



**FOURTH INTERIM REPORT OF
THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON THE
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
(LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM) BILL, 2019**

PARLIAMENT
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
FIFTH SESSION (2019/2020) OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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 and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2019, to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Fourth Session, Eleventh Parliament and report by Tuesday December 31, 2019.

Committee Membership

Mr. Clarence Rambharat	-	Chairman
Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP	-	Member
Mr. Anthony Garcia, MP	-	Member
Mr. Esmond Forde, MP	-	Member
Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan, MP	-	Member
Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP	-	Member
Ms. Marlene McDonald, MP	-	Member
Mr. Kazim Hosein	-	Member
Ms. Khadijah Ameen	-	Member
Mr. Paul Richards	-	Member
Mr. Deorooop Teemal	-	Member
Mr. Daniel Dookie	-	Member

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Ms. Candice Skerrette	-	Secretary
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Publication

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CHAIRMANSHIP

1. At its First Meeting on Wednesday December 04, 2019, your Committee elected Mr. Clarence Rambharat to be its Chair, in accordance with House of Representatives Standing Order 97(3) and Senate Standing Order 87(3).

REPORTS PRESENTED

2. During the Fifth Session, Eleventh Parliament, the following Reports were presented:
 - (i) the First Interim Report of the Committee in the House of Representatives and the Senate on Friday December 6, 2019 and Saturday December 7, 2019, respectively, which recommended that your Committee be granted a further extension until Tuesday March 31, 2020 to complete its clause by clause examination of the Bill;
 - (ii) the Second Interim Report of the Committee in the House of Representatives and the Senate on Wednesday March 25, 2020 and Thursday March 26, 2020, respectively, which recommended that your Committee be granted a further extension of one (1) month to complete its work and to submit a final report to Parliament by Thursday April 30, 2020; and
 - (iii) the Third Interim Report of the Committee in the House of Representatives and the Senate on Wednesday April 29, 2020 and Friday May 1, 2020, respectively, which recommended that your Committee be granted a further extension of one (1) month to complete its work and to submit a final report to Parliament by Sunday May 31, 2020.

MEETINGS

3. Since the presentation of the Third Interim Report, your Committee has been unable to meet.

WORK TO DATE

4. Due to its inability to meet, your Committee has not been able to advance its work.

REPORT

5. Your Committee wishes to report that it is unable to submit its final report by the deadline of Sunday May 31, 2020 owing to the inability to meet with officials from the Ministry of Finance to obtain clarification on property tax matters within the Bill as a consequence of the suspension of all Committee meetings, a measure which has been taken by the Parliament in the collective fight against the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). Accordingly, the Committee requires additional time to review its (Final) Report and to examine the unofficial consolidated version of the Bill.

RECOMMENDATION

6. Your Committee therefore requests a further extension of one (1) month to complete its work and to submit a final report to Parliament by Tuesday June 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd.

Mr. Clarence Rambharat

Chairman

May 26, 2020