



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

EIGHTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2010), NINTH PARLIAMENT
TUESDAY, MARCH 02, 2010 AT 1:30 P.M.

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

***Question No. 1 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

(By Senator Michael Annisette)

Could the Minister inform this Senate of the findings of the Ministry's enquiry into the Landate matter?

***Question No. 2 to the Honourable Attorney General**

(By Senator Michael Annisette)

Could the Attorney General indicate to this Senate what action the Government intends to take with respect to:

- (i) the findings of the Commission of Enquiry into the Scarborough Hospital; and
- (ii) its investigation into the matter which included Landate?

Question No. 13 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities

(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)

A. Could the Minister identify the village or villages without a pipe borne supply of water?

* Questions Nos. 1 and 2 were deferred for one (1) week on 09.02.10 and for one (1) week on 23.02.10.

- B. Could the Minister outline the mechanisms to be implemented to address the said deficiency?

Question No. 14 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources
(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)

Could the Minister indicate the mechanisms that have been put in place to prevent salt water intrusion into the agricultural lands of Caroni from 2007 to present?

Question No. 15 to the Honourable Minister of Education
(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)

Could the Minister indicate the policy with regard to the reference material being utilised in the primary schools as adjuncts for the National Test Examinations?

***Question No 22 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**
(By Senator Basharat Ali)

Could the Minister advise the Senate on the following:

- a) what was the estimated production and petroleum revenues for oil and natural gas for the quarter October to December, 2009;
- b) with respect to (a), what was the actual production and petroleum revenues collected for that period;
- c) with reference to (b) whether the actual revenues exceed the estimates for that period by more than ten percent; and
- d) whether the excess revenue has been or will be transferred to the Heritage and Stabilized Fund(HSF)?

Question No. 33 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs
(By Senator Wade Mark)

Could the Minister indicate to the Senate:

- (a) the total expenditure to date on the Brian Lara Toruba Sporting Complex;
- (b) the projected date of completion of the Complex; and
- (c) the estimated total expenditure anticipated for this project?

Question No. 34 to the Honourable Minister of National Security
(By Senator Wade Mark)

Could the Minister inform the Senate what is the cost of maintenance of the Airships purchased by his Ministry from the date of purchase up to the end of 2009?

* Questions No. 22 was deferred for one (1) week on 09.02.10 and for one (1) week on 23.02.10

Question No. 36 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Could the Minister advise this Senate of the current status of the Government's Local Government Reform exercise?

9. QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMEN OF SESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEES
10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
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13. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
14. MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

- (i) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday February 09, 2010 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02"

(By the Attorney General)

- (ii) A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Civil Aviation Act, Chap. 49:03"

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

- (iii) A Bill entitled, "An Act to restructure the pension arrangements of the Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited"

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance)

- (iv) A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Prisons Act, Chap. 13:01"

(By the Minister of National Security)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday February 23, 2010 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS Trinidad and Tobago is a signatory to the Climate Change Convention and the Kyoto Protocol and whereas global warming will cause sea levels to rise;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take immediate steps to protect the coastline from the said sea level rise and salt water intrusion of all agricultural lands.

(By Senator Dr Adesh Nanan)

- (ii) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday January 26, 2010 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Trinidad and Tobago economy is built on the revenue from oil and gas and whereas the said oil and gas revenues are finite resources;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take immediate steps to include the use of renewable energy in the planning process for Government buildings.

(By Senator Dr Adesh Nanan)

- (iii) **WHEREAS** a revolution in the education system in Trinidad and Tobago took place between 1995 and 2001;

AND WHEREAS a very high standard was maintained through the said period;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take immediate steps to prevent the lowering of standards in the current education system.

(By Senator Dr Adesh Nanan)

- (iv) **WHEREAS** Sir Ellis Emmanuel Innocent Clarke, TC, GCMG served this country with distinction as Solicitor-General, Deputy Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, Ambassador, as the main architect of the 1962 Independence Constitution Governor General and President;

AND WHEREAS Noor Mohammed Hassanali served this country with distinction as Magistrate, Senior Crown Counsel, Assistant Solicitor-General, Judge of the High Court and Court of Appeal and President;

AND WHEREAS Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson served this country with distinction as Prime Minister and defended the rights and freedoms enshrined in our democratic constitution during the 1990 attempted coup and has been internationally recognized for his efforts to establish the International Criminal Court in 2002;

AND WHEREAS George Michael Chambers served this nation with distinction as Prime Minister;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take immediate steps to rename:

(i) The Churchill-Roosevelt Highway as the Ellis Clarke Highway;

(ii) The Hall of Justice as the Noor Hassanali Hall of Justice;

(iii) The Crown Point International Airport as the Arthur N.R. Robinson International Airport; and

(iv) Wrightson Road as the George Chambers Avenue.

as a symbolic gesture of national gratefulness for their many years of distinguished service.

(By Senator Gail Merhair)

- (v) **WHEREAS** there is an increasing need and demand for participatory democracy;
AND WHEREAS the population is engaged in the process of constitutional reform via dialogue and consultation;
AND WHEREAS there is need to reduce corruption by holders of public office;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take steps to amend the Constitution so that all elected and appointed Members of Parliament be limited to serving three consecutive terms or three terms in a lifetime.

(By Senator Gail Merhair)

- (vi) **WHEREAS** there has been recognition of the need for constitutional reform;
AND WHEREAS the population is demanding an even playing field in the conduct of elections;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take steps to amend the Constitution to introduce fixed dates for general elections except in the instance of a successful moving of a motion of no confidence in the government.

(By Senator Gail Merhair)

- (vii) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate call on the government of Trinidad and Tobago to root out all corrupt practices in the management of the public purse;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individuals found engaging in such activities be subjected to swift and compelling justice;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Senate call on the government to take immediate steps to effect legislation dealing with public procurement practices and standards in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (viii) **WHEREAS** it is the role of the Parliament to oversee and scrutinize the actions of the Executive arm of the State;
AND WHEREAS Parliament has established a number of mechanisms to give effect to its role;
BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate call on the government to promote standards of good governance by permitting the Parliament and its Committees to function efficiently and effectively.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

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February 24, 2010

APPENDIX

ORDER PAPER/TUESDAY MARCH 02, 2010 QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 6 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)

Could the Minister indicate to the Senate the savings realised if any, from 2002 to present, on any energy efficient projects undertaken by the Government?

(Answer due by 16.02.10)

Question No. 12 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities

(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)

Could the Minister indicate the number of wells drilled by WASA from 2002 to present and the location of the said wells?

(Answer due by 16.02.10)

Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration

(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)

- A. Could the Minister indicate how many scholarships were given out for the St Georges Medical School in Grenada for the 2008/2009 academic year?
- B. Could the Minister also give the names and addresses of the recipient's, their academic qualifications and the criteria used to award the said scholarships?

(Answer due by 16.02.10)

Question No. 19 to the Honourable Attorney General

(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)

Could the Attorney General indicate the laws that have been assented to but are still to be proclaimed from 2002 to present?

(Answer due by 16.02.10)

Question No. 26 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By Senator Wade Mark)

With respect to local and foreign consultants employed in each Government Department, Ministry or Agency controlled by the State or any State Enterprise, could the Minister inform the Senate of:

- (a) the total number of consultants employed;
- (b) the name of each consultant and the specific areas/projects that each consultant is advising the government on;
- (c) the exact duration of each of these contracts; and
- (d) the cost of the services of each consultant?

(Answer due by 27.02.10)

Question No. 27 to the Honourable Minister of Finance

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (A) Could the Minister outline in detail the various assets being held in her capacity as Corporation Sole on behalf of the people of Trinidad and Tobago?
- (B) Could the Minister also state the estimated value of these assets?
- (C) Could the Minister give a further breakdown of any changes on the portfolio of assets on a year-to-year basis over the period January 2007 – March 31, 2009?

(Answer due by 27.02.10)

Question No. 28 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (a) Could the Minister provide the Senate with:
 - (i) the names of all the contractors engaged by WASA for the period January 2007 to March 31, 2009;
 - (ii) the exact nature of works these contractors have been engaged to perform; and
 - (iii) the duration of these contracts and the financial value of each contract?
- (b) Could the Minister further state:
 - (i) how many contractors have been paid to date; and
 - (ii) how many contractors have not been paid and exactly when would they be paid?

(Answer due by 27.02.10)

Question No. 29 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By Senator Wade Mark)

With respect to the Rapid Rail Project, could the Minister provide the Senate with:

- (i) details of the US\$67 Million Phase I contract with Trinitrain Consortium; and
- (ii) a copy of the contract?

(Answer due by 27.02.10)

Question No. 35 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration

(By Senator Wade Mark)

With respect to the rental of Buildings to house Government Offices, could the minister inform the Senate:

- (a) what was government's expenditure for the years 2007-2009; and
- (b) the details of such Expenditure, inclusive of the names of the landlords and the amounts paid?

(Answer due by 27.02.10)

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