



REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES OF THE SENATE
SECOND SESSION (2011/2012)
TENTH PARLIAMENT
TOGETHER WITH THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
AND RECORD OF EVIDENCE

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INTRODUCTION

Appointment

1.1 Pursuant to Standing Order 64(2), the President of the Senate appointed the under-named Members to serve on the Committee of Privileges for the 2011/2012 Session, on Tuesday September 09, 2011:

Mr. Timothy Hamel Smith	-	Chairman
Brig. John Sandy	-	Member
Mr. Vasant Bharath	-	Member
Ms. Penelope Beckles.	-	Member
Mr. Basharat Ali	-	Member

Terms of Reference

1.2 Standing Order 67(1) provides that there shall be referred to the Committee of Privileges any matter which appears to affect the powers or privileges of the Senate, and it shall be the duty of the Committee to consider any matter so referred and to report thereon to the Senate.

Secretarial Assistance

1.3 Mrs. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan, Clerk of the Senate, served as Secretary to the Committee and Mr. Julien Ogilvie, Procedural Clerk, as Assistant Secretary.

Matters raised and referred

1.4 Two matters were raised and referred for the consideration and report of the Committee during this 2nd Session as follows:

1st matter

On April 17, 2012, Senator the Honourable Emmanuel George contended that **Senator Fitzgerald Hinds** had committed a contempt of the Senate in that he deliberately mischaracterized a newspaper report to reflect adversely on the conduct of the Prime Minister on March 27, 2012.

On April 17, 2012, the Vice-President ruled that a *prima facie* case of contempt had been made and referred the matter to the Committee for full consideration and report.

2nd matter

On April 10, 2012, Senator the Honourable Emmanuel George contended that **Senator Faris Al-Rawi** had committed a contempt of the Senate in that he made negative reflections on the Vice-President in her capacity as Presiding Officer during an interview on the CNC3 Early Morning Show on even date.

The Vice-President referred the matter to the President for his consideration on his return to the Chair.

On May 01, 2012, the President ruled that a *prima facie* case of contempt had been made and the matter was referred to the Committee for full consideration and report.

Meetings

1.5 Your Committee held three (3) meetings on the following dates and deliberated on the matters referred to it:

- May 02, 2012
- June 12, 2012
- June 22, 2012

1.6 At the meeting of June 22, 2012 a draft of this report was considered, minor amendments were made and the report was adopted.

1.7 The Minutes are attached at **Appendix I**.

DELIBERATIONS

1st matter

“An allegation of contempt of the Senate by Senator Fitzgerald Hinds in that he deliberately mischaracterized a newspaper report to reflect adversely on the conduct of the Prime Minister on March 27, 2012”.

2.1 Your Committee considered the elements necessary for the contempt of “deliberately misleading”. These are:

- a) the statement must, in fact, have been misleading;
- b) it must be established that the member making the statement knew (or ought to have known) at the time that the statement was made that it was incorrect; and
- c) in making the statement the member must have intended to deliberately mislead the House.¹

2.2 The Committee agreed that central to its consideration would be the concept of “deliberate”.

2.3 Prior to the issuance of an invitation to give oral evidence to the Committee, by letter dated May 01, 2012, your Committee invited Senator Hinds to deposit a written submission on the allegations raised. Senator Hinds did not avail himself of this opportunity.

2.4 Your Committee heard oral evidence from Senator Hinds on Tuesday June 12, 2012, in which he made several preliminary submissions as follows:

- His non-receipt of the Hansard Transcript of the privilege motion as raised in the Senate on April 17, 2012;
- Perceived discrepancies between what was quoted by Senator George and what was actually said by himself on the day in question.
- The 22-day hiatus between the alleged breach and the raising of the matter contravened proper parliamentary practice.
- The immediate decision of the Vice-President to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges did not allow for any intervention as is required by proper parliamentary practice.

¹ As per David McGee, *Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand*, 3rd Edition, p.653.

- A lack of detailed particulars of the allegations made against him.

2.5 By letter dated June 13, 2012 Senator Hinds was invited to make written submissions on any other preliminary issues by Wednesday June 20, 2012. No submissions were received and therefore it was taken that no further preliminary points were to be made by Senator Hinds.

2.6 Additional documents requested by Senator Hinds were also forwarded with letter dated June 13, 2012 and the Hansard transcript of the evidence hearing with letter dated June 15, 2012.

2.6 Your Committee invited Senator Hinds to a meeting scheduled for Friday June 22, 2012, in order to resume the hearing. However, Senator Hinds was unable to attend due to a prior court engagement.

2ND matter

“An allegation of contempt of the Senate by Senator Faris Al-Rawi in that he made negative reflections on the Vice-President in her capacity as Presiding Officer on April 10, 2012.”

3.1 Prior to the issuance of an invitation to give oral evidence to the Committee, your Committee invited Senator Al-Rawi, by letter dated May 02, 2012, to deposit a written submission on the allegations raised.

3.2 Senator Al-Rawi responded in writing by letter dated May 08 in which he raised the following *in limine* points:

- (a) that leave was not granted by the Chair for the matter to be raised
- (b) that having ruled a *prima facie* case, the President should recuse himself in so far as the deliberations on the preliminary points were concerned
- (c) due process was not followed prior to the *prima facie* ruling in that he was not permitted an opportunity to be heard before a decision was pronounced

3.3 Your Committee responded to these submissions in letters dated May 29 and June 13, 2012, based on advice of Counsel, stating as follows:

A. whether leave was granted

- i. By Standing Order 26(2) leave to raise a matter of privilege is required to be sought from the President. The settled practice has always been (except in the case of an incident occurring during a sitting) that leave is sought by way of a letter from the Member seeking to raise the matter of privilege, so that the request contained in the letter can be considered by the Chair before the sitting.
- ii. Senator the Honourable Emmanuel George complied with this practice as is apparent from the letter dated April 10, 2012.
- iii. It is axiomatic that leave was granted by the Vice-President due to the fact that the Honourable Senator was permitted to raise the matter of privilege by presenting his motion of privilege. The Chair may or may not formally inform the Members that leave has been granted, but it cannot be gainsaid that leave was in fact granted once the Member was permitted to proceed with the motion.

B. whether the President should recuse himself

- i. In the instant matter leave was granted by the Vice-President but as the matter of privilege concerned her she quite properly referred the matter to the President to determine whether a prima facie case had been made out as must be done pursuant to Standing Order 26(4) which requires that the President consider the matter raised and to rule whether on a consideration of the motion there appears to be a case worthy of further investigation.
- ii. This is not merely in accordance with the Standing Orders but has always been the settled practice, which has never required that a Member against whom an allegation of breach of privilege is made be given an opportunity to answer them at that stage.

- iii. Fairness in the process is assured by the particular Member being afforded the full opportunity before the Committee to answer the allegations and to have the benefit of legal advice should the President decide that a *prima facie* case has been made out.
- iv. The President makes (and made) no substantive determination in the matter. He is in the position of a Judge hearing an *ex parte* application for an injunction or an *ex parte* application for leave to apply for judicial review. In neither case would the Judge be required to recuse from the hearing of the substantive matter at the trial. Accordingly, no issue of bias (apparent or actual) arises in this matter which requires that the President recuse himself at any stage of the process.
- v. Further, Standing Order 67(2) requires that the President of the Senate be the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges. The allegation of bias (wholly unsustainable in this matter) must yield to necessity, because SO 67(2) mandates that the President alone must be the Chairman of the Committee. (See *des Vignes v Medical Board*).

C. due process

- i. It is to be noted that a period of 21 days has elapsed between the time the matter was raised in the Senate and the ruling of a *prima facie* case by the President.
- ii. The established procedure has been faithfully followed in the raising and referral of this matter.
- iii. The Committee's business thus far has been conducted in a professional and non-partisan manner and it will continue to follow procedures that can withstand public scrutiny. As such, witnesses will be given ample opportunity to make their case and all concerns will be addressed during oral hearings.

The verbatim records of its meetings will become part of the Committee's report and will be subject to the examination and scrutiny of the public and others.

- iv. The report of the Committee of Privileges will be comprised of recommendations for appropriate action or inaction, if necessary. It is ultimately a decision of the whole Senate to endorse any recommendations of the Committee.

3.4 Your Committee by letter dated June 13, 2012 invited Senator Al-Rawi to a meeting scheduled for June 18, 2012. Senator Al-Rawi indicated by email dated June 15, that he was unable to attend on that date due to prior court commitments.

CONCLUSION

4.1 In accordance with Standing Order 75(1) your Committee wishes to report that, regrettably as a result of time constraints and the nature of the processes involved, it will be unable to complete its deliberations on either of the two matters referred for its consideration before the end of the session.

4.2 This “absolute” effect of prorogation on the business of the Parliament is a matter which greatly concerned your Committee during its short period of deliberation. Your Committee is of the view that despite the benefit to be gained, in certain instances, by the suspension of proceedings of the Parliament, the cessation of work in other instances results in an unnecessary waste of time, effort and resources.

4.3 Your Committee has noted that other commonwealth jurisdictions have implemented legislative solutions to allow for certain categories of work to *infringe* the prerogative powers of prorogation and is of the opinion that this is worthy of consideration by the Parliament.

4.4 Given the imminent prorogation of the Second Session (2011/2012) of the Tenth Parliament, your Committee submits the foregoing report for the consideration of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd.
Mr. Timothy Hamel-Smith
Chairman

June 22, 2012

**REPORT
OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES
OF THE SENATE
SECOND SESSION (2011/2012)**

APPENDIX I

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES OF
THE SENATE, SECOND SESSION (2011/2012), TENTH PARLIAMENT
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, LEVEL 2, TOWER D,
THE PORT OF SPAIN INTERNATIONAL WATERFRONT CENTRE,
1A WRIGHTSON ROAD, PORT OF SPAIN**

TUESDAY MAY 08, 2012 AT 10:30 AM

PRESENT

Mr. Timothy Hamel-Smith	-	Chairman
Brig. John Sandy (Ret.)	-	Member
Mr. Vasant Bharath	-	Member
Ms. Penelope Beckles	-	Member
Mrs. Nataki Atiba- Dilchan	-	Secretary
Mr. Julien Ogilvie	-	Asst. Secretary
Ms. Jacqueline Phillip-Stoute	-	Procedural Clerk

ABSENT

Mr. Basharat Ali	-	Member (Excused)
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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 10.35 a.m. and thanked Members for attending.
- 1.2 He indicated that Mr. Basharat Ali would be unable to attend the meeting.

PRELIMINARY ISSUES

Conduct during Committee meetings

- 2.1 The Chairman reminded Members to be cognizant of the following procedures in the conduct of the Committee's deliberations:
- i. that the proceedings of the Committee are conducted *in camera* and should not to be made public or broadcast.
 - ii. that the Committee's business is to be conducted in a professional and non-partisan manner;

- iii. that as a quasi-judicial body, it must follow procedures that can withstand public scrutiny;
- iv. that the verbatim records of its meetings will become part of the Committee's report and will be subject to the examination and scrutiny of the public and others;
- v. that all disagreements, if any, should be resolved in camera and not in the presence of witnesses; and
- vi. that a member who is the subject of matter can appear before the Committee with an adviser (of no particular qualification)
- vii. that notes on the general conduct of inquiries has been circulated with the Notice of Meeting and these will be consistently applied by the Chair.

Written submissions

2.2 The Chairman informed members that in an effort to expedite the Committee's deliberations on the two matters referred for its consideration, he had taken the liberty to request written submissions from the accused parties i.e. Senator Fitzgerald Hinds and Senator Faris Al-Rawi.

CONSIDERATION OF 1st MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

An allegation of contempt of the Senate by Senator Fitzgerald Hinds in that he deliberately mischaracterized a newspaper report to reflect adversely on the conduct of the Prime Minister on March 27, 2012

3.1 The Chairman reminded Members that the documents relevant to this matter were circulated with the Notice of Meeting dated April 27, 2012.

3.2 The Chairman highlighted the following as the issues for consideration:

- what constitutes "deliberate misleading of the Senate?"
- are these elements present in the case before the Committee?
- would a reasonable person have been misled?
- if so, what will be the consequence for this action?

3.3 The Chairman advised members that in addition to his written submission, Senator Hinds will be given the opportunity to appear before the committee. He posited that upon

receipt of the written submission, the Committee will be better poised to consider the way forward.

3.4 The Committee then viewed approximately one and a half minutes of a video recording which captured the comments of Senator Hinds in the Senate on March 27, 2012, in relation to the allegations.

CONSIDERATION OF 2nd MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

An allegation of contempt of the Senate by Senator Faris Al-Rawi in that he made negative reflections on the Vice-President in her capacity as Presiding Officer on April 10, 2012."

4.1 The Chairman reminded Members that the documents relevant to this matter were circulated with the Notice of Meeting dated May 02, 2012.

4.2 The Chairman highlighted the following issues for consideration:

- what constitutes "negative reflection on the Chair"?
- are these elements present in the case before the Committee?
- is the required threshold met?
- if so, what will be the consequence for this action?

4.3 The Committee then viewed approximately six and a half minutes of a video recording of an interview featuring Senator Faris Al-Rawi held during the Cable News Channel 3 (CNC3) Early Morning Show on Tuesday April 10, 2012, which captured the comments made by Senator Al-Rawi in relation to the allegation.

DECISIONS

5.1 The Committee took note of the imminent prorogation of the Second Session relative to its deliberations on the two matters referred for its consideration.

5.2 To this end, the Committee agreed that Senator Hinds should be invited to appear before the Committee at its next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

6.1 After some discussion, the Committee agreed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The Chairman suggested that an alternative meeting date and time could be Wednesday May 16, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 The Chairman advised the Committee that each member will be provided with a copy of the video recordings that were viewed during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

8.1 The Chairman thanked the Members for attending and indicated that lunch was available.

8.2 The adjournment was taken at 11: 28 a.m.

We certify that the above minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

May 08, 2012

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES OF
THE SENATE, SECOND SESSION (2011/2012), TENTH PARLIAMENT
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, LEVEL 2, TOWER D,
THE PORT OF SPAIN INTERNATIONAL WATERFRONT CENTRE,
1A WRIGHTSON ROAD, PORT OF SPAIN**

TUESDAY JUNE 12, 2012 AT 10:30 AM

PRESENT

Mr. Timothy Hamel-Smith	-	Chairman
Brig. John Sandy (Ret.)	-	Member
Mr. Vasant Bharath	-	Member
Ms. Penelope Beckles	-	Member
Mrs. Nataki Atiba- Dilchan	-	Secretary
Mr. Julien Ogilvie	-	Asst. Secretary
Mrs. Jacqueline Phillip-Stoute	-	Procedural Clerk
Ms. Khisha Peterkin	-	Procedural Clerk Assistant

ABSENT

Mr. Basharat Ali	-	Member (Excused)
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ALSO PRESENT

Senator Fitzgerald Hinds	-	Witness
Senator Faris Al- Rawi	-	Adviser to the Witness

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 10.48 a.m. and thanked Members for attending.

1.2 He indicated that Mr. Basharat Ali had asked to be excused due to illness and that Ms. Beckles would be arriving late.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES 1ST MEETING-MAY 08, 2012

2.1 The Chairman directed Members attention to the Minutes of the First Meeting held on Tuesday May 08, 2012.

2.2 Members considered the Minutes page by page.

2.3 There being no corrections to the Minutes, the Chairman asked that the motion for the confirmation of the Minutes be moved. Brig. Sandy moved and Mr. Bharath seconded.

Correction to Verbatim Notes

3.1 The Chairman referred to the second paragraph on page 3 of the Verbatim Notes of the First Meeting and suggested that the words “**the video of a**” be inserted before the word “**particular**”.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 The Chairman highlighted the following matters arising from the Minutes:

A. Page 2 Paragraph 2.2- Written Submissions

- i. He indicated that Senator Hinds did not make any written submissions;
- ii. Senator Al-Rawi responded by letter dated May 08, 2012 addressed to the Secretary with *in limine* or preliminary points but did not particularly address the allegations made.

B. Page 4 Paragraph 5.2- Next Meeting

- i. Senator Hinds was invited and indicated that he would attend.

4.2 The Chairman enquired whether Members wished to raise any additional matters arising from the Minutes.

4.3 Mr. Bharath inquired whether any procedure existed to allow the work of the Committee to be saved and carried over to the next session of Parliament, bearing in mind the imminent prorogation of the current session of Parliament.

4.4 In response, the Secretary indicated that the established practice is that the work of Committees of this nature lapse at the end of a parliamentary session.

4.5 Mr. Bharath further enquired if notwithstanding what was the established practice whether there was any mechanism available to the Committee to have the to save its work.

4.6 In response the Secretary committed to conduct research on the matter before providing a definitive response to the enquiry.

DETERMINATION OF EVIDENCE TAKING PROCEDURE

5.1 The Chairman directed Members attention to pages 653 and 654 of David Mc Gee's *Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand* re: deliberating misleading the House. Having read from the excerpt, the Chairman expressed the view that at the heart of the matter was whether the act of Senator Hinds was deliberate.

5.2 Members agreed to the initial questions to be posed to Senator Hinds.

5.3 Senator Hinds and his adviser be invited to join the meeting.

[Senator Hinds and his adviser (Senator Faris Al-Rawi) entered the meeting room]

EVIDENCE TAKING- Meeting with Senator Fitzgerald Hinds

6.1 The Chairman welcomed Senator Hinds and his adviser and informed them that in accordance with Standing Order 74, the proceedings of the Committee of Privileges must not be made public before the Committee reports to the Senate.

6.2 The Chairman also explained that during the hearing it may be necessary for them to be excused from the meeting to allow private deliberations of the Committee.

6.3 The chairman read the allegation to Senator Hinds and invited him to make general remarks before the commencement of the questioning.

6.4 Senator Hinds thanked the Chairman and advised the Committee that his time was limited, on this occasion, as he needed to return to court. He noted the absence of Mr. Ali and Ms. Beckles and inquired whether a quorum had been attained.

6.5 The Chairman noted Senator Hinds time constraint and assured him that the meeting was properly constituted. The Chairman further indicated that while it was desirable to have all Members present, the work of time Committee ought not to be delayed because all members are not in attendance.

In limine submissions

6.6 Senator Hinds made the following *in limine* submissions:

- i. Although he was provided by the Secretariat with a copy of the letter from Minister Emmanuel George seeking leave to raise the matter of privilege, he had not received the Hansard Transcript of the privilege motion as raised, and this was germane to his preparation of a response. There also appeared to be discrepancies existed between what was quoted by Senator George and what was actually said on the day in question.
- ii. The 22-day hiatus between the alleged breach and the raising of the matter contravened proper parliamentary practice.
- iii. The immediate decision of the Vice-President to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges did not allow for any intervention as is required by proper parliamentary practice.

iv. A lack of detailed particulars of the allegations made against him.

Requested for documents

6.7 The Committee agreed that Senator Hinds would be supplied with the following requested documents:

- Certified Hansard of the Matter raised on April 17, 2012
- Certified Hansard of the sitting of March 27, 2012
- DVD recording of his contribution on March 27, 2012
- Original Daily Express Newspaper Article of March 27, 2012
- Hansard Transcript of Meeting with the Committee

6.8 The request for Hansard for the sittings of the Senate of April 3rd and 10th, 2012 were denied.

[Ms. Beckles entered the meeting room]

6.9 The Chairman indicated that given the length of time already spent on these preliminary issues, the Committee would proceed immediately to the examination of Senator Hinds, on the next occasion.

6.10 Senator Hinds was advised that the documents would be sent to him as agreed and he would be given a deadline by which to submit in writing any additional preliminary matters for the consideration of the Committee.

[Senator Fitzgerald Hinds and his Adviser exited the meeting room]

POST HEARING DISCUSSION

7.1 After in depth discussion the Committee agreed that Senator Hinds would be asked to make any additional submissions by noon on Wednesday June 20, 2012.

7.2 The Committee agreed to resume the hearing with Senator Hinds at a meeting to be held on Friday June 22, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

2nd MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

An allegation of contempt of the Senate by Senator Faris Al-Rawi in that he made negative reflections on the Vice-President in her capacity as Presiding Officer on April 10, 2012.

7.3 The Chairman directed Members attention to the draft response which was prepared in relation to the *in limine* points raised by Senator Al-Rawi in letter dated May 08 and June 04, 2012. It was agreed that this would be sent to him.

7.4 Given the constraints of time the Committee to invite Senator Al-Rawi to a meeting to be scheduled for Monday June 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

8.1 The Chairman thanked the Members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

8.2 The adjournment was taken at 12: 48 p.m.

We certify that the above minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

June 14, 2012

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES OF
THE SENATE, SECOND SESSION (2011/2012), TENTH PARLIAMENT
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, LEVEL 2, TOWER D,
THE PORT OF SPAIN INTERNATIONAL WATERFRONT CENTRE,
1A WRIGHTSON ROAD, PORT OF SPAIN**

FRIDAY JUNE 22, 2012 AT 11:30 AM

PRESENT

Mr. Timothy Hamel-Smith	-	Chairman
Brig. John Sandy (Ret.)	-	Member
Mr. Vasant Bharath	-	Member
Ms. Penelope Beckles	-	Member
Mrs. Nataki Atiba- Dilchan	-	Secretary
Mr. Julien Ogilvie	-	Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Jacqueline Phillip-Stoute	-	Procedural Clerk

ABSENT

Mr. Basharat Ali	-	Member (Excused)
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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 11.46 a.m. and thanked Members for attending.

EXCUSES

- 2.1 The Chairman indicated that Mr. Basharat Ali had been excused from the meeting due to illness.

- 2.2 Members were advised that by letter dated Thursday June 21, 2012, Senator Fitzgerald Hinds indicate his inability to attend due to an unforeseen court engagement.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: 2nd MEETING- JUNE 22, 2012

3.1 The Chairman directed Members attention to the Minutes of the Second Meeting held on Tuesday June 12, 2012.

3.2 Members considered the Minutes page by page.

3.3 The Chairman suggested the following corrections:

A. Page 3- paragraph 5.1 line 2:

- i. Substitute the word **“deliberating”** for the word **“deliberate”**

B. Page 4- paragraph 6.6. in line 5 of item (i) :

- i. Substitute the word **“existed”** with the word **“existing”**

C. Page 5- reword paragraph 6.8 as follows:

- i. **The request for Hansard for the sittings of the Senate of April 3rd and 10th, 2012 were denied, the Committee having agreed to accept as a given fact that no statements were made during such sittings which intimated that a breach of privileges had occurred.**

D. Page 6- paragraph 7.4

- i. Insert the word **“decided”** after the word **“Committee”**

3.4 The Chairman asked that the motion be moved for the confirmation of the Minutes as amended. Brig. Sandy moved and Mr. Bharath seconded.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 The Chairman highlighted the following matters arising from the Minutes:

A. Page 3 Paragraph 4.6- Matters Arising

- Further to Mr. Bharath's query a short note on the 'Effect of Prorogation' was prepared and circulated.

B. Page 5 Paragraph 6.7- Requested Documents

- With letter dated June 13, 2012, Senator Hinds was provided with the following documents:
 - Certified Hansard of the Matter raised on April 17, 2012
 - Certified Hansard of the sitting of March 27, 2012
 - DVD recording of his contribution on March 27, 2012
 - Original Daily Express Newspaper Article of March 27, 2012
- With letter dated June 15, 2012, Senator Hinds was sent the Hansard Transcript of his oral evidence to the Committee

C. Page 5 Paragraph 7.1- Post Hearing Discussion

- No additional preliminary submissions were received from Senator Hinds on Wednesday June 20, 2012.

D. Page 6- Paragraph 7.4- Other Business

- An invitation was issued to Senator Al-Rawi for attend a meeting of Monday June 18, 2012 but he was unable to do so because of a prior court commitment.

4.2 The Committee discussed the Note on the 'Effect of Prorogation' and the shortcomings of the current procedures. It was agreed that these issues should be brought to the attention of the Standing Orders Committee in the next session.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REPORT

5.1 The Chairman directed Members attention to the Draft Report.

5.2 Members agreed that given the imminent prorogation of the current session this report was necessary.

5.3 After some discussion, insertions were made on Pages 7, 8, and 9 of the Report to further clarify the points being made.

5.4 It was agreed that the Chairman would sign the report on behalf of the Committee and Mr. Sandy would present the report to the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

6.1 The Chairman thanked the Members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

6.2 The adjournment was taken at 12: 46 p.m.

We certify that the above minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

June 22, 2012