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Attention All Editors

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EBC conducts ID card exercise with Prison Service

The Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) recently conducted an identification card outreach exercise, at three (3) of the country's prison facilities in Arouca - the Women's Prison, Golden Grove Prison/Remand Prison and the Maximum Security Prison.

On Friday 11th November, 2022, a team from the EBC conducted approximately ninety transactions inclusive of renewal of expired identification cards, replacement of lost identification cards and first time registrations. Inmates were also allowed to "collect" their identification cards. Under the law, prisoners are only disqualified as an elector where there is a sentence of death imposed or a sentence of imprisonment exceeding 12 months.

Fern Narcis-Scope, Chief Election Officer admitted that whilst EBC has always worked with the Prison Service on voter matters, this was the first time a project of this magnitude was undertaken. She expressed her gratitude to the Prison Social Welfare Officers who provided significant secure logistics and planning and who worked with the inmates' families to ensure that all the relevant documents were available to conduct the transactions on the day.

"It is an historic day in the Prisons!" That was how Deopersad Ramoutar, Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.) described the day. He commended the team from the EBC for their efficient and professional service and expressed his desire that this initiative be an on-going outreach, especially to the persons remanded into the prison system and who are still entitled under the Representation of the People's Act to have an identification card.





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In April 2022, the EBC embarked on an identification card renewal exercise in temporary offices across Trinidad and Tobago to assist persons who were challenged to renew their cards during the Covid pandemic. The initiative, which was a walk-in service, was deemed a huge success by an appreciative public where approximately 4,500 transactions were conducted.

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