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January 16, 2017

**Ms. Keiba Jacob
Secretary
The Public Administration and Appropriations Committee
Levels G – 9, Tower D
Port of Spain International Waterfront Centre
1A Wrightson Road
Port-of Spain**

Dear Ms. Jacob

**First Report of the Public Administration and Appropriation Committee on Examination
into the Current Expenditure of Ministries and Departments under Three (3) Sub-Heads:
Current Transfer and Subsidies, Development Programme Consolidated Fund
and Infrastructure Development Fund**

As per your letter dated December 05, 2016, please find enclosed fifteen (15) copies attached for your perusal.

With thanks.

**Ms. Gizel Thomas-Roberts
Registrar
Environmental Commission**

att:

**FIRST REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND APPROPRIATION
COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION INTO THE CURRENT EXPENDITURE OF
MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS UNDER THREE (3) SUB-HEADS: CURRENT
TRANSFER AND SUBSIDIES, DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CONSOLIDATED
FUND AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND**

HEAD 38 – THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

I. ACCOUNTING UNIT

- (a) The Commission wishes to inform that the Industrial Court is not responsible for securing the release of funds for the Environmental Commission. The Environmental Commission is responsible for obtaining the release of funds from the Budgets Division.
- (b) The relationship between the Accounting and Sub-Accounting Unit of the Industrial Court and the Environmental Commission respectively, is an excellent one having been improved over the years and the staffing issues are being worked on.
- (c) The Accounting Officer at the Environmental Commission, together with the staff of the Sub-Accounting Unit and the Internal Auditor work assiduously to ensure that there is a level of transparency, thus improving accountability at the Environmental Commission.

II. COMMUNICATION BACKBONE

- (a) With respect to the backbone connectivity, the Commission has been informed by iGovTT that there are currently no available GovNeTT kits.
- (b) iGovTT has promised to source a kit not currently in use by another Ministry. This will be re-allocated and re-configured to fit the needs of the Commission.
- (c) To this effect, we have written to the CEO of iGovTT, to facilitate the process mentioned supra.

- (d) With respect to the Government Electronic Document System, the Commission's response from our iGovTT representative is that there is at this time no deployment or standard for a Government wide EDMS solution. This has resulted in different ministries and agencies currently selecting solutions that are 'best-fit' for their organisation.

III. PROJECT EVALUATION

- (a) The Commission proposes to approach the Public Management Consulting Division (PMCD) with respect to this and other staffing issues.
- (b) The Commission may hire someone on a short term contract basis to evaluate projects of this nature in the future. However, the team comprising the Legal Research Counsel, Administrative Officer and the Registrar and one other officer shall continue to monitor and evaluate projects prior to the Internal and External Auditor's input.