



Public Hearing Summary

Wednesday July 4, 2018

Inquiry Subject:

The Continuation of the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheets and other Financial Statements of the Youth Training & Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) for the years 2008-2014.

Committee Members:

The following Committee Members were present for the meeting:

- Mr. Wade Mark - Chairman
- Mrs. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus - Member
- Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds - Member
- Mr. David Small - Member
- Mr. Foster Cummings - Member

Witnesses who appeared:

Youth Training & Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP)

- Ms. Thora Best - Chairman
- Mr. Jesse Moss - Deputy Chairman
- Mr. Eric Taylor - Board Member
- Ms. Carolyn Gopaul - Board Member
- Mr. Nigel Forgenie - Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Jerome Grant - Director, Finance & Information Technology
- Ms. Carolyn Gloudon - Director, Youth Training
- Ms. Donna Scoon-Moses - Director, Retraining
- Mr. Christo Cave - Director, Entrepreneurial Development & Support Services
- Mr. Leonard Nimblett - Manager Internal Audit
- Ms. Ava Billy-Jackman - Manager Research
- Ms. Nicole Thompson - Finance Manager

Ministry of Education

- Mr. Kurt Meyer - Permanent Secretary (Ag.)
- Mrs. Latta Tapsy- Jahoor - Director, Finance and Accounts (Ag.)
- Ms. Avril Rahim - Director Legal Services
- Ms. Carol Bickram - Director, Research Planning and Technical

Services (Ag.)

Ministry of Finance – Investments Division

- Ms. Chintamani Sookoo - Director, Social and Economic Transformation (Ag.)
- Ms. Annabella Sawh - Business Analyst (Ag.)
- Ms. Nisa Churaman - Senior Audit Analyst

Key Issues Discussed

1. The actions taken to address the issue of unapproved employee loan and salary advances.
2. The failure of the YTEPP to seek approval of the Ministerial Committee for the Revised Remuneration Packages.
3. The policy in place for the use of official company vehicles.
4. The failure to brand all the official company vehicles in its fleet.
5. The need for overseas travel by staff.
6. The absence of Internal Fraud and Risk Management policies.
7. The role of the Ministry of Finance, Investments Division with respect to the Revised Remuneration Packages.
8. The employment of internal and external security services at YTEPP.
9. The mechanisms in place for the disposal of excess scrap iron.
10. The relationship between Sagicor Financial Limited and YTEPP.
11. The status of the pension plan.
12. The clarification of the account entitled “Medical Consultation”.
13. The justification for the issuance of medical loans.
14. The clarification of the “Benefit In Kind” payment made by the CEO for the use of an official company vehicle.
15. The inverse relationship between YTEPP’s operating costs and number of students enrolled in the programme.
16. The reasons for the increase in Legal & Professional Fees for the period 2008 to 2014.
17. The reason for granting staff loans.
18. The reasons for the implementation of an Education Retraining Policy for members of staff of the YTEPP.
19. The steps in place for the recovery of Bad Debts.
20. The roles and responsibilities of the Facilities Officer.
21. The responsibility of the Line Ministry to inform entities under its purview of the requirement of the new procurement legislation.
22. The number of corporate credit cards issued to YTEPP.
23. The status of the YTEPP’s Money Market Fund.
24. The role and mandate of the Entrepreneurial Development and Support Services Division.
25. The employment of the CEO’s spouse to provide training services to trainees.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday September 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

View the Hearing:

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

<https://youtu.be/r6WCj4ibCXE>

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