023, the LRC was tasked with reviewing the Draft Civil Procedure (Declaration of Title) Rules 2023 by the Hon. Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs. On September 14, 2023, The LRC made its submissions on the Draft Rules.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **CHALLENGES**

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4.0 This chapter highlights the challenges faced by the LRC during the reporting period.

#### **4.1 Depleted number of Commissioners, including a Chairperson**

- ✚ Following the resignation of a Commissioner in December 2021, another Commissioner and the former Chairperson, The Hon. Mr. B.S Roy elected not to have their contracts renewed in August 2022. This resulted in four (4) Commissioners remaining which posed a challenge since there was no Chairperson to guide the operations of the LRC on a permanent basis as was envisioned by the Law Reform Act. The absence of a Chairperson, who is expected to serve on a full-time basis staggered operation for the entire year under review.

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **FINANCIAL RECORDS**

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5.1 Since the LRC had no budget allocation for the reporting period, an update on the financial activities cannot be provided.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **CONCLUSION**

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The LRC during the twelve (12) months of its operations for the reporting period was faced with many challenges which affected its operations. Despite these challenges, the LRC was able to successfully pave the foundation for its methodology and operations in 2024. The LRC was further able to provide tangible recommendations for reform in the multiple areas reviewed.

## CHAPTER 7

### APPENDIX

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#### 7.1 Administration of the LRC

##### Commissioners

At the end of the reporting period, the LRC comprised of the following Commissioners:

- 1) Ms. Emily Dodson - Commissioner (Part-time)
- 2) Mr. Teni Housty – Commissioner (Part-time)
- 3) Ms. Deenawati Panday - Commissioner (Part-time)
- 4) Ms. Clarissa Riehl - Commissioner (Part-time)

✂ The Hon. Mr. B.S Roy, Former Chairperson, elected not to renew his contract in August 2022.

✂ Dr. Brian O'Toole, Former Commissioner, elected not to renew his contract in August 2022.

✂ Mr. Roopnarine Satram, Former Commissioner, resigned in December 2021.

##### The Secretariat

- 1) Ms. Wendy Ann Denanath –Secretary to the Commission
- 2) Ms. Reshma Budhram – Research Officer
- 3) Ms. Ashley James – Receptionist