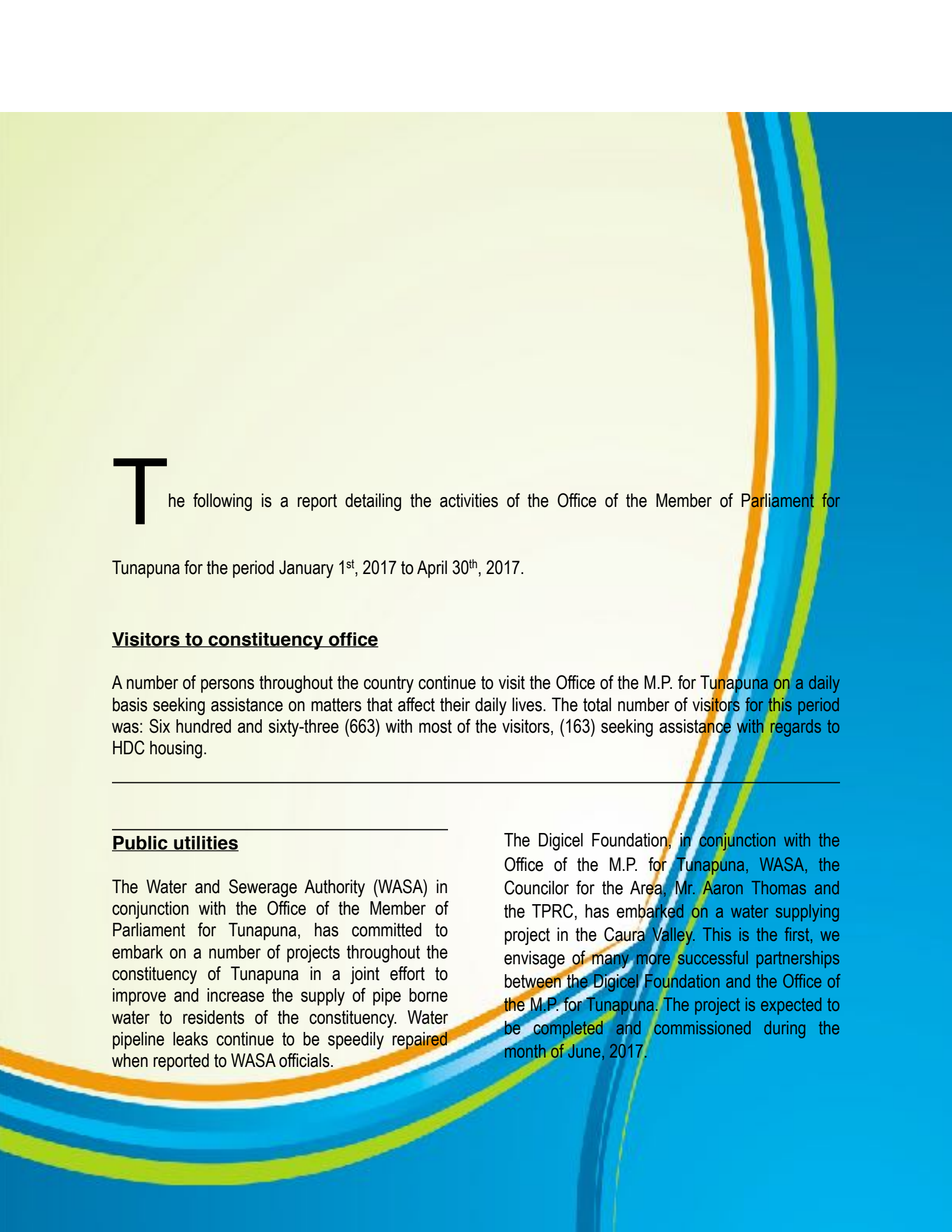


*Office of the M.P. for
Tunapuna
Administrative Report
For the period:
January 1st, 2017*



The following is a report detailing the activities of the Office of the Member of Parliament for Tunapuna for the period January 1st, 2017 to April 30th, 2017.

Visitors to constituency office

A number of persons throughout the country continue to visit the Office of the M.P. for Tunapuna on a daily basis seeking assistance on matters that affect their daily lives. The total number of visitors for this period was: Six hundred and sixty-three (663) with most of the visitors, (163) seeking assistance with regards to HDC housing.

Public utilities

The Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) in conjunction with the Office of the Member of Parliament for Tunapuna, has committed to embark on a number of projects throughout the constituency of Tunapuna in a joint effort to improve and increase the supply of pipe borne water to residents of the constituency. Water pipeline leaks continue to be speedily repaired when reported to WASA officials.

The Digicel Foundation, in conjunction with the Office of the M.P. for Tunapuna, WASA, the Councilor for the Area, Mr. Aaron Thomas and the TPRC, has embarked on a water supplying project in the Caura Valley. This is the first, we envisage of many more successful partnerships between the Digicel Foundation and the Office of the M.P. for Tunapuna. The project is expected to be completed and commissioned during the month of June, 2017.



Ground work being laid for the installation of ten, one thousand gallons water tanks in Tumbasson Trace, Caura.

Electricity supply: Service requests made to the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) are promptly and accurately responded to. Special mention and thanks must be given to the T&TEC Crew for their timely responses to calls for repairs and installations.

A tour of the constituency was conducted by the Minister of Works and Transport, Honourable Senator Rohan Sinanan with the intention of identifying and prioritizing projects in need of attention. Here in caption the Minister takes a look at the reconstruction of a bridge at Mohammed Street in St. Augustine.



Repair works continue to be effectively carried out by the relevant authorities (Ministry of Works/ PURE, TPPRC). Reports and requests are received and dispatched from the Office of the M.P. with urgency to ensure prompt and accurate responses.

Areas visited Re: Future Projects

1. **Acono Village, Maracas:** Box Drain and Pavement in vicinity of Presbyterian School area.
2. **Riverside Road Curepe:** Reconstruction of drainage and roadway to minimize erosion in area.



3. **Mohammed Street, St. Augustine:** Reconstruction of new roadway and retaining walls and drainage (already started).
4. **Hill Crest Drive, St. John Road, St. Augustine:** Massive retaining wall to prevent erosion to properties.
5. **Eastern Main Road, Tunapuna, (between Market and Auzonville Road).** Repair works on the PBR and Eastern Main Road

Reconstruction of box drain and pavement on southern side of Eastern Main Road.

6. **Caura Road, El Dorado, Tunapuna:** Bridge and roadway construction over the Caura Tacarigua River to minimize heavy traffic between Five Rivers and Tunapuna.

Education

Women in Action for the Needy and Destitute (WAND), working alongside the M.P. for Tunapuna, Mr. Esmond Forde and Head of the Village Council, Ms. Monica Fergusson, successfully launched a training programme in Adult Computer Literacy at the Upper El Dorado Community Centre. A total of twenty trainees who completed the course received their certificate of participation. On hand to witness the presentation was Cultural Icon, Roy Cape who pledged to initiate a music programme under the '**Roy Cape Foundation**', in conjunction with UTT, alongside the ongoing computer classes for the community. Members of the adult community, interested in becoming computer literate, are urged to enroll and take advantage of this opportunity. Classes will restart in June 2017



Participants in the WAND programme joyfully receive and proudly display their certificates.

Maracas Sub-Office

It must also be noted that the M.P's Sub-Office located at Lynch's building opposite Wharf Trace in Maracas, continues to perform admirably. Adequately, tending to the needs of constituents located within the Maracas area all the way up to Acono. Visitors to this office can be assured of the



same standard of assistance and professionalism as received at the main office by a trained and competent staff..

In an effort to ensure that the Office of the M. P. is aware of the problems faced by constituents, a series of Cottage meetings continue to be held throughout the constituency with two already taking place in the Maracas Valley area. One

Health

March 24th, 2017. World Tuberculosis Day. The M.P. was represented by his Personal Assistant at a celebration of World Tuberculosis Day at the Caura Hospital.

Employment

The availability of employment opportunities continues to be of concern to the Member of Parliament for Tunapuna. Recommendations on

held in the La Seiva Community Centre and the other in the Acono.

Cottage meetings are also earmarked for Maingot Road, Sr. John Road, Upper El Dorado Road, Upper and Lower Caura Areas. A third Cottage meeting was also held in Ridgeview Heights in Tacarigua.

Social Development

Living in a period of difficult economic times, social development plays a pivotal role in the day to day existence of many families and individuals. The Ministry of Social Development continues to assist constituents who visit the Office of the M.P. seeking assistance in those areas. Guidance in the procedure of applying for and submission of grants applications and assistance in the receipt of National Insurance benefits are some of the social issues addressed at the Office of the M.P.

Obituaries

Tunapuna saw the passing of some of its icons. A total of eight funerals was attended by the M.P. for Tunapuna. May their souls Rest in Peace an almost daily basis are issued to constituents seeking employment. Constituents continue to be successful but the percentage is difficult to track as some successful applicants do not return to inform the office of their success. The office continues to do its part in securing employment for its constituents



Aunty Elsa R.I.P.



The Member of Parliament continues his drive to have all sporting grounds in the area properly maintained and lit to ensure there are adequate facilities for use by the constituents.

The M.P. was the feature speaker at the Badminton Association and Table Tennis Association Awards in January, 2017, and Special Guest at the Lawn Tennis Association Awards.

Special thanks was offered from the Tunapuna/ Piarco Recreational Committee all staff who made it out to the Cricket on 10/3/17, despite the bleaky weather it was a day of fun. Special thanks was also given to Member of Parliament for Tunapuna, Mr. Esmond Forde, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Anuradha Mohansingh, Chairman Mr. Paul Jason Leacock, and Councillors Tova Lin Sandy, Ariel Alexis and others.

sports

Sports continue to play an essential part in the development of our youths. Here, proud youths show off their trophies received for excellence in their category.



Personal Assistant to the M.P. Tenisha Forde Edwards makes a presentation.

Government information and services

The Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation's Information Caravan was hosted by the Office of the Local Government Councillor for Caura/Paradise/Tacarigua on Tuesday 25th April at the El Dorado Community Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The caravan provided much needed information on government services to the burgesses of Caura/Paradise/Tacarigua. Presentations were made by the following agencies:

- *Ministry of Housing
- *Ministry of Social Development - Self Help Commission
- *Civilian Conservation Corp
- *MIC
- *Ministry of Public Utilities
- *MTS
- *TTConnect
- *Ministry of Health
- *Ministry of Tertiary Education & Skills Training/
National Training Agency



Former M.P. for Tunapuna, Honourable Edward Hart, was presented with a plaque by the management of Groovy Sports Bar for his lifelong contribution to sport.

**The M.P. at Exodus Pan Theatre February 10,
2017**



During the short but hectic carnival season the M.P. visited the pan theatres in the constituency for the judging of the Panorama preliminaries.



Palm Sunday Worship

Anglicans and Presbyterians as one in the
Tunapuna Constituency





The M.P. and a constituent share a light moment during worship at Palm Sunday Prayers

The M.P. and staff at the Office of the M.P. express their gratitude for the support and patience exercised by the residents of the Tunapuna constituency as we strive to deliver in a timely manner the goods and services sought by our burgesses to enhance their development and daily lives. We urge you to rally with us as we strive for excellence and endeavor to enrich the livelihood of all constituents and citizens.

With sincere appreciation

I-Luko Tafari

Office Manager