PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVES

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INITIATIVES

1. Supporting the work of Members of Parliament
2. Optimizing Internal Processes
3. Connecting more effectively with the Public
SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Paperless Parliament Initiative

• An e-repository called the ROTUNDA was fully operationalized in 2020
• This SharePoint platform serves as an information hub that allows Parliamentarians remote access to all Parliamentary documents
• Has eliminated the need for MPs to receive physical copies of Parliamentary documents
• Members and Staff can access this application remotely on any devise or location
• All Members are equipped with Ipads/Tablets to access this Application
## Parliamentary Calendar

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- **September 2022**
- **Independence Day (Trinidad)**
- **Republic Day (Trinidad)**

- **01:30 pm - 04:00 pm**
- **1st Sitting of the House**
- **01:30 pm - 06:30 pm**
- **2nd Sitting of the House**
Hansard Transcript Production - Software upgrades

• Upgrade of software utilized by the Hansard Unit (SLIQ)

• CAT Reporters produce draft transcripts within 24 hours of a Sitting or Committee meeting

• Edited transcripts are posted on the website within 2 to 5 days
CONNECTING MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PUBLIC

Redesigned Website

• More user-friendly

• More open access to Parliamentary information. Papers laid in both Houses are now accessible to the public including Auditor General Reports, Annual Reports, Ministers’ Statements etc

• Online surveys by Joint Select Committees

• Virtual Tours of the Red House and Art Gallery
CHALLENGES

**Tech Skills Barrier:** Some members have complained about challenges interacting with the information hub. This may be attributed to gaps in knowledge about the technology.

**Recommendation**

- Creating tutorial/demonstrative videos to assist members to better embrace the technological changes
- IT staff are available to render assistance to members
CHALLENGES

Virtual interfaces have minimized the collective-thinking effect that would be achieved during face-to-face meetings (initial stage).

Recommendations

• Facilitate hybrid committee meetings where a subset of the committee can join the Chairman and secretarial team at the Parliament Building while others attend virtually.

• The creation of WhatsApp chat groups for each JSC, has allowed members and staff to instantaneously communicate
THANK YOU