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MEDIA RELEASE

Inaccurate Newsday Headline on Recent Statements made in the Senate

Regarding the Audit of the THA

It is unfortunate that on **Wednesday 26th April, 2023** the Newsday Newspaper published an inaccurate headline over an article reporting my recent statements in the Senate.

Not once during my contribution on that day did I state that the Ministry of Finance ‘has no oversight over **THA**.’

What I did state on numerous occasions that day, is that the Ministry of Finance is not responsible for the **AUDIT** of the **THA** nor the operations of the Auditor General.

I went to great lengths to reiterate to Senator Mark and the listening public that the Tobago House of Assembly is **NOT** under the administrative responsibility of the Minister of Finance. Specifically, the information being sought is available from the Auditor General through the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament.

The Ministry of Finance understands the challenge and complexity which comes with reporting economic and legislative matters in the public domain, but calls for a greater level of accuracy when reporting on these matters in the future.

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