



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

THE SHIPPING BILL, 2020

INTERIM REPORT

SECOND SESSION (2021/2022) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT



Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the Senate on Friday September 10, 2021 and of the House of Representatives on Wednesday November 10, 2021, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider and report on the **Shipping Bill, 2020** by January 31, 2022.

Committee Membership

Mr. Randall Mitchell	-	Chairman
Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson, MP	-	Member
Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP	-	Member
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP	-	Member
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP	-	Member
Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP	-	Member
Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	-	Member
Mr. Rohan Sinanan	-	Member
Ms. Jearlean John	-	Member
Ms. Charrise Seepersad	-	Member
Mr. Deeroop Teemal	-	Member

Secretariat Support

Ms. Angelique Massiah	-	Secretary
Mr. Kaleem Hosein	-	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Rebecca Rafeek	-	Research Support
Ms. Nicole Brown	-	Research Support
Mrs. Susannah Gittens	-	Administrative Support
Ms. Chantal La Roche	-	Research Support

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CHAIRMANSHIP

1. At its First Meeting of the Second Session held on Thursday February 3, 2022, your Committee elected Mr. Randall Mitchell to be its Chairman, in accordance with House of Representatives Standing Order 110 (2) and Senate Standing Order 100 (2).







MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

2. The following persons were appointed to serve on the Committee:

 Mr. Randall Mitchell
 Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson, MP
 Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP
 Mr. Keith Scotland, MP
 Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP
 Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP
 Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP
 Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon
 Mr. Rohan Sinanan
 Ms. Jearlean John
 Ms. Charrise Seepersad
 Mr. Deeroop Teemal

SECRETARIAT AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

3. The following persons were assigned to provide Secretariat support to the Committee:

 Ms. Angelique Massiah	-	Secretary
 Mr. Kaleem Hosein	-	Assistant Secretary
 Ms. Rebecca Rafeek	-	Research Support
 Ms. Nicole Brown	-	Research Support
 Mrs. Susannah Gittens	-	Administrative Assistant
 Ms. Chantal La Roche	-	Research Support

MEETINGS

4. Since its appointment, your Committee has held one (1) meeting on Thursday February 3, 2022.
5. The Minutes of the Meetings are attached at **Appendix I**.

WORK TO DATE

6. Your Committee agreed to commence a review of the comments submitted by thirty-three (33) stakeholders and to set a stakeholder engagement schedule at its next meeting.
7. Your Committee also agreed to re-engage one hundred and twenty-two (122) stakeholders that did not respond to its invitation in the First Session, to submit written comments on the Bill by March 31, 2022.

8. During discussions, your Committee also agreed that a consultant may be required to support its deliberations on the Bill, given its volume and complexity. To that end, a list of maritime experts will be considered at the next meeting.

REPORT

9. Your Committee wishes to report that additional time is required by the Committee to review all submissions and to conduct a thorough clause-by-clause analysis of the Bill.
10. However, due to the demands on Parliamentary schedule and the delay in appointing members for this Session, the work of the Committee has not progressed as expected.
11. Your Committee wishes to report that it was not able to conclude its work and submit its final report by the deadline of January 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

12. Your Committee humbly requests a further period of five (5) months to complete its work and to submit a final report to Parliament by June 30, 2022.
13. During the period of the extension, your Committee will review and analyse submissions and commence and conclude its clause by clause analysis of the Bill. This will be done with the support of officials from the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel and technocrats from the Maritime Services Division, Ministry of Works and Transport.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgd.

Mr. Randall Mitchell

Chairman

February 4, 2022

APPENDIX I
ATTENDANCE RECORD AND
MINUTES OF MEETINGS

ATTENDANCE RECORD

JSC on the Shipping Bill, 2020
Second Session (2021/2022) Twelfth Parliament

Meetings	Mr. Randall Mitchell	Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson	Mr. Marvin Gonzales	Mr. Keith Scotland	Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian	Mr. Dinesh Rambally	Mr. Davendranath Tancoo	Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	Mr. Rohan Sinanan	Ms. Jearlean John	Ms. Charrise Seepersad	Mr. Deeroop Teemal
First Meeting 03.02.22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	✓



**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
THE SHIPPING BILL, 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SECOND SESSION (2021/2022)
HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 03, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Ms. Christine Kangaloo - President of the Senate

Committee Members

Mr. Randall Mitchell - Chairman
Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP - Member
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP - Member
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP - Member
Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP - Member
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP - Member
Mr. Rohan Sinanan - Member
Ms. Jearlean John - Member
Mr. Deeroop Teemal - Member
Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson, MP - Member
Ms. Charrise Seepersad - Member

Secretariat

Ms. Angelique Massiah - Secretary
Mr. Kaleem Hosein - Assistant Secretary
Ms. Rebecca Rafeek - Procedural Officer Intern

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon - Member

COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 The President of the Senate called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.
- 1.2 The President indicated that her role at the meeting was to facilitate the election of the Chairman. Members were thereafter informed that Ms. Angelique Massiah has been assigned as Secretary and Mr. Kaleem Hosein as Assistant Secretary.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

- 2.1 The President informed Members that in accordance with Standing Order 112 (7) of the House of Representatives and Standing Order 102 (7) of the Senate, provision is made for a Joint Select Committee to elect a Chairman.
- 2.2 The President then invited nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr. Keith Scotland, MP nominated Mr. Randall Mitchell and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP.
- 2.3 There being no other nominations, the President declared Mr. Mitchell the duly elected Chairman and invited him to take the Chair. The President then exited the meeting.
- 2.4 The Chairman took the chair at 3.10 p.m. and welcomed Members to the Committee.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

- 3.1 The Chairman advised that the Committee is required to establish a quorum in accordance with Standing Order 97(2) of the House of Representatives and 87(2) of the Senate.
- 3.2 The Committee agree to a quorum of three (3) Members inclusive of the Chair and with representation from each House.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 4.1 The Chairman advised Members that the Committee's terms of reference are to discuss the general merits and principles and to consider and report on the Bill.
- 4.2 The Chairman further advised that the Committee was mandated to report to Parliament by Monday, January 31, 2022 but was unable to meet this deadline due to the late appointment of Members in the House of Representatives.

WORK TO DATE

- 5.1 Members were reminded that in the First Session, the Committee:
 - i. agreed to a five-step work plan to enable seamless consultation, assessment and deliberation on the Bill;
 - ii. received a presentation on the Bill's policy by technocrats from the Maritime Services Division (MSD), Ministry of Works and Transport;
 - iii. invited one hundred and fifty-five (155) stakeholders to submit comments on the Bill; and
 - iv. received support from the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC) and technocrats from MSD.
- 5.2 The Chairman informed Members that comments were received from thirty-three (33) stakeholders and that all submissions were forwarded to the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC) for analysis.
- 5.3 The Committee was further informed that the CPC is conducting its analysis of the submissions using a matrix of consolidated comments that was prepared by the Secretariat.

THE WAY FORWARD

- 6.1 The Committee agreed that:
- i. an Interim Report will be presented in the House of Representatives and the Senate seeking an extension to June 30, 2022 to complete the Committee's work and submit a final report;
 - ii. stakeholders that did not respond to the invitation to submit comments in 2021 would be re-invited to do so by March 31, 2022;
 - iii. the Secretariat will follow-up with the CPC on the status of the matrix, in order to have the document circulated before the next meeting; and
 - iv. a list of proposed consultants will be circulated for consideration at the next meeting.
- 6.2 With regard to paragraph (iv) above, the Committee agreed that the list will include Retired Justice Anthony Lucky as well as other consultants proposed by Members. The Chairman advised that Members should be cognizant of any conflict a proposed consultant may have before they be added to the list for consideration. Members are to submit the names of proposed consultants to the Secretariat at least five (5) days before the Committee's second meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- 7.1 There being no other business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to Monday February 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- 7.2 The adjournment was taken at 3:41 p.m.

I certify that these minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

February 04, 2022