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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

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SENATE

[2009 SESSION]

FIRST INTERIM REPORT

OF THE

**SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO
CONSIDER AND REPORT ON A BILL ENTITLED,
“THE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES
AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL BILL,
2009”**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

At a sitting held on Tuesday April 07, 2009, the Senate by motion appointed the following five (5) members to serve on a Special Select Committee to consider and report on a Bill entitled, “The Emergency Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Personnel Bill, 2009”:

Mr. Jerry Narace	-	Member
Mrs. Hazel Manning	-	Member
Ms. Laurel Lezama	-	Member
Dr. Adesh Nanan	-	Member
Ms. Dana Seetahal, S.C.	-	Member

2. The Committee was mandated to report to the Senate within twenty-one (21) days of its appointment.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

3. Pursuant to Standing Order 70(3), Mrs. Hazel Manning was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

4. At its first meeting held on Tuesday April 21, 2009, your Committee agreed that in accordance with Standing Order 73(5) of the Senate, a quorum would constitute three (3) Members, one Member each from the Government, Opposition and Independent Benches.

SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE

5. Procedural Clerk, Mrs. Jacqueline Phillip-Stoute and Procedural Clerk Assistant, Ms. Khisha Peterkin were appointed to serve as Secretary and Assistant Secretary to your Committee.

MEETINGS

6. To date, the Committee has held one (1) meeting on **Tuesday April 21, 2009.**

EXPERT ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE

7. Expert advice was provided by:
- ❖ Dr. Rasheed Adams, National Emergency Ambulance Services, Ministry of Health
 - ❖ Ms. Mala Kowlessar, State Counsel I, Ministry of Health
 - ❖ Ms. Bhabie Roopchand, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Health
 - ❖ Ms. Jonetta Jeet-Maynard, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Ag.), Chief Parliamentary Counsel Department, Ministry of the Attorney General

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

8. At its first meeting your Committee considered the Bill clause by clause. In order to do this efficiently, your Committee looked at:

- (i) concerns raised by Senators during debate on the Bill in the Senate.
- (ii) a list of amendments proposed by the Ministry of Health.

9. Your Committee further agreed to consider similar legislation from other jurisdictions, after which it will complete consideration of the Bill and report to the Senate.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

10. Your Committee wishes to report that in light of (9) above, it is unable to complete consideration of the Bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Senate Standing Order 51(2), your Committee is reporting progress, and is seeking an extension of two (2) weeks to complete its deliberations and report to the Senate.

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Chairman

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