



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
THE CYBERCRIME BILL, 2017

2nd INTERIM REPORT

FIFTH SESSION ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT (2019/2020)



Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Wednesday October 2, 2019 and of the Senate on Friday October 25, 2019, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider the Cybercrime Bill, 2017.

Committee Membership

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP	Chairman
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Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP	Member
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INTERIM REPORTS

1. The Committee's First Interim Report was presented in the Senate on Friday December 13, 2019, and in the House of Representatives on Monday December 16, 2019. Your Committee requested and was granted a three (3) month extension to Tuesday March 31, 2020, in order to complete its work.

MEETINGS

2. Since the presentation of the First Interim Report, your Committee has been unable to meet due to the hectic Parliamentary calendar, combined with the recent relocation of Parliament to the Red House and the conflicting schedules of its Members. Your Committee is eager to review the comments from its selected Cybercrime consultant, Mr. Zahid Jamil and align the current Bill to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime.

WORK TO DATE

3. Due to its inability to meet, the Committee has not been able to advance its work.

REPORT

4. Your Committee wishes to report that additional time is required to review the Bill based on the comments received by the consultant, Mr. Zahid Jamil, and align the Bill to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. As such, the Committee was unable to submit a final report by the deadline of March 31, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

5. Your Committee humbly requests a further period of six (6) months to complete its work and to submit a final report to Parliament by **September 18, 2020**.
6. During the period of the extension, the Committee, supported by the technocrats, proposes to engage the Consultant on his advice and to align the Bill to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, before submitting a revised Bill and a final report to Parliament.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd.

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Chairman

March 25, 2020