



PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THIRD SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT (2017/2018)

INTERIM REPORT
OF
THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON THE PROCESS FOLLOWED IN
RELATION TO THE NOTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 123 OF THE
CONSTITUTION

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COMMITTEE MANDATE AND ESTABLISHMENT

At a sitting of the House of Representatives held on Friday February 02, 2018, a Special Select Committee was established by the House of Representatives (House) to consider and report on the process followed in relation to the Notifications pursuant to Section 123 of the Constitution which are now before the House.

2. The Committee was established in accordance with Standing Orders 95 and 96 of the House of Representatives, with a composition that reflects the “balance of parties in the House”.
3. As agreed to by the House, the mandate of the Committee is to:
 - a. obtain information, documentation and/or evidence relevant to and/or touching and concerning the method, process, criterion and considerations utilized by the Police Service Commission and/or the Firm employed by the Police Service Commission in the selection of candidates for the position of Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police to enable the House of Representatives to consider the Notifications submitted to it by His Excellency, the President pursuant to Section 123 of the Constitution; and
 - b. report by March 31, 2018.
4. The following Members were appointed to serve on the Special Select Committee:
 - Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds
 - Mr. Randall Mitchell
 - Miss Nicole Olivierre
 - Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh
 - Mr. Ganga Singh
 - Dr. Roodal Moonilal

CHAIRMANSHIP

5. At its first meeting held on Friday February 16, 2018, your Committee elected **Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds** to be its Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 96(4) of the House of Representatives and Standing Order 86(3) of the Senate.

SECRETARIAT AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

6. Mrs. Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel, Clerk of the House was assigned as Secretary to the Committee and Ms. Keiba Jacob and Ms. Kimberly Mitchell as Assistant Secretaries.

MEETINGS

7. The Committee held Four (4) meetings, over the period February 16, 2018 to March 15, 2018.

WORK TO DATE

8. Public hearings were conducted with the following entities during the period February 23, 2018 to March 6, 2018: **(See Table 1 below for details):**

- The Former Chairman of the Police Service Commission;
- Members of the Police Service Commission;
- The Director of Personnel Administration (Ag.);
- Officials of the Service Commissions Department;
- Officials of KPMG.

Table 1
Persons who appeared and provided oral evidence

Name of Official	Portfolio	Organization
2nd Meeting – Friday February 23, 2018		
Dr. Maria Therese-Gomes	Former Chairman	Police Service Commission (PSC)
Mr. Dinanath Ramkissoon	Member	Police Service Commission (PSC)
Commodore Anthony Stafford Franklin	Member	Police Service Commission (PSC)
Mr. Martin Anthony George	Member	Police Service Commission (PSC)
Ms. Prabhawatie Maraj	Director of Personnel Administration (Ag.)	Service Commissions Department
Mrs. Marcia Pile O’Brady	Deputy Director of Personnel Administration	Service Commissions Department
Ms. Natasha Seecharan	Legal Adviser	Service Commissions Department
Ms. Kavita Jodhan	Senior State Counsel	Service Commissions Department

3rd Meeting – Friday March 6, 2018		
Dr. Maria Therese-Gomes	Former Chairman	
Mr. Dinanath Ramkissoon	Member	Police Service Commission (PSC)
Commodore Anthony Stafford Franklin	Member	Police Service Commission (PSC)
Mr. Martin Anthony George	Member	Police Service Commission (PSC)
Ms. Prabhawatie Maraj	Director of Personnel Administration (Ag.)	Service Commissions Department
Mrs. Marcia Pile O’Brady	Deputy Director of Personnel Administration	Service Commissions Department
Ms. Natasha Seecharan	Legal Adviser	Service Commissions Department
Ms. Kavita Jodhan	Senior State Counsel	Service Commissions Department
Mr. Dushyant Sookram	Managing Partner, KPMG	KPMG
Ms. Abigail De Freitas	Partner, KPMG – Advisory Services Department	KPMG

9. At its last meeting held on March 15, 2018, the Committee examined the evidence received as at that date and agreed to send for additional records and to hold one (1) further hearing on Wednesday March 21st 2018. However, this hearing was cancelled due to an unanticipated sitting of the House held on that day and further meetings were unattainable due to heightened parliamentary activities.

REPORT

10. The Committee wishes to report that for reasons set out above, it is unable to complete the work assigned within the established timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION

11. Your Committee recommends that a further period of four (4) weeks be granted for the completion of the assigned work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgd.
Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP
Chairman

Sgd.
Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP
Member

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Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP
Member

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Ms. Nicole Olivierre, MP
Member

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Mr. Ganga Singh, MP
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Mr. Randall Mitchell, MP
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