

Freedom of Information Bill and Privacy and Personal Information Protection Bill to get first reading in National Assembly on Thursday

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The Freedom of Information Bill, the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Bill and the Interception of Communications Bill will be given their first reading when the St. Kitts and Nevis National Assembly meets on Thursday.

The Freedom of Information Bill, which stands in the name of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, the Hon. Dennis Merchant, will seek to promote maximum disclosure of information in the public interest, to guarantee the right of everyone to access to information, to provide for effective mechanisms to secure that right and for related matters.

The Privacy and Personal Information Protection Bill seeks to make provisions for the collection, holding, use, correction and disclosure of personal information in a manner that recognises the right of privacy of individuals with respect to their personal information.

In keeping with the Denzil Douglas Labour Government's policy on transparency and good governance, those two bills are now subject to public discussion. Interest groups, non-governmental organisations and individuals can now obtain copies and submit suggestions, comments and recommendations to the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs.

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