

## Young questions NGC board member's role in SIS overpayment

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FORMER energy minister Stuart Young yesterday called on the Government to say whether a current board member of the National Gas Company (NGC) was among those who authorised millions of dollars in overpayments to Super Industrial Services (SIS) Ltd, which remain unrecovered.

Young has also called on the United National Congress (UNC) Government to state whether a decision has been handed down in the years-long court battle between NGC and SIS over the latter's failure to deliver the Beetham wastewater recycling plant, after being paid US\$121.7 million.

Speaking at the Opposition People's National Movement (PNM) news conference at Balisier House, the Port of Spain North/St Ann's West MP said the Government must state why, if a ruling has been handed down, it has not been made public.

He claimed that a decision had been handed down on August 1, 2025, in favour of NGC.

Young recalled that on August 16, 2025 he had called on the Government and the current board of NGC to 'advise us, the population, whether NGC was successful in the arbitration'.

'There has been no response to date,' he said.

'It is my understanding that the decision in the arbitration was handed down around August 1, 2025 and that NGC has been successful,' Young said.

Young went on to ask the Government and the board of NGC whether it was found that SIS was properly terminated and whether it was found that there was overpayment to SIS of about US\$49 million.

He further questioned whether there were costs resulting and flowing from the termination which were also awarded to NGC in the sum of millions of dollars.

Young has called for clarification of whether there is a current board member of NGC appointed by the UNC Government who was 'part of the over-certifying of the payments to SIS'.

If so, Young has asked: 'What is his role and why is he a board member of the NGC?'

Young said he was proud to inform the population that 'once again it was a PNM administration that fought for its interests'.

He said through the competence of the previous administration and the competence of the NGC's legal team, over TT\$350 million can now be recovered by NGC from SIS.

Young noted that under the PNM government, SIS assets of \$180 million had already been frozen, 'pending this successful outcome'.

He recalled that in March 2014 the then UNC government awarded a contract to SIS for US\$162 million to design and build a Water Recycling Plant at Beetham. The works were contractually required to be completed on or before October 22, 2015.

NGC issued a Notice of Termination of the contract on November 20, 2015, under the PNM administration, Young recalled.

He said there has been extensive litigation related to this matter since late 2015 to protect NGC, the taxpayers and citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

He said the policy aimed to protect taxpayers and recover hundreds of millions of dollars paid without value, noting that 'this arbitration and its results/decision are in the public's interest'.

'The outcome must be of interest to us, the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago,' Young said.