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Registrar General's Department Port of Spain Relocation

Following upon the merger of the Office of the Attorney General and the Ministry of Legal Affairs in 2015 the Government took immediate steps to occupy the incomplete towers at Richmond Street beginning with the move of the Office of the Attorney General into that location.

Over the last two years the Legal Affairs arm of the Ministry has been engaged in a continuous exercise including the completion of works at its Richmond Street building and the fumigation, preservation, sorting, scanning and packing of thousands of records in anticipation of moving its entire facility from Registration House at South Quay to its Richmond Street building.

The physical relocation of staff and equipment and the build out of IT moved into high gear on a phased basis in June 2018 and was scheduled to be completed by November 2018.

After the occurrence of the earthquake on Tuesday August 21, 2018, the Ministry instructed the structural assessment of all its premises across the country. These assessments are ongoing and some are outstanding.

In all the circumstances the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs has taken the decision to accelerate the phases of its relocation exercise from Registration House to Richmond Street with immediacy. This will necessarily involve the immediate closure of Registration

House at South Quay to the public so that faster supervised transfer of thousands of boxes of records at the Registry can be undertaken.

Services which are normally provided at Registration House will now be accessed at the other registration facilities across Trinidad and Tobago. This is in addition to the availability and functionality of all online services for registration.

The Ministry has assigned additional personnel to its other registration facilities across Trinidad and Tobago and will be carefully monitoring the usage of same as well as the impact upon the public and stakeholders.

The Ministry will of course continue to meet with key stakeholders and has scheduled further meetings beginning Monday 27th August 2018.

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