



SECOND INTERIM REPORT OF
THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON THE
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
(LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM) BILL, 2020

PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
FIRST SESSION (2020/2021) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Monday November 09, 2020 and of the Senate on Tuesday November 17, 2020, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020 and was empowered to consider and report on the general merits and principles of the Bill and report by Thursday December 31, 2020.

Committee Membership

Mr. Clarence Rambharat	-	Chairman
Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP	-	Member
Mr. Esmond Forde, MP	-	Member
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP	-	Member
Ms. Khadijah Ameen, MP	-	Member
Ms. Vandana Mohit, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Laurel Lezama- Lee Sing	-	Member
Mr. Kazim Hosein	-	Member
Mr. Paul Richards	-	Member
Mr. Deeroop Teemal	-	Member
Mr. Anil Roberts	-	Member

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Mr. Brian Caesar	-	Secretary
Mr. Johnson Greenidge	-	Assistant Secretary
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CHAIRMANSHIP

1. At its First Meeting on Wednesday November 18, 2020, your Committee elected Mr. Clarence Rambharat as Chairman, in accordance with Standing Orders 97(3) and 87(3) of the House of Representatives and Senate respectively.

MEETINGS

2. Since its appointment, your Committee has held meetings on the following dates:
 - **Wednesday November 18, 2020; and**
 - **Tuesday December 01, 2020;**

REPORTS PRESENTED

3. During the First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament, the First Interim Report of the Committee was presented in the House of Representatives and the Senate on Friday December 11, 2020 and Tuesday December 15, 2020 respectively. This Report recommended that your Committee be granted an extension of time to complete its work and submit a final report by Wednesday March 31, 2021.

WORK TO DATE

4. At its meeting held on Wednesday November 18, 2020, your Committee elected a Chairman and agreed on a quorum of three (3) Members, inclusive of the Chairman and at least one (1) Member from each House represented.
5. Your Committee met subsequently and received a presentation on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020 by representatives of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government. The Committee also discussed and agreed to, in principle, a list of key stakeholders and to its Work Programme.
6. In January, 2021 Members were invited to share with the Secretariat any additional stakeholders for approval at the Committee's next meeting. However, due to time constraints your Committee was unable to meet.

REPORT

7. Your Committee wishes to report that it has had several constraints in meeting the Wednesday March 31, 2021 deadline for submission of its final report. Consequently, your Committee is requesting additional time to continue and complete its work programme, with a view to fulfilling its mandate.

RECOMMENDATION

8. Your Committee therefore requests an extension of nine (9) weeks to continue and complete its work and to submit a final report by **Wednesday June 30, 2021**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgd.
Mr. Clarence Rambharat
Chairman
March 31, 2021