
PRESS RELEASE

**TO ALL PERSONS IN PUBLIC LIFE AS DEFINED BY THE INTEGRITY IN
PUBLIC LIFE ACT, CHAPTER 22:01 (“IPLA”) FAILING TO FILE THEIR
DECLARATIONS OF INCOME, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND STATEMENTS
OF REGISTRABLE INTERESTS.**

On 23rd January 2023 and 1st February 2023, the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago pursuant to Section 11(6) of the IPLA published a list of **Five Hundred and Thirty-One (531)** names of persons in public life that failed to file their Declarations of Income, Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Registrable Interests in the Trinidad and Tobago Newsday and Gazette respectively.

As of 30th April 2023, **Eighty-Two (82)** persons in public life who were published in the Newsday and Gazette have voluntarily complied.

As of 30th April 2023, the Integrity Commission has filed a total of **One Hundred and Ninety-Two (192)** ex parte applications with respect to persons whose names were published pursuant to Section 11(7) of the IPLA, which states:

“The Commission may, at any time after the publication referred to in section (6), make an ex parte application to the High Court for an order directing such person to comply with the Act and the Court may in addition to making such an order, impose such conditions as it thinks fit.”

These ex parte applications constitute requests to the High Court to order persons in public life to file their outstanding Declarations of Income, Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Registrable Interests.

As of April 30th 2023, over **Ninety-Seven (97%)** of all Declarations of Income, Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Registrable Interests for filing years 2014 to 2021 have been voluntarily filed or subjected to ex parte orders of the Court mandating such filing. As previously stated by the Commission, there is a zero-tolerance approach to the non-filing of Declarations of Income, Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Registrable Interests. **This policy has been evenly applied to all declarants.**

The Commission strongly encourages the voluntary filing of Declarations of Income, Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Registrable Interests which would prevent persons in public life from being subject to ex parte actions with costs attached.

11th May, 2023.