

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2021

[Gazetted 4th November, 2021]

WHEREAS section 67(3)(e) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 (U.K.S.I. 2007 No. 1678) provides that subject to subsection (7), an elected member of the House of Assembly shall vacate his or her seat if the member becomes a party to a contract with the Government of the Virgin Islands for or on account of the public service, or if any firm in which the member is or becomes a partner, or a company of which the member is or becomes a director or manager becomes a party to a contract with the Government of the Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS section 67(7) provides that if in the circumstances it appears just to do so, the House of Assembly may exempt an elected member from vacating his or her seat under subsection (3)(e) if the member, before becoming a party to a contract, or before or as soon as practicable after becoming interested in a contract with the Government of the Virgin Islands by virtue of being a partner in a firm or director or manager in a company which has a contract with the Government, discloses to the House of Assembly the nature of the contract and his or her interest in the firm or company involved in the contract;

WHEREAS the Honourable Neville Smith, is an elected member of the House of Assembly;

WHEREAS the Honourable Neville Smith is a Director of Caribbean Security Limited whose registered office address is located at Craigmuir Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and, which company provides security services and related systems installation;

WHEREAS the Government of the Virgin Islands, through the Ministry of Finance, entered into a contract with the Company on the 6th day of December, 2019 for the delivery of items such as access controls and intercoms for the refurbished Police Headquarters at Sir Olva George's Plaza, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a total contract sum of fifteen thousand, nine hundred and eighty dollars and twenty four cents (\$15,980.24);

WHEREAS by virtue of being a Director of Caribbean Security Limited, the Honourable member has an interest in the contract with the Company as aforesaid;

WHEREAS this Resolution discloses to the House of Assembly the contract signed with the Government of the Virgin Islands and the interest of the Honourable member in the contract by virtue of being a Director of the Company;

WHEREAS this Resolution is a request by the Honourable member to the House of Assembly to exempt the Honourable member from vacating the House of Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable **ANDREW A. FAHIE**, the Premier and Minister of Finance has by motion moved the House of Assembly to exempt the Honourable Neville Smith from vacating his seat as an elected member of the House of Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands exempts the Honourable Neville Smith from vacating his seat as an elected member of the House of Assembly.

Passed by the House of Assembly this 28th day of October, 2021.

(Sgd.) Julian Willock,
Speaker.

(Sgd.) Phyllis Evans,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.