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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
(TENTH PARLIAMENT- 2013/2014 SESSION)**

**INTERIM REPORT
OF THE
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
ON
THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL ENTITLED
“THE DRAFT HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT
SERVICE AUTHORITY BILL, 2014”**

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THE COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENT

1.1 Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Friday March 21, 2014, and of the Senate on Wednesday April 02, 2014 a Joint Select Committee was established:

“to consider and report on the legislative proposal entitled, “The Draft Houses of Parliament Service Authority Bill, 2014” and report no later than May 31, 2014. ”

MEMBERSHIP

1.2 The following persons were appointed to serve on the Committee:

- Mr. Wade Mark, MP
- Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP
- Mr. Jairam Seemungal, MP
- Ms. Marlene McDonald, MP
- Mr. Colm Imbert, MP
- Mr. Timothy Hamel-Smith
- Mr. Anand Ramlogan, SC
- Mr. Emmanuel George
- Mr. Elton Prescott, SC
- Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis

MEETINGS

1.3 The Committee has held two (2) Meetings on the following dates:

- 1st Meeting – Friday April 11, 2014;
- 2nd Meeting – Wednesday May 14, 2014.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND QUORUM

1.4 At its first meeting, in accordance with the Standing Orders of both Houses the Committee elected from among its Members, Mr. Wade Mark, MP as Chairman.

1.5 At that meeting, the Committee also determined that its Quorum would consist of four (4) Members inclusive of the Chairman with at least one (1) Member from each House.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.6 The Committee agreed to the following terms of reference:

- I. To consider the comprehensive draft legislative proposal and the underlying principles
- II. To consult with stakeholders;
- III. In consultation with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), engage experts and parliamentary, human resource & industrial relations practitioners in order to generate the best practices and appropriate outcomes/benchmarks for our jurisdiction; and
- IV. To propose for implementation, legislation to give effect to the purpose of the proposal, together with the requisite regulations.

SECRETARIAT and TECHNICAL SUPPORT

1.7 Secretariat support to your Committee was provided by:

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| ○ Mr. Ralph Deonarine | - | Secretary |
| ○ Miss Candice Skerrette | - | Assistant Secretary |
| ○ Miss Chantal La Roche | - | Legal Officer |
| ○ Mr. Stephen Boodhram | - | UNDP Consultant |

1.8 The Committee also received Legislative Drafting support from the following officers from the Chief Parliamentary Counsel's Department:

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| ○ Mrs. Ann-Marie Brassington | - | Senior Parliamentary Counsel |
| ○ Ms. Darlene Smith | - | Legal Officer |

REPORT

2.1 The Committee wishes to report that it has identified the following stakeholders for consultation and has issued a call for submissions:

- *Public Services Association (PSA)*
- *National Union of Government and Federated Workers (NUGFW)*
- *Public Service Commission*
- *The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and the Economy*
- *Ministry of Finance and the Economy (Budgets Division)*
- *The Chief Personnel Officer*
- *The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration*
- *The Permanent Secretary & Head of the Public Service, Office of the Prime Minister*
- *The Auditor General*
- *The Ombudsman*
- *Current Members of Parliament (H.O.R. & Senate)*
- *Staff of the Office of the Parliament*

2.2 Further, the Committee has commenced a detailed page by page analysis of the Legislative Proposal.

2.3 The Committee hereby reports that while some progress has been made to date, it will be unable to complete its work by the stipulated deadline of May 31, 2014.

2.4 The Committee therefore requests a further period of two (2) months to complete its work and submit a final report to the Parliament by July 31, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd.

Mr. Wade Mark, MP
Chairman.

May 27, 2014.