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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL & MINISTER OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

June 17, 2022

The Honourable Bridgid Mary Annisette-George MP Speaker of the House Office of the Parliament Parliamentary Complex The Red House St. Vincent Street Port of Spain

Dear Honourable Speaker of the House,

Re: Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an examination of unemployment during the Covid-19 pandemic and the State's capacity to provide support to persons who became unemployed as a result of the pandemic.

I write with reference to the matter at caption and your letter dated May 27th 2022, wherein a written response from the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs ("AGLA") was sought in relation to the recommendations/comments contained in the "Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an examination of unemployment during the Covid-19 pandemic and the State's capacity to provide support to persons who became unemployed as a result of the pandemic" which were outlined on page forty-four (44) of the said report.

I hereby attach in the **Appendix**, the response to this recommendation, from the Registrar General's Department, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, and inform that an electronic copy has been sent to coth@ttparliament.org.

Yours sincerely,

Senator the Honourable Reginald T.A. Armour SC Attorney General & Minister of Legal Affair





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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

FROM

:

Karen Bridgewater

Registrar General

TO

Senator Reginald T.A. Armour, S.C.,

Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

DATED

13 June, 2022

SUBJECT

Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social

Services and Public Administration -

Recommendation Pertaining to the Companies Registry

Reference is made to the matter at caption and to the memorandum dated 7 June, 2022 addressed to the Registrar General from the Honourable Attorney General.

The findings and recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration Committee (JSC) relevant to the Companies Registry, Registrar General's Department (RGD) are duly noted.

The Companies Registry RGD is tasked with the responsibility for the incorporation of limited liability companies, registration of businesses and the regulation of these entities.

It is noted that the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MOTI) has a Business Support and Facilitation Unit, with the responsibility for, *inter alia*, the Creative Industries whose mandate is to stimulate and facilitate the business development and export activities through their State Agencies i.e. the Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company Limited (CreativeTT) and its three subsidiaries, The Trinidad and Tobago Film Company Limited (FilmTT), The Trinidad and Tobago Music Company Limited (MusicTT) and The Trinidad and Tobago Fashion Company Limited (FashionTT).

In light of the role of the Companies Registry and that of the State Agencies of the MOTI, the Companies Registry, and by extension the RGD, can assist with training in registration and incorporation procedures in support of this initiative.

The Companies Registry is currently heavily engaged in activities for the roll out of the new Companies Registry Online System (CROS) which is a transition from a paper based environment to a fully digital online system.

Accordingly, this may be an opportune time to promote CROS to the general public and to train persons in the Creative Industry in the processes and procedures of registration of businesses and incorporation of companies.

In light thereof the Companies Registry will be willing to undertake this aspect of an engagement with the Creative Industries.

/f/Karen Bridgewater

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Registrar General