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### SUPPLEMENT TO THIS ISSUE

The documents detailed hereunder have been issued and are published as a Supplement to this issue of the *Trinidad and Tobago Gazette*:

Legal Supplement Part B—

Special Event (No. 7) Order, 2025—(Legal Notice No. 245 of 2025).

Detention of Persons (Discipline and Place of Detention) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2) Directions, 2025—(Legal Notice No. 246 of 2025).

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### APPOINTMENT TO ACT AS MINISTER OF TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING

It is hereby notified for general information that Her Excellency the President, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister, in exercise of the power vested in her by section 79(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has appointed Dr. the Honourable MICHAEL DOWLATH, M.P., a member of the House of Representatives, who is a Minister, to act in the Office of Senator the Honourable Prakash Persad, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training, with effect from 20th July, 2025 and continuing during the absence of Senator the Honourable Prakash Persad, in addition to the discharge of his normal duties.

C. JACKMAN-WALDRON Secretary to Her Excellency the President

23rd July, 2025.

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### APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of sections 10(2) and 12(1) of the Securities Act, Chap. 83:02, of the Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, that Dr. DORIAN NOEL was appointed as Commissioner to the Board of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission ("the Commission"), effective from 6th January, 2025, for a term of three (3) years.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2025.

A. SYLVESTER-ANTOINE Corporate Secretary

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# UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 7, 8 and 9 OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) 1999

In accordance with Sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Freedom of Information Act, Chap. 22:02 ('FOIA') the Office of the Ombudsman (hereinafter referred to as the 'Office') being a Public Authority is required by law to publish the following statements, which list the documents and information generally available to the public.

### The FOIA gives members of the public:

- (1) A legal right for each person to access information held by the Office;
- (2) A legal right for each person to have official information relating to himself /herself amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading;
- (3) A legal right to obtain reasons for adverse decisions made regarding an applicant's request for information under the FOIA;
- (4) A legal right to complain to the Ombudsman and to apply to the High Court for Judicial Review to challenge adverse decisions made under the FOIA.

The following information is published with the approval of the Ombudsman of Trinidad and Tobago.

### SECTION 7 STATEMENTS

# SECTION 7 (1) (a) (i) FUNCTION AND STRUCTURE OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

### Establishment of the Office of the Ombudsman

The Office was established in 1976 under Section 91 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ('the Constitution') which states "There shall be an Ombudsman for Trinidad and Tobago who shall be an officer of Parliament and who shall not hold any other office of emolument whether in the public service or otherwise now engage in any occupation for reward other than the duties of his office" for the purpose of exercising its functions.

The Office commenced operations in 1977 with the passage of the Ombudsman Act ('the Ombudsman Act'), Chap. 2:52 and the appointment of its first Ombudsman. At present there are three (3) offices located at:

- Port of Spain (Head Office)- International Waterfront Centre, Level 12, Tower D, 1A Wrightson Road, Port of Spain
- San Fernando: 1st Floor, FinGroup Place 11-13 Kelshall Street, San Fernando
- Tobago: Caribana Building, Bacolet Street, Scarborough, Tobago

### UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN—CONTINUED

### **Functions of the Office**

The functions of the Office are set out in law as follows hereunder.

- Section 93 (1) of the Constitution which states "...the principal function of the Ombudsman shall
  be to investigate any decision or recommendation made, including any advice given or
  recommendation made to a Minister, or any act done or omitted by any department of
  Government or any other authority."
- Section 38A (1) of the FOIA which states "A person aggrieved by the refusal of a public authority
  to grant access to an official document may, within twenty-one (21) days of receiving notice of
  refusal under Section 23(1) complain in writing to the Ombudsman and the Ombudsman shall,
  after examining the document if it exists, make such recommendations with respect to the
  granting of access to the document as he thinks fit within thirty (30) days or as soon as practicable
  thereof."

### **Powers of the Office**

The powers of the Office are set out in the sections of the Constitution as follows hereunder.

- 97 (1) The Ombudsman shall have the powers of the High Court to summon witnesses to appear
  before him and to compel them to give evidence on oath and to produce documents relevant to
  the proceedings before him and all persons giving evidence at those proceedings shall have the
  same duties and liabilities and enjoy the same privileges as in the High Court.
- (2) The Ombudsman shall have power to enter and inspect the premises of any department of
  government or any authority to which section 93 applies, to call for, examine and where necessary
  retain any document kept on such premises and there to carry out any investigation in pursuance
  of his functions.

### **Vision Statement**

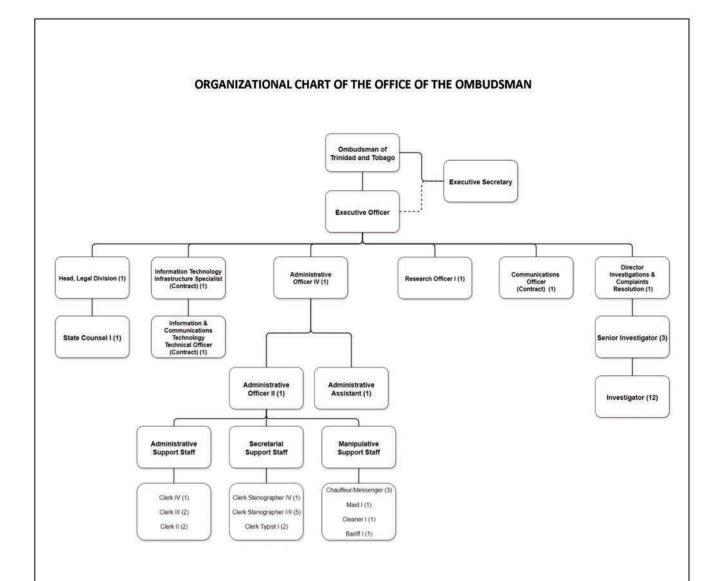
A Public Administrator that is accountable, fair and transparent for the benefit of all who access public services in Trinidad and Tobago

### **Mission Statement**

The Office of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will:

- Investigate and seek remedies to complaints of administrative injustice in an impartial and ethical manner (Problem Solving)
- Educate the public on their rights and responsibilities (Public Education)
- Advocate improvements in standards of service delivery in the public sector of Trinidad and Tobago (Advocacy)

### UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN—CONTINUED



The Office comprises one (1) Ombudsman and the following offices/units:

- Executive Officer
- Legal
- Investigations
- Information Technology
- Communications
- Research
- General Administration

### The Office of the Executive Officer

The Executive Officer serves as the Administrative Head of the Office with responsibility for developing Human Resource Management policies and strategies for implementation as well as providing oversight of the Office's financial requirements.

### UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN—CONTINUED

### Legal

The Legal Unit has responsibility for providing the Office with advice on the legal aspects of matters being investigated and on recommendations arising therefrom as well as FOI matters. It also conducts legal research into the laws of Trinidad and Tobago, writes opinions, and gives advice on points of law relevant to complaints received by the Ombudsman.

### Investigations

The Investigations Unit investigates complaints from members of the public against government departments and agencies, determines effective remedies/resolutions, and negotiates strategies to implement solutions with the complainant and with senior officials within the department/agency concerned.

### **Information Technology**

This unit provides managerial oversight and technical support in the operations and maintenance of the ICT infrastructure of the Office.

### **Communications**

This unit:

- Establishes and maintains positive public perception of the Office of the Ombudsman through media relations and online customer service delivery (social media community management);
- Engages in public awareness initiatives through traditional and new media to sensitise the public about the services of the Office of the Ombudsman
- Hosts public education campaigns to educate the public about their rights and best practices in conducting their affairs with government ministries, departments and state agencies

### Research

The Research Unit organizes and executes research programmes and performs specialized research activities that are pertinent to the administrative procedures, policies, rules, roles and functions of public sector bodies which fall within the remit of the Ombudsman's jurisdiction.

### **General Administration**

This unit is tasked with managing and directing the work of the General Administrative Support Services Unit of the Office. It consists of three (3) sections that perform the functions of:

- Office Management
- Registry/Records Management
- Administrative
- Certain accounting functions

### UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN—CONTINUED

# SECTION 7(1) (a) (ii) CATEGORIES OF DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE OFFICE

- a. Files, Records, Manuals, Documents:
  - · Files dealing with administrative documents and for the operations of the Office
  - Personnel files, which detail all staff appointments, job applications, job specifications, promotions, transfers, resignations, deaths, retirements, leave, vacation etc.
  - · Files dealing with the accounting and financial management function of the Office
  - Financial Records (cheques, vouchers, receipts, journals, salary records etc.)
  - · Files dealing with the appointment of the Ombudsman
  - · Files dealing with training
  - · Files pertaining to complaints made pursuant to the investigative function of the Office
  - · Files dealing with circulars, memoranda, notices, etc.
  - Correspondence files
  - · Files dealing with official functions, conferences and events attended by the Office
  - Files dealing with matters relating to the procurement of goods and services
  - Policy Documents
  - · Cabinet Documents (Notes and Minutes)
  - Inventory files
  - · Records and documents relating to the strategic review of the Office
  - · Contracts, agreements, leases, deeds, concessions and licences
  - News releases, speeches and presentations produced by the Office
  - Minutes/Agendas of Meetings

### b. Publications:

- Annual Reports
- Special Reports
- Published Statements
- Journals
- Brochures/ Flyers
- · Newspapers and clippings therefrom
- Books

### c. Forms:

- Complaint Forms
- · Freedom of Information Act Forms

### d. Audio Visuals:

Reels and Tapes

### UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN—CONTINUED

### SECTION 7(1) (a) (iii) MATERIAL PREPARED FOR PUBLICATION OR INSPECTION

The public may inspect and, where applicable, obtain copies of the following materials between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday (except public holidays) at its Head Office located at:

### The Office of the Ombudsman

International Waterfront Centre, Level 12, Tower D, 1A Wrightson Road, Port of Spain Tel: (868) 624-3121

- The Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01
- The Ombudsman Act, Chap. 2:52
- The Freedom of Information Act, Chap. 22:02
- Complaint forms
- · Brochures and flyers
- Annual Reports
- Public Notices

Where appropriate, the public can access these documents on the Office's website at <a href="https://www.ombudsman.gov.tt">www.ombudsman.gov.tt</a> for further information. Electronic versions of the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette may be accessed via the website: <a href="https://news.gov.tt/content/e-gazette">http://news.gov.tt/content/e-gazette</a>.

### SECTION 7(1) (a) (iv) LITERATURE AVAILABLE BY SUBSCRIPTION

The Office has no literature available by subscription at this time.

### SECTION 7(1) (a) (v) PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN ACCESSING A DOCUMENT FROM THE OFFICE

### **General Procedure**

In order for applicants to enforce the rights provided by the FOIA, requests must be made in writing to the Office. The appropriate form must be completed (the Request for Access to Official Documents form). It is available at the Head Office's reception desk or it may be downloaded from the website <a href="https://www.foia.gov.tt">www.foia.gov.tt</a>.

The following information <u>must</u> be provided on the *Request for Access to Official Documents* form:

· Name of applicant (full name)

### UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN—CONTINUED

- · Contact information
- Information requested and format to provide the information
- · Date of request
- · Signature of applicant
- Applications should be addressed to the Designated Officer see Section 7 (1) (a) (vi).

When a request is submitted, the Designated Officer will acknowledge that it has been received and is being considered. Applicants should provide details that will allow for ready identification and location of the records that are being requested. If insufficient information is provided, clarification will be sought from the applicant. If there is doubt or uncertainty concerning the submission of a request (i.e. what details to include), prospective applicants should communicate with the Designated Officer/s.

The Office will notify the applicant of the outcome of the request within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the request. If it appears that processing the request may take longer than the statutory limit of thirty (30) days, where practicable, a request for additional time will be made to the Applicant. If it is determined that the request cannot be disclosed (refusal) then the applicant is informed of the refusal and the rights of the applicant according to sections 38A and 39 of the FOIA.

### REQUESTS NOT HANDLED UNDER THE FOIA

- Documents with information that is open to public access;
- A document that is available for purchase by the public;
- A document that is available for inspection that is in a registry maintained by the Registrar General
  or other public authority;
- A document that is stored for preservation or safe custody, being a duplicate of a document of a
  public authority.

Additionally, there are certain documents that may be exempt from disclosure, as prescribed by the Act. These include inter alia:

- Cabinet documents
- Law enforcement documents
- Documents relating to trade secrets
- · Documents affecting personal privacy
- Documents containing material obtained in confidence
- Documents to which secrecy provisions apply

### **Fees and Charges**

No fee shall be charged for the making of a request for access to an official document except as prescribed by the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations.

### UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN—CONTINUED

### SECTION 7(1) (a) (vi) OFFICERS IN THE OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- The initial receipt of and action upon notices under Section 10
- Reguests for access to documents under Section 13
- Applications for the correction of personal information under Section 36 of the FOIA.

### The Designated Officer for the Office is:

### Ms. Renata Ramlochan

Head Legal (Ag.)
International Waterfront Centre,
Level 12, Tower D,
1A Wrightson Road,
Port of Spain
Tel: (868) 624-3121; ext.206

Email: feedback@ombudsman.gov.tt

### The Alternate Officer is:

### Mr. G.H. Weekes

Administrative Officer IV (Ag.)
International Waterfront Centre,
Level 12, Tower D,
1A Wrightson Road,
Port of Spain
Tel: (868) 624-3121; ext. 225

Email: feedback@ombudsman.gov.tt

# SECTION 7(1) (a) (vii) ADVISORY BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

At present, there are no bodies that fall within the meaning of this section.

## SECTION 7(1) (a) (viii) LIBRARY/READING ROOM FACILITIES

At present, the Office does not have a library or reading room that is available for use by the public. Members of the public can view material available for inspection by the public at the front desk in the lobby of the Head Office located at International Waterfront Centre, Level 12, Tower D, 1A Wrightson Road, Port of Spain, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except public holidays).

### UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN—CONTINUED

### **SECTION 8 STATEMENTS**

SECTION 8(1) (a) (i, ii) and 8(1) (b)

These subsections are not applicable to the Office at this time.

### **SECTION 9 STATEMENTS**

SECTION 9(1) (a, b, c, d, g, i, j, k, l, m)

These subsections are not applicable to the Office at this time.

### SECTION 9(1) (e)

A report (including a report concerning the results of studies, surveys or tests) prepared for the Office by a scientific or technical expert, whether employed within the Office or not, including a report expressing the opinion of such an expert on scientific or technical matters.

- Market and Opinion Research International (MORI) Caribbean in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Administration - Client Satisfaction Survey 2010
- · Vendor Evaluation Report for acquisition of new Case Management System

### SECTION 9(1) (f)

A report prepared for the Office by a consultant who was paid for preparing the report.

- Strategic Plan 2000-2003; 2008-2011; 2014-2017; 2023-2027
- SWOT Analysis for the Office revised 22 November 2008
- The Environmental Scan for the Office revised 22 November 2008

### SECTION 9(1) (h)

A report on the performance or efficiency of the Office, or of an officer, division or branch of the Office, whether the report is of a general nature or concerns a particular policy, programme or project administered by the Office.

- Strategic Plan 2000-2003; 2008-2011; 2014-2017; 2023-2027
- Annual Reports 1977-2023

### UPDATED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN—CONTINUED

### **SECTION 9(1) (i)**

A report containing final plans or proposals for the re-organization of the functions of the Office, the establishment of a new policy, programme or project to be administered by the Office, or the alteration of an existing policy, programme or project administered by the Office, whether or not the plans or proposals are subject to approval by an officer of the Office, another public authority, the responsible Minister of the Office or Cabinet.

- Training Plan 2023-2025
- Proposal to create a sub-accounting unit
- Proposal to create Regulations in accordance with the Ombudsman Act, Chapter 2:52, Section 12

**DATE: JULY 2025** 

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### LOSS OF THE DEMERARA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED POLICY

DAVID PATRICK AUGUSTUS having made sworn declaration that THE DEMERARA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED, Policy Number T19244 on the life of DAVID PATRICK AUGUSTUS has been lost and having made application to the Company for a duplicate, notice is hereby given that unless any objection is raised within one month of the date thereof, the duplicate policy requested will be issued.

THE DEMERARA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

136–138, St. Vincent Street Port-of-Spain.

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### LOSS OF SCOTIALIFE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED POLICIES

SWORN declaration having been made that the following policies issued by Scotialife Trinidad and Tobago Limited have been lost, and having made application to the Company for duplicate policies, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date thereof, the duplicate policies will be issued:

$Name\ of\ In$	sured		Policy Number
GWENDOLYN ALLEYN	NE		 U00192623
KRISHNA PERSAD			 L69505900
MAUREEN ALLEYNE			 U0004QB01
NICHOLLE CAMPBEL	L-NEPTU	NE	 V28901030
PATRICIA GARIB			 D00206922
AMANDA RAMNARINI	E		 D00251212
INDIRA A. MOHAMMI	ED		 V76952400
RAVI SEUMANGAL			 U00103687
STEVE HARRIDAN			 U00102459
ASIF KAYUM			 U00106503
ROSEMARIE SINGH			 U00197648
CARLTON JONES			 U00158508

SCOTIALIFE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

56–58, Richmond Street Port-of-Spain.

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SWORN declaration having been made that the following policies issued by Scotialife Trinidal and Tobago Limited have been lost, and having made application to the Company for duplicate policies, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date thereof, the duplicate policies will be issued:

$Name\ of\ Insured$			Policy Number		
SADE G. BROWN				D00235438	
FITZ MURPHY				U00217975	
DORIS HARRY				U00152623	

RAJENDRA HARNA	RINE	 	D00137816
JOSHUA P. JOHN		 	D00240368
ARUNA ALI		 	U00142544
LISA RYCE		 	D00187260
AKEILON SANDY		 	U00202713

SCOTIALIFE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

56–58, Richmond Street Port-of-Spain.

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### LOSS OF TATIL LIFE INSURANCE LIMITED POLICIES

Pursuant to section 208 of the Insurance Act, 2018, the following policies were reported lost or destroyed:

Name of Insured		Ì	Policy Number
ANDY W. HAMILTON			U0062955
TAFFAREL D. L. JOSEPH			U00124302
SAMAROO GILDHARRY			U0060008
SUZETTE JULIUS			U0099089
JOSHUA S. M. SHOY			T00181441
CHRISTOPHER S. R. JOHNS	STON		N0813060
OWEN G. JOHNSTON			N0813057
TERENCE D. JOHNSTON			N0813058
GERALD A. JOHNSTON			N0813059
LOUIS M. JOHNSTON			N0813061
DEBRA CHOUTEE			U00140683

TATIL LIFE INSURANCE LIMITED

11A, Maraval Road Port-of-Spain.

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### TRANSFER OF LICENCE (Liquor Licences Act, Chap. 84:10)

### Tobago

NOTICE is hereby given that a notification in writing has this day been lodged with me the undersigned Secretary of the Licensing Committee Tobago, by Aiana Primus of Guy Street, Canaan, Tobago, that it is her intention to apply to the Licensing Committee at the Scarborough District Court on TUESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025 at 1.00 o'clock in the afternoon for a transfer to her of the Licence to carry on the trade of a Spirit Grocer now held by Elsie Stewart, in respect of premises situate at Guy Street, Canaan, Tobago.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2025 at the Scarborough District Court, Tobago.

J. LINDSAY Secretary, Licensing Committee Tobago