



PARLIAMENT
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



The Fourth Interim Report

of the Special Select Committee (Senate)
on the **Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2019**

Fifth Session (2019/2020), Eleventh Parliament



FIFTH SESSION OF THE 11TH PARLIAMENT (2019/2020)

FOURTH (4th) INTERIM REPORT

OF

THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE

APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON

A BILL ENTITLED, “AN ACT TO AMEND THE EVIDENCE ACT, CHAP. 7:02”

MP PARL: No. 14/2/31

Senate Paper No. of 2020

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Date Laid in the Senate: May 01, 2020

Committee Mandate

Pursuant to a resolution of the Senate on Wednesday October 02, 2019, a Special Select Committee (Senate) was established to consider and report by November 29, 2019 on the Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2019. Additionally, the Committee was also mandated to adopt the work of the Special Select Committee appointed in the Fourth Session (2018/2019).

Committee Membership

Mr. Clarence Rambharat - Chairman
Mr. Nigel De Freitas
Ms. Donna Cox
Mr. Saddam Hosein
Mr. Anthony Vieira

Secretariat Support

Mr. Johnson Greenidge, Procedural Clerk Assistant	Secretary
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CHAIRMANSHIP

1. Pursuant to a resolution of the Senate on Wednesday October 02, 2019, Mr. Clarence Rambharat was appointed to be Chairman of the Committee, in accordance with **Standing Order 85(2)** of the Senate.

INTERIM REPORTS

2. The Committee's First Interim Report was presented in the Senate on Wednesday December 04, 2019. Your Committee requested and was granted an extension to Tuesday December 31, 2019 in order to complete its work.
3. The Committee's Second Interim Report was presented in the Senate on Wednesday December 18, 2019. Your Committee requested and was granted an extension to February 29, 2020 in order to complete its work.
4. The Committee's Third Interim Report was presented in the Senate on Tuesday March 03, 2020. Your Committee requested and was granted an extension to April 30, 2020 in order to complete its work.

MEETINGS

5. Subsequent to the laying of its Third Interim Report on March 03, 2020, your Committee was unable to convene a meeting owing to significant reduction in parliamentary activity, as a result of the nationwide health and safety measures implemented to combat the global COVID-19 pandemic.

REPORT

6. Your Committee wishes to report that additional time is required to complete its clause-by-clause examination of the Bill and to compile proposed amendments with the assistance of the Legislative Drafting Department of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs.

RECOMMENDATION

7. Your Committee humbly requests an extension of time to continue its work and report by **June 30, 2020**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgd.

Mr. Clarence Rambharat
Chairman

May 01, 2020

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