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TO: All Public Officers

CONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS

Recently persons responsible for the management of the Anguilla Public Service (APS) have found it necessary to address activities engaged in by some public officers with the potential to cast the APS into disrepute. Officers have been posting on the internet, photographs of themselves which have been varyingly described as provocative, lewd, distasteful or disgusting by members of the public who have viewed these photographs.

This matter has been directly addressed with officers who are known to have engaged in this activity. These officers must now suffer the continued indignity of having these photographs preserved on their personnel files and seen by Department Heads, Permanent Secretaries, members of the Public Service Commission and the Deputy Governor when considering their eligibility for posts in the APS as well as financial assistance and scholarships.

Public Officers must always keep in mind that they are the face of the APS and in some instances the face of Anguilla. Officers are required to demonstrate a high level of self respect which by extension can only result in the APS and Anguilla being portrayed in a positive light.

Persons serving in the APS or who aspire to serve in the APS are urged to hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct and not to diminish themselves through the publishing of any material by whatever media or by conducting themselves in public places and/or at public events in a manner, which has the tendency to bring themselves and by extension the APS into disrepute. A very dim view will be taken of persons who involve themselves in disreputable behaviour and this will be reflected in the response such persons receive when they engage public service mechanisms as they must invariably do in their quest to improve their well-being.

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