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Minister Cox extends condolences to the Burke Family

Port-of-Spain --- The Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox extends condolences to Troy Burke and his wife and two daughters, as well as his immediate family and friends; following the passing of their three children, Ezekiel, Kayden and Faith Burke yesterday.

“The pain and trauma of the loss of a child is indeed heart wrenching and the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services stands ready to assist the family in any way necessary during this difficult time”, said Minister Cox. According to the Minister: “When the Ministry called the family friend earlier today, we were told that Mr Burke is too distraught and is not able to interact with anyone at this time. This is quite understandable as only time will heal. I was also told that his wife and daughters were hospitalized and that Mr Burke is being monitored closely as the pain of his loss was quite unbearable”. She indicated that a Social Worker from the National Family Services Division is already assigned to help the family cope and provide the necessary counselling support required. The Minister indicated that the Ministry intends to journey with Mr Burke and his family during this difficult time and pleaded with the national community to keep the family in prayer, so that they find comfort, peace and strength in the coming days.

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