



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

**THE REPRESENTATION OF THE
PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2)
BILL, 2020**
INTERIM REPORT

FOURTH SESSION (2023/2024) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT



Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Wednesday November 1, 2023 and of the Senate on Tuesday November 7, 2023, a Joint Select Committee was established to adopt the work of the Joint Select Committee in the Second Session, Twelfth Parliament and report by March 29th, 2024.

Committee Membership

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP	Chairman
Mr. Colm Imbert, MP	Member
Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP	Member
Mrs. Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis, MP	Member
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP	Member
Mr. Saddam Hosein, MP	Member
Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	Member
Dr. Amery Browne	Member
Mr. Randall Mitchell	Member
Mr. Wade Mark	Member
Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy	Member
Mr. Deorooop Teemal	Member

Secretariat Support

Ms. Chantal La Roche, Director, Legal Services	Secretary
Mr. Roger Hector, Legal Officer I	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Alexandra Ghany, Legal Research Officer	Research Support
Mrs. Susannah Gittens, Business Operations Assistant II	Administrative Support

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CHAIRMANSHIP

1. At its First Meeting on Friday March 1, 2024, your Committee elected Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP to be its Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order 112(7) of the House of Representatives and Standing Order 102(7) of the Senate.

SECRETARIAT

2. Ms. Chantal La Roche, Director, Legal Services, was assigned as Secretary to the Committee and Mr. Roger Hector, Legal Officer I, as Assistant Secretary.

MEETINGS

3. Since its appointment, your Committee has held one (1) meeting on Friday March 1, 2024.
4. The Minutes of this meeting is attached at **Appendix I**.

WORK TO DATE

5. At its First Meeting held on Friday March 1, 2024, the Committee discussed and planned a series of public consultations with stakeholders who made submissions to the Committee regarding the Bill.

REPORT

6. The Committee wishes to report that it has not concluded its consideration of the Bill. Additional time is required to commence stakeholder consultations in relation to submissions on the Bill. Consequently, the Committee was unable to submit its final report by the deadline of March 29th, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

7. Your Committee humbly requests a further period of three (3) months to complete its work and submit a final report to Parliament by June 30, 2024.
8. During the period of the extension, the Committee wishes to engage stakeholders who have made submissions on the impact of the proposed legislation and conduct a thorough clause by clause analysis of the Bill.

Respectfully submitted,

SGD

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP

Chairman

April 12, 2024

Appendix I

Minutes of Meetings

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) (NO 2)
BILL, 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO PLATFORM
ON FRIDAY MARCH 1, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George - Speaker of the House

Committee Members present

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP	-	Member
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis, MP	-	Member
Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy	-	Member
Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	-	Member
Mr. Randall Mitchell	-	Member
Mr. Wade Mark	-	Member

Secretariat

Ms. Chantal La Roche	-	Secretary
Mr. Roger Hector	-	Assistant Secretary

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Mr. Colm Imbert, MP	-	Member
Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP	-	Member
Mr. Saddam Hosein, MP	-	Member
Dr. Amery Browne	-	Member
Mr. Deorooop Teemal	-	Member

COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the House of Representatives at 10:03 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

- 2.1 The Speaker of the House informed Members that Ms. Chantal La Roche would serve as the Committee's Secretary and Mr. Roger Hector as Assistant Secretary.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- 3.1 The Speaker of the House advised that her role was to facilitate the election of a Chairman and invited nominations.
- 3.2 Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis was nominated by Mr. Randall Mitchell for the chairmanship and this nomination was seconded by Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon.
- 3.3 There being no further nominations, Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis was declared Chairman of the Committee. The Speaker of the House wished the Members productive and cooperative deliberations.

(The Speaker of the House of Representatives exited the meeting and Mrs. Robinson-Regis assumed her role as Chairman)

- 3.4 The Chairman thanked Members for electing her to serve as the Chairman.

QUORUM

- 4.1 The Chairman recommended a quorum of three (3) Members inclusive of the Chair and with representation from each House pursuant to the Standing Orders.
- 4.2 Discussion ensued and the majority of Members agreed, that the quorum for meetings would be three (3) persons, inclusive of the Chairman with representation from each House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

- 5.1 The Chairman advised that the following Members asked to be excused from the meeting:
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| ▪ Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP | - | Member |
| ▪ Mr. Saddam Hosein, MP | - | Member |
| ▪ Dr. Amery Browne | - | Member |
| ▪ Mr. Deoroop Teemal | - | Member |

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The Chairman reminded Members of the Committee's mandate to consider and report on the Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2020, and of its reporting deadline of March 29, 2024.
- 6.2 The Chairman also reminded the Members that the Committee was mandated to adopt the work of the Committees completed during the First, Second, and Third Sessions.

DETERMINATION OF THE WAY FORWARD

- 7.1 The Chairman recommended and Members agreed that the Committee will meet fortnightly on Mondays at 3:00 p.m.
- 7.2 The Chairman informed Members that during this session the Committee will commence its Stakeholder Consultations on the Bill. It was proposed and Members agreed that the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) will be the first stakeholder invited to discuss its submissions on the Bill.
- 7.3 The Chairman then proposed, and the Committee agreed that that the EBC will be invited to the Committee's next meeting to be held on **Monday March 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**
- 7.4 The Secretariat was instructed to prepare an issues paper in preparation for next meeting, and a proposed work plan for the Committee's work during the Fourth Session, Twelfth Parliament.

ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting to **Monday March 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**
- 8.2 The adjournment was taken at 10:35 a.m.

I certify that these minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

March 1, 2024