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Published: Friday, September 18, 2015

Former independent Senator Helen Drayton has been appointed to chair a single board to oversee two of the State's media enterprises, the Caribbean New Media Group (CNMG) and the Government Information Services Ltd (GISL).



Gerry Brooks, Helen Drayton, Andrew Jupiter

The appointment was announced by Communications Minister Maxie Cuffie at the first post-Cabinet press conference since the new People's National Movement (PNM) Government ascended to office earlier this month.

The press conference was held at the Office of the Prime Minister, St Clair.

Drayton, will head a team of three other board members, who will oversee the eventual merging of the two companies into one entity.

Drayton was a member of the board of directors of several companies of the former RBTT Financial Group, including the flagship company, RBTT Bank Ltd, as well as Corbin Compton Advertising, the T&T Tourist Board and the Caribbean Procurement Institute.

Cuffie also announced appointments to the board of the National Gas Company (NGC) and Petrotrin and declared the PNM manifesto to be Government's official policy document.

He said the decision to appoint one board for both CNMG and GISL was in recognition that there had been duplication of the services provided by CNMG and GISL.

Cuffie added: "In order to effect efficiencies and synergies, we have appointed one board to have both institutions working more closely together.

"There were plans to merge them before. A lot has happened over the last five years and the things we planned to do is appoint the board and have them look at the previous plan.

Asked whether CNMG CEO Ken Ali still held his position, Cuffie said he wasn't aware.

"I assumed office on Tuesday and I have had no communication from Mr Ali since that time," he said.

Staff at CNMG say Ali has not been seen at the office often since September 7.

A source at CNMG said changes had already begun as staff from radio station Talk City 91.1fm were dismissed yesterday, with the exception of talk show host Marcia Braveboy.

Cuffie gave no assurances that staff would not be affected by the move to merge the organisations.

"We decided that we need both organisations to work more closely together and that doesn't necessarily mean anything about jobs.

Asked if the previous boards had resigned or if their appointments had been

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Professional boxing debut on cards for Allen



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revoked, Cuffie said that while it was customary in some organisations for boards to write the government informing of their willingness or preference to demit office, the Government felt it was important that those boards be changed immediately.

Cuffie said the government also wanted to create closer synergies with Petrotrin and NGC, with the appointment of former president of the National Energy Corporation (NEC) Andrew Jupiter on both boards.

Jupiter has been appointed chairman of Petrotrin. Former ANSA McAL chief operating officer Gerry Brooks was appointed chairman of NGC.

Board Members

CNMG and GISL:

- Helen Drayton: Chairman
- Timothy Affonso: Deputy chairman
- Nyla Ali
- Alice Borrel

NGC:

- Gerry Brooks: Chairman
- Andrew Jupiter
- Ken Allum
- Sham Mahabir
- Martin Ganesh

Petrotrin:

- Andrew Jupiter: Chairman
- Leonard Prescott
- Zameer Mohamed
- Beverly John
- Linda Rajpaul
- Randhir Rampersad

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Patricia Mackhan from Facebook Sep 20, 2015
Hindus, Muslims, Christians, don't make a difference, what matters is T&T belongs to



startled them early yesterday morning shortly before they found the body of a 24-year-old

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On Monday last week, another seismic shift in the local

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the people of T&T NOT THE PNM, THIS IS NOT PMN COUNTRY,OK GET THAT INTO YOUR THICK head.sir. Your comment clearly shows you are RACIST, HOW SAD.

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Bless Forde from Facebook

Sep 19, 2015

What are your thoughts on the last government having 99% Hindus?

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Eggbert

Sep 21, 2015

Can you provide the statistics on that for us to see if you are being factual pls?

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OliverTambo

Sep 19, 2015

pandava you only threatening people because you not face to face you are what is called a keyboard warrior/under the unc for the first time in our history the police was called in to investigate cases of people being hired with false papers someone was even criminally charged/this is so typical of people of your ilk/ they see nothing wrong committing unlawful acts for you cretins this is the norm/this has led to a break down of morals in every segment of our republic/as JW said people who came into office and could not buy a snocone leaving office with millions in cash and assets/as dr rowley pointed out. pnm mimisters of the past like padmore hugh francis etc demitted office and went back to the house they occupied when they came into office and in alot of cases driving the same old car/ The people demand that these traitorous cretins who have looted the treasury be brought to book as a example to future admins that you violate the public trust YOU GO TO JAIL/ methinks RLM is the ideal person to be appointed a special investigator/prosecutor/

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Eggbert

Sep 21, 2015

@OliverTambo ALL the racist who hide being the make up names and not being fair to the process by simply inciting racism and to the detriment of THEIR OWN "people". So why do? Silly ppl

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Raj Sumessar from Facebook

Sep 19, 2015

Firstly who is "us" ,and kindly name these "Africans". Kamla got bad talked for keeping and appointing ppl that were PNM , NAR , COP , NJAC or other . Ppl that undermined her in the proformce of their duties. Trying to justify what the pnm is doing to right a 'made out wrong'..... so sad

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Don Cooper from Facebook

Sep 19, 2015

Tell me what u all did different. I just can't remember. Oh u just fired the Africans.

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Shane Radhay from Facebook

Sep 19, 2015

What's the salary difference.

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Erasmus B Black

Sep 18, 2015

Formerly independent. I think we'll be hearing those words quite frequently in the coming weeks. Coming out of the woodwork like termites!

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RobbyBhaggan

Sep 18, 2015

People we must stay focus. Don't get side tracked by foolishness. Mr. Andrew Jupiter is on two state boards come on people this can't be right. Especially as Sandra Mc Intyre looking for a job. How come not a peep about a recent Presidential Independent appointee taking up a state board job as the Chairman.

Come on people this is where the discussion needs to go.

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WAYNE2011

Sep 18, 2015

@RobbyBhaggan bring the names,,,

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RobbyBhaggan

Sep 18, 2015

@WAYNE2011 @RobbyBhaggan what names

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**WAYNE2011**

Sep 18, 2015

@RobbyBhaggan @WAYNE2011 who is the presidential appointee?

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**WAYNE2011**

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@RobbyBhaggan @WAYNE2011 oh you mean drayton,,,sorry

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**RobbyBhaggan**

Sep 18, 2015

@WAYNE2011 @RobbyBhaggan Helen of course wasn't she appointed by the President as an Independent Senator

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**WAYNE2011**

Sep 18, 2015

@RobbyBhaggan @WAYNE2011 did you read her Red brigade article...??

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**WAYNE2011**

Sep 18, 2015

@RobbyBhaggan was she appointed by max richards?? that would explain a lot

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**Eggbert**

Sep 18, 2015

TGIF- could mash up some doubles, pudding, souse, geera pork and cornsoup. Where you all suggest?

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**WAYNE2011**

Sep 18, 2015

@Eggbert penal junction..would you like a map??/ call me if you get lost

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**Eggbert**

Sep 21, 2015

@WAYNE2011 Thanks....Penal ppl is boss. I had some rell eats over the weekend

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**RamKillerMan**

Sep 18, 2015

@Eggbert You can go to The Burger and Roti Delight in Chaguanas and help out Deoraj Kalloo.... Poor thing... a victim of this online HATE campaign from these sorry UNC supporters...

But let them carry on... They will feel the wrath of the mighty African and his/her Purchasing Power..

A racist social media post about a popular Chaguanas eatery, Burger and Roti Delight, has resulted in the business losing 25 per of its customer over the past week.

<http://www.trinidadexpress.com/20150918/news/racist-post-hurt-my-business>

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**WAYNE2011**

Sep 18, 2015

@Ram Killerman @Eggbert african and purchasing power,,,oxymoron me thinks

Like Reply

**WAYNE2011**

Sep 18, 2015

@Ram Killerman @Eggbert you seriously believe a successful business man would post such idiocy??? another nasty attempt to hurt indian people by jealous mean people...shame on you and them

[Like](#) [Reply](#)**Eggbert**

Sep 21, 2015

@WAYNE2011 @Ram Killerman @Eggbert Good point Wayne 2011. It does not make sense...just like your "oxymoron me thinks" hate begets hate. Many good points always fall to the wayside from one or two negative posts

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Sep 18, 2015

@pandava The sky is falling, the sky is falling

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Sep 18, 2015

Congrats to all appointed...

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Sep 18, 2015

PLEASE PEOPLE DO NOT LOWER YOURSELF TO ANSWER THE CHARACTER USING THE PROFILE : URIAH BUTLER:... IT ONLY ENCOURAGES HIS FILTH..

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Sep 18, 2015

@WAYNE2011 But the arguments not that bad. Not too good, but not bad. Plus its easier to read when it does not look/sound like ranting like your other brethren and them. The message is in the delivery also.

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Sep 18, 2015

@pandava @Eggbert @WAYNE2011 Paranoia will kill you dred. Lighten up nuh. Nobody out to get you

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@pandava @Eggbert @WAYNE2011 Don't call me rottenegg pls....my shell thin

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@Eggbert @pandava @WAYNE2011 lol
you really should not defend that character

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Sep 18, 2015

Decentralization of power to the selected few. A norm of the PNM

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Sep 18, 2015

To the people who oppose my views, they obviously have not been living in Trinidad for several years. They have not witnessed Afro-Trinidadians being hunted down by the Kamla Persad Bissessar regime. Afro-Trinidadians have been driven from their jobs at home and abroad, they were removed from Government offices, their secondary schools have been allowed to run down, their communities have been allowed to fall into decadence. At the teritary level GATE has been used to discriminate against them. A person of African descent has been used to carry out this shameful violation of human rights against other people of African descent. Theresa Davidson has been using it to debar Africans from becoming professionals. This is especially evident at the UWI medical schools in St. Augustine, Barbados and Jamaica, and also St. George's in Grenada.

This has been the modus operandi of the Kamala Persad Bissessar administration. They have used blacks to discriminate against blacks. For a bribe of a few glass trinkets, an Afro-Trinidadian will sell his countryman. This is similar to the house negroes being used to spy on and to betray the field negroes.

It will be interesting to find out who were the clients of well known abortionist Dr. Gregory Bissessar. A UNC senator appointed by Basdeo Panday stated in the senate, that African women should be sterilized so that they do not make too many children. Go check the Hansard.

I rest my case.

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Cocotrini

Sep 18, 2015

@UriahButler Maybe Indo need to leave, does not seem to much place for them in TnT anymore from some of the post am reading on here. Close their businesses, pull out their investments I wonder what sort of capital flight and brain drain that would cause, food for thought I guess.

Like Reply



UriahButler

Sep 18, 2015

@Cocotrini @UriahButler If they want to leave they go with only the clothes on their back. Their assets, businesses and what not will remain here. The majority of them are a most ungrateful bunch of people, loyal only to themselves and India.

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Eggbert

Sep 18, 2015

@pandava @UriahButler @Cocotrini How you will walk if you leave back your foot?

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Eggbert

Sep 18, 2015

@pandava @Eggbert @UriahButler @Cocotrini That makes a bit more sense. Where have rell cold beers today?

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Eggbert

Sep 18, 2015

@pandava @Eggbert @UriahButler @Cocotrini Drinking flit and all...how the family?

Like Reply



Rumbooboo

Sep 19, 2015

@pandava @UriahButler @Cocotrini

I guess you inherited "your wealth" as you spent most time of the day blogging. Working People can't do so.

Like Reply



JhonjhPrasad

Sep 18, 2015

Mugabe,you would be eating filth to live if indlan's were not part of this country.

Like Reply



Eggbert

Sep 18, 2015

@JhonjhPrasad LOL....where you all does get these things from? This is beyond funny, man. This is Maria Absurd nuh?

Like Reply



nobe ody

Sep 18, 2015

@UriahButler

you not living in T&T ..

the PP government, posted many senior black PM supporters all over the place ...

eg.. KEN GORDON

Wendell Mottley,

Amery Browne,
Jerlene John,

AND the PP had the most diverse state boards ever seen in this country ...
African, Indian, chinee, syrian, and mixed people

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Eggbert

Sep 18, 2015

@UriahButler No dred, I just said that the political appointees change naturally as government changes. This is not racism...all government do this

Like Reply



Crystal Edwards

Sep 18, 2015

@UriahButler You mean he aborted your outside woman child oh lord

Like Reply



JhonjhPrasad

Sep 18, 2015

You butler are either very stupid ,Or blind. You lie like your pm.you have no evidence But you are a true PNM who practice racism and lie to cover up and conVince those other stupid followers of your party.

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Eggbert

Sep 18, 2015

@JhonjhPrasad Get a better name to hide behind nuh. Ppl might think you are pretending to be an indian spreading hate

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SandraMcintyre

Sep 18, 2015

Dear Mr Jupiter,

congrats on your appointment. Thanks for your kind guidance when I served with you. I know you will rise to this challenge.

Best regards,

Sandra Mc Intyre

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WAYNE2011

Sep 18, 2015

@SandraMcintyre P.S. ah lookin fuh a wuk...

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Eggbert

Sep 18, 2015

@pandava You are simply embarrassing yourself and making difficult for the same people you are seem to claim to be defending my friend

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Eggbert

Sep 18, 2015

@pandava You cannot run from racism if you are the one promoting it

Like Reply



UriahButler

Sep 18, 2015

@pandava Why don't you go to India. Defecate on the road like 568 million other Indians - half the populace. Stay away from the civilized nations.

Like Reply



JhonjhPrasad

Sep 18, 2015

Butler if you want Indians to go to India,why Din't you go to Africa,and die from hunger and beg other countries to fDed you

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Eggbert

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@JhonjhPrasad Lawd.....look where you reach too. How far this going to go?

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