SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

EIGHTEENTH SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2013/2014)
TENTH PARLIAMENT
TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2014 AT 1:30 P.M.

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        for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.
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   (iii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Education Facilities Company Limited
        for the financial year ended September 30, 2013.
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   (iv) The Audited Financial Statements of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership
        Programme (YTEPP) Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2010.
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   (v) The Audited Financial Statements of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership
       Programme (YTEPP) Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.
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   (vi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Helicopter Services Limited
       for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.
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(ix) The Annual Report of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago (NIBTT) for the year ended June 30, 2013.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES


(By the Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development)

8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 59 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

A. Would the Minister indicate whether his Ministry or any entity under its purview expended any money between 1st January, 2012 to the present date, in the purchase and/or printing of national personalities or other insignia, upon teacups/mugs or other items for distribution by his Ministry, the Office of the Prime Minister or any other Ministry?

B. If so, at what cost and what was/were the name(s) of the firms used to do such printing?

C. If the response to (A) is in the affirmative, from which firms(s) was/were the items purchased/sourced?

Question No. 60 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

With respect to the ‘Hoop of Life’ Basketball Programme, can the Minister indicate to the Senate:

(a) the amount of money allocated to this Programme to date and the commencement date of this programme;

(b) the current status of the implementation of this programme and further indicate how much of the allocation at (a) has been expended as at the 31st December, 2013;

(c) how many motor vehicles have been and/or are now dedicated to the Programme for use by administrators and officials, for the implementation of this programme and the cost of these vehicles to date;

(d) whether these vehicles are owned by the Ministry, or are they leased? If leased, who is/are the lessor(s) and indicate the duration of the lease agreement(s) in each case;
(c) the monthly salary/collected expense for all the monthly-paid officials of this programme and indicate the number of such persons employed on contract, to administer this programme;

(f) the amount of the monthly stipend paid to each participant in this programme and further indicate the total number of participants to date; and

(g) how many persons have been employed as coaches in this programme and do they receive a stipend; If so, what is the total amount expended on coaches as at December 31, 2013?

Question No. 61 to the Honourable Minister of National Security
(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)
With respect to the Hoop of Life Programme, could the Minister please inform the Senate:

(a) of the cost to upgrade the basketball courts and in each case the purchase of gear and equipment for this programme as at December 31, 2013?

(b) what if any, is the cost of rental of any premises/offices dedicated to the administration of the programme; and

(c) the period of the rental agreement and the owner of the premises?

Question No. 88 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy
(By Senator Dr. Lester Henry)
With regard to the operations and management of CAL, could the Minister state:

(i) how many non-national pilots received training at the expense of CAL and subsequently left CAL without ever actually working for the airline;

(ii) is CAL in the process of cancelling the Port of Spain to London route; and

(iii) what management arrangement is in place for the running of CAL’s operations in Jamaica?

Question No. 89 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy
(By Senator Dr. Lester Henry)
Could the Minister state what are the outstanding issues which are affecting a final resolution of the CL financial matter?

Question No. 90 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy
(By Senator Dr. Lester Henry)
With regard to public revenue, could the Minister state:

(i) what is the Government’s borrowing profile for the short to medium term;

(ii) is the Government having revenue short-falls since the start of the fiscal year 2013 to 2014; and

(iii) if the answer to (ii) is in the affirmative, what is the reason for this?

Question No. 98 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs
(By Senator David Small)
In view of the significant effects of the recent oil spill in south-west Trinidad could the Minister advise this Senate whether:

a) the MEEA already requires or is considering requesting all operators to provide oil spill modeling and oil spill response plans for their existing oil producing assets;
b) the MEEA will consider requesting such plans before production on new prospects begins;

c) through the work done over the years by the MEEA inspection unit, whether Petrotrin’s oil producing, distribution and storage facilities adhere to the environmental and health and safety practices required;

d) if the answer to c) is in the wholly or partly negative, could this Senate be provided with the number of instances of failures to meet inspection requirements as discovered by the Inspection Unit of the MEEA in 2011, 2012 and 2013; and

e) given the response to c) above, the level of confidence that the physical environment around Petrotrin’s oil producing, storage and distribution installations meet environmental standards?

**Question No. 99 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

(On behalf of Senator David Small)

Could the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs advise that in view of the ecological and social disaster caused by the December Petrotrin oil spill whether:

a) any member of the Petrotrin Board of Directors has tendered their resignation;

b) any member of the Petrotrin Executive Management Team has tendered their resignation;

c) any other member of Petrotrin’s staff complement has tendered their resignation; and

d) any such resignation received at a, b or c has been accepted or rejected and the relevant reasons for such acceptance/rejection?

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

11. STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

12. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

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**

**Motions**

(i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 14(5) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order amend the Fourth Schedule of the Act to exempt the University of the West Indies from the payment of Motor Vehicles Tax in respect of motor vehicles (including agricultural tractors) purchased by the University for its own use and the Order shall have effect from the date of publication in the *Gazette.*
AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 14(6), that every Order issued under that subsection shall, after four days and within twenty-one days from the date of its first publication, be submitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Senate and the House of Representatives may by Resolution confirm, amend or revoke such Order, and upon publication of the Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the Gazette, the Resolution shall have effect:

AND WHEREAS the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Order, 2014, was made under section 14(5) of the Act, and first published in the Gazette on the 13th day of February, 2014:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to confirm the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Order, 2014 be confirmed.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

Bills Second Reading

(i) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Dog Control Act, 2013”.

(By the Attorney General)

(ii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish a Council for Urban and Regional Planners and to provide for the regulation of the urban and regional planning profession and other matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development)

(iii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, Chap. 29.53”

(By the Minister of Health)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions

(i) The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday February 25, 2014 will be resumed:

WHEREAS conditions conducive to free, fair and transparent elections are essential to preserving Democracy;

AND WHEREAS various resources are needed to finance and support free, fair and transparent election campaigns;

AND WHEREAS the cost of financing campaigns has increased substantially over decades and sources of campaign finance are not transparent and therefore, a matter of importance to citizens;

AND WHEREAS citizens need to be satisfied that there is fairness and full disclosure with respect to transactions involving the use of public resources by elected representatives in the process of governance;
BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament appoint a Joint Select Committee to propose a legislative framework to govern the financing of election campaigns and to submit its report with recommendations to both Houses of Parliament within six months of its appointment.

(By Senator Helen Drayton)

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APPENDIX

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 20 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy
(By Senator David Small)
Could the Minister provide this Senate with the Government revenues from the Methanol and Urea Industry broken out into its component parts such as upstream royalties, taxes from gas sales and Corporation taxes for the period 2010 to 2013?
(Answer due by 07.11.13)

Question No. 43 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy
(By Senator David Small)
Could the Minister provide this Senate with:
(a) the fiscal gains/losses (if any) realized/incurred as a direct result of the application of the fiscal incentives intended to stimulate the production of oil in the country; and
(b) the cost-benefit analysis that quantifies how the country will earn value for money as a direct result of these incentives that are intended to stimulate exploration and development investments?
(Answer due by 26.12.13)

Question No. 54 to the Honourable Minister of Transport
(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)
A. Would the Minister indicate whether any tenant was ejected from occupation of any unit in any of the Terminal Malls under the purview of the Public Transport Service Corporation, since May 2010?
B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, would the Minister indicate:
   (i) how many such occupants were ejected;
   (ii) from which mall and which unit(s);
   (iii) when was/were this/these tenant(s) ejected;
   (iv) by what legal means this was achieved; and
   (v) whether any legal proceedings were instituted in the High Court or the Magistrates Courts to achieve this objective and if so, the names of the Attorney(s) used for this purpose and the respective fees(s) paid in each case?
(Answer due by 08.03.14)

Question No. 55 to the Honourable Minister of Transport
(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)
Would the Minister provide this Senate with a list of all contracts entered into, for the provision of goods and/or services to the Public Transport Service Corporation for the period 01st January, 2011 to 31st December, 2013, giving details as to the names of the individual/entity; the scope of works or service; and the contract sum in each case?
(Answer due by 08.03.14)
Question No. 95 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By Senator David Small)

With regard to Petroleum Pricing, could the Minister please inform the Senate as to:

a) the status of the operations of the Permanent Petroleum Pricing Committee and the number of meetings held in the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013;

b) what measures are being utilised by the Ministry to establish and confirm the “correctness” of sale prices for petroleum and other petrochemical products; and

c) the mechanisms which are used to determine whether the true market value of these transactions are adequate?

(Answer due by 14.03.14)

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