

**QUESTIONS RE EXCLUSION 2014 PROCUREMENT BILL**

<p>This Act does not apply to the procurement of goods, works or services arising out of – <i>(a) a treaty or other form of agreement to which Trinidad and Tobago is a party with one or more other States;</i></p>	<p>Doesn't the State have obligations arising that have to be met by the taxpayer</p>
<p>This Act does not apply to the procurement of goods, works or services arising out of – an agreement entered into by Trinidad and Tobago with an international financing institution;-</p>	<p>Aren't these loans to be repaid by the taxpayer with interest? What is the difference between this type of procurement and a local procurement? Both have government officers overseeing them and for the local situation the bill is seeking additional control so why not with these loans that are often bigger than many of the local contracts</p>
<p>This Act does not apply to the procurement of goods, works or services arising out of – an agreement with CARICOM;</p>	<p>the comment above is relevant here</p>
<p>This Act does not apply to the procurement of goods, works or services arising out of – an agreement for technical or other cooperation between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Government of a foreign State, <u>where the treaty or agreement provides for rules or regulations regarding the procurement of goods or services.</u>  -</p>	<p>Doesn't the State have obligations arising that have to be met by the taxpayer? Is there some reason why this exemption is important to the government? All loans etc have rules or regulations regarding the procurement. Does oversight cause problems with these arrangements? I think not. The European Union has rules and regulations for use of their money and they are adhered to by organizations who utilize such funds. I was an Accountant for a European Union programme and my documents were checked by both the European Union and the auditors of the organization I worked for. There is nothing that prevents this, so why include the provision in a Bill and for what purpose?</p>