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**SENATE**  
[2002-2003 SESSION]

**SECOND SPECIAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND  
REPORT ON THE POLICE SERVICE REFORM BILLS, to wit:**

- “(i) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2002;**
- (ii) The Police Service Bill, 2002; and**
- (iii) The Police Complaints Authority Bill, 2002”.**

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**Ordered by the Senate to be printed**

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# REPORT

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. At a sitting held on Friday November 15, 2002, the House of Representatives agreed to the following Resolution <sup>1</sup>:

“**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House appoint the following five members:

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis

Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds

Mr. Anthony Roberts

Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar

Ms. Gillian Lucky

to sit with an equal number from the Senate as a Joint Select Committee to consider and report on the undermentioned Bills:

The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2002;

The Police Service Bill, 2002; and

The Police Complaints Authority Bill, 2002.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Committee be mandated to publish these Bills for public comment, receive public comments on the Bills over the next six weeks, to consider such public comments and report back to the Parliament no later than February 21, 2003 and be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, sit in public if it so desires and receive expert advice and assistance”.

2. On Tuesday November 19, 2002, the Senate agreed to a similar resolution and appointed the following five members to serve on the Joint Select Committee<sup>2</sup>:

Mrs. Glenda Morean Phillip

Ms. Christine Kangaloo

Mr. Rennie Dumas

Mr. Wade Mark

Prof. Ramesh Deosaran

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<sup>1</sup> Hansard (House of Representatives Meeting of Friday November 16, 2002);

<sup>2</sup> Hansard (Senate Meeting of Tuesday November 19, 2002).

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

3. Your Committee elected Mrs. Glenda Morean Phillip as Chairman of the Committee at its first meeting held on Wednesday November 27, 2002. At that meeting, your Committee also agreed that a quorum would constitute six (6) members, with at least two (2) members from each House, including the Chairman.

### **SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE**

4. Mr. Neil Jaggassar, Parliamentary Clerk II was appointed to serve as Secretary to your Committee.

### **MEETINGS**

5. To date, your Committee has held a total of nine (9) meetings as follows:

- **Wednesday November 27, 2003 – Committee Room No. 4, Parliament, Red House, Port of Spain;**
- **Friday January 17, 2003 – Committee Room No. 4, Parliament, Red House, Port of Spain;**
- **Friday January 24, 2003 – Committee Room No. 4, Parliament Red House, Port of Spain;**
- **Monday February 03, 2003 – Council Chamber, City Hall, Harris Promenade, San Fernando;**
- **Wednesday February 05, 2003 – Borough Hall, Chaguanas Borough Corporation, Chaguanas;**
- **Monday February 10, 2003 – Works Lecture Room, Works Division, Scarborough, Tobago;**
- **Wednesday February 12, 2003 – Parliament Chamber, Red House, Port of Spain; and**
- **Thursday February 20, 2003 – Committee Room No. 4, Parliament, Red House, Port of Spain.**
- **Tuesday April 29, 2003 – Committee Room No. 5, Parliament, Red House, Port of Spain.**

### **WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

6. Your Committee received a total of fifty-three (53) written submissions from various organisations and individuals.

### **EXPERT ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE**

7. In keeping with your Committee's terms of reference all written submissions were forwarded to the Technical Team that previously worked on the three Bills. Your Committee has been advised that the Technical Team has not yet completed its assessment of the comments forwarded to them.

### **REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME**

8. Your Committee in its First Special Report did bring to the attention of this House that some of the written submissions received contained highly complex legal issues. After careful consideration of the written submissions received, it has become necessary for your Committee to interview some of the individuals and organisations from whom submissions were received. Arrangements for several interviews have already been put in place.

9. In submitting its First Special Report<sup>3</sup> to this House, your Committee sought an extension of time within which to report. This extension was granted and will expire on May 16, 2003. However, in light of paragraphs 7 and 8, your Committee is of the view that the time granted is not sufficient to complete its deliberations. Your Committee is therefore seeking a further extension to July 31, 2003 to complete its deliberations and report back to Parliament.

Sgd.

Mrs. Glenda Morean  
Chairman

Sgd.

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis  
Member

Sgd.

Mr. Rennie Dumas  
Member

Sgd.

Mr. Anthony Roberts  
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**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003**

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<sup>3</sup> Hansard (House of Representatives meeting of Friday, February 21, 2003)  
(Senate meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2003)