



**PARLIAMENT
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

[2009 SESSION]

**INTERIM REPORT
OF THE
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
ON
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL, 2009**

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APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to resolutions passed in the House of Representatives on July 10, 2009 and in the Senate on July 14, 2009, a Joint Select Committee was appointed on July 17, 2009 to consider and report on the **Local Government Bill, 2009**.

MEMBERSHIP

The following Members were appointed to the Joint Select Committee:

- Mr. Joseph Ross
- Ms. Christine Kangaloo
- Ms. Penelope Beckles
- Mrs. Hazel Manning
- Mr. Anthony Roberts
- Mr. Chandresh Sharma
- Mr. Subhas Panday
- Dr. Emily Dick- Forde
- Mr. Jerry Narace
- Mr. Wade Mark
- Mrs. Lyndira Oudit
- Prof. Ramesh Deosaran

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee was mandated to consider and report on the Local Government Bill, 2009. In so doing, the Committee was empowered to consider the general merits and principles of the Bill, as well as, the Draft White Paper on Local Government Reform, 2009. The Committee was also required to report to the Parliament within three months of its appointment i.e. **by October 16, 2009**.

REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Your Committee wishes to report that a substantial part of its work has been accomplished, but will be unable to complete its deliberations within the mandated deadline, primarily due to the fact that its schedule of meetings was interrupted during the period of the Budget Debate.

Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests an extension of **four (4) weeks** in order to do so and to submit a final report to the Parliament.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd.

Hon. Joseph Ross, MP
Chairman

October 19, 2009