



REPORT FROM THE

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
**THE ANTI-TERRORISM (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2018**

INTERIM REPORT

THIRD SESSION ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT (2017/2018)



Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Friday January 26, 2018 and of the Senate on Tuesday January 30, 2018, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2018 and report on or before March 31st, 2018.

Committee Membership

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP
Ms. Marlene McDonald, MP
Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP
Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP
Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP
Mr. Prakash Ramadhar, MP
Mr. Nigel De Freitas
Mr. Clarence Rambharat
Mr. Foster Cummings
Mr. Saddam Hosein
Mr. Stephen Creese
Ms. Sophia Chote, SC.

Secretariat Support

Ms. Chantal La Roche, Legal Officer II	Secretary
Ms. Simone Yallery, Legal Officer I	Assistant Secretary

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PARL No.: 14/3/41

MEETINGS

1. Since its appointment, your Committee has held four (4) meetings on the following dates:
 - Friday February 16, 2018
 - Friday March 9, 2018
 - Friday March 16, 2018
 - Thursday March 29, 2018

2. The Minutes of the Meetings are attached at **Appendix I**.

WORK TO DATE

3. During preliminary discussions your Committee agreed that in an effort to ensure citizen engagement in the Committee's process, a call for written submissions from the public would be published on the Parliament Channel, Parliament social media platforms and the daily newspapers. The Committee agreed to a deadline of Monday March 5, 2018 for the receipt of submissions.

4. In addition, your Committee agreed to request submissions from the following specific stakeholders:
 - **Inter-Religious Organization of Trinidad and Tobago;**
 - **Criminal Bar Association;**
 - **Muslim Organisation of Trinidad and Tobago;**
 - **Anjuman Sunnat ul Jamaat Association;**
 - **United Islamic Organisation;**
 - **Concern Muslims of Trinidad and Tobago;**
 - **The Muslim Round Table;**
 - **The Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago;**
 - **University of the West Indies, Faculty of Law, St. Augustine;**
 - **Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; and**
 - **Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago.**

5. To date, your Committee has received written submissions from the following stakeholders
 - **Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago;**
 - **The Muslim Round Table;**

- **The National Council of Orissa Elders;**
 - **Concern Muslims of Trinidad and Tobago;**
 - **Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; and**
 - **Anjuman Sunnat ul Jamaat Association.**
6. Your Committee has also received written submissions from the following members of the public:
- **Mrs. Joan Harrison; and**
 - **Messieurs Patrick Bynoe and Alex Bynoe.**
7. At its Third Meeting held on Friday March 16, 2018, your committee heard from Mr. Andrew Dalip, Legal Services Consultant and Ms. Vyana Sharma, Legal Counsel II from the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs, who delivered a presentation on the Bill.
8. During its Fourth Meeting on March 29, 2018, your Committee commenced a clause by clause analysis of the Bill with the assistance of Ms. Ida Eversley, Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel, Ms. Laura Ramnath, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Ag.) and Ms. Kimberly Superville, Legal Counsel I who were assigned by Chief Parliamentary Counsel's Department of the Ministry of the Attorney General to support the Committee during its deliberations.

REPORT

9. The Committee wishes to report that it requires additional time to complete its clause by clause review of the Bill, submissions from stakeholders and to compile proposed amendments. As such, the Committee was unable to submit its final report by the deadline of March 31, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

10. Your Committee humbly requests a further period of three (3) months to complete its work and to submit a final report to Parliament by **June 29, 2018**.

11. During the period of extension, the Committee proposes to complete its clause by clause examination of the Bill with the assistance of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel Department of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs, to examine submissions received and to meet with selected stakeholders (if required).

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgd.

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP

Chairman

April 4, 2018

APPENDIX I



**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ANTI-TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2018**

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING HELD IN THE ANR ROBINSON ROOM (WEST),
LEVEL 9, OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENT, TOWER D, IWFC
#1A WRIGHTSON ROAD, PORT OF SPAIN ON FEBRUARY 16, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

Mrs. Brigid Annisette-George, MP - Speaker of the House

Committee Members

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP - Member
Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP - Member
Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP - Member
Mr. Prakash Ramadhar, MP - Member
Mr. Foster Cummings - Member
Mr. Clarence Rambharat - Member
Mr. Nigel De Freitas - Member
Mr. Saddam Hosein - Member
Mr. Stephen Creese - Member

Secretariat

Ms. Chantal La Roche - Secretary
Ms. Simone Yallery - Assistant Secretary

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP - Member *[Excused]*
Ms. Marlene McDonald, MP - Member *[Excused]*
Ms. Sophia Chote, S.C. - Member

COMMENCEMENT

1.1 The meeting was called to order by the Speaker of the House at 11:13 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that Ms. Chantal La Roche would serve the Committee as Secretary, and Ms. Simone Yallery would serve as Assistant Secretary.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- 3.1 The Speaker advised that her role was to facilitate the election of a Chairman and invited nominations.
- 3.2 Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds nominated Mr. Faris Al-Rawi for the chairmanship and this nomination was seconded by Mr. Clarence Rambharat.
- 3.3 There being no further nominations, Mr. Faris Al-Rawi was declared Chairman. The Speaker wished the Members productive and cooperative deliberations. Mr. Faris Al-Rawi was invited to take the Chair.

(The Speaker exited the meeting and Mr. Faris Al-Rawi assumed his role as Chairman)

- 3.4 The Chairman thanked all Members for electing him to serve as the Chairman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

- 4.1 The Chairman advised that the following Members asked to be excused from the day's meeting:
 - a) Ms. Marlene McDonald (conflicting meeting).
 - b) Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis (conflicting meeting).

QUORUM

- 5.1 The Chairman proposed and Members agreed to a quorum of five (5) persons, inclusive of the Chair, provided that at least one Member from each House is present.

DISCUSSIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD

Invitations for Submissions on the Bill

- 6.1 The Chairman proposed and the Members agreed to invite written submissions on the Bill from the following stakeholders:
 - (i) The Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (ii) The Criminal Bar Association of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (iii) The University of the West Indies;
 - (iv) The Inter-Religious Organization of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (v) The Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (vi) The Muslim Round Table; and
 - (vii) The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.
- 6.2 The Committee also agreed to issue a call for written submissions from the public via advertisement in daily newspaper, and the Parliament's website and social media platforms.

- 6.3 The Committee agreed to a deadline for all written submissions on the Bill of **Monday March 5, 2018**.
- 6.4 The Committee also considered additional reference materials. Following brief discussions, the Chairman gave an undertaking to provide the following documents:
- the travaux préparatoires which were used in the initial drafting of the Bill;
 - a marked up version of the Bill; and
 - the CFATF/FATF obligations which informed some of the considerations in the Bill.
- 6.5 The Committee also agreed to request assistance from the Chief Parliamentary Counsel's Department on the clause by clause consideration of the Bill for subsequent meetings.
- 6.6 The Secretariat was directed to circulate a list of organisations which comprise the Muslim Round Table.

Determination of the Second Meeting

- 6.7 The Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed that the Committee's Second Meeting will be held on Friday March 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- 7.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting to Friday March 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
- 7.2 The adjournment was taken at 11:26 a.m.

I certify that these Minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

February 23, 2018



**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ANTI-TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2018**

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING HELD IN THE ANR ROBINSON ROOM (WEST),
LEVEL 9, OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENT, TOWER D, IWFC
#1A WRIGHTSON ROAD, PORT OF SPAIN ON MARCH 09, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

Members

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP	-	Chairman
Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP	-	Member
Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP	-	Member
Mr. Nigel De Freitas	-	Member
Mr. Saddam Hosein	-	Member
Ms. Sophia Chote, S.C.	-	Member
Mr. Stephen Creese	-	Member
Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP	-	Member

Secretariat

Ms. Simone Yallery	-	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Vahini Jainarine	-	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Shanice Ramdhan	-	Legal Research Assistant

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Mr. Prakash Ramadhar, MP	-	Member <i>[Excused]</i>
Mr. Foster Cummings	-	Member <i>[Excused]</i>
Mr. Clarence Rambharat	-	Member <i>[Excused]</i>
Ms. Marlene McDonald, MP	-	Member

COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:16 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2.1 The Chairman advised that the following Members asked to be excused from the day's meeting:
- Mr. Prakash Ramadhar, MP (court matter)

- b) Mr. Foster Cummings (conflicting engagement)
- c) Mr. Clarence Rambharat (out of jurisdiction)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 3.1 The Committee examined the Minutes of the First Meeting held on Friday February 16, 2018.
- 3.2 There being no amendments, the motion for the confirmation of the Minutes of the First Meeting was moved by Mr. Nigel De Freitas and seconded by Mr. Saddam Hosein.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 The Chairman brought the following matters to the attention of Members:
 - i. **Per Item 6.2**, a call for written submission from members of the public was published in:
 - i. **Newspapers**
 - Trinidad and Tobago Guardian - February 23, 2018.
 - Sunday Express Newspaper -February 25, 2018.
 - Trinidad and Tobago Newsday-February 28, 2018.
 - ii. **Parliament Social Media and Channel**
 - Parliament’s website - February 19, 2018.
 - Parliament’s Facebook - February 20 and March 5, 2018.
 - Parliament’s Twitter - February 20 and March 5, 2018.
 - Parliament’s Instagram - February 20, 2018.
 - Parliament’s Google + - February 20 and March 5, 2018.
 - Parliament’s YouTube Channel Parlview - February 20, 2018.
 - Parliament’s Television Channel ongoing since February 20, 2018.
 - ii. **Per Item 6.1**, the Secretariat sent invitations for written submissions to the following stakeholders:
 - The Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - The Criminal Bar Association of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - The University of the West Indies, Faculty of Law;
 - The Inter-Religious Organization of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - The Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - The Muslim Round Table;
 - The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service;
 - Concern Muslims of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - Islamic Resource Society; and
 - Anjuman Sunnat ul Jamaat Association.
 - iii. **Per Item 6.3**, as at the deadline date of Monday March 5 2018, the Committee received submissions on the Bill from:
 - Ms. Joan Harrison (member of the public);

- Mr. Patrick Bynoe and Mr. Alex Bynoe (members of the public);
- Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago;
- The Muslim Round Table;
- National Council of Orissa Elders of Trinidad and Tobago; and
- Concern Muslims of Trinidad and Tobago (*skeletal submissions only*).

Additionally, the Secretariat received requests for an extension of time to make submissions from:

- Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to **Friday March 9, 2018**.
- Concern Muslims of Trinidad and Tobago to **Thursday March 15, 2018**.
- Mr. Cedric Burke (member of the public) to **Thursday March 15, 2018**.
- Anjuman Sunnat ul Jamaat Association to **Tuesday March 13, 2018**.

- iv. **Per Items 6.4 and 6.6**, the following documents were circulated:
- The Travaux Préparatoires used in the initial drafting of the Bill.
 - A marked-up version of the Bill against the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07.
 - The CFTAF/FATF obligations which informed some of the considerations of the Bill.
 - A list of organisations comprising the Muslim Round Table.
- v. **Per Item 6.5**, the following technocrats of the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC), Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs have been assigned to render assistance to the Committee during its deliberations on the Bill:
- Ms. Ida Eversley – Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel
 - Ms. Laura Ramnath – Senior Parliamentary Counsel
 - Ms. Kimberly Superville – Legal Counsel I

DISCUSSIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD

- 5.1 A discussion ensued on the way forward. The Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed:
- that with the assistance from technocrats from the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs, the Secretariat will circulate a matrix of submissions against each clause of the Bill;
 - that technocrats of the CPC be invited to deliver a clause by clause presentation on the Bill at the Third Meeting on Wednesday March 14, 2018; and
 - that Members will identify specific stakeholders from whom oral evidence may be required.

- 5.2 The Chairman then invited Members to consider the requests for extension of time from stakeholders and after some discussion, the Committee agreed to grant the requested extensions of time.
- 5.3 The Chairman also proposed and the Committee agreed that its Third Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. and its Fourth Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- 6.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting to Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
- 6.2 The adjournment was taken at 10:41 a.m.

I certify that these Minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

March 12, 2018



**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ANTI-TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2018**

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING HELD IN THE ANR ROBINSON ROOM (WEST),
LEVEL 9, OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENT, TOWER D, IWFC
#1A WRIGHTSON ROAD, PORT OF SPAIN ON MARCH 16, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

Members

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP	-	Chairman
Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP	-	Member
Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP	-	Member
Ms. Marlene McDonald, MP	-	Member
Mr. Prakash Ramadhar, MP	-	Member
Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP	-	Member
Mr. Nigel De Freitas	-	Member
Mr. Foster Cummings	-	Member
Mr. Saddam Hosein	-	Member
Mr. Stephen Creese	-	Member

Secretariat

Ms. Chantal La Roche	-	Secretary
Ms. Simone Yallery	-	Assistant Secretary

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Mr. Clarence Rambharat	-	Member [<i>Excused</i>]
Ms. Sophia Chote, S.C.	-	Member [<i>Excused</i>]

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Parliamentary Counsel

Ms. Ida Eversley	-	Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel
Ms. Laura Ramnath	-	Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Ag.)
Ms. Kimberly Superville	-	Legal Counsel I

The Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Attorney General's Secretariat)

Mr. Andrew Dalip	-	Legal Services Consultant
Mrs. Farzana Nazir-Mohammed	-	Legal Counsel II

COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 There being no objections by the Committee, Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds acted as Interim Chairman, until the arrival of the Chairman.
- 1.2 The meeting was called to order by the Interim Chairman at 10:16 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2.1 The Interim Chairman advised that the following Members asked to be excused from the day's meeting:
 - a) Mr. Clarence Rambharat (*conflicting meeting*)
 - b) Ms. Sophia Chote, S.C.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 3.1 The Committee examined the Minutes of the Second Meeting held on Friday March 9, 2018.
- 3.2 There being no amendments, the motion for the confirmation of the Minutes of the Second Meeting was moved by Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis and seconded by Mr. Stephen Creese.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 The Interim Chairman brought the following matters to the attention of Members:

Per Item 4.1 (iii)

- i. The Secretariat informed the stakeholders of the extension of time to submit their written comments on the Bill and received submissions from the following:
 - Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; and
 - Anjuman Sunnat ul Jamaat Association.

Per item 5.2

- ii. The Secretariat received requests for further extensions of time from:
 - Concern Muslims of Trinidad and Tobago (to **Monday March 19, 2018**);
 - Mr. Cedrick Burke (to **Monday March 19, 2018**); and
 - The Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago.

Per Item 5.1

- iii. The following documents were circulated:
 - Matrix of Submissions against each clause of the Bill; and
 - An outline of the presentation on the clauses of the Bill.

Per Item 5.1

- vi. The technocrats from the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs were invited to deliver the presentation as requested.

PRESENTATION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Representatives of The Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs and the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel were invited to join the meeting at this time

- 5.1 The Interim Chairman welcomed technocrats and asked them to introduce themselves.
- 5.2 Representing the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs were:
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| Mr. Andrew Dalip | - | Legal Services Consultant |
| Mrs. Farzana Nazir-Mohammed | - | Legal Counsel II |
| Ms. Vyana Sharma | - | Legal Counsel II |
- 5.3 Representing the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel were:
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| Ms. Ida Eversley | - | Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel |
| Ms. Laura Ramnath | - | Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Ag.) |
| Ms. Kimberly Superville | - | Legal Counsel I |
- 5.4 Mr Andrew Dalip, Legal Services Consultant, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs commenced the presentation on the Bill.
- 5.5 The Chairman joined the meeting.
- 5.6 Upon completion of the presentation, the Chairman thanked the various technocrats for their attendance.

DISCUSSIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD

- 6.1 A discussion ensued on the way forward. The Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed:
- that at the Committee’s next meeting, the marked up version of the Bill together with the matrix of submissions against each clause of the Bill will be examined;
 - that discussions will be held to identify specific stakeholders from whom oral evidence may be required.
- 6.2 The Chairman asked the Secretariat to circulate the following documents:
- The United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1276 and 1376; and
 - The forty (40) FATF obligations; and
 - The Immediate Outcomes.

- 6.3 The Chairman then invited Members to consider the requests for extension of time from stakeholders and the Committee agreed to grant the requested extensions of time.
- 6.4 The Committee agreed that as a result of a sitting of the Senate scheduled for Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., its Fourth Meeting would be rescheduled to Wednesday March 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- 7.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting to Wednesday March 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
- 7.2 The adjournment was taken at 12:17 p.m.

I certify that these Minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

March 20, 2018



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ANTI-TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING HELD IN THE ANR ROBINSON ROOM (WEST),
LEVEL 9, OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENT, TOWER D, IWFC
#1A WRIGHTSON ROAD, PORT OF SPAIN ON MARCH 29, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

Members

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP	-	Chairman
Mr. Prakash Ramadhar, MP	-	Member
Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP	-	Member
Mr. Nigel De Freitas	-	Member
Mr. Foster Cummings	-	Member
Mr. Saddam Hosein	-	Member
Mr. Stephen Creese	-	Member
Mr. Clarence Rambharat	-	Member
Ms. Sophia Chote, S.C.	-	Member

Secretariat

Ms. Chantal La Roche	-	Secretary
Ms. Simone Yallery	-	Assistant Secretary

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP	-	Member
Ms. Marlene McDonald, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP	-	Member

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Parliamentary Counsel

Ms. Ida Eversley	Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel
Ms. Kimberly Superville	Legal Counsel I

The Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Attorney General's Secretariat)

Mr. Andrew Dalip	Legal Services Consultant
Ms. Vyana Sharma	Legal Counsel II

COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 There being no objections by the Committee, Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds acted as Interim Chairman, until the arrival of the Chairman.
- 1.2 The meeting was called to order by the Interim Chairman at 10:25 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2.1 The Interim Chairman advised that the following Members asked to be excused from the day's meeting:
 - Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP - (conflicting engagement)
 - Ms. Marlene McDonald, MP - (illness)
 - Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 3.1 The Committee examined the Minutes of the Third Meeting held on March 16, 2018.
- 3.2 There being no amendments, the motion for the confirmation of the Minutes of the Second Meeting was moved by Mr. Foster Cummings and seconded by Mr. Stephen Creese.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 The Interim Chairman brought the following matters to the attention of Members:

Per Item 4.1

- iii. The Secretariat received written comments on the Bill from the following:
 - Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; and
 - Anjuman Sunnat ul Jamaat Association.
 - iv. The Committee agreed to give a final extension of time to April 9, 2018 to the following:
 - Mr. Cedrick Burke; and
 - The Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago.
- 4.2 The Chairman joined the meeting.

COMMENCEMENT OF CLAUSE BY CLAUSE CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL

Representatives of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs and the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel were invited to join the meeting at this time

- 5.1 The Chairman welcomed technocrats and asked them to introduce themselves.
- 5.2 Representing the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs were:

Mr. Andrew Dalip - Legal Services Consultant

Ms. Vyana Sharma - Legal Counsel II

5.3 Representing the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel were:

Ms. Ida Eversley - Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel
Ms. Kimberly Superville - Legal Counsel I

5.4 The clause by clause consideration of the Bill proceeded as outlined at **Appendix I**.

DISCUSSIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD

6.1 A discussion ensued on the way forward. The Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed that in light of the Committee's reporting deadline of March 31, 2018, an interim report would be drafted to be laid at the next Parliamentary sitting, seeking an extension of three (3) months for the Committee to complete its work.

ADJOURNMENT

7.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting to a date to be fixed.

7.2 The adjournment was taken at 12:33 p.m.

I certify that these Minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

March 29, 2018

APPENDIX I

Clause by Clause examination of the Anti-Terrorism Amendment Bill 2018

Thursday March 29 2018

Reference	Provision	Issues Raised	Decision Taken
Preamble		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should a preamble be included Whether the preamble to the Anti-Terrorism Act be amended by the Anti-Terrorism Amendment Bill 2018 Whether the preamble could be wide, or restricted only to subject matter of the Amendment Bill 	Deferred, subject to the review and recommendation by CPC
Clause 1	Short title	N/A	Agreed
Clause 2	Act inconsistent with Constitution	N/A	Agreed
Clause 3	Commencement	N/A	Agreed
Clause 4	Interpretation Chap. 12:07	N/A	Agreed
Clause 5	Section 2 amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparison of definition of "Committee" in anti-terrorism legislation in other jurisdictions such as the Criminal Code Act 2015 (Australia) and the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (United Kingdom) Consideration of the deletion of the words "ISIL (Da'esh) and Al Qaida Sanctions" from the definition of "Committee" Review of the definition of "offensive weapon" as contained in Section 2 of the Prevention of Crime (Offensive Weapons) Act Chapter 11:09. 	Deferred, subject to the review and recommendation by CPC, and correction of typographical error in the definition of "terrorist act"
Clause 6	Section 2A inserted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent and meaning of extraterritoriality 	Agreed
Clause 7	Section 3 amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether Section 2 (the definition section) of the Act should be amended to expand the offence of committing a 'terrorist act' and include under sub-section (b), that this offence is also committed when a person 'threatens to commit a terrorist act' Whether the offence of "terrorist act" should be removed from Section 2 (the definition section) of the Act and instead placed within an operative clause 	Deferred, subject to the review and recommendation by CPC
Clause 8	Section 4 amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the term "designated person" in Clauses 8 & 9 be replaced with "designated entity" and that the definition of "designated entity" be moved to Section 2 (the definition section) of the Act. Should mens rea of the offence include recklessness 	Deferred, subject to the review and recommendation by CPC

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The impact of the provision on persons who make donations or distribute Zakaat ▪ Comparison of Criminal Code Act 2015 (Australia) ▪ Consideration of the UN General Assembly Resolution 49/60 and UN Security Council resolution 1566 	
Clause 9	Section 5 repealed and replaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Should the term "designated person" in Clauses 8 & 9 be replaced with "designated entity" and that the definition of "designated entity" be moved to Section 2 (the definition section) of the Act. 	Deferred, subject to the review and recommendation by CPC
Clause 10	Section 6 amended	N/A	Agreed
Clause 11	Section 7 amended	N/A	Agreed
Clause 12	Section 8 amended	N/A	Agreed
Clause 13	Section 9 amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Should "designated entity" be included as a new subsection 9((1)(e). ▪ Should "support" be amended to be "material support" 	Deferred, subject to the review and recommendation by CPC
Clause 14	Section 10 amended	N/A	Agreed
Clause 15	Section 11 amended	N/A	Agreed
Clause 16	Section 12 amended	N/A	Agreed
Clause 17	New section 12A inserted	N/A	Agreed
Clause 18	Section 13 amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consideration of circumstance where a person has been forced or coerced or carries out a terrorist act under duress 	Deferred, subject to the review and recommendation by CPC