



# National Assembly of Belize

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Senate Special Select Committee (SSSC), in accordance with its mandate, which includes “to conscientiously, impartially and to the best of our respective abilities discharge our duties and do right to all manner of people without fear or favor, affection or ill will”, informs the public that it held its 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting into the Portico “Definitive Agreement” at the National Assembly.

Witnesses at today’s Public Hearing were Cabinet Secretary Stuart Leslie and Senator the Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance. Both witnesses appeared with attorney, Senator, Hon. Eamon Courtenay, Senior Counsel. Each witness took the opportunity afforded by the SSSC to make opening statements. Unfortunately, both witnesses declined to answer any questions and exited the Chambers of the National Assembly.

The Committee was surprised at the witnesses’ failure to participate in the Public Hearing. The SSSC is also disappointed with the suggestion made by the Hon. Coye in his opening statement which attempts to cast aspersions on the work of the Committee; that is unacceptable.

The Committee hereby reaches out to Cabinet Secretary Stuart Leslie and Senator the Hon. Christopher Coye to reconsider their decision and meaningfully support the work of the SSSC in this important matter of public interest.

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