



## **Public Hearing Summary**

### **Wednesday February 08, 2017**

#### **Inquiry Subject:**

The Examination of the concerns raised in Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on a Special Audit of the Public Transport Service Corporation.

#### **Committee Members:**

The following Committee Members were present for the meeting:

- Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie - Chairman
- Mr. Rodger Samuel - Vice- Chairman
- Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon - Member
- Ms. Jennifer Raffoul - Member
- Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy - Member
- Mr. Randall Mitchell - Member

#### **Witnesses who appeared:**

##### **Ministry of Education**

- Mr. Edwin Gooding - Chairman
- Ms. Sharon Ashman-John - Vice Chairman
- Mr. Ronald Forde - General Manager
- Mr. Brian Juanette - Deputy General Manager - Operations
- Mr. Carl Ramdeo - Deputy General Manager - Marketing
- Mr. Keith Johnson - Deputy General Manager - Human Resources
- Mr. Garth Alexander - Deputy General Manager - Engineering
- Ms. Roxanne Cox - Deputy General Manager - Finance
- Ms. Gemma Bowen - Assistant Deputy General Manager – Finance
- Ms. Lalitha Bala Cetty - Assistant Deputy General Manager – Operations

- Ms. Kathy-Ann Yeates - Auditing Assistant

### **Ministry of Works and Transport**

- Ms. Dhanmattee Ramdath - Permanent Secretary (Ag)
- Ms. Marisa Chattergoon - Auditor III

### **Auditor General's Department**

- Ms. Jaiwantie Ramdass - Assistant Auditor General
- Mr. Theodora Lewis-Johncilla - Assistant Auditor Director (Ag.)
- Ms. Sally Persad - Assistant Auditor Director (Ag.)
- Ms. Dianne Ragoonath - Auditor Executive (Ag.)
- Ms. Nicole Cockburn - Legal Officer

### **Key Issues Discussed**

1. The reasons for the PTSC Special Audit conducted by the Auditor General's Department;
2. The main areas of concern highlighted in the Special Report of Auditor General;
3. The status of the implementation of the recommendations provided by the Auditor General's Department in the Special Report;
4. The number of personnel employed at PTSC;
5. The status of the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan;
6. The inability to generate sufficient income to meet its capital expenditure;
7. The failure to provide adequate service to all its established routes;
8. The status of the storage of documents;
9. The lack of a monitoring and evaluation system;
10. The failure to adhere to international transport best practices;
11. The oversight mechanisms used by PTSC to monitor and measure its service despite the disapproval of a strategic plan;
12. The establishment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Unit;
13. The measures in place to improve revenue generation;
14. The relationship between PTSC management, the Board of Directors and the Ministry of Works and Transport;
15. The ability of PTSC to implement structural improvements;
16. The frequency of drug and alcohol testing on employees;
17. The frequency of management meetings;
18. The policy in place to deal with accidents and fatalities involving PTSC buses;
19. The lack of security surveillance on buses;
20. The selection process for maxi taxi concessionaires for the school transport services;

21. The safety standards in place to safeguard the transportation of school children;
22. The level of transparency in the tendering process of goods and services;
23. The usage of buses that are no longer in service;
24. The benefits of purchasing the CNG buses;
25. The international recognition of certifications awarded to drivers;
26. The status of transit malls; and
27. The lack of urgency to address the key inefficiencies at PTSC.

**View the Hearing:**

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

[https://youtu.be/\\_XQ8g0yjyI0](https://youtu.be/_XQ8g0yjyI0)

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting the Committee intends to examine the issues raised in the Auditor General's Report on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2014 and 2015 with specific reference to the Ministry of Health.

**PAC Secretariat  
February 8, 2017**