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The Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Ministries (Group 2), and on the Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises falling under their purview

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ENTITIES UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S PURVIEW

1. A total of one hundred and five (105) entities fall under the purview of the Committee. This includes sixteen (16) Ministries, thirty-eight (38) State Enterprises and fifty-one (51) Statutory Authorities. The Committee conducted inquiries into twenty-eight (28) entities/matters.

MEETINGS

2. During the Tenth Parliament the Committee held a total of thirty-eight (38) meetings. Thirty (30) of these meetings were convened pursuant to the twenty-eight (28) inquiries conducted by the Committee.
3. Twenty-nine (29) meetings comprised public hearings with the various entities as stated in **Table 1** below.

Table 1

Number of Public hearings and in camera meetings held during the Tenth Parliament

10th Parliament					
Meeting no.	Date of meeting	Entity examined	Type of meeting	Session	Remarks
1 st	22.10.2011	-	In-camera	2010-2011	
2 nd	10.12.2011	-	In-camera	2010-2011	
3 rd	14.01.2011	Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited (PSAEL)	Public hearing	2010-2011	
4 th	11.02.2011	National Information and Communications Technology Company Limited (NICTCL) (IGOVTT)	Public hearing	2010-2011	
5 th	23.02.2011	National Information and Communications Technology Company Limited (NICTCL) (IGOVTT)	Public hearing	2010-2011	
6 th	16.03.2011	Tobago Regional Health Authority	Public	2010-	

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		(TRHA)	hearing	2011	
7 th	08.04.2011	-	In-camera	2010-2011	
8 th	13.05.2011	SPORTT Company of Trinidad and Tobago	Public hearing	2010-2011	
9 th	08.07.2011	Office Of Disaster and Preparedness Management (ODPM)	Public hearing	2010-2011	
10 th	11.11.2011	East Port of Spain Development Company Limited	Public hearing	2011-2012	
11 th	09.12.2011	Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)	Public hearing	2011-2012	
12 th	13.01.2012	-	In-camera	2011-2012	
13 th	28.03.2012	Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)	Public hearing	2011-2012	
14 th	13.04.2012	National Drug Council (NDC)	Public hearing	2011-2012	
15 th	11.05.2012	Water Resources Agency (WRA)	Public hearing	2011-2012	
16 th	08.06.2012	-	In-camera	2011-2012	
17 th	07.12.2012	Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses (GATE) Programme	Public hearing	2012-2013	
18 th	14.12.2012	-	In-camera	2012-2013	
19 th	11.01.2013	Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Works and Infrastructure	Public hearing	2012-2013	
20 th	15.01.2013	-	In-camera	2012-2013	
21 st	08.03.2013	Tobago Regional Health Authority (TRHA)	Public hearing	2012-2013	
22 nd	12.04.2013	Water Taxi Service (WTS)	Public hearing	2012-2013	
23 rd	10.05.2013	Ministry of National Security and the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS)	Public hearing	2012-2013	
24 th	21.06.2013	Ministry of Public Utilities and the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC)	Public hearing	2012-2013	

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25 th	04.10.2013	-	In-camera	2012-2013	
26 th	08.10.2013	Ministry of Local Government and the National Commission For Self-Help Limited (NCSHL)	Public hearing	2013-2014	
27 th	13.012.2013	Ministry of the People and Social Development and the Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association (TTBWA)	Public hearing	2013-2014	
28 th	10.01.2014	Ministry of Public Administration and the Government Human Resources Services Company Limited (GHRS)	Public hearing	2013-2014	
29 th	19.01.2014	Ministry of Transport and the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (PATI)	Public hearing	2013-2014	
30 th	14.03.2014	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment and the Evolving Tecknologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (ETECK)	Public hearing	2013-2014	
31 st	11.04.2014	Ministry of Works and Infrastructure and the Community Improvement Services Limited (CISL)	Public hearing	2013-2014	
32 nd	09.05.2014	Ministry of Public Utilities and the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT)	Public hearing	2013-2014	
33 rd	11.07.2014	Ministry of Public Utilities and the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT)	In-camera	2013-2014	
34 th	10.10.2014	Ministry of Sport and the Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Board of Control (TTBBC)	Public hearing	2014-2015	
35 th	12.12.2014	The Ministry of Public Utilities and the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation (TTPOST)	Public Hearing	2014-2015	
36 th	16.01.2015	The Ministry of Transport and the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (PLIPDECO)	Public Hearing	2014-2015	

37 th	13.03.2015	The Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training and the National Energy Skills Center (NESC)	Public Hearing	2014-2015	
38 th	10.04.2015	The Ministry of Tourism and the Tourism Development Company Limited (TDC)	Public Hearing	2014-2015	

4. The Committee presented twenty-four (24) reports and received sixteen (16) Ministerial Responses in the Tenth Parliament. **Table 2** below provides details on the reports presented.

Table 2
Reports presented to the Houses in the 10th Parliament

Report No.	Ministry/department	Dated Presented		Response by Minister Responsible.	
		HOR	SEN.	HOR	SEN
First	Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited (PSAEL)	09.11.11	20.10.11	27.04.12	01.05.12
Second	National Information, Communication, Technology Company Limited (iGovTT)	10.02.12	14.02.12	10.02.12	14.02.12
Third	Sport Company of Trinidad & Tobago (SPORTT)	16.03.12	13.03.12	04.04.12	10.04.12
Fourth	Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management ODPM	16.03.12	13.03.12	15.06.12	21.08.12
Fifth	Tobago Regional Health Authority	12.09.12	13.09.12	01.03.13	19.02.13
Sixth	East Port of Spain Development Company Limited	12.09.12	13.09.12	15.03.13	19.03.13
Seventh	National Drug Council	16.01.13	25.01.13	22.03.13	26.03.13
Eighth	Water Resources Agency (WRA)	16.01.13	25.01.13		
Ninth	Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company (SWMCOL)	13.03.13	19.03.13	12.06.13	14.06.13
Tenth	Government Assistance for	03.07.13	09.07.13	16.09.13	20.09.13

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	Tuition Expenses (GATE) Programme				
Eleventh	the Water Taxi Service (WTS)	13.11.13	26.11.13	15.05.15	25.05.15
Twelfth	the National Transportation System	13.11.13	19.11.13	15.05.15	12.05.15
Thirteenth	The Commissioning process for the New Scarborough General Hospital	13.11.13	19.11.13	14.02.14	11.02.14
Fourteenth	Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) (with specific focus on efforts at maintaining law and order)	22.11.13	26.11.13	07.02.14	11.02.14
Fifteenth	Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC)	28.03.14	02.04.14	13.06.14	17.06.14
Sixteenth	National Commission for Self Help Limited	19.11.14	18.11.14		
Seventeenth	Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association	19.11.14	18.11.14		
Eighteenth	Government Human Resource Services Company Limited (GHR)	21.01.15	27.01.15	17.04.15	21.04.15
Nineteenth	Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (PATT)	13.03.15	17.03.15		
Twentieth	Community Improvement Services Limited (CISL)	08.04.15	14.04.15		
Twenty-First	Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Board of Control (TTBBC)	15.05.15	12.05.15		
Twenty – Second	Evolving TecKnologies of Trinidad and Tobago (ETECK)	05.06.15			
Twenty-Third	Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT)	29.05.15			
Twenty-Fourth	Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (PLIPDECO)	TBC	TBC		

Outstanding Reports and Ministerial Responses

5. Due to the imminent dissolution of the Tenth Parliament, the Committee is unable to present reports on four (4) inquiries that it undertook. The entities which were the subject of these inquiries are as follows:

- i. National Energy Skills Center (NESC);
- ii. Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation (TTPOST); and
- iii. Tourism Development Company Limited (TDC).

6. With regards to Ministerial Responses, a total of seven (7) Ministerial Responses are pending, three (3) of which are overdue for several months. These responses and the due date for their submission are listed in **Table 3** below.

Table 3

Outstanding Ministerial Responses

Report no.	Subject of the Inquiry	Due date for Ministerial Response
Sixteenth	National Commission for Self Help Limited (NCSHL)	January 18, 2015
Seventeenth	Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association (TTBWA)	January 18, 2015
Nineteenth	Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (PATT)	May 16, 2015
Twentieth	Community Improvement Services Limited (CISL)	June 13, 2015
Twenty-First	Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Board of Control (TTBBC)	July 14, 2015

Twenty-Second	Evolving Technologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (EtecK)	August 07, 2015
Twenty-Third	Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT)	July 28, 2015

7. In general, the Committee is pleased with the number of inquiries it was able to undertake and complete during its 4 ½ year tenure. The Committee believes that the extensive amount of work done would have resulted in some improvements in the operations of the entities examined and would have increased the level of public awareness about the myriad of challenges, successes, issues and externalities associated with the provision of public goods and services.
8. Although, there were several other entities and issues falling under the Committee’s purview which were not examined, the Committee is convinced that most of the shortcomings and challenges highlighted during the twenty-eight (28) inquiries conducted also affect many of the other public bodies which were not examined. Therefore, the Committee encourages all Ministries, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises to consider the issues highlighted and recommendations proposed in its reports.

Respectfully submitted,

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