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Ms. Jeanette Calder
Jamaica Accountability Meter Portal
Suite #3, 7 Lady Musgrave Road,
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Dear Ms. Calder:

Re: Access to Information Request - Ref # ATIRQ192020-12-22

Reference is made to your request dated December 22, 2020 in connection with the above-captioned matter.

The responses to the information requested therein are as follows:

1. If either of these two (2) programmes are still being implemented

Please be advised that neither the Phase 11 Capacity Building Programme nor the Technology Advancement Programme is being implemented at this time.

2. What steps have been taken to satisfy the Auditor General's concerns regarding poor periodic reporting requirements for the TAP.

The following actions were taken to satisfy the Auditor's General's concerns regarding poor periodic reporting requirements for the TAP:

- (i) The terms and conditions of the contractual agreement between the Universal Service Fund (USF) and the Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) regarding the implementation of the subsequent TAP 2019 outlined specific reporting requirements which included:
 - a. Providing USF with attendance records on a weekly basis.
 - b. Providing USF with a training Status Report.
 - c. Providing USF with a final comprehensive project report.
- (ii) Senior Officers were also assigned to enhance monitoring of the Programme.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned for any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Daniel Dawes, JP

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