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MEDIA RELEASE

THE TRUE FACTS IN THE MATTER OF TERISSA DHORAY V ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REVENUE AUTHORITY MATTER)

The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Colm Imbert, MP, has taken note of a press release issued by the Public Services Association (PSA) regarding a decision which the Minister made yesterday, which is related to the active case of Terissa Dhoray v the Attorney General of Trinidad And Tobago (The Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority court matter).

The Minister has refrained in the past in commenting on the inaccurate and misleading statements made by the PSA as the TTRA matter has progressed through the courts in Trinidad and Tobago.

However, it needs to be emphasized that the Government was successful in having an application for an injunction, made on behalf of the PSA through a public officer, Ms Terissa Dhoray, dismissed by the High Court on June 5, 2023. If the application for injunctive relief had been successful, the work of the TTRA in establishing its organizational structure in a timely manner would have been severely disrupted.

The decision of the High Court was followed by a majority decision of the Court of Appeal on July 11, 2023, which dismissed an appeal of the decision of the High Court in the matter.

Yesterday, the Minister of Finance, with the appropriate approvals, made an order extending the time for public officers to exercise their options under the TTRA Act, which can be summed up as either (1) transfer to the TTRA, (2) retire from the public service, or (3) remain within the public service if a suitable alternative position is available.

The original deadline for public officers to make this decision was July 31, 2023. This deadline has now been extended to November 30, 2023, giving public officers an additional four (4) months to make their decision as to which option they wish to choose.

It is noteworthy that the Minister made this decision in his discretion after careful consideration of all of the factors involved, and with the appropriate approvals.

Further, contrary to the assertions of the PSA, this decision was not made as a result of the minority decision in the Court of Appeal.

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The Honourable Colm Imbert M.P.
Minister of Finance