



REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON ITS DELIBERATIONS ON THE CONSTABULARY FORCE ACT (AMENDMENT OF SECOND SCHEDULE) ORDER, 2021

Members of the Honourable House are reminded that on the 29th day of September, 2020, the Honourable Edmund Bartlett, Minister of Tourism and Leader of the House, having obtained suspension of the Standing Orders, moved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 68 (3) and in accordance with Standing Order No. 73, this Honourable House appoints a Regulations Committee comprising the following Members:

Hon. Lester Michael Henry, OJ, CD, MP - **Chairman**

Mr. Franklin Witter, MP

Ms. Tamika Davis, MP

Mr. Robert Miller, MP

Mr. Tova Hamilton, MP

Mr. James Robertson, MP

Mr. Robert Chin, MP

Mr. G. Anthony Hylton, CD, MP

BE IT RESOLVED that the Constabulary Force Act (Amendment of Second Schedule) Regulations, 2021, under the Constabulary Force Act, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 15th day of September 2021, be referred to the Regulations Committee of the House of Representatives for consideration and report.

Members are reminded that by virtue of a resolution approved by this Honourable House on the 9th day of February, 2021, the composition of your Committee, as set out above, was made to continue in force for this session of Parliament and we were empowered to proceed with matters that were before us from the stage reached at prorogation.

Your Committee held **one (1)** meeting on the **12st of October 2021**, in consideration of the matter, **(Appendix 1)**. Your Committee now has the honour to present our findings and recommendations

1. OVERVIEW

Standing Order 73 (1) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives states that the Regulations Committee shall have the duty of considering all such regulations as defined in the **Interpretation Act** that are laid before the House and are subject to negative resolution. Your Committee is required to bring to the special attention of the House, any regulation or draft –

- (a) which involves the expenditure of public moneys or imposes or fixes fees for licences or for services;
- (b) which cannot be challenged in the Courts on the ground that it is *ultra vires*, or is only temporarily so challengeable;
- (c) the making of which appears to constitute an unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Act under which it was made;
- (d) which purports to have retrospective effect although the Act under which it was made does not in terms give the Minister such power;
- (e) the publication or the laying before the House of which appears to have been unduly delayed;
- (f) as respects which there has been unjustifiable delay in notifying the Speaker that the instrument has come into operation before it was laid before the House; or
- (g) the purport or form of which appears to require elucidation.

We, however, should not consider or report on the merits or policy of any regulations.

2. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Committee examined the Constabulary Force Act (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order, 2021, which was laid on the Table of the House of Representatives on the 15th day of September 2021, and wishes to report our decision to the Honourable House of Representatives in accordance with Standing Order 73 (1).

Your Committee found that the development of the Order was placed for consideration so as to stipulate for the Central Conference for each rank to be held once per year during the month of May. During this Central Conference, each rank was expected to select two members to represent them upon the Central Committee. However, as a result of the challenges experienced in convening meetings and engaging in the necessary processes to undertake a Central Conference in accordance with the provision of the Schedule. The amendments would allow and give effect to the delay of the Central Conference to the month of October.

Your Committee, having taken into consideration all the matters, *has no objection to the Regulations.*

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your Committee wishes to express sincere gratitude to the Clerk to the Houses of Parliament and staff for their invaluable assistance and kind courtesies extended during the meeting.

**Houses of Parliament
October 12, 2021**

Appendix 1

ATTENDANCE
One (1) Meeting

	Present	Absent	Apology
Hon. L. Michael Henry, – Chairman	0	0	1
Mr. Franklin Witter (interim Chairman)	1	0	0
Ms. Tamika Davis	1	0	0
Mr. Robert Miller	1	0	0
Ms. Tova Hamilton	1	0	0
Mr. James Robertson	0	0	0
Mr. Robert Chin	1	0	0
Mr. G Anthony Hylton	0	0	0

SIGNATURES



Hon. L. Michael Henry – *Chairman*

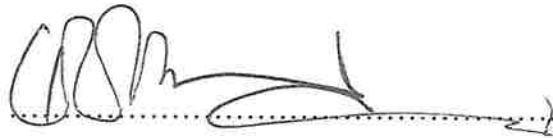


Ms. Tova Hamilton



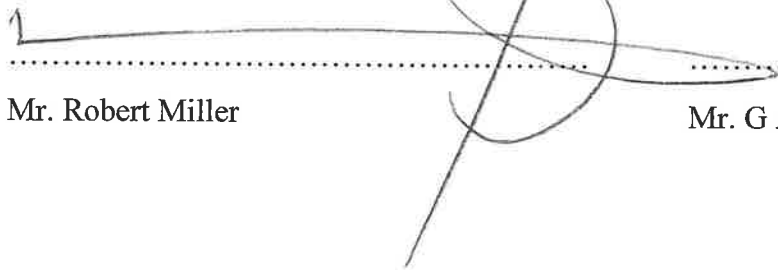
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