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Social Development and National Security Ministers meet on MOU

Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, Minister of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS), and members of her Executive met with the Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, Chief Immigration Officer Charmaine Gandhi-Andrews, and his Executive Team at the Ministry's Head Office on St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain on Thursday 24th March, 2022.

The meeting discussions focussed on arrangements to facilitate the seamless transmission of travel information and verification with respect to citizens and residents of Trinidad and Tobago applying for the Ministry's Senior Citizens' and other social assistance grants offered by the Ministry namely, the Public Assistance Grant, Disability Assistance Grant and the Disability Assistance Grant for Minors.

Minister Cox told those in attendance that the meeting is indeed timely as the Ministry is seeking to improve efficiency, through automation and integration of its business processes. She further noted that such information sharing with the Ministry of National Security through the Immigration Division will reduce challenges faced for client information and will allow for the quicker determination of eligibility for many of its grants with this criterion.

Minister Hinds thanking Minister Cox indicated that he was keen to see this collaboration come to fruition for the benefit of the vulnerable in Trinidad and Tobago. Both parties look forward to finalizing arrangements so that a Memorandum of Understanding is developed and implemented in the shortest possible time.



Minister Cox and Minister Hinds meet to discuss data sharing.



Minister Cox and Minister Hinds at the Ministry's Head Office to discuss data sharing.

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