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**INACCURATE FIGURES IN THE EXPRESS NEWSPAPER  
REGARDING THE COST OF CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT IN THE TTPS**

The Minister of Finance, Honourable Colm Imbert, MP, has noted two successive articles in the Express Newspaper (Sunday October 24, 2021 and Tuesday October 26, 2021) which quote inaccurate figures for the expenditure on contract employment in the Police Service.

In these two articles the expenditure on contract employment in the TTPS has been stated as **\$1.6 million** in 2016, rising to **\$57.3 million** in 2017, and dropping to **\$54.1 million** in 2018.

This gives the misleading impression that in the second fiscal year of the present Government there was a huge increase of **3,400%** in this expenditure item from **\$1.6 million** in 2016 to **\$57.3 million** in 2017.

However, although the error may have been unintentional, this is simply not correct.

In reality, as can be seen from the Estimates of Recurrent Expenditure under Item 02 – Goods and Services/001 – Police Service (Trinidad)/16 – Contract Employment, the **actual** expenditure on contract employment in the TTPS in 2016 was **\$61.6 million**, down from **\$67.2 million** in 2015. In fact, the expenditure on this item showed a downward trend from 2015 to 2018, from **\$67.2 million** to **\$54.1 million**.

However, expenditure on contract employment in the TTPS began to increase after 2018, rising from **\$54.1 million** in 2018 to **\$88.8 million** in 2021, an increase of **\$34.7 million** per year over the period 2018-2021.

It is hoped that this factual data will put an end to erroneous speculation by media and members of the public on this matter.

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