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I assent

DISTRICT OF SERVICE

Wavel Ramkalawan President

5th November, 2021

**AN ACT** TO AMEND THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT, 2018 (ACT 4 OF 2018).

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly.

#### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Access to Information (Amendment) Act, 2021, and shall be read and construed as one with the Access to Information Act, 2021, (Act 4 of 2018), which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act".

#### Amendment of section 7

- **2.** Section 7 is amended by inserting immediately after subsection (2), a new subsection (3) as follows
  - "(3) On or before the end of January of every year, the Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be published in the Gazette a list of all Information Officers designated by a public body between the period 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year specifying the date of their appointment and cessation of office."

#### Substitution of section 45

3. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 45 and substituting therefor the following —

### "Limitation on outside work

- **45.**(1) The Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall not, during their terms of office, hold office in, or take employment with, a public body or a political party or engage in any partisan political activity.
- (2) Subject to the Public Services Orders, the Chief Executive Officer shall not, during his or her term of office, hold any office in, or take employment with, any other public body or a political party."

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

Mrs. Tania Isaac

Clerk to the National Assembly