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**Attn. Sir Anthony H.M. Evans Chairman, Commission of Inquiry and  
Mr. John Barrett, Commission Member.**

Sir Anthony Evans,

I am replying to your letter that was addressed to me dated 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016, requesting me to explain my role in awarding of the contract to Harmony Holdings, in particular;

**(I) The reasons why East End Asphalt's lower bid was rejected and who made that decision?**

**(II) Whether the ministry queried East End Asphalt about its bid before rejecting its bid as unrealistically low?**

**(III) What role if any Mr. Vic Ball had in the decision to award the contract?**

My responses to the above questions are as follows:-

(I) My responsibilities did not warrant me to accept or reject the highest or lowest bidder.

For the record, I was a trainee Logistics Coordinator during that particular time and I was not responsible for signing or approving the successful or unsuccessful bidders.

The decision was the responsibility of my superior Mr. Vic Ball and the minister of the department of Works and Engineering Mr. Derek Burgess.

- (II) I was asked by Vic Ball to contact East End Asphalt to verify that their quote of \$46 per ton was indeed correct which I did via email on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2009, as correctly referenced in a letter addressed to your commission of inquiry by Bratt Marshall dated July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
  
- (III) In my role as a trainee, I was not privy to the information and procedure as to who would make the final decision of accepting or rejecting a bid. Therefore, I am unaware if Mr. Ball made the final decision who would be the successful vendor for this contract.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawne Tuzo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Shawne Tuzo