



Public Hearing Summary

Wednesday May 25, 2016

Inquiry Subject:

The examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2014 related to the Ministry of National Security.

Committee Members:

The following Committee Members were present for the meeting:

- Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie - Chairman
- Mr. Rodger Samuel - Vice-Chairman
- Dr. Dhanayshar Mahabir - Member

Witnesses who appeared:

Ministry of National Security

- Mr. Simeon Yearwood - Permanent Secretary
- Mr. Vel Lewis - Permanent Secretary
- Ms. Maria Joseph - Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag)
- Ms. June Thomas - Director Finance and Accounts
- Ms. Sharon Ashman John - Director Human Resource
- Mr. Patrick Cunningham - Programme Manager
- Ms. Shalisha Mohammed - Auditor III
- Mr. Gregory Sloan Seale - Citizen Security Programme

Auditor General's Department

- Ms. Gaitrie Maharaj - Assistant Auditor General
- Mrs. Jacqueline De Gannes - Audit Executive I
- Mrs. Jennifer-Salandy-Mejias - Audit Supervisor (Ag.)

Key Issues Discussed:

- The structure of the Ministry of National Security (MNS);
- The number of divisions and personnel at the MNS;
- The role of the Permanent Secretary in ensuring the transparency and accountability of public funds;
- The policy in place to ensure value for money in the procurement of goods and services;
- The reasons and solutions to the issue of overpayments,
- The systems in place for the recovery of overpayments;
- The weakness of the internal audit system at the MNS;
- The status of the priority projects at the MNS;
- The mechanisms in place to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of revenue control at the MNS;
- The main areas of concern and recommendations by the Auditor General's Department;
- The steps taken to ensure that all supporting documents are submitted to the AGD for auditing in a timely manner;

View the Hearing:

The hearing can be viewed on our YouTube page via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoW9WUX3yA4>

Next Meeting:

The next Public Hearing of the Committee will be held on Wednesday June 08, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. At that meeting the Committee intends to examine the issues raised in the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2015.

PAC Secretariat

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