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Dear Ms. Sampson- Meiguel

Re: The Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) for fiscal year 2021

Reference is made to your letter November 22, 2022 on the subject matter at caption.

Please find the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries' written response to the recommendations/comments contained in the Report for the consideration of the Committee.

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. Penelope Bradshaw- Niles
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries

Parl.: 5/6/21

November 22, 2022

Mrs. Penelope Bradshaw-Niles
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PORT OF SPAIN



Dear Permanent Secretary,

The Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) for fiscal year 2021.

I refer to the Report at caption which was presented in the House of Representatives on November 11, 2022 and in the Senate on November 15, 2022. A copy of the Report is enclosed for ease of reference. Soft copies can be downloaded via the following link: <https://www.ttparliament.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/p12-s3-J-20221111-PAAC-R7.pdf>

Standing Order 110(6) of the House of Representatives and 100(6) of the Senate respectively, require the Minister with responsibility for the Ministry/Body reported on by a Joint Select Committee to present to each House, a paper responding to the recommendations/comments contained in the Report.


The findings and recommendations of the Committee relevant to the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries are outlined on page **twenty (20)** of the Report.

You are kindly asked to note that this written response must be submitted to Parliament within sixty (60) days (i.e. by **January 16, 2023**). An electronic copy should be sent to coth@ttparliament.org.

Your early attention to this matter is appreciated.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Jacquie Sampson-Meiguel
Clerk of the House

**MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND ENERGY INDUSTRIES (MEEI) WRITTEN
RESPONSE TO THE SEVENTH REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE EXAMINATION INTO THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME
(PSIP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND ENERGY INDUSTRIES (MEEI)

1. Projects on Hold

Some of the Ministry's projects were on hold. One of the MEEI's PSIP projects was the installation of the Floating Jetty and Four Subsea Pipelines at the NP Fuel Receiving Terminals at Crown Point, Tobago. As at the end of the 2021 financial year, no funds were expended from the \$2 million allocation. Similarly, the New Industry Gas Station (NIGS) at Sangre Grande project was at a standstill given the Government announcement of the sale of all National Petroleum (NP) Gas Stations. The Committee notes that neither of these projects were featured in the PSIP for the following financial year, 2022.

Recommendations:

The MEEI should provide Parliament with an update on the installation of the Floating Jetty and Four Subsea Pipelines at the NP Fuel Receiving Terminals at Crown Point, Tobago and the New Industry Gas Station at Sangre Grande, which were on hold in FY 2021, December 31, 2022. The update should indicate the following as applicable:

- i. The date on which the project was completed; or*
- ii. Whether the project is still on hold or has been de-prioritised, including the reason for its non-implementation.*

MEEI response:

In fiscal 2020 the National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited (NPMC) submitted a number of projects for funding under the Public Sector Investment Programme. Based on this submission, the MEEI identified the New to Industry Gas Station (NIGS) at Sangre Grande and the installation of the Floating Jetty and Four Subsea Pipelines at the NPMC Fuel Receiving Terminals at Crown Point, Tobago for funding in the next fiscal period.

When the Government announced its decision to sell the gas stations owned and operated by NPMC, the MEEI, reconsidered the building programme for new gas stations under the Public Sector Investment Programme. Although funding was allocated, no funds were expended.

With regards to the installation of the Floating Jetty and Four Subsea Pipelines at the NPMC Fuel Receiving Terminals at Crown Point, Tobago, this project was put on hold. This hold was due to the lack of approvals for the project. Although funding was allocated, no funds were expended. This project involves the relaying of four (4) new pipelines at 1000 feet each (Jet A1, Diesel, Gasoline & LPG) along the path of the existing pipeline and installation of a Floating Jetty at Crown Point.

NPMC has continued its work to secure approvals from the relevant authorities. It should be noted that at present, the fuel terminal at Crown Point Tobago consist of only one pipeline which is used to discharge products from the vessels, one product at a time. The pipeline then

has to be cleaned before another product can be sent through the line. This system is very time consuming, inefficient and not cost effective as it takes up to 48 hours to discharge a vessel.