



Public Hearing Summary

Wednesday February 15, 2017

Inquiry Subject:

The Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) for the financial years 2008-2013.

Committee Members:

The following Committee Members were present for the meeting:

- Dr. Tim Gopeesingh - Vice- Chairman
- Mrs. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus - Member
- Mr. Foster Cummings - Member
- Mr. David Small - Member
- Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe - Member
- Mrs. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn - Member

Witnesses who appeared:

Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL)

- Mr. Ronald Roach - Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Shamshad Mohammed - Chairman
- Ms. Ria Ramdeen - Corporate Secretary
- Ms. Sylvia Derby - General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services
- Mr. David Manswell - General Manager of Communications, Sales and Marketing

Ministry of Public Utilities

- Mr. Maurice Suite - Permanent Secretary
- Ms. Vashti Jitman - Deputy Permanent Secretary
- Mrs. Arlene Lawrence-Johnson - Senior Project Officer
- Ms. Anika Farmer - Director of Legal Services
- Ms. Melanie Phillip - Senior Planning Specialist

Ministry of Finance – Investments Division

- Ms. Yvette Babb - Director, Social and Economic Transformation (Ag.)

- Ms. Mala Mohammed - Senior Business Analyst (Ag.)
- Mr. Inshan Mohammed - Senior Audit Analyst

Key Issues Discussed

1. The role of PA(E)C in assisting SWMCOL to improve its delivery of services in an efficient, effective and economic manner.
2. The history and function of SWMCOL
3. The role of the Permanent Secretary in ensuring accountability and transparency in monitoring and accessing the performance of SWMCOL.
4. The role of the Ministry of Finance-Investments Division to ensure oversight and accountability in state enterprises.
5. The reason for the late submission of the audited financial statements for SWMCOL for the years 2014-2016.
6. The reason for the restatement of accounts presented in the 2010 financial statements.
7. The reasons for the declining trend in revenues between fiscal years 2008 and 2010.
8. The status of the 2016-2017 Strategic Plan.
9. The lack of funding provided to SWMCOL to effectively implement an Integrated Solid Waste Management Approach.
10. The effect of Education Facilities Company Limited's outstanding debt on SWMCOL's cash flows.
11. The number of staff employed by SWMCOL.
12. The health and safety programs in place at SWMCOL.
13. The monitoring of environmental issues such as fires and the presence of toxic chemicals in the water sources.
14. The benefits offered to employees in the event of an accident.
15. The ways in which the Ministry of Public Utilities can urgently assist in the remediation of environmental issues.
16. The measures in place to assist areas affected by environmental issues.
17. The status of the disaster recovery plan.
18. The measures in place to prevent the dumping of tyres.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday March 15th, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. to examine the Audited Financial Statements of the National Gas Company (NGC).

View the Hearing:

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xW40ynp2pnM>