



Public Hearing Summary

Wednesday May 11, 2016

Inquiry Subject:

The examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2014 related to the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries.

Committee Members:

The following Committee Members were present for the meeting:

- Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie - Chairman
- Mr. Rodger Samuel - Vice-Chairman
- Mr. Randall Mitchell - Member

Witnesses who appeared:

Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries

- Ms. Heidi Wong - Permanent Secretary (Ag.)
- Mr. Poorandai Ramjitsingh - Accountant II
- Mr. Ivor Superville - Senior Energy Analyst (Ag.)
- Mr. Monty Beharry - Director of Minerals (Ag.)

Auditor General's Department

- Ms. Gaitrie Maharaj - Assistant Auditor General
- Ms. Gale Serville - Audit Executive II
- Mrs. Jacqueline De Gannes - Audit Executive I
- Mrs. Jennifer-Salandy-Mejias - Audit Supervisor (Ag.)

Key Issues Discussed:

- The challenges of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI);
- The reasons for the lack of systems and controls at the MEEI with regard to revenue control;
- The mechanisms put in place to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of revenue control at the MEEI;
- The main areas of concern and recommendations by the Auditor General's Department;
- The challenges to submit pension and leave records for auditing;
- The steps taken to ensure that all supporting documents are submitted to the AGD for auditing in a timely manner;
- The measures put in place to improve the role of the MEEI in the oversight and monitoring functions;
- The status of the contract register; and
- The issue of the human resource capacity of MEEI.

View the Hearing:

The hearing can be viewed on our YouTube page via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1YaH8PVBkk>

Next Meeting:

The next Public Hearing of the Committee will be held on Wednesday May 25, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. At that meeting the Committee intends to examine the issues raised in the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2014 with regard to the Ministry of National Security.

**PAC Secretariat
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