Public Hearing Summary
Wednesday April 13, 2016

Committee Members:
The following Committee Members were present for the meeting:

- Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George - Chairman
- Dr. Lackram Bodoe - Vice-Chairman
- Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy - Member
- Ms. Nicole Olivierre - Member
- Ms. Allyson Baksh - Member
- Mr. Maxie Cuffie - Member
- Mr. Wade Mark - Member
- Mr. Daniel Dookie - Member
- Mr. Clarence Rambharat - Member
- Ms. Melissa Ramkissoon - Member

Inquiry Subject:
The non-submission of responses to the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee.

Witnesses who appeared:

Ministry of Attorney General and Legal Affairs

- Ms. Ingrid Seerattan - Permanent Secretary (Ag.)
- Ms. Angela Siew - Permanent Secretary (Ag.)

Key Issues Discussed:
The following key issue was discussed:

- The reason(s) for the non-submission of requested written responses by the stipulated deadline.
Inquiry Subject:
The examination of the 2016 expenditure of the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs under the following sub-heads:

- Current Transfers and Subsidies;
- Development Programme – Consolidated Fund; and
- Infrastructure Development Fund.

Witnesses who appeared:

**Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs**

- Mrs. Joan Mendez - Permanent Secretary
- Mr. Ian Ramdahin - Deputy Permanent Secretary
- Mr. Adrian Raymond - Chief Executive Officer (Ag.), SPORTT
- Mr. Wilford Fullerton - Project Coordinator, SPORTT
- Ms. Meredith Sambury - Accounting Executive
- Mr. Lyndon Burton - Assistant Project Coordinator
- Ms. Sade Sarjeant-Hanief - Project Analyst
- Ms. Calistra Gregoire - Project Manager

Key Issues Discussed:
The following key issues were discussed:

- Reason(s) for the submission a Revised Written Response;
- Impact of the mid-year review on the Ministry;
- Human Resource challenges of the Ministry e.g. understaffing and high levels of Short-Term Employment;
- Challenges and measures in place to improve functioning of the Internal Audit Unit;
- Challenges faced in the implementation of capital projects;
- Criteria used for the suppression of projects;
- System of conducting site visits;
- The deferral of Youth Affairs projects till 2017 and its impact on youth and crime;
- Payments to Trinidad and Tobago Athletes,
- Subvention to the TT Pro League;
Preparations for the upcoming World Cup;
Reasons for the Ministry use of a Maintenance Plan instead of a Upgrade Plan at the Dwight Yorke Stadium and its collaboration with the THA;
Details on the Elite Athlete Programme, including the number of athletes accessing this programme;
Responsibility for the upgrade of recreation grounds;
Steps taken to improve the Inventory Control;
Projects in rural areas;
Discrepancy in transfer of funds and auditing for the Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Board of Control;
Overlapping/duplication of work with other Ministries.

View the Hearing:
The hearing can be viewed on our YouTube page via the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0dBabQFCnM

Next Meeting:
The next Public Hearing of the Committee will be held on Wednesday April 27, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. (in camera) and 2:00 p.m. (in public). At that meeting the Committee intends to examine of the 2016 expenditure of Integrity Commission under sub-head 09 Development Programme—Consolidated Fund.

PAAC Secretariat
April 14, 2016