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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

[2009 SESSION]

### 5<sup>th</sup> REPORT

**SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED  
TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON A BILL  
ENTITLED, “*AN ACT RELATING TO THE  
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND FOR  
MATTERS RELATED THERETO*”**

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

1. At a Sitting of the House held on Wednesday January 15, 2009 your Committee was established to consider and report on a Bill entitled “An ACT relating to the protection of children and for matters related thereto”.

## **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND QUORUM**

2. Your Committee comprises:

Mr. Colm Imbert (Chairman)

Dr. Amery Browne

Mr. Peter Taylor

Miss Marlene McDonald

Dr. Tim Gopeesingh

Miss Mickela Panday

3. In accordance with Standing Order 80 (5), the quorum of your Committee is three (3).

## **MEETINGS**

4. To date, your Committee has held five (5) meetings as follows:

- Friday March 13, 2009;
- Friday May 29, 2009;
- Friday July 03, 2009;
- Friday December 04, 2009; and
- Friday December 11, 2009

## **EXPERT ASSISTANCE**

5. Your Committee was assisted in its deliberations by experts from the Ministry of Social Development, Chief Parliamentary Counsel’s Department, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and private experts in the fields of Child Psychiatry and Social and Industrial Psychology.

## **REPORT**

6. Your Committee first undertook a comprehensive review of the Bill, highlighting areas of contention. Your Committee sought expert advice on these matters and from the discussions held, compiled a list of their recommendations. Your Committee has considered these recommendations

and assisted by the legislative drafters from both the Ministry of Social Development and Chief Parliamentary Counsel's Office, is in the process of producing a revised consolidated Bill.

7. Your Committee wishes to report however, that having regard to the imminent prorogation of the current session of Parliament, that it is working ardently to ensure the completion of its mandate by the end of this current extension of time which expires on January 7, 2009.

8. Your Committee respectfully requests, that should your Committee be unable to present a final report before Parliament prorogues and should a similar Bill be introduced and referred to a Select Committee in the next session, that this new Committee be authorized to adopt the work thus far completed by your Committee as part of its records.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Colm Imbert  
Chairman

Mr. Peter Taylor  
Member

Dr. Amery Browne  
Member

Ms. Marlene McDonald  
Member

Miss Mickela Panday  
Member

Dr. Tim Gopeesingh  
Member

**December 18, 2009**