



THE MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

The Twelfth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Trinidad and Tobago with specific focus on Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

I. Introduction

The Twelfth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Trinidad and Tobago with specific focus on Child Prostitution and Child Pornography was presented in the House of Representatives on September 9, 2019, and in the Senate on September 11, 2019.

Standing Order 110(6) of the House of Representatives and 100(6) of the Senate, respectively, require the Minister with responsibility for the Ministry/Body reported on by a Joint Select Committee to present to each House, a paper responding to the recommendations/comments contained in the Report.

This document is the Ministerial Response to the recommendations and comments as presented in the said Twelfth Report, to be presented to the Parliament, through the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs.

II. Summary of Issues Identified (pages 39-46 of the Twelfth Report)

During the Committee's inquiry, into the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Trinidad and Tobago, the Committee evaluated the efficacy of measures which discourage and penalize child pornography and child prostitution and treat victims of child pornography and child prostitution. The Committee's detailed examination of the aforesaid issues can be found on pages 39-46 of the Twelfth Report. At the conclusion of the Committee's examination, as aforesaid, the Committee made the following recommendation which requires a written response from the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs.

III. Recommendation (page 46 of the Twelfth Report):

4.56 The Committee recommends that the MOE, TTPS, OPM, MAGLA note the recommendations of the stakeholders provided in APPENDIX III.

IV. Response:

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs has duly noted the recommendations made by stakeholders as listed in Appendix III, on pages 81 to 83, of the Twelfth Report.