



Sixteenth Meeting of the PAAC, Third Session, 12th Parliament

Public Hearing Summary

Wednesday June 14, 2023

Inquiry subject:

An examination into the management and operations of the Secondary road Rehabilitation and Improvement Company limited (aligned with SDGs 9 and 11)

Committee Members:

The following Committee Members were present at the meeting:

- Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George - Chairman
- Dr. Lackram Bodoe - Vice-Chairman
- Mr. Wade Mark - Member
- Mr. Laurence Hislop - Member
- Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy - Member
- Mr. Hassel Bacchus - Member
- Mr. Randall Mitchell - Member

Witnesses who appeared:

Secondary Roads Rehabilitation and Improvement Company Limited (SRRICL)

- Mr. Antonio Ross - Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Herbert George - Chairman
- Mr. Curlan Guiseppi - Finance Manager

Ministry of Works and Transport (MOWT)

- Mrs. Sonia Francis-Yearwood - Permanent Secretary
- Ms. Srisati Seeram - Senior Economist (Ag.)

Key Issues Discussed:



1. The transition of SRRICL from the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government (MRDLG) to the MOWT;
2. The current staff complement of SRRICL;
3. The annual cost incurred by the company;
4. The hindrances faced given the contractor regulations imposed by the Office of the Procurement Regulator (OPR);
5. The sum of the \$100Mn spent by the company thus far;
6. The number of projects undertaken by SRRICL since for fiscal 2023;
7. The difference of the processes undertaken under the MRDLG and the MOWT;
8. The prevention of the duplication of work by both SRRICL and the Programme For Upgrading Roads Efficiency (PURE) Unit of the MOWT;
9. The separation of duties between PURE and MOWT;
10. The preparedness of SRRICL to complete its work with the remaining \$180MN balance;
11. The biggest challenge faced by SRRICL regarding contractors deficiencies;
12. The ways in which the OPR has affected the availability of contractors to the company;
13. The clarification on the definition of a Secondary Road;
14. The clarification of the responsibility over agricultural access roads;
15. The relationship between the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries and SRRICL;
16. The Memorandum of Understanding between SRRICL and the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA);
17. The details on the utilities unit at the MOWT;
18. The relationship constraints between the MOWT and WASA;
19. The details of the training sessions provided by SRRICL for contractors;
20. The quality control practices to be implemented by SRRICL;
21. The possible adoption of technology to advance the company's work;
22. The internal audit function of SRRICL;
23. The completion of the company's Strategic Plan;



24. The status of the company's organisational structure;
25. The details of the positions no longer being pursued;
26. The justification for the changes of positions;
27. The autonomy of the SRRICL;
28. The operation of SRRICL in light of the new Local Government Legislature;
29. SRRICL revenue earning plans;
30. The effects of overweight trucks on the roadways and the implications for such;
31. The possible fines associated with overweight vehicles;
32. The transference of knowledge of engineering of roads to other stakeholders to ensure uniformity in works completed;
33. The status of SRRICL's Public Relations strategy;
34. The plans to conduct and assessment of the nation's roads; and
35. The percentage of roads that fall under SRRICL.

Next Meeting:

The next Public Hearing of the Committee will be held on **Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.** At this meeting, the Committee will commence an examination into the National Carnival Commission's management of Carnival 2023 and a follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations made in the Twenty-Seventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee.

PAAC Secretariat

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