

**Further Question from Ms. Anna Ramdass- Trinidad Express submitted after Press Conference on 23.09.06**

"Chairman Lynch, you mentioned that Kenson and Paria sent letters claiming bias, there is also concern that there is bias on your part. Are you friends with Attorney General Reginald Armour and Mr Gilbert Peterson? And did you all work together previously on a corruption case in the Turks and Caicos against the former premier Michael Misick? If yes, do you think your personal ties with these gentlemen will be seen as a conflict of some kind? "

**Answer from Chairman**

I am friends with **AG Reginald Armour SC** – we co-defended in a long-running trial in Turks and Caicos and both being away from home struck up a good relationship, socialising together and I may be responsible for him learning to play golf. I fail to see how that can have any effect on my ability to act fairly and impartially in relation to a Public Enquiry where neither he nor his department are party to the proceedings. I have not discussed the matter with him at all and he has not sought to do so with me.

**Gilbert Peterson SC** was unknown to me other than by reputation until I commenced this CoE. During the hearings apart from exchanging pleasantries we had no extra-judicial contact. He is now instructed in the Michael Mysick matter which has yet to start following the death of the former judge.