



PARLIAMENT
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



Second Interim Report

of the **Joint Select Committee**
Appointed to Consider and Report on the
**National Statistical Institute
of Trinidad and Tobago Bill, 2018**

Fifth Session (2019/2020) of the 11th Parliament

Committee Mandate

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Membership of the Committee

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP (Chairman)
Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP
Mr. Randall Mitchell, MP
Mrs. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn, MP
Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, MP
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Mr. Clarence Rambharat
Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon
Dr. Lester Henry
Mr. Taharqa Obika
Ms. Amrita Deonarine
Ms. Charrise Seepersad

Secretariat Support

Ms. Angeliqwe Massiah, Parliamentary Legal Officer	Secretary
Ms. Renee Batson, Procedural Officer Intern	Assistant Secretary
Mr. Kaleem Hosein, Legal Officer I	Legal Research Officer
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MANDATE

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

2. The following persons were appointed to serve on the Committee:
 - Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP (Chairman)
 - Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP
 - Mr. Randall Mitchell, MP
 - Mrs. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn, MP
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CHAIRMANSHIP

3. At its First Meeting held on Friday November 15, 2019, your Committee elected Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP to be its Chairman, in accordance with House of Representatives Standing Order 112(7) and Senate Standing Order 102(7).

SECRETARIAT SUPPORT

4. The following persons provided Secretariat support to the Committee:
- Ms. Angelique Massiah, Parliamentary Legal Officer Secretary
 - Ms. Renee Batson, Procedural Officer Intern Assistant Secretary
 - Mr. Kaleem Hosein, Legal Officer I Legal Research Officer
 - Ms. Katharina Gokool, Graduate Research Assistant Research Assistant

INTERIM REPORTS

5. The Committee's First Interim Report was presented in the House of Representatives on Wednesday December 11, 2019 and in the Senate on Friday December 13, 2019. Your Committee requested and was granted a three (3) month extension to Tuesday March 31, 2020 in order to complete its work.

MEETINGS

6. Since the presentation of the First Interim Report, your Committee has been unable to meet.

WORK TO DATE

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

REPORT

8. The Committee wishes to report that it has not progressed its work as planned and is therefore unable to submit a final report by March 31, 2020 owing to the relocation process of the

Parliament to the Red House and the adjacent Cabildo Building, conflicting schedules of its Members and the emergence of the COVID-19 virus global pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION

9. Your Committee humbly recommends that it be granted a further extension to complete its work and to submit a final report to the Parliament by **June 30, 2020**.
10. During the period of the extension, it is the intension of the Committee to pursue its mandate by commencing and completing its clause by clause analysis of the Bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd.

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP

Chairman

March 25, 2020