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**Ministry of Planning and Development
Response to Questions from the Public Accounts Committee**

Question (i)a.

The training initiatives conducted and the topics covered as at September 30, 2022.

Response:

The Human Resources (HR) Division of the Ministry of Planning and Development coordinated training in the Integrated Human Resource System/ Integral Global Payroll (IhRIS/IGP) for the staff of the Accounts and Finance Branch. The training was held on October 5, 2021. The training covered Goal Oriented Deductions, and the following topics were taught:

- Recovery of Overpayment in the Current Year,
- Recovery of Overpayment in the Previous Year,
- Garnishee Order,
- Motor Vehicle Purchase,
- Motor Vehicle Repairs and
- Motor Vehicle Insurance.

Question (i)b.

The number and proportion of accounting staff who received training.

Response:

Three (3) payroll officers were trained. The payroll unit consist of seven (7) officers.

Question (i)c.

Whether the training was conducted in-house, by the Public Service Academy or by another entity.

Response:

The training was conducted online by Ms. Gyanie Maharaj, End User Documentation & Training Specialist, IhRIS/IGP, Ministry of Finance.

Question (i)d.

The timeline for the implementation of training courses if no training has been conducted to date.

Response:

The HR Division intends to commence training of officers within the Accounts and Finance Branch with effect from April, 2023. Such training would be conducted both In House and via an External Agency. In-House Training would include: Payroll, Vote Book and Reconciliation. The Financial Management Branch, Ministry of Finance was contacted and agreed to collaborate with the Ministry of Planning and Development with respect to the training of the Accounting staff, in areas where training is required.