



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY JANUARY 14, 2011: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Thirty-Second Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the period January 01, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

**(By the Leader of House)**

2. The Annual Administrative Report of the Diego Martin Regional Corporation for the period October 2008 to September 2009.

**(By the Minister of Local Government)**

3. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited (TTFZ) for the year 2008.

**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

1. The First Report (2010/2011) Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on proposals for the Supplementation and Variation of the 2010 Appropriation.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**Questions for Written Answer appear in Appendix I****Questions for Oral Answer****Question No. 30 to the Honourable Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

With respect to contracts greater than one million dollars entered into with local contractors for the supply of goods and/or services to Ministries, the Tobago House of Assembly and State Enterprises which are funded by the Treasury, could the Minister state:

- a) The total sum of certified payments made to all contractors during the period September 1, 2010 to December 1, 2010, for works done prior to June 1, 2010?
- b) The total sum of certified payments which exist and have not been paid as at December 1, 2010?
- c) The outstanding sums owing for works completed which are currently being evaluated but for which certification is yet to be established?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON  
DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Finance (Supplementary and Variation of Appropriation) (Financial Year 2010) Bill, 2011.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the next stage of this Bill be taken later in the proceedings)**

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND  
MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the First Report (2010/2011) Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on proposals for the Supplementation and Variation of the 2010 Appropriation.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap 4:20 and the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap 12:01.”

**(By the Attorney General)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02.”

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

**PRIVATE BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** Pension funds are critical to the long term saving rate of a country and for the safety and security of each individual citizen’s future;

**AND WHEREAS** the savings of individuals are a critical component in the growth and stability of the economy and the related financial system;

**AND WHEREAS** a critical part of an individual savings for his later years is his contribution to a long term pension fund;

**AND WHEREAS** the average length of time spent by any individual in any one organization has shortened considerably;

**AND WHEREAS** pension plans are currently designed to reward employees who remain with one organization for a considerable period of time;

**AND WHEREAS** there is no system for pension portability either in the public or private sector in Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** the lack of pension portability is a constraint on the free movement of labour resources and the ability of the working citizen to pursue alternative employment opportunity without a substantial loss of pension benefits;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the government moves expeditiously to enact legislation to effect the portability of vested pension entitlements for both private and public sector employees.

**(By the Member for Port of Spain South)**

2. **WHEREAS** Parliament was advised that a component of the national security system (SIA) has for years been operating without the requisite legal authorization and may have violated the constitutional rights of citizens as it collected information of an unspecified nature;

**AND WHEREAS** Parliament has acted swiftly to rectify the situation in the interest of national security and the recognition of citizen’s rights to unwarranted intrusion into their private affairs;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to treat responsibly with the body of information accumulated by the SIA;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honorable House condemn the action of the Government;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Government report immediately to Parliament on how it has handled, and is handling the SIA files/data so as to give citizens the assurance that the SIA’s actions no longer pose a threat to their interest or that of national security.

**(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

*Jacqui Sampson Meiguel*  
*Clerk of the House*

*House of Representatives' Secretariat*  
*The Red House*  
*PORT OF SPAIN*

January 14, 2011

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 15 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration**

**(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

- a) Could the Minister provide the names of all persons employed on contract within Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Authorities along with the relevant positions occupied as at June 1, 2010.

**(Answer due by 08.12.2010)**

**Question No. 16 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration**

**(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

- a) Could the Minister identify all persons employed on contract in Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Authorities whose contracts expired between June 1, 2010 and October 31, 2010?
- b) Could the Minister state which contract officers were not renewed, identifying as well the positions held and the reasons for non-renewal?
- c) With respect to office holders whose contracts have not yet expired, could the Minister state whose contracts will be terminated on expiration and the reasons for such action?

**(Answer due by 08.12.2010)**

**Question No. 17 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration**

**(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

Could the Minister state:-

- a) The names of all persons hired/recruited on contract in Government Ministries, Departments and Statutory Authorities between June 1 and October 31, 2010 and provide the relevant designation of each person so employed?
- b) Could the Minister identify which persons are newly recruited?
- c) Could the Minister identify which persons replaced contract employees who held contracts as at June 1, 2010?
- d) Could the Minister identify which of these are newly created contract positions and which are replacements for positions that existed via contracts as at June 1, 2010?
- e) Could the Minister provide the details of all monthly emoluments, perquisites and all benefits paid to all such persons hired/recruited on contract between June 1 and October 31, 2010?

**(Answer due by 08.12.2010)**

**Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration****(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

For the period June 1 to October 31, 2010 could the Minister provide:

- a) A list of the names of all the persons employed on contract whose contracts have been terminated before the original completion dates and provide the relevant designation in each case?
- b) The reasons for the termination in each instance?
- c) Could the Minister further state, whether any person (s) has/have been hired in the place of any person (s) so terminated?

**(Answer due by 08.12.2010)****Question No. 19 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport****(By the Member for Point Fortin)**

Could the Minister state:-

- a) When will the Water Taxi Service become available to the people of Point Fortin?
- b) What steps are being taken to provide adequate infrastructure to support the service in Point Fortin?
- c) What is the fare structure that will apply from Point Fortin to Port of Spain with the Water Taxi Service?

**(Answer due by 08.12.20)****Question No. 31 to the Honourable Minister of Finance****(By the Member for Diego Martin West)**

With respect to contracts entered into with local contractors for the supply of goods and/or services to Ministries, the Tobago House of Assembly and State Enterprises which are funded by the Treasury, could the Minister identify:-

- (a) the projects and list the local contractors who have been paid any money in sums greater than one million dollars during the period September 1, 2010 to December 1, 2010 including the addresses and sums paid to each?

**(Answer due by 07.01.2011)**

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