



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

# THE SHIPPING BILL, 2020

## REPORT

THIRD SESSION (2022/2023) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT



## Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the Senate on Tuesday November 8, 2022 and of the House of Representatives on Friday November 11, 2022, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider and report on the **Shipping Bill, 2020** by March 31, 2023.

## 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
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## **INTERIM REPORTS**

1. The Committee's Interim Report was presented in the Senate on Tuesday March 28, 2023 and in the House of Representatives on Friday April 21, 2023. Your Committee requested and was granted a five (5) month extension in order to complete its work.

## **MEETINGS**

2. Your Committee has not met since the presentation of the Interim Report.

## **WORK TO DATE**

3. Your Committee has completed its examination of twenty-seven (27) clauses of the Bill with the assistance of the technocrats listed below from the Maritime Services Division, Ministry of Works and Transport and the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel:

### **Maritime Services Division, Ministry of Works and Transport**

- (1) Mr. Ronald Alfred, Director Maritime Services
- (2) Commodore Garnet Best, Safety and Security Advisor
- (3) Mr. Brent Williams, Senior Legal Officer
- (4) Commander Francis Weekes, Ship Surveyor
- (5) Mr. Richmond Basant, Maritime Administrator

### **Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel**

- (1) Ms. Ida Eversley, Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel
- (2) Mr. Aneil Joseph, Senior Parliamentary Counsel

4. Your Committee also consolidated all comments from the stakeholders listed below into a Matrix of Consolidated Stakeholder Comments for analysis.

1. *Agostini Insurance Brokers Ltd.*
2. *Atlantic LNG*
3. *Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago*
4. *British Petroleum Trinidad and Tobago LLC*
5. *Coastal and Offshore Maritime Training Institute*
6. *Customs and Excise Division*
7. *EOG Resources Trinidad and Tobago*
8. *FEAT Safety and Marine Training Consultant*
9. *Fishermen and Friends of the Sea*
10. *Heritage Petroleum Company Limited*
11. *Hydrographic Unit, Surveys and Mapping Division, Ministry of Agriculture Land and Fisheries*
12. *Institute of Marine Affairs*
13. *Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago*
14. *Justice Anthony A. Lucky (Retired)*
15. *Marine Safety Training & Consultants Ltd.*
16. *Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries*
17. *Ministry of Finance*

18. *Ministry of Labour*
19. *Ministry of National Security*
20. *Ministry of Planning and Development*
21. *Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts and Tourism Trinidad Ltd.*
22. *Ministry of Trade and Industry*
23. *National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (National Energy)*
24. *La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO)*
25. *The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC)*
26. *PARIA Fuel Trading Company Limited*
27. *Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (PLIPDECO)*
28. *Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago*
29. *Shell Trinidad and Tobago Limited*
30. *Shipping Association of Trinidad and Tobago*
31. *TITAN Marine Engineering and Survey Company/Tobago SEA School*
32. *Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards*
33. *Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard*
34. *Trinidad and Tobago Pilots' Association*
35. *University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)*
36. *Yacht Services Association of Trinidad and Tobago*

5. With the assistance of the technocrats from the Maritime Services Division, Ministry of Works and Transport, and the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Council, your Committee also completed its analysis of all the general comments submitted by stakeholders.

## **REPORT**

6. In accordance with Standing Orders 104(1) of the Senate and 114(1) of the House of Representatives, your Committee wishes to report that it is unable to complete its work prior to the end of the Third Session of the Twelfth Parliament due to the size and complexity of the Shipping Bill, 2020.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

7. Your Committee therefore recommends the resumption of proceedings on the **Shipping Bill, 2020** in the Fourth Session, Twelfth Parliament.
8. Your Committee also asks that the House take note of the work achieved and the progress made thus far, and that a Committee be appointed in the Fourth Session to continue work on the Bill and adopt as part of its records, all work completed to date.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sgd.**

**Mr. Randall Mitchell**

Chairman

*June 26, 2023*