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**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CLARIFIES REPORTS CONCERNING CONTRACT
WORKERS OF THE FORMER MINISTRY OF TOBAGO DEVELOPMENT**

Following reports appearing in today's newspapers (16th January 2016) regarding short term contract workers from the former Ministry of Tobago Development, Prime Minister, Dr the Honourable Keith Rowley has re-iterated statements made last Wednesday during his visit to staff of the former Ministry.

Dr Rowley confirmed that he gave assurances of no job losses to the public servants on the establishment. No such assurances were given to persons employed on short term contract with the former Ministry. The Prime Minister also noted that a Committee was set up to oversee the transition of some services and programmes from the Ministry of Tobago Development to the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) and the Tobago Affairs Division of the Office of the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister has repeatedly stated that his administration will not support anything that undermines the THA or creates any duplication of functions in Tobago.

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