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TEACHERS' EMPLOYEE SURVEY 2007

A Teaching Service Employee Survey to assess the opinion of teachers and other school-based staff in Trinidad and Tobago is to be initiated later this month, September 2007 by the Ministry of Education and Market & Opinion Research International, MORI of the United Kingdom. School Principals, Vice Principals, Heads of Departments, Deans, Teachers, Remedial Instructors and Assistant Instructors at Early Childhood Care Centres, Primary and Secondary Schools are to be surveyed.

The survey is important as it will provide all these staff with the opportunity to let the Ministry of Education know their views and attitudes on a wide range of issues. The results will be used to inform improvements in the teaching learning environment.

The survey will cover several issues, including job satisfaction, communications, training, promotion, work-life balance and attitudes to management.

Senator Hazel Manning, Minister of Education says: "We want to hear from everyone working in our schools. We value their opinions on

what is working well and where we need to improve. This survey is an important way for everyone to have his or her say.

“We will listen to teachers and other staff. We are committed to improving the quality of education and this can only be done with the input of teachers and school staff.”

This survey forms part of a wider programme of research among employees that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has initiated since 2004, co-ordinated by the Ministry of Public Administration and Information. This has included seeking the views of Public Service Employees in 2004, Defence Force, and Protective Services in 2005. This year, employees in the education and health sectors are being asked for their views.

The employee surveys are confidential and anonymous. It will not be possible to identify individual responses and the independent firm, MORI, adhered to the highest international quality control and data protection laws.

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