

ATTIC wants an insurance court

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An insurance court and a special motor vehicle offence court to save time and money are among recommendations from the Association of T&T Insurance Companies (ATTIC) for the fiscal year ahead.

The association lists as priority areas crime/law and order; agriculture and food security; healthcare services and hospitals; economic growth, job creation, competitiveness and innovation; poverty reduction; and human capital development.

“An insurance court could promote the speedier processing of insurance claims as currently, insurance claims clog the courts and there have been an increase in legal action at the High Court to overturn such judgements,” ATTIC said in the 17-page document it submitted to Government

“The protective services are loath to issue tickets because of the time required to appear in court and this directly impacts on the number of police officers who are on patrols. ATTIC would like to recommend that Government establishes a special court system to deal with all motor vehicle offences including traffic offenders, vehicular accidents and all court cases which pertain to motor vehicles.”

The association said this would reduce congestion in the judicial system and ensure the speedy resolution of any motor vehicle related offence.

ATTIC suggested registration of motor vehicle garages as one way to regulate the industry and ensure repair shops are compliant. Additionally, they have proposed changes to the format of motor certificates to alleviate fraud.

By imposing more stringent penalties on persons driving without insurance or driving with a fraudulent certificate, ATTIC urged the law-makers to enforce penalties against persons found to be producing and selling fraudulent certificates.

In the areas of disaster management and recovery, fire and flood prevention, ATTIC said establishment of a country disaster relief fund would provide a level of protection. They also suggested a tax deduction for residential and commercial building owners who retrofit their properties against the hazards of earthquakes and hurricanes, using properly certified builders and contractors.

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