

**From:** ASawyer  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 2:51 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:**

**Question 1:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 1 of the draft Code of Practice regarding definitions and interpretation, purpose of the Code, the regulatory framework, compliance with the Code and review of the Code? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is too wide. I believe this should be narrowed down to 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. or a shorter period.

**Question 3:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas.

**Question 4:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.
- I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

**Question 5:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

**Question 7:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I believe that the advertisement of pornography should be totally prohibited.
- Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

**From:** Abigail Moss  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 9:12 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Response. to Questions

## Sample Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

### Question 1:

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- The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is too wide. I believe this should be narrowed down to 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. or a shorter period.

### Question 3:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas.

### Question 4:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

➤ I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.

➤ I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

**Question 5:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

➤ I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

**Question 7:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

➤ Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I believe that the advertisement of pornography should be totally prohibited.

➤ Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

***Abigail A.E. Moss***

**From:** Alan Symonette  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 8:24 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Media Content Regulations

**Question 1:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 1 of the draft Code of Practice regarding definitions and interpretation, purpose of the Code, the regulatory framework, compliance with the Code and review of the Code? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- ➤ The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is too wide. I believe this should be narrowed down to 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. or a shorter period.

**Question 3:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- ➤ I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas.

**Question 4:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- ➤ I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.
- ➤ I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

**Question 5:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- ➤ I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

Question 7:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- ➤ Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I believe that the advertisement of pornography should be totally prohibited.
- ➤ Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

Alan Symonette

From: Alexine Moss  
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2011 11:09 AM  
To: Info Information  
Subject: Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

Question 1:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 1 of the draft Code of Practice regarding definitions and interpretation, purpose of the Code, the regulatory framework, compliance with the Code and review of the Code? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is too wide. I believe this should be narrowed down to 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. or a shorter period.

Question 3:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas.

Question 4:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.

Ø I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

Question 5:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other

provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

Question 7:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I believe that the advertisement of pornography should be totally prohibited.

Ø Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

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-Alexine



**From:** Andrew Roberts  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 12:06 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Cc:** [changebahamas@gmail.com](mailto:changebahamas@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** response to draft code for content regulation

**Question 1:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 1 of the draft Code of Practice regarding definitions and interpretation, purpose of the Code, the regulatory framework, compliance with the Code and review of the Code? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

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**Question 4:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

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- I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

**Question 5:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

**Question 7:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

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- Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

	
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**From:** Angeline Moss  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 4:59 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Responses to Questions

**Question 1:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 1 of the draft Code of Practice regarding definitions and interpretation, purpose of the Code, the regulatory framework, compliance with the Code and review of the Code? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is too wide. I believe this should be narrowed down to 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. or a shorter period.

**Question 3:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas.

**Question 4:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.
- I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

**Question 5:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

**Question 7:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I believe that the advertisement of pornography should be totally prohibited.
- Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

Angeline Moss

**From:** Anthone Wallace  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 11:25 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** URCA's List of Consultative Questions

Dear Sir / Madam,

My responses to some of the questions on your list of consultative questions are below. I appreciate the opportunity to do the same.

**Question 1:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 1 of the draft Code of Practice regarding definitions and interpretation, purpose of the Code, the regulatory framework, compliance with the Code and review of the Code? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is too wide as many children may be left unsupervised for hours on end and would not turn off the television unless they are told to do so. I believe this should be narrowed down to 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. or a shorter period.

**Question 3:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that will contribute even further to the moral corruption of our nation.

**Question 4:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are not necessarily expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack. We must all learn to agree to disagree in a respectful way.

I do not agree that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

**Question 5:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

The broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

**Question 7:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I do not agree that the advertisement of pornography should be allowed at any time.

Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programmes geared for children or during programmes that children are likely to watch.

For a better Bahamas,

**Anthone R. Wallace**

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*"Preparing People to Passionately Serve with Excellence"*

From: cynthia Thompson  
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2011 10:18 AM  
To: Info Information  
Subject:

#### Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

##### Question 1:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 1 of the draft Code of Practice regarding definitions and interpretation, purpose of the Code, the regulatory framework, compliance with the Code and review of the Code? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is too wide. I believe this should be narrowed down to 12 p.m. to 5 a.m.

##### Question 3:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas. The previews of shows should not contain such contents either.

##### Question 4:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality, lesbianism, etc.) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.

Ø I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

Question 5:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

Question 7:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

Ø Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I believe that the advertisement of pornography should be totally prohibited.

Ø Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.



## Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

### Question 1:

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- The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is too wide. I believe this should be narrowed down to 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. or a shorter period.

### Question 3:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas.

### Question 4:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.
- I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

### Question 5:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television program classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

### Question 7:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I believe that the advertisement of pornography should be totally prohibited.
- Alcohol **and/or smoking** should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

**From:** CHERRY FERGUSON  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2011 10:21 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:**

## Sample Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

### **Question 1:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 1 of the draft Code of Practice regarding definitions and interpretation, purpose of the Code, the regulatory framework, compliance with the Code and review of the Code? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is **NOT** too wide. I believe this should **NOT** be narrowed down to 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. or a shorter period.

### **Question 3:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and **NEVER** allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas.

### **Question 4:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.
- I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

### **Question 5:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

➤ I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

**Question 7:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I believe that the advertisement of pornography should be totally prohibited.
  
- Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

**From:** Cedric Moss  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 7:56 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

## **Sample Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions**

### **Question 1:**

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- The 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame for content to be shown that is not suitable for children is too wide. I believe this should be narrowed down to 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. or a shorter period.

### **Question 3:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas.

### **Question 4:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.
- I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct,

extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

**Question 5:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

➤ I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

**Question 7:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 7 of the draft Code of Practice regarding advertising and sponsorships? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

➤ Consistent with my belief that the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited, I believe that the advertisement of pornography should be totally prohibited.

➤ Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

Cedric B. Moss, II

College Student

**From:** Carol Adderley  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 3:51 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:**

**Dear Sirs,**

**Question 1:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 1 of the draft Code of Practice regarding definitions and interpretation, purpose of the Code, the regulatory framework, compliance with the Code and review of the Code? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

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Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 3 of the draft Code of Practice regarding underlying principles and positive rules? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas.

**Question 4:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 4 of the draft Code of Practice regarding Law and Order, Harmful and Offensive Content, and Religious programming? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I do not believe that expressing disagreement with a person's sexual conduct (like homosexuality) or a person's religion (like calling a religious group a cult) are expressions of hate, nor do they constitute an attack.
- I do not believe that there should be any exception to allow any Licensee to broadcast harmful and indecent acts like bestiality, incest, rape, explicit violent sexual conduct, extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm, and exploitative or non-consensual sexual relations as being desirable.

**Question 5:**

Do you agree with URCA's proposals in Part 5 of the draft Code of Practice regarding the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system? If not, why not? Should any other provisions be included in this Part of the Code or any removed?

- I believe the broadcast of pornography should be totally prohibited for all Licensees at all times.

**Question 7:**

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**From:** Calvin Dean  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 1:30 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:**

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**From:** DEREKderek SMITH  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 2:28 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** RESPONSE TO URCA'S CONSULTATIVE QUESTIONS

RESPONSE  
TO  
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Consultation Document  
ECS 19/2011

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Do you have any further comments to make on the proposals in this consultation document that are not covered or raised by the other consultation questions?

Take care in monitoring and enforcing the latent profanity that seeps across the airways insidiously, mostly by DJ'S and songs that contains these lyrics. This practice is becoming pervasive and opens up a can of worms that is not in line with Bahamian ethical practices. Take care of the little foxes that ruin the vineyard.

**From:** Denise Karen Ingraham  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 3:23 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

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Signed,

A very Concerned Bahamain  
Denise Karen Wilson-Ingraham

**From:** Demetra Rolle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 10:42 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Response to URCA draft code for content regulation

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to make a contribution to the draft code for content regulation proposed by URCA. I agree with the proposal that "As a consequence of their ubiquity and impact, radio and TV stations have the primary responsibility for ensuring that the material they broadcast reflects community values and standards.." With this in mind, after carefully reading the draft proposal, particularly Section 4, which speaks to content, I wish to express concern in the following areas:

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- I believe that persons have a right and a responsibility to share their opinions and views on matters regarding sexuality and religion. I do not believe that expressing

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- I believe that there should be minimum requirements of Bahamian music for each radio station in order to facilitate growth of local artists.

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- I believe that 5.3 (4) programs that could invite children to imitate dangerous or harmful acts which they see on television should be included in content that should not be broadcast outside of the watershed.

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- I believe that advertisements or **sponsorships** that promote or encourage gambling, gaming, betting or lotteries should be prohibited.



From: Dawn Sands  
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2011 9:54 AM  
To: Info Information  
Subject: URCA

From: A Concerned Parent  
To: Whom It May Concern,

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Sent: Friday, December 30, 2011 3:05 PM  
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Yours sincerely,

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**From:** Danielle Nairn  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 1:47 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Responses to URCA

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**From:** Danielle Moss  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 7:53 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Response to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

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Danielle Moss- College Student

**From:** Daniel Bayssassew  
**Sent:** Friday, December 23, 2011 1:27 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Code of Practice. Canadian Perspective.

To Whom it may concern,

Hello, I am writing you in regards to the Code of Practice for the Regulation of Content Services and Audiovisual Media Services. I am a Canadian citizen who has been living in the Bahamas with a work permit for 2 years. I have glanced over the Draft Code of Practice and I have a few concerns to voice. As a Canadian I came from a place where the drafted code takes its cues from. I have seen and experienced the affects of this type of regulation which is more open to explicit content. One of the things that was so refreshing to me was that the Bahamian media largely limits the amount of explicit material, especially sexually explicit material. My personal experience is that as a young man trying to live as a Christian sexually explicit material is always an obstacle. For many young men who wish to be free of pornography addiction sexually explicit material on television acts as a gateway to their addiction. I appreciated the fact after moving here to the Bahamas that this type of material is not available on television at any time of day or night. This "stumbling block" of sexually explicit material is something that a large majority of Christian men struggle with. As a responsible socially conscious organization I urge URCA to not follow the example of other nations in regard to the way they regulate media. My reasons are not only based on my personal values or even the values of my peers alone, but also the values of this entire nation. I would like to point out to you that the Preamble of the Constitution here in the Bahamas is in agreement with me. Here is what it says:

"the People of this Family of Islands recognizing that the preservation of their Freedom will be guaranteed by a **national commitment** to Self-discipline, Industry, Loyalty, Unity and an **abiding respect for Christian values** and the Rule of Law".

Again I urge you to redraft the Code of Practice to reflect the Christian values of the nation of the Bahamas and to protect and guard decency and good taste in the media during all hours, and not just during the Watershed.

Thank you very much,

Daniel Bayssassew



**From:** D. Augustus (Gus) Moncur  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 1:46 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Responding to your list of Consultative Questions

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**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 5:52 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** URCA REGULATIONS

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- I do not agree that companies like Cable Bahamas should be exempted and allowed to sell and broadcast pornography, sexually explicit content, and profane and indecent content that are contrary to the standards of decency generally accepted in The Bahamas. If some constitutional standing makes provision for these kinds of programming, such companies must make efforts to ensure adult verification before such media are accessible.

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- Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch.

**From:** Janis Dean  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 8:09 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:**

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this most necessary and important conversation...

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**From:** jacqueline eleanor bain  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 9:17 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** List of Consultative Questions URCA

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**Alcohol should not be allowed to be advertised during programs geared for children or during programs that children are likely to watch or at the least, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. time frame.**

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J. Eleanor Bain  
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## Sample Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

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**From:** Ira Bethel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 9:32 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Questions on Code of Practise

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Ira E. Bethel

From: Grace Cooper  
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2011 11:46 AM  
To: Info Information  
Subject: List of Consultative Questions

#### URCA's List of Consultative Questions

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Grace Cooper

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**From:** Giovanni Johnson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 9:51 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Responses to URCA

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Giovanni Johnson  
College Student

**From:** Faye R. E. Bascom  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 2:28 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Response to URCA's Draft Code of Practice

## **Response to URCA's Draft Code of Practice**

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Faye Bascom  
Nassau, Bahamas  
Ph. 242-557-0573

**From:** Erma V. Carey-Cartwright  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 3:09 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Consultation

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**From:** Myles Munroe  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2011 1:59 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** from Dr. Myles Munroe .TResponse to questions

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

## URCA's List of Consultative Questions

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER,

*Dr. Myles E. Munroe*

*Chairman/President/Sr. Pastor*

**2011 Theme: "KINGDOM CITIZENSHIP  
AUTHORITY"**

**2011 Scriptural Mandate: Phil 3:19-21 Their mind is on earthly things. 20 But our CITIZENSHIP is in heaven.**

**REDSICCOVERING THE AUTHORITY OF KINGDOM CITIZENSHIP!**

**From:** Melanie Poitier  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 3:46 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:**

**Dear Sirs:**

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**From:** Maximo Hillhouse  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2011 11:34 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Urca questionnaire

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**From:** Marva Mackey  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 3:59 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Consultative Questions

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**RE: Code of Practice for Content**

I am glad that URCA has decided to publish the Code of Practice relating to content. I don't believe it is one of the burning issues of society, like lower prices on cellphone rates and roaming, however it is here.

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- (i) I disagree with how URCA is defining 'political party'. 1. Why do you have to define a political party? 2. Why is one of the criteria the holding of a national conference of members of the party at least once in any period of eighteen months between parliamentary elections? This criteria, can 1. deny a recently organized group participating in any election an opportunity to be broadcast during the election period. 2. Imposes an irrelevant matter on a political group in order to benefit from being broadcast during elections periods. Why does the Code have this requirement when it is not a requirement in any of the election legislations? Further the requirement has implications when the political advertisement and broadcast rules during elections are looked at.
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Conclusion:

- a. I don't think URCA should define a 'political party' but if for some reason it does, the requirement for a national conference of members should be deleted.
- b. I support URCA's stance on the internet and go further and say it should not even try to regulate Bahamian content developers on the internet.

Question 2:

- (i) It does not seem fair that URCA can request a Licensee to turnover recordings of sufficient historic importance. It does not seem fair because if I am the producer of that recording and because it was aired on a television or radio station, URCA now has the authority to obtain a copy of it to give to some other person or authority or itself for safekeeping. This deprives me the producer of my rights to the material. This seems to be copyright infringement or expropriation without compensation. As a producer who compensates me for my investment? Anyway, why would URCA be in this business of preserving historic information? I don't see this objective in the Communications Act or a function of URCA under it. Furthermore, how can URCA's jurisdiction extend to a person who is not a licensee (i.e. a person with custody)



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Conclusion:

- a. Remove condition 2.4(6)
- b. Do not make station identification a requirement. If you do, at a minimum 3 times a day (morning, noon and night)

Question 3:

- (i) I agree the public has varied taste and I think the Code strikes the right balance between paid content and free content in this part.
- (ii) I think URCA needs to go further and introduce 'must carry' provisions. In European and even in the Caribbean, regulators require television operators (cable and/or satellite operators) to rebroadcast the signals of local content. The reason is to encourage and ensure dissemination of local content. Also think about it from competition viewpoint. There is a bottleneck in the industry; media is becoming concentrated in a few players. Block 1 - Cable Bahamas and the Guardian have the radio, television and newspaper. Block 2 - The Tribune has radio and the newspaper. Block 3 (?) JCN (is struggling but supposedly) has radio, television and newspaper. (ZNS has radio and television – but this is being turned into a public service broadcaster and there out of the competition market because of all the restrictions being placed on them). So there are really 2 dominant blocks in respect of the media. More outlets need to be created for television content producers through 'must carry provisions', create competition, offer rebate or discount on license fees for Licensees who offer a channel to each Bahamian television station entrepreneur. Incentives are provided in some countries for these opportunities.

Conclusion:

- a. Appropriate discrimination between paid content and free content.
- b. Include must carry provisions in the Code.

Question 4:

- (i) I struggled to understand 4.1(3), 4.4(3), 4.11(3) and 4.12(3). I guess it is saying the material that you **can** broadcast should be scheduled with care. You have to do linguistic gymnastics because the prior clauses referred to in these clauses are exceptions to the list in the clause prior to the prior clause. You feeling me!!!! It needs to be simplified if possible. You making work for lawyers.

Conclusion: Review 4.1(3), 4.4(3), 4.11(3) and 4.12(3) and see if the sections for the exceptions can be better explained or use an example.

Question 5:

When the Code says “the portrayal of children” or “children should not be portrayed” does this include adults playing children?

Question 6:

- (i) I talked about the definition of ‘political party’ in my answer to question 1. I think you will now see the effect it has in this part. The code divides broadcast periods into ‘outside of election periods’ and ‘during election period’. It stipulates that during election period ...candidates, political parties and any other person or entity may purchase political advertisements and political broadcasts. From the first day of the election period to the midnight on the day before polling day candidates, political parties or individuals wanting to make political broadcasts or advertisements can do so. So advocacy groups, individuals, can make political broadcasts or advertisements along with candidates and political parties. Wrong!!!!. When you come to clause 6.5 it restricts the political parties or individuals able to purchase<sup>1</sup> time for political broadcasts or advertisements to political parties or candidates registered for the elections. So, it excludes, groups or an individual lobbying for a particular idea or position (for example during a referendum) or groups or an individual supporting a particular candidate or party. These supporters may not be aligned with a political party. So, if we use some examples, an animal rights groups, religious bodies or advocacy groups could not make political broadcasts or advertisements during the election period on the radio or television. Now back to the definition of political party, also excluded is a political party that is registered for the election but that did not have a national conference at all. A political party may not want to have a national conference for ideological or financial reasons, or time constraints.
- (ii) There must be a different complaint handling process for complaints on rejection of a political broadcast or advertisement. If I have to go through 9.2 the election is likely to be over and a fine will not appease me. (Won't anyway, since I don't get it.) Need to develop expedited complaint procedure – so that within 24 hours URCA makes a decision on the complaint.

Conclusion:

- a. Refer to question 1 and number 1
- b. Remove 6.5
- c. Need expedited complaint procedure for political matters

Question 7:

- (i) I don't see URCA's authority for dealing with advertisement. There are other aspects of the law to deal with false advertisement (contract/tort), the Consumer Protection Act or if there is lacuna then it seems the Government needs to do its job and fill it. I think URCA is overstepping here and why should a Licensee be penalized for the advertisement. Plus, these ads mostly come from abroad. Additionally, these requirements are ‘censorious’ and will have a chilling effect on the local advertising industry. Similarly to internet, this industry needs to be encouraged to grow.

Conclusion: Remove all sections except 7.1 and 7.3

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<sup>1</sup> I guess the Licensees could donate time to others, but what the likelihood of that happening to any effective degree?

Question 8:

- (i) How would 8.7(2) apply to ZNS.
- (ii) 8.16(1) should also include televised images of dead or seriously wounded animals.

Conclusion:

- a. Make 8.7(2) **not** applicable to ZNS.
- b. Insert in 8.16 "or animals" should be inserted after "wounded people"

Question 9:

The Part 5 is good. Technology is really developing for the impaired. The Licensee should be encouraged to adopt it. But like everything it's a cost/benefit factor. If I'm a business person, the question is who pays for this. There needs to be incentives.

Conclusion: create incentives rebates in fees, customs duties etc...

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Conclusion:

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- b. Consumer advocate
- c. Ongoing media literacy project

Question 11:

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- e. Will URCA hire more people to ensure enforcement?
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Submitted by

Linda Thomas

**From:** Chambers, Lekita  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 2:56 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Responses to URCA's List of Consultative Questions

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**From:** keva poitier  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2011 4:07 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Code Of Practice Draft Questions

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**From:** Kenyatta Nairn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2011 3:54 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Objections and Recommendation to URCA proposal

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**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 8:41 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** RESPONSES TO DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE

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**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 8:00 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** URCA Consultation Re: Broadcast Content

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Regards  
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**From:** [patrice@apspromo.com](mailto:patrice@apspromo.com)

**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 8:17 PM

**To:** Info Information

**Subject:** Media Content Regulation

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December 19, 2011

Mrs. Kathleen Smith  
Director of Policy & Regulation  
Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority  
UBS Annex Building  
East Bay Street  
P.O Box N 4860  
Nassau, New Providence  
The Bahamas

Dear Mrs. Smith

RE: URCA's Code of Practice Consultation Document - Recommendation for Clause 4

We live in a Christian community with traditional religious views, a culture governed by Judeo Christian values. These biblical values, which have been tested and challenged throughout our history, have remained steadfast and immovable. One of the core Christian values which is ingrained in our religious community is the preservation of heterosexual families and the denunciation of homosexuality.

To this end, I wish to express my objection to Clause 4.1 (1) (a) (v) and 4.3 (1) (b) to the extent that they make reference to the term "sexual preference". Sexual preference includes an inclination towards homosexuality, bisexuality and/or bestiality (which is defined as sexual relations between a person and an animal). The effect of this inclusion, no doubt unintentional, is that the Code of Practice as drafted seems (i) to promote a policy of labelling as criminal and (ii) to prevent Licensees from broadcasting, the communications of those persons (including preachers) who advocate that the homosexual lifestyle is an abomination, a detestable and indecent act, unseemly, unrighteous, degrading passions, the behavior of a depraved mind, sinful and ungodly, which, as you may be aware, are all terms used in the Holy Scriptures.

The removal of the term "sexual preference" from the Code of Practice and the policies associated with it should be seriously considered for the following reasons:

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2. If this term is included and the policies adopted, it will be very difficult or impossible to enforce since most religious broadcasters will outright reject and refuse to comply with such policies and in certain instances, will challenge any attempt by URCA to prevent their

programs from being broadcast. The public fall-out will be a public relations nightmare for URCA and deliver another blow to URCA's reputation.

3. The Bahamas is a unique and sovereign nation with strong Christian principles; we do not march to the liberal drumbeat of the United States of America or Canada where these policies would be the order of the day. These nations have obvious homosexual agendas with a strategy to subvert the authority of God. Bahamians do not desire to follow that lead. The promotion of such policies by URCA would bolster an argument that URCA has an agenda of its own, which is entirely out of sync with the mindset of the citizenry of our great Commonwealth.
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*"Whereas every person in The Bahamas is entitled to the fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual, that is to say, has the right, whatever his race, place of origin, political opinions, colour, creed or sex... "*

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For the reasons set out in this letter, I strongly recommend that URCA remove the term “sexual preference” from its Code of Practice wherever that term appears, in Sections 4.1 (1) (a) (v) and 4.3 (1) (b) or otherwise.

Yours Respectfully,  
Pastor Mario Moxey,  
Bahamas Harvest Church.

**From:** Pandora Butler  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 12:16 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Responses

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**From:** oralee johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 10:01 PM  
**To:** [changebahamas@gmail.com](mailto:changebahamas@gmail.com)  
**Subject:**

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**From:** Nevillett Pearce  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2011 7:32 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** URCA's List of Consultative Questions

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[In His Service,](#)

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**From:** Nathan Sawyer  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 12:00 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Cc:** [changebahamas@gmail.com](mailto:changebahamas@gmail.com)  
**Subject:**

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Director of Media Services

Calvary Bible Church

Nassau, Bahamas

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**From:** Myrna Wilson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 8:18 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Public Consultation: Content Code

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- Again the televisions set are very sophisticated and any person can add or delete the channel they do not wish to have viewed in their homes. If removing the channels by the cable companies reduces the cost for basic cable then I am all for it, if not leave them and have persons configure their own television sets to their liking or preference suitable for them and their families.

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**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 12:11 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2011 9:48 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Cc:** [changebahamas@gmail.com](mailto:changebahamas@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Responses to URCA

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Truly,  
Susie Darville

# **SHEMIKA S. MILLER**

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29<sup>th</sup> December, 2011

Mrs. Kathleen Smith  
Director of Policy and Regulation  
Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA)  
UBS Annex Building, East Bay Street  
P.O. Box N-4860  
Nassau, Bahamas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

**Re: “Content Regulation: Code of Practice for the Regulation of Content Services  
and Audiovisual Media Services”**

**Please find below my comments in regards to the captioned. While I am not employed full-time in the media sector, I am a consultant for a television show and a fellow regulator. I hold an M.B.A. degree and an International Diploma in Compliance. I wish URCA much success in this endeavor. Feel free to contact me via the information above if I can be of further assistance in this regard.**

## **Question 1**

**I agree with...**

- Co-regulation and the empowerment of Bahamians via emphasis on their complaints and feedback.

**I suggest...**

- Qualifying or defining the word “reasonable”, as used several times in Section 1.4 (2). Consider using a standard such as the “Prudent Man Rule” or the “Man on the Clapham Omnibus”, to measure reasonableness. Specific examples of actions that satisfy the reasonableness test chosen should be provided, so that licensees can benchmark their actions against same.

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**I suggest...**

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### **Question 3**

#### **I agree with...**

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#### **I suggest...**

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### **Question 4**

#### **I agree with...**

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#### **I suggest...**

- Whenever licensees make an apology or correction, especially as it relates to untrue or scandalous allegations about a person's character, an explanation of the circumstances surrounding same should be submitted to URCA within one week. This will discourage licensees from intentionally breaching Section 4.2(1), given that the penalty is only an apology and correction (both of which will be outlived by the damage caused to the person's character). A log in this regard should be reviewed periodically to determine if a sanction is necessary.
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### **Question 5**

#### **I agree with...**

- The importance placed on the protection of young persons and a television programme classification system.

#### **I suggest...**



- The restriction in Section 5.5(2) prohibiting pornography from being broadcasted at any time by local broadcasters yet allowing such broadcasts to be done via carriage service (in Section 5.9), be reconsidered. This unfairly restricts Bahamians from participating in an industry that foreigners profit greatly from.
- As it relates to Section 5.7, licensees should maintain a file of all consent forms received from underage contributors, which should be available for review during onsite visits.
- Section 5.8 (2) should be more prescriptive in terms of what is required. Requiring licensees to “take into account” something is very subjective presenting a challenge in the future if URCA attempts to take action against a licensee on the grounds that it did not take something into account.

### **Question 6**

#### **I agree with...**

- Non-discrimination as it relates to offering broadcasting time to election candidates during an election period.

#### **I suggest...**

- In Section 6.5, women’s rights groups, the Christian Council, and others, should be allowed to purchase political broadcasts and advertising time to discuss how a candidate’s election is likely to affect the group’s cause.
- In Section 6.9 (3), licensees should also be required to advise the public of how hard copies of the surveys can be obtained (whether free of charge or not) as everyone does not have access to the Internet.
- Regarding Section 6.14 (2)(b), and similar requirements, where the licensee submits a report to URCA, the licensee should also be required to maintain a copy of their submission to URCA as an important back-up to URCA’s own database, and for ease of review during an onsite visit.

### **Question 7**

#### **I agree with...**

- The variety of issues covered in the Code regarding advertising and sponsorship.

#### **I suggest...**

- Regarding Section 7.1(7), if exceptions exist, these should be mentioned here; for example, with a product plug-in, where someone drinks a can of Coke during a broadcast for the purpose of advertising Coke.
- In Section 7.5, it should be mentioned that in addition to maintaining the information for complaints-handling purposes, it would also be required for review during an onsite visit and should not be discarded.
- In Section 7.6, a specific reference for “retail prices” should be used. For example, would URCA accept the retail prices quoted on Amazon, or those quoted from an over-priced retailer? Would URCA itself have a way of substantiating the retail price (e.g. by averaging a sample of prices offered by various retailers)? Also, how current must the referenced retail prices be? Would a six-month-old quote suffice?
- In Section 7.14, ways to substantiate nutritional and health claims should be mentioned. For example, is it acceptable for third-year medical students to broadcast the results of their experiments or does a person have to hold a certain degree to substantiate a health claim? If so, what degrees are required for which claims?

### **Question 8**

#### **I agree with...**

- Ensuring that news and factual programmes are accurate and fairly presented.

#### **I suggest...**

- In Sections 8.1(2) and 8.1(3), examples should be provided of what would be considered “adequate evidence”.

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- In Section 8.4(3), examples of sources for “the most reliable scientific data” should be provided.
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#### **I suggest...**

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- Establishing an Industry Group to assist with regulation of the industry.

#### **I suggest...**

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### **Question 11**

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**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 1:38 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
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Sincerely,

**Rev. Antonio Beckford**

**As it relates to...**

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#### **Outline of the Code of Practice**

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Freedom of speech and expression is covered by the constitution and by limiting the church in prevents the church and its members by extension from being able to enjoy it.

**As it relates to...**

#### **Part 4 – Harm and Offence**

Part 4 of the Code addresses various areas in which broadcast content has the potential to harm the public within The Bahamas either individually or **collectively as a society, and seeks to put in place standards to protect against such harm. (This is the job of the church we are the one who protect the public from harmful agents.)** It includes issues such as preservation of law and order, harmful and offensive material, religious programming and contests and promotions.

## As it relates to...

### Part 7 – Advertising and Sponsorships

Part 7 of the Code is intended to ensure that advertisements and sponsorships are legal, decent and truthful... **Does this or will this also include alcohol ads? If not it should.**

## As it relates to...

### Part 4 Section 4:1

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**Will you call preaching against the sexual preference offensive? I am read and willing to hear your response on this matter.**

## As it relates to...

### Section 4:6

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**This sounds like the gospel the church preaches. It gives advice to change lives. But our teaching is not for entertainment purposes.**

## As it relates to...

4.11

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## As it relates to...

### 4:13 Broadcasts of religious programming

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### Solicitation of funds in religious programming

Except for the customary announcement of the offering or collection during a church service, the solicitation of funds in any religious programme originating or recorded in The Bahamas must not exceed one (1) minute during every thirty...

*This is a violation of freedom of religion. It should not even be regulated. Further, you will have to give thought to the mature people who can give if they are led or not. Then, you are prevented the freedom of association to a person and freedom of expression. These areas are too restricting and will have room for a court of law to have a hearing and to judge as to it unconstitutional foundation.*

## **As it relates to...**

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**This opens the door for cross-dressing and is a violation of Christian principles. Further, you are opening a door for people to expose children and portray them in a negative way.**

## **As it relates to...**

**Watershed** means the period outside which material that is unsuitable for children cannot be broadcast. The watershed commences at 9:00 PM/21:00 hours in the evening and ends at 5:00 AM/05:00 hours on the following morning and, as a consequence, material that is unsuitable for children can only be broadcast during this period

**Watershed should be from 11:00 pm – 5:00 am or even from 12:00 am – 5:00 am**

**Submissions Humbly Written by Rev. Antonio O. Beckford**

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**From:** Perry Cancino  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2011 12:27 PM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** Responses to Questions

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**From:** jacqueline eleanor bain  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 9:17 AM  
**To:** Info Information  
**Subject:** List of Consultative Questions URCA

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**Subject:** Re: Responses to URCA

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