

## Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Incorrect article in Newsday of July 1st 2017 -

Re: UNIMED Group Health Plan for Monthly Paid Public Officers

The Ministry of Finance wishes to correct an inaccurate article on page 8 in the Newsday of Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, headline: "Cabinet injects \$2M to 'rescue' UNIMED Plan".

The figure of \$2M is incorrect and instead the actual fund being injected by the government is \$21M TTD. The Hon. Colm Imbert Minister of Finance in his statement in the Parliament on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, stated in part, 'The Government has reviewed the entire situation [financial status and benefits of the plan], including the impact on the health and wellbeing of the public officers and recognizes the value of a healthy workforce in the delivery of its services. In this regard, Cabinet has taken the decision to inject \$21M into the Group Health Plan for monthly paid officers to ensure its continued viability".

The copy of the report which was presented in the Parliament is attached for your review.