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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

SECOND SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT (2016/2017)

SECOND INTERIM REPORT
OF
THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON THE GAMBLING (GAMING AND BETTING) CONTROL
BILL, 2016

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MANDATE

1. Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Friday February 3, 2017 and Senate on Tuesday February 7, 2017, a Joint Select Committee was established:

“to consider and report on a Bill entitled the “Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016”; and...to report within six weeks, that is to say, on or before March 17, 2017.”

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

2. The following persons were appointed to serve on the Committee:

- Mr. Colm Imbert, MP
- Mr. Faris Al-Rawi, MP
- Mr. Stuart Young, MP
- Ms. Nicole Olivierre, MP
- Mr. Ganga Singh, MP
- Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP
- Ms. Melissa Ramkissoon
- Mr. Foster Cummings
- Mr. W. Michael Coppin
- Mr. Wade Mark
- Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon
- Mr. Paul Richards

CHAIRMANSHIP

3. At its first meeting on Monday February 13, 2017, your Committee elected **Mr. Colm Imbert** to be its Chair, in accordance with Standing Order 97(3) (House of Representatives) and 87(3) (Senate).

SECRETARIAT AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

4. Ms. Chantal La Roche, Legal Officer II, was assigned as Secretary to the Committee and Ms. Vahini Jainarine, Legal Officer I, Assistant Secretary.

INTERIM REPORT

5. An Interim Report of your Committee was adopted in the House of Representatives on Wednesday March 15, 2017 and in the Senate on Tuesday March 21, 2017. Your Committee requested and was granted a ten (10) week extension to complete its mandate. This extension will expire on May 19, 2017.

MEETINGS

6. Since the adoption of the Interim Report, your Committee held one (1) meeting on Wednesday April 5, 2017.

7. The Minutes of the Meeting is attached at **Appendix I**.

WORK TO DATE

8. At its Fourth meeting held on Wednesday April 5, 2017, your Committee reviewed and discussed stakeholder submissions and agreed to grant an extension of time to the following stakeholders:
 - Instant Winner's Members Club;
 - Commissioner of Police of Trinidad and Tobago; and
 - The Banker's Association of Trinidad and Tobago.
9. To date written submissions on the Bill have been received from twenty (20) stakeholders and eight (8) members of the public.
10. During discussions your Committee recognised that it would be a challenge to satisfactorily consider and report to Parliament on the Bill without the assistance of an expert consultant to assist the Committee with its deliberations on the Bill.

REPORT

11. The Committee wishes to report that the process of compilation and consideration of stakeholder submissions on the Bill and draft Regulations is still in progress.
12. However, due to the intensity of the schedule of Parliamentary sittings since its last report, the work of the Committee has not progressed as expected.
13. As such, the Committee requires additional time to complete this exercise, commence a clause by clause analysis of the Bill and to compile its proposed amendments, and is therefore unable to submit its final report by the deadline of May 19, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

14. Your Committee humbly requests a further period of six (6) weeks to complete its work and to submit a final report to Parliament by **June 30, 2017**.
15. During this period, the Committee proposes to continue its work by meeting with the various stakeholders and commencing the clause by clause analysis of the Bill in collaboration with the Chief Parliamentary Counsel Department of the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Colm Imbert, MP
Chairman
May 19, 2017

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