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Acting CPO Meets with PSA and Ministry of Finance for State of the Economy Presentation

November 21 2025 – Acting Chief Personnel Officer (CPO), Ms. Wendy Barton, today met with the executive of the Public Services Association (PSA) and representatives of the Ministry of Finance for the Ministry’s State of the Economy presentation. However, instead of proceeding solely with the scheduled presentation, the PSA received a formal letter outlining a 10 percent offer on salaries in respect of offices in the Civil Service, Tobago House of Assembly, and Statutory Authorities for the periods January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 and January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019, which will be the subject of negotiations.

In her remarks, the acting CPO emphasised that the State of the Economy presentation is a legitimate, essential and reasonable component of the public service bargaining framework. She noted that the briefing provides all parties with an up-to-date, official and holistic overview of Trinidad and Tobago’s economic and fiscal position.

Ms. Barton stated that the presentation ensured that the PSA enters negotiations with a clear understanding of current economic conditions, fiscal constraints, and national priorities, thereby promoting transparency, mutual understanding and constructive engagement as discussions move forward.

The acting CPO expressed appreciation to the Ministry of Finance for the detailed and timely briefing. She reaffirmed the Department’s readiness to proceed with negotiations and underscored the importance of open dialogue and good-faith engagement throughout the process.

She also extended thanks to the PSA executive, and Personnel Department officials for their active participation. She noted that the collaborative and respectful tone of the engagement reflected the shared commitment of all parties to achieve outcomes that are fair, responsible and aligned with the country’s economic realities.

The Personnel Department remains dedicated to fostering a balanced, transparent and data-driven negotiation process to achieve the best outcome for both parties.

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