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Nekita Turnbull Appointed Chief Information Officer

Ms. Nekita Turnbull has been appointed as Chief Information Officer within the Department of Information and Public Relations, effective 1st August, 2025.

Ms. Turnbull's appointment comes following an acting appointment after the retirement of the former Chief Information Officer in 2024. She brings extensive experience in the communications and public relations arm of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Turnbull served as Deputy Chief Information Officer, where she managed the daily operations of the Department's human resources functions, inclusive of training opportunities and staff upskilling. She has also served as an Information Officer and worked as Marketing Manager within CTL Home Centre.

Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Office, Mrs. Carolyn Stoutt-Igwe said, "We are proud to have Ms. Turnbull appointed as Chief Information Officer. She has successfully completed courses as part of the succession plan to prepare her for the position, in addition to a recent secondment to the Government of the Cayman Islands."

Ms. Turnbull's academic achievements include a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications and Advertising from the University of South Florida and an Associate of Arts in English from the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College. She also holds a Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership Practice from the Chartered Management Institute in addition to multiple certifications in media and communications.

Commenting on her appointment, the new Chief Information Officer said, "I am dedicated to building on the progress already made in advancing government communications and transforming the department. My hope is to also inspire greater interest in the field, while working alongside colleagues across the Public Service to raise standards and strengthen how we connect with the people of the Virgin Islands."

As Chief Information Officer, Ms. Turnbull will work to develop a reform strategy for the modernisation of the department and implement recommendations to improve processes and procedures. Additionally, she will draft, edit and publish communications products in support of public policy while monitoring the public opinion on various Government projects, in addition to other responsibilities related to the daily operations of the Department of Information and Public Relations.

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About:

The Department of Information and Public Relations also referred to as the Government Information Services, falls under the portfolio of the Premier's Office.

The Department serves as the communication link between the Government and the public to assist in creating a better understanding of its activities. Our communication goals are achieved through contacts with government ministries, the media and the general public.

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