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The Honourable Bridgid Mary Annisette-George, MP  
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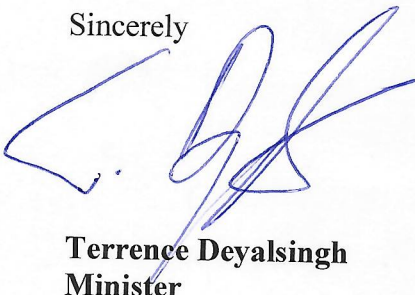
Dear Madam Speaker

**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**

Your letter referenced Parl.: 5/6/21 dated December 4, 2022 on the captioned subject is relevant.

Please find enclosed this Ministry's written response to the findings and recommendations of 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.

Sincerely



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**Implementation of Information and Communications Technology (ICT)  
in the Health Sector**

**Request for Written Response by the Ministry of Health**

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**Recommendation**

The MoH should submit a status report on progress made in the development of Health Information Systems at the Arima and Point Fortin Hospitals as at September 30, 2022 and indicate the next steps required to achieve full implementation and integrate other hospitals in the system by December 31, 2022.

**Response:**

The Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited (*iGovTT*) developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development and implementation of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) for both the Arima and Point Fortin Hospitals on a phased basis in the first instance. Thereafter, the RFP was submitted for review by the Ministry of Digital Transformation.

In order to allow for a more holistic approach and deeper end to end service delivery in keeping with the Government's digitalization strategy, it was then agreed by both Ministries of Health and Digital Transformation that the project scope be revised from the implementation of the Health Information System (HIS) solution for only two (2) hospitals; the Arima Hospital and Point Fortin Hospital; to all facilities under the purview of the Eastern Regional Health Authority (ERHA) with system integration with the San Fernando General Hospital at the South-West Regional Health Authority (SWRHA).



In December 2022, approval of the said revised project scope was obtained from Cabinet and the Ministry of Health is expected to receive the revised RFP from *iGovTT* by the second quarter of 2023.

Further, the Ministry of Health commenced preparatory work for the HIS and the following activities have been completed thus far:

- i. a Gap Analysis among health facilities to provide an understanding of the Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) current systems' architecture, data flows and reporting processes; and
- ii. the identification of key enabling areas required to support the implementation of the HIS including:
  - the Information Governance Framework;
  - the Patient Information Data Management System; and
  - the Business Continuity Plan; and the EHR Networking Plan.