



Public Hearing Summary

Wednesday April 13, 2016

Committee Members:

The following Committee Members were present for the meeting:

- Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George - Chairman
- Dr. Lackram Bodoë - Vice-Chairman
- Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy - Member
- Ms. Nicole Olivierre - Member
- Ms. Allyson Baksh - Member
- Mr. Maxie Cuffie - Member
- Mr. Wade Mark - Member
- Mr. Daniel Dookie - Member
- Mr. Clarence Rambharat - Member
- Ms. Melissa Ramkissoon - Member

Inquiry Subject:

The non-submission of responses to the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee.

Witnesses who appeared:

Ministry of Attorney General and Legal Affairs

- Ms. Ingrid Seerattan - Permanent Secretary (Ag.)
- Ms. Angela Siew - Permanent Secretary (Ag.)

Key Issues Discussed:

The following key issue was discussed:

- The reason(s) for the non-submission of requested written responses by the stipulated deadline.

Inquiry Subject:

The examination of the 2016 expenditure of the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs under the following sub-heads:

- Current Transfers and Subsidies;
- Development Programme – Consolidated Fund; and
- Infrastructure Development Fund.

Witnesses who appeared:**Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs**

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| • Mrs. Joan Mendez | - | Permanent Secretary |
| • Mr. Ian Ramdahin | - | Deputy Permanent Secretary |
| • Mr. Adrian Raymond | - | Chief Executive Officer (Ag.),
SPORTT |
| • Mr. Wilford Fullerton | - | Project Coordinator, SPORTT |
| • Ms. Meredith Sambury | - | Accounting Executive |
| • Mr. Lyndon Burton | - | Assistant Project Coordinator |
| • Ms. Sade Sarjeant-Hanief | - | Project Analyst |
| • Ms. Calistra Gregoire | - | Project Manager |

Key Issues Discussed:

The following key issues were discussed:

- Reason(s) for the submission a Revised Written Response;
- Impact of the mid-year review on the Ministry;
- Human Resource challenges of the Ministry e.g. understaffing and high levels of Short-Term Employment;
- Challenges and measures in place to improve functioning of the Internal Audit Unit;
- Challenges faced in the implementation of capital projects;
- Criteria used for the suppression of projects;
- System of conducting site visits;
- The deferral of Youth Affairs projects till 2017 and its impact on youth and crime;
- Payments to Trinidad and Tobago Athletes,
- Subvention to the TT Pro League;

- Preparations for the upcoming World Cup;
- Reasons for the Ministry use of a Maintenance Plan instead of a Upgrade Plan at the Dwight Yorke Stadium and its collaboration with the THA;
- Details on the Elite Athlete Programme, including the number of athletes accessing this programme;
- Responsibility for the upgrade of recreation grounds;
- Steps taken to improve the Inventory Control;
- Projects in rural areas;
- Discrepancy in transfer of funds and auditing for the Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Board of Control;
- Overlapping/ duplication of work with other Ministries.

View the Hearing:

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0dBabQFCnM>

Next Meeting:

The next Public Hearing of the Committee will be held on Wednesday April 27, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. (*in camera*) and 2:00 p.m. (*in public*). At that meeting the Committee intends to examine of the 2016 expenditure of Integrity Commission under sub-head 09 Development Programme – Consolidated Fund.

**PAAC Secretariat
April 14, 2016**