

Select Committee to Consider Petitions of Concerned Citizens
A Bill for, Goods and Services Tax Act, 2021

MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING

Date: 12th May, 2021

Start Time: 2:06 pm

Location: House of Assembly Conference Room and and Microsoft Teams Application

Present

Hon Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson (Chairperson)

Hon Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge

Hon Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge

Hon Member SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

Hon Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

In Attendance

Mr. Lenox Proctor, Clerk of the Assembly

Ms. Vanisha Proctor. Clerk of Committees

1. Prayer

Prayers were said by Hon Mr. Kyle Hodge.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The Draft Agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the First Meeting were approved as circulated.

4. Confirmation of the persons to serve as expert advisors to the Committee

The Committee agreed:

a) That the following persons be invited to work with the Committee as Special Expert Advisors:

i. Dr. Wycliffe Fahie

ii. Mr. David Carty

iii. A representative of the National Youth Ambassador Corps

b) That correspondence be sent to the agreed persons, by Friday 21st May, 2021, inviting them to assist the Committee.

5. Approval of a Work Programme for the Committee.

The Committee agreed on set of objectives and a Work Programme for the period 21st May to 27th July, 2021. **(See Appendix1)**

6. Approval of a list of documents for review

The Committee approved a preliminary list of documents for review and agreed that the folder be augmented on an ongoing basis by all Members. The documents are:

- i. A Bill for, Goods and Services Tax Act, 2021
- ii. Government of Anguilla 2021 Budget Address, Analysis and Estimates of Recurrent Revenue, Expenditure and Capital
- iii. Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2013
- iv. Government of Anguilla Medium Term and Economic Fiscal Plan 2018-2020
- v. The Overseas Territories – Security, Success and Sustainability: FC), Hune 2012
- vi. Anguilla 44, A Vision for Prosperity: Goddard, March, 2021
- vii. IMF Working Paper; Tax Administration Reforms in the Caribbean – Challenges, Achievements and Next Steps: Stephanie Schlotterbeck: April, 2017

7. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:19pm.

The Committee agreed that the next meeting will be Thursday 27th May at 2pm.

APPENDIX 1

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Work Programme

Work Programme Objectives:

1. To better understand the context surrounding the implementation of Goods and Services Tax.
2. To assess the impact of the Goods and Services Tax on various sectors of the economy and the population on a whole.
3. To produce an informed report including recommendations to the Government of Anguilla as it relates to the concerns of the petitioners.

Date	Activity	Deliverables	Notes
21 May	Notice of Commencement of Work	Press release circulated to all media Houses and on Social Media Media pack including short video for social media, radio bulletins.	Deliverables to outline objectives, process and work programme of committee
Ongoing	Literature Review	One Drive folder created containing documents for review by committee. Summary of information contained in reviewed literature.	Review based on ongoing compilation of documents.
27 May	Agreement on Lines of Inquiry and list of witnesses.	Thematic areas and preliminary list of questions generated for evidence collection. List of witnesses generated for submission of evidence. (oral and written)	
28 may	Issuance of Request for Submission of Evidence Notice to witnesses re: evidence sessions.	Public notice requesting interested parties to submit evidence. Notice sent to witness for attendance to evidence session.	As per agreed communications strategy.
10 June	Agreement of Final List of questions for Evidence Sessions.	Final list of questions for evidence sessions.	

21 June	Evidence Session	Responses to specific questions received and collated. Transcript (audio and text)	Government Officials P.S. Finance, Comptroller IRD, CBD, FCDO, Financial Advisor.
23 June	Evidence Session	Responses to specific questions received and collated. Transcript (audio and text)	Selection of petitioners
25 June	Evidence Session	Responses to specific questions received and collated. Transcript (audio and text)	Business owners/ Company representatives
8 July	Issue Identification	Summary of issues identified based on evidence gathered and literature reviewed generated.	
15 July	Recommendations	A set of recommendationS agreed to by the Committee	
22 July	Consideration of Preliminary report	Preliminary report agreed to by the committee.	
	Final Report	Final report agreed to by the Committee. Accompanying communications plan for release of report agreed.	
27 July	Publication of Report and Report of Committee to House	Report of Committee laid before the House and published.	
22-27 July	Media Activities Related to Launch.	Notice sent to media stakeholders inviting to conference. Highlights of report released. Press Conference held after Assembly Meeting Other deliverables as required by communication plan.	