

PRESS RELEASE

On 16th June 2025, the Editorial of the Daily Express Newspaper page 12, reported that Ms Jaiwantee Ramdass, Auditor General in her Report to Parliament stated that almost \$111 million was spent by the Integrity Commission (“Commission”) on Accommodation and Storage but could not be verified because no contract was produced for audit.

It is important to point out that this information is incorrect. The funds allocated to the Commission for the fiscal year 2024 was \$8.6 million whilst the revised provision for the line item, Accommodation and Storage was only \$217,500.

The Auditor General’s Report stated “A contractual agreement between the Commission and Udecott was not produced for audit. As a result payments of \$110,920 for the year could not be verified”.

By letter dated June 10, 2024, the Office of the Commission informed the Auditor General’s Department that arrangements were being made to complete the contractual agreement with Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (Udecott) for parking spaces at the International Waterfront Carpark. The Office of the Commission was awaiting the contractual agreement from Udecott for review and sign off hence the reason the agreement could not be produced to the Auditor General at that time. However, the agreement with Udecott for parking spaces has since been completed as well as the current agreement (fiscal year 2025) has been finalized.

As such, the misinformation carried in the Express Newspaper on 16th June 2025 amounts to an unwarranted ambush on the image and work of the Commission.

The Commission remains committed to carrying out its mandate whilst ensuring transparency, efficiency, professionalism and integrity.