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ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYE-ELECTIONS
IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN
HELD ON MONDAY 25TH JANUARY, 2021**



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- (b) the number of rejected ballots;
- (c) the number of names on the revised list of electors and on the list of special electors; and
- (d) any other information that the Commission has deemed fit to include.

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29th June, 2021

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Honourable Minister

Election Rule 108(6) of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 2:01 (the Act) requires the Elections and Boundaries Commission (the Commission) to cause to be printed, after each election, a report giving:

- (a) the number of votes polled for each candidate by polling divisions;
- (b) the number of rejected ballots;
- (c) the number of names on the revised list of electors and on the list of special electors; and
- (d) any other information that it may deem fit to include,

Further, the said rule specifies that a copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Minister responsible for local government, as well as to the Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Corporation.

Acting in accordance with the said election rule 108(6), therefore, the Commission submits herewith its report on the Bye-Election in the Diego Martin Regional Corporation held on Monday 25th January, 2021. The data in respect of (a) and (b) above are provided in **Appendix I**. A summary of the information contained in Appendix I is given in **Appendix II**, while the requirement at (c) is met in **Appendix III**. Other pertinent information deemed fit for inclusion in the report, in addition to what is contained in this text, can be found in **Appendices IV-X** inclusive.

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OF THE ELECTION

By means of correspondence dated Wednesday 9th December 2020 from Her Excellency, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Commission was informed that the Honourable Prime Minister had agreed to Monday 25th January, 2021 as the date for the conduct of a Bye-Election in the Electoral District of Morne Coco/Alyce Glen in the Diego Martin Regional Corporation, consequent on the declaration by the said Corporation of a vacancy in the Electoral District. The vacancy arose as a consequence of the election of the

then Councillor for the electoral district as Member of Parliament for the constituency of Diego Martin Central in the 2020 Parliamentary Election.

The correspondence also indicated that Nomination Day had been fixed for Monday 4th January, 2021.

2. ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Act, a nine-day period of electoral registration was conducted from 17th to 27th December, 2020.

While the time-span cited actually amounts to eleven (11) calendar days, the legal stipulation of nine (9) days was not exceeded. This is due to the fact that Christmas Day and Boxing Day (i.e. Friday 25th December, 2020 and Saturday 26th December, 2020), which fell within the period, had to be excluded in accordance with the provisions of section 159(1) of the Act.

During the period of the Electoral Registration, one (1) notification of change of address was received. There were no new registrations.

The Preliminary List of Electors posted, as required, on the date of the commencement of the period of the Electoral Registration, reflected an electorate of eight thousand, four hundred and fifteen (8,415). On the completion of the exercise, there were no changes to the electorate. As such, Revised List of Electors which was posted on 4th January, 2021 reflected an electorate of eight thousand, four hundred and fifteen (8,415) on the. Minor adjustments to the Revised List, through the Supplemental List, resulted in a total of eight thousand, four hundred and fourteen (8,414) electors being eligible to vote at the election.

3. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Ms. Claudia Lewis was selected as the Returning Officer for the electoral district by the Commission, and the Writ of Election was duly prepared and delivered to Her Excellency, the President on Thursday 10th December, 2020 for signature.



Commissioner, Ms. Roslyn Khan Cummings, on behalf of the Commission, officially appointed Ms. Lewis as Returning Officer, and presented her with the Writ of Election issued by Her Excellency, the President on Sunday 13th December, 2020. The office of the Returning Officer was established at the Diego Martin Central Secondary School, Wendy Fitzwilliam Boulevard, Diamond Vale, Diego Martin.

4. NOMINATION DAY/C PROCEEDINGS

On Nomination Day, 4th January, 2021, two (2) candidates were nominated by two (2) political parties. Pertinent information relating to the candidates nominated is provided in **Appendix IX**.

The breakdown of the candidates nominated is provided in **Table 1** below, together with approved symbols.

TABLE 1
NUMBER OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED & PARTY AFFILIATIONS

NAME OF POLITICAL PARTY	ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION OF PARTY SYMBOL	PARTY SYMBOL	NO. OF CANDIDATES
People's National Movement	P.N.M.	An oval with a balisier flower inside, at the base the letters PNM and the words PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT		1
United National Congress	U.N.C.	Rising Sun over the Trinity Hills above the letters U.N.C.		1
TOTAL CANDIDATES NOMINATED				2

5. POLLING STATIONS AND STAFFING

Fifteen (15) polling stations were established for the purpose of the taking of the poll in the eleven (11) polling divisions in the electoral district.

A total of one hundred and three (103) individuals received training in polling station and related poll-day activities. Of this number, ninety-seven (97), comprising of seventy-five (75) females and twenty-two (22) males, were assigned to work on poll-day. They were recruited to fill the positions of Presiding Officer, Deputy Presiding Officer, Poll Clerk, Officer-in-Charge of the Ballot Box, Information Officer, Roving Officer and Sanitization Officer.

6. COMMUNICATION

The Commission issued messages in various media, which satisfied legal requirements for publication; and undertook proactive communication which publicly shared accurate, timely information to increase voters' understanding of new processes and procedures, as well as messages which focused on protecting voter participation and inclusion.

In addition to the usual pre-election advertisements, the Commission produced television and radio advertisements aimed at addressing any concerns which the voting public may have had

about the electoral process during the COVID-19 pandemic. These advertisements provided information on the measures implemented by the Commission, aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19 and to safeguard the health and well-being of voters on poll day.

7. PREPARATION FOR THE POLL/IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS ON ELECTION PROCESSES

As it did in the preparation for, and conduct of the 2020 Parliamentary Elections, the first election to be held during the pandemic, the Commission again strictly followed the protocols set out by the Ministry of Health. Consequently, changes were made, but not restricted to:

- ❖ the training programme for prospective poll-day staff;
- ❖ the layout of polling stations; and
- ❖ the means by which election-related documents were made available to the public and election officials.

In all of this, the use of technology proved to be an effective tool.

Further, strict adherence was observed with respect to physical distancing, the mandatory wearing of masks, the wearing of gloves where deemed necessary, the sanitization of the hands of both voters and polling station personnel and the frequent sanitization of equipment provided for use at polling stations.

8. CONDUCT OF THE POLL

Voting by Special Electors commenced as scheduled, on Monday 18th January, 2021 at the office of the Returning Officer, while similar activity began on Tuesday 19th January, 2021 at the Special Polling Stations established by the Commission for that purpose. All persons who turned up to vote were able to exercise their franchise without incident.

On poll-day, Monday 25th January, 2021, voting commenced as scheduled; and there were no incidents which negatively impacted the voting process. Election Day went as anticipated, and all persons wishing to exercise their franchise were able to do so in the stipulated time.

As is customary, members of the Commission were deployed in the Electoral District on Election Day in order to monitor operations at polling stations. The casting of ballots and the counting of votes were incident free. Generally, the Commission was satisfied that poll-day arrangements enabled the electorate to exercise their franchise freely and fairly.

9. ELECTION DOCUMENTS

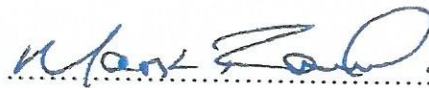
All relevant election documents have been submitted to the Commission for storage and are being maintained in safe custody in accordance with the Act.

10. RESULTS OF THE POLL

The 2021 Local Government Bye-Election in the Electoral District of Morne Coco/Alyce Glen was won by the People's National Movement; their candidate having received nine hundred and eighty-nine (989) votes or **90.24%** of the valid votes polled. The candidate for the United National Congress received one hundred and seven (107) votes or **9.76%** of the valid votes polled, as shown in **Appendix IV**.

The number of electors exercising their right to vote amounted to one thousand and ninety-six (1,096), representing **13.03%** of the total number of eligible voters. The number of valid votes polled was one thousand and ninety-six (1,096) or **100%**. There were no rejected ballots.

Yours faithfully



MARK RAMKERRYSINGH
CHAIRMAN



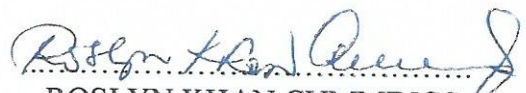
LEWIS W. CHARLES
MEMBER



NOEL KALICHARAN
MEMBER



DANIELLE CHOW
MEMBER



ROSLYN KHAN CUMMINGS
MEMBER

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Appendix I

BYE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE DIEGO MARTIN CORPORATION, 2021
ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN

POLLING STATION NUMBER	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	NO. OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE		NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST AT EACH POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOTS AT EACH POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS
		LAQUIS, JOHN RICARDO U.N.C.	SCHULERE-SMART, JINELLE P.N.M.			
*0055	FOUR ROADS GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL UNION ROAD, FOUR ROADS, DIEGO MARTIN	2	84	86	0	544
0060-01	CRYSTAL STREAM GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL GLORIA AVENUE, CRYSTAL STREAM, DIEGO MARTIN	12	65	77	0	629
0060-02	CRYSTAL STREAM GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL GLORIA AVENUE, CRYSTAL STREAM, DIEGO MARTIN	9	40	49	0	625
0065	CRYSTAL STREAM GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL GLORIA AVENUE, CRYSTAL STREAM, DIEGO MARTIN	30	53	83	0	594
0067	CRYSTAL STREAM GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL GLORIA AVENUE, CRYSTAL STREAM, DIEGO MARTIN	2	37	39	0	569
TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD		55	279	334	0	2,961

* Polling Station where the ballots of Special Electors were intermixed (Election Rule 93).

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		LAQUIS, JOHN RICARDO U.N.C.	SCHULERE-SMART, JINELLE P.N.M.			
	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD	55	279	334	0	2,961
0158-01	PETIT VALLEY GIRLS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	5	31	36	0	427
0158-02	PETIT VALLEY GIRLS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	21	49	70	0	449
0159	PETIT VALLEY GIRLS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	3	78	81	0	684
0160	PETIT VALLEY GIRLS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	5	62	67	0	710
0161-01	PETIT VALLEY GIRLS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	3	53	56	0	482
	TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD	92	552	644	0	5,713

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		LAQUIS, JOHN RICARDO U.N.C.	SCHULERE-SMART, JINELLE P.N.M.			
	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD	92	552	644	0	5,713
0161-02	PETIT VALLEY GIRLS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	4	67	71	0	514
0162	PETIT VALLEY BOYS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	5	113	118	0	712
*0163-01	PETIT VALLEY BOYS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	3	92	95	0	487
0163-02	PETIT VALLEY BOYS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	1	102	103	0	462
	TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD	105	926	1,031	0	7,888

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		LAQUIS, JOHN RICARDO U.N.C.	SCHULERE-SMART, JINELLE P.N.M.			
0164	TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD	105	926	1,031	0	7,888
	PETIT VALLEY BOYS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL MORNE COCO ROAD, PETIT VALLEY	2	63	65	0	526
	TOTALS	107	989	1,096	0	8,414

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a Statement of the Poll showing the number of votes cast for each Candidate, and do on this 26th day of January, 2021 declare
JINELLE SCHULERE-SMART elected.

CLAUDIA LEWIS
Returning Officer
Electoral District of MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN

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**APPENDIX II
(SUMMARY OF APPENDIX I)**

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORAL LIST	VALID VOTES POLLED	REJECTED BALLOTS	TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	CANDIDATES DECLARED ELECTED AND THEIR PARTY AFFILIATIONS
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN	8,414	1,096	0	1,096	JINELLE SCHULERE-SMART P.N.M.

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ON THE LIST OF SPECIAL ELECTORS**

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NO. OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS	NO. OF NAMES ON THE LIST OF SPECIAL ELECTORS (Extracted from Revised List)
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN	8,414	21

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APPENDIX IV

ANALYSIS OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH POLITICAL PARTY AND REJECTED BALLOTS

	ELECTORATE	TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST	REJECTED BALLOTS	VALID VOTES POLLED	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST AS AGAINST THE ELECTORATE	DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES CAST		
						P.N.M.		U.N.C.
						NO. OF VOTES	%	NO. OF VOTES %
ELECTORAL DISTRICT								
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN	8,414	1,096	0	1,096	13.03	989	90.24	107 9.76

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ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORATE	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES CAST	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST AS AGAINST THE ELECTORATE
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN	8,414	1,096	13.03%

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APPENDIX VI

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF ELECTORS PER POLLING STATION AND
AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOTERS PER POLLING STATION**

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NO. OF ELECTORS	NO. OF POLLING STATIONS	AVERAGE NO. OF ELECTORS PER POLLING STATION	NO. OF ELECTORS WHO VOTED	AVERAGE NO. OF VOTERS PER POLLING STATION
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN	8,414	15	561	1,096	73

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APPENDIX VII

RESULTS OF THE POLL IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE WINNER

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	PARTY AFFILIATION	NO. OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE	MAJORITY OF FIRST OVER SECOND
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN				
SCHULERE-SMART, JINELLE	P.N.M.	989	90.24	
LAQUIS, JOHN RICARDO	U.N.C.	107	9.76	882
REJECTED BALLOTS		0	0.00	
TOTAL VOTES CAST		1,096	100.00	

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APPENDIX VIII

COMPOSITION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF ELECTORS



ELECTORAL DISTRICT	REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS AS AT 2020.12.30	SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF ELECTORS AS AT 2021.01.17		TOTAL ELECTORATE
		ADDITIONS	DELETIONS	
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN	8,415	0	1	8,414

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NAMES, ADDRESSES, OCCUPATIONS AND PARTY AFFILIATIONS OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT

IN THE COLUMN HEADED "PARTY AFFILIATION" THE ABBREVIATIONS HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS

P.N.M. - PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT

U.N.C. - UNITED NATIONAL CONGRESS

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	CANDIDATE'S NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	PARTY AFFILIATION	SYMBOL
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN	JOHN RICARDO LAQUIS	NO. 5 PEARL GARDENS, DIEGO MARTIN	BUSINESSMAN	U.N.C.	
	JINELLE SCHULERE-SMART	NO. 53 RAMKEESOON AVENUE, PETTIT VALLEY	BUSINESS-WOMAN	P.N.M.	

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NAMES OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTION CLERK

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NAME OF RETURNING OFFICER	OCCUPATION	NAME OF ELECTION CLERK	OFFICIAL ADDRESS
MORNE COCO/ALYCE GLEN	CLAUDIA LEWIS	PRINCIPAL	GERDA-EVE JULES	DIEGO MARTIN CENTRAL SECONDARY SCHOOL WENDY FITZWILLIAM BOULEVARD, DIAMOND VALE, DIEGO MARTIN

