GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA

MEMORANDUM

FROM: **MINISTER OF FINANCE**

TO: **CLERK OF PARLIAMENT**

REF: **MF 282/19**

DATE: **APRIL 22, 2024**

SUBJECT: **RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 8th, 2024, captioned "Questions to be asked in the House of Representatives,"

I wish to respond with the following status update as at April 19, 2024.

Questions Nos. 1-9

1. **What was the budget provided to the NOC?**

   The allocation for the independence celebrations, as stated last year in the budget speech, was $15 million. The celebrations began with the launch on October 31, 2023, and will continue throughout 2024. The allocation for 2023 was $7.5 million and the allocation for 2024 is $7.5 million. This allocation is provided to the NOC as the leading entity responsible for the execution of the various components of the celebrations.

2. **Were contracts awarded in keeping with the Public Procurement Act? If so, please provide evidence of same.**

   As the 50th Anniversary celebration is a year-long celebration, the award of contracts is an ongoing process. However, please see correspondence from the Procurement Board.

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3. **Who designed the "Grenada Turns 50" logo and how much was paid to that service provider?**

   The logo was designed via a competition which ran in the first half of 2023 where many Grenadians, our creatives, competed. Several designs were considered and the logo which we now know came out on top. The seven finalists were asked to refine the concept. Mr. Ordell De Riggs won the prize of $5000.00; each semi-finalist was paid $500.00.

5. **Who owns the copyright for the official theme song of the 50th Independence Celebration?**

   The song is not copyrighted, Mr. John James of Carriacou is the producer.

6. **How much funds were raised from the sale of independence paraphernalia to the state of Grenada? Which revenue header in the budget would the funds be categorized?**

   As the 50th Anniversary celebration is a year-long celebration, the sale of independence paraphernalia is not yet finalized.

7. **Were any payments made to members of the secretariat? If so, please provide the name, position and the amount paid or to be paid.**

   The members of the secretariat a compensated based on their respective roles.

No.	Name	Position	Monthly Salary
1.	Joerel Simon	Store Clerk	$1,500
2.	Jonathan Telesford	Store Clerk Project Officer	$1,500
3.	Kedi Hood	Driver	$2,000
4.	Anyah Ferguson	Administrative Assistant	$1,800
5.	Abigail Ellis	Marketing & Project Assistant	$3,500
6.	Anderson Antoine	Project Officer	$3,500
7.	Murella Hagley	Project Officer	$4,000
8.	Teah Cummings	Project Officer	$4,500
9.	Jackie Alexis	Project Officer	$4,500
10.	Zoe Hagley	Marketing & Communications Coordinator	$4,500
11.	Richardo Keens Douglas	Creative Producer	$9,000
12.	Gail Purcell	Head of Secretariat	$10,000

8. **Did the Government of Grenada, through the NOC, pay or sponsor flights and accommodation for persons in the diaspora to come home for the Independence celebration? If so, please provide a list of the names, destination and cost associated with the accommodation and travel for each individual.**

   Not in keeping with the current administrative practices.

9. **What were the costs paid for marketing and/or sponsorship for the celebrations?**

   As the 50th Anniversary celebration is a year-long celebration, the cost of the marketing and/or sponsorship for the celebrations is not yet finalized.

10. **How long would the Secretariat remain in existence?**

    As mentioned before, the 50th Anniversary celebration is a year-long celebration. In fact, it runs for a little over a year as it is programmed to conclude at the end of 2024. Therefore, the Secretariat will exist until the culmination of the celebrations.

Hon. Dennis Cornwall
MINISTER OF FINANCE