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## Ministry of Social Development and Family Services

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#### **MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES REACHES OUT TO ASSIST CASINO UNION OF MEMBERS CLUB AND LOTTERY WORKERS**

Following a story which broke on Tuesday August 25, 2020 the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS), today reached out to the Casino Union of Members Club and Lottery Workers. President of the Union Joshua Johnson met with newly appointed Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, at her office on St Vincent Street, Port of Spain this morning. At the brief meeting, Johnson was able to provide information on the plight of his members who would have applied for both the Social Support Assistance grant under the MSDFS and the Salary Relief grant under the Ministry of Finance.

Minister Cox assured Mr. Johnson that although a significant amount of the applications were for the Salary Relief grant, which are being processed by the Ministry of Finance, she would use her good office in seeking to expedite those applications which have not yet been paid. She indicated that the Ministry continues to work assiduously to complete all applications for COVID Social Support and that payments will be made to all those who meet the criteria, in the shortest possible time.

The Minister asked Mr. Johnson to inform his members that the Ministry is working on their applications and that they will be provided with feedback in the near future. She also indicated that while the Casino workers would have applied for the Salary relief grant, they were also free to apply for food support which is provided under the MSDFS. The Minister ended by stating that although no decision has been taken yet on relief for the 28-day period of restrictions, the Ministry's aim is to ensure that no one will be left behind.



*Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox meets with Joshua Johnson, President of the Casino Union of Members Club and Lottery Workers.*

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