

Referencing

**Public Consultation Day 1 Session 2 - JSC Tobago Self Government -
Friday April 30, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.**

At the marker: 54:17

Min Nigel De Freitas queries the AG on the issue of defining Tobago's maritime boundaries in which if the AG's stance is that we stand to lose 2/3 of our Marine space as a Unitary State.

Mr De Freitas loosely references suggestions he has seen elsewhere that states the two islands can enter into some sought of arrangement in which boundaries are defined, and that definition remains between the two islands without having an impact on International Convention Laws, and thus trigger the loss of 2/3 of our Unitary State Marine space.

In listening again and again quite astutely, I did not hear the AG specifically reference Mr De Freitas' point in his response to his query, on the accuracy and veracity of this suggestion, instead, the AG simply states, 'it probably won't happen', that is not a definitive statement against what Mr De Freitas has posed.

I will like for Mr De Freitas to identify to us, the specific document where this information was found, so that we may review it ourselves, if it is hearsay, I will like him to state where he heard this very crucial piece of information

I will also like the AG to actually respond to this query posed by Mr De Freitas, and for that response to be entered into record as a definitive response, even if that response is 'I don't know', to simply say 'it probably won't happen' and stand his ground on his yet to be proven assertion by a character named Thompson, that we will lose 2/3 of our EEZ as a Unitary State, in light of this meaningful challenge, this appears to be a trivialization of this exercise. His stance therefore should not carry unless it is proven to be superior to Mr De Freitas' position, they are both the same at this time.

Thank you

Rodney Piggott