



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

THIRTY-EIGHTH SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2018/2019)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

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- (xxix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Twenty-First Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for the years ended September 30, 2012 to 2017.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xxx) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Seventeenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Export Centres Company Limited for the financial years 2008 to 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xxxi) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Eighteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of Caroni (1975) Limited for the years ended June 30, 2010 to 2018.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xxxii) The Response of the Office of Procurement Regulation to the Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an Inquiry into the Implementation of the New Public Procurement System.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
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**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
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- (xlii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on a Critical Assessment of the Waste Management Policies and Initiatives of the State (with specific focus on Solid Waste).  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
- (xliii) The Annual Report of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2016/2017.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development)**
- (xliv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Labour and Small Enterprise Development to the Twelfth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) on an Inquiry into Occupational Safety and Health Compliance within the Public Service.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development)**
- (xlv) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts for the fiscal year 2015/2016.  
**(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)**
- (xlvi) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts to the Seventeenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance and other Financial Statements of the Export Centres Company Limited for the financial years 2008 to 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)**
- (xlvii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure (formerly) for the year 2013.  
**(By the Minister of Works and Transport)**

- (xlviii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Works and Transport to the Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure on an Inquiry into the Public Transport Service Corporation with specific focus on the Public Bus Service and Maintenance of Buses.  
**(By the Minister of Works and Transport)**
- (xlix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Works and Transport to the Twenty-Fourth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2008 to 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Works and Transport)**
- (l) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services to the Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure on an Inquiry into the Public Transport Service Corporation with specific focus on the Public Bus Service and Maintenance of Buses.  
**(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)**
- (li) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to the Nineteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the years ending September 30, 2014 to 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (lii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Betting Levy Board for the period July 01, 2016 to June 30, 2017.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
- (liii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Betting Levy Board for the period July 01, 2017 to June 30, 2018.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
- (liv) The Annual Administrative Report of the Evolving TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (eTeck) for the year 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
- (lv) The Annual Administrative Report of the Evolving TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (eTeck) for the year 2017.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
- (lvi) The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Limited for the year ended September 30, 2015.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**

- (lvii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the Twenty-First Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for the years ended September 30, 2012-2017.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
- (lviii) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for the fiscal year 2015/2016.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
- (lix) The Annual Administrative Report of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme for the fiscal year 2015/2016.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
- (lx) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure on an inquiry into the Public Transportation Service Corporation with specific focus on the Public Bus Service and Maintenance of Buses.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
- (lxi) The Annual Administrative Report of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2016/2017.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
- (lxii) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Energy Skills Centre for the fiscal year 2015/2016.  
**(By the Minister of Education)**
- (lxiii) The Forty-First Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the year 2018.  
**(By the Vice-President)**
- (lxiv) The Civil Proceedings (Amendment) Rules, 2019.  
**(By the Attorney General)**
- (lxv) The Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Rules, 2019.  
**(By the Attorney General)**
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**(By the Attorney General)**
- (lxviii) The Annual Report of the National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited (iGovtIT) for the fiscal year 2017/2018.  
**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**

- (lxix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the Potential Benefits of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine in the Treatment of Non-communicable diseases affecting the Trinidad and Tobago population.  
**(By the Minister of Health)**
- (lxx) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Public Utilities)**
- (lxxi) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises on an inquiry into the operations of Lake Asphalt of Trinidad and Tobago (1978) Limited, and to determine its effectiveness at fulfilling its mandate.  
**(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)**

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Third Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee, Fourth Session (2018/2019), Eleventh Parliament, appointed to consider and report on the Cybercrime Bill, 2017 in the Fourth Session, Eleventh Parliament.  
**(By Senator the Hon. Clarence Rambharat)**
- (ii) The Second Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee, Fourth Session (2018/2019), Eleventh Parliament, appointed to consider and report on the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016 in the Fourth Session, Eleventh Parliament.  
**(By Senator the Hon. Allyson West)**
- (iii) The Eighteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Fourth Session (2018/2019), Eleventh Parliament on an Examination into the Expenditure and Internal Controls of the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (iv) The Eleventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity, Fourth Session (2018/2019), Eleventh Parliament on the Follow-up Inquiry into the Status of the Implementation of the recommendations of the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity into the Treatment of Child Offenders.  
**(By the Senator the Hon. Kazim Hosein)**
- (v) The Twelfth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity, Fourth Session (2018/2019), Eleventh Parliament on the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Trinidad and Tobago with specific focus on Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.  
**(By the Senator the Hon. Kazim Hosein)**

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX**



## **Questions for Oral Answer**

### **Question No. 202 to the Attorney General**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Having regard to reports that several Judges of the Industrial Court are now employed by way of month-to-month arrangements, can the Attorney General indicate when will substantial contracts for these judges be approved?

### **Question No. 203 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Given that subsequent to the Minister's undertaking to appropriately secure the oil seep in Egypt Village, Point Fortin, livestock have since fallen into the seep, what action is being taken to safeguard against similar occurrences?

### **Question No. 206 to the Minister of Trade and Industry**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In view of the March 2019 dismissal of four (4) senior managers at the National Flour Mills, can the Minister advise as to the following:

- i. the reason(s) for the dismissal;
- ii. whether similar dismissals are likely in the short-term;
- iii. whether the dismissals referred to in (i) were carried out in accordance with proper industrial relations practices?

### **\*Question No. 292 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Saddam Hosein)**

Having regard to the issues surrounding the Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft, can the Minister give an update on the agreement to acquire said aircrafts from Boeing?

### **\*Question No. 294 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Saddam Hosein)**

In light of the May 15, 2019 prison break, can the Minister provide the circumstances surrounding the use of a helicopter from the National Helicopter Services Limited (NHSL)?

### **Question No. 295 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Saddam Hosein)**

Having regard to recent reports, can the Minister state what data was submitted to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to update Trinidad and Tobago's position in the World Economic Outlook (WEO)?

### **Question No. 298 to the Attorney General**

**(By Senator Saddam Hosein)**

Can the Attorney General provide the total amount of legal fees invoiced and/or paid by the Ministry and any state enterprises for which the Ministry assumed conduct of the matters, for the period September 2015 to May 2019?

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\* Questions Nos. 292 and 294 were deferred for two weeks on July 02, 2019

**Question No. 316 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Khadijah Ameen)**

Having regard to the Venezuelan children of school age who have been granted temporary stay in Trinidad and Tobago for one (1) year, can the Minister advise as to the following:

- (i) does the Government intend to provide school placements for said children; and
- (ii) if so, how soon will these placements be provided?

**Question No. 317 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government**

**(By Senator Khadijah Ameen)**

Can the Minister indicate what additional resources will be given to Regional Corporations in light of the mandate given to them to do maintenance works in schools?

- 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
  - (i) The Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2019.  
**(By the Attorney General)**
  - (ii) The Animal (Diseases and Importation) Amendment Bill, 2019.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- 14. MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER
- 15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

- (i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may by resolution approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2018 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 190 dated the 19th day of December, 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2018 be approved.

**(By the Attorney General)**

- (ii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may by resolution approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2019 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 34 dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2019 be approved.

**(By the Attorney General)**

- (iii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 38(1) of the Tobacco Control Act, Chap. 30:04 (hereinafter called “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations prescribing requirements and standards for tobacco product constituents, including emissions of smoked products, additives and product design and specifying methods for testing and measuring compliance with the performance prescribed and generally for carrying out the purpose of this Act:

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 38(1) of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister has on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019 made the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 (hereinafter called “the Regulations”):

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Regulations now be affirmed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** That the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 be approved.

**(By the Minister of Health)**

### **Bills Second Reading:**

- (i) **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday April 02, 2019 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 repeal the Livestock and Livestock Products Board Act, Chap. 67:05’.

**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

### **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday June 25, 2019 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the responsibility of a Government is to ensure public safety and security through the maintenance of law and order;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to address the extraordinary increase in the level of crime in Trinidad and Tobago, in particular murders and other violent crimes, which are negatively affecting national peace and economic development;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate take note of the Government's failure to arrest the increasing and unacceptable levels of criminal activity in Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Government to table, in the shortest possible time a cogent Strategic Crime Prevention Plan to address the unacceptable levels of crime facing the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By Senator Taharqa Obika)**

- (ii) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday May 28, 2019 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** it is established by Section 71(1) and (12) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, that there shall be an Elections and Boundaries Commission that in the exercise of its functions shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority;

**AND WHEREAS** the Elections and Boundaries Commission is responsible for holding free and fair elections throughout Trinidad and Tobago;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate take note that the Elections and Boundaries Commission is not subject to any parliamentary scrutiny or accountability in respect of its activities and operations unlike other similar independent bodies such as Service Commissions;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate call on the Government to take urgent steps to introduce legislation that would make the Elections and Boundaries Commission accountable to the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago by allowing parliamentary scrutiny of its administration, the manner of the exercise of its powers, methods of functioning and any criteria adopted by the Commission in the exercise of its powers and functions.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (iii) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday March 26, 2019 will be resumed:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the escalating levels of job losses in the country since September 2015 and condemn the Government for its failure to present a clear and cogent economic policy to guide Trinidad and Tobago through these challenging economic circumstances.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (iv) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday March 12, 2019 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** section 6(2) of the Education Act Chap. 39:01 provides that the Ministry of Education should provide special schools suitable to the requirements of students with physical and learning disabilities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry has not provided students with disabilities, additional learning needs and/or challenging behaviours with the requisite support networks, and equal opportunities needed to achieve their full potential;

**AND WHEREAS** the lack of adequate funding, policies and specialist staff is reflected in the poor performance of students;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Government to commit to the allocation of adequate funding, reform of the appropriate legislation and revision of policies designed to ensure

that all children with special needs are provided with equal educational opportunities to other students;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ministry of Education immediately initiate and implement a comprehensive strategy to assist all children with disabilities, additional learning needs and/or challenging behaviours.

**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

- (v) **WHEREAS** the Government has acquired the Galleons Passage, a new inter-island Passenger Ferry in a procurement arrangement that did not include the Central Tenders Board;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance has advised that the Government was guided in the amount it paid for the vessel by the valuation reports of two independent international firms;

**AND WHEREAS** it was discovered that one of the two firms that conducted the valuation is owned by the same company from which Government purchased the vessel;

**AND WHEREAS** in the interest of transparency and accountability in the procurement of the inter-island passenger ferry, there is need for the Government to provide the Parliament with reports including the Dunn and Bradstreet and all Arbitration Reports surrounding the settlement of the Donia Mercedes;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Minister of Finance to table, within fourteen days, copies of the Dunn and Bradstreet Report and all Arbitration Reports related to the settlement involving the previous owners of the Donia Mercedes.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (vi) **WHEREAS** the Education Act, Chap. 39:01 charges the Government with the responsibility to ensure the promotion of the education of the people of Trinidad and Tobago, the establishment of a system of education and educational institutions, and the effective execution of a national education policy;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to fulfil most of these objectives;

**AND WHEREAS** recent reports have highlighted the failure of the Government to address the persistent issues of school violence, bullying and mental illness;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate take note of the poor state of the education sector in Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Government to table, within the shortest possible time, a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan for the education sector, from early childhood care to tertiary level education.

**(By Senator Taharqa Obika)**

- (vii) **WHEREAS** the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 provides for the establishment of commissions to manage the conduct of enquires into public officers, departments and matters of public welfare;

**AND WHEREAS** Commissions of Enquiry are recognized as an important tool for social investigation in contemporary society, an effective mechanism for delivering truth, justice and social or organizational reform, and a device for inquiring into and ameliorating matters of public concern;

**AND WHEREAS** successive Government administrations have failed to adequately address public concerns which have arisen from time to time on whether the Commissions of Enquiry in Trinidad and Tobago have been effectively and efficiently carrying out their mandate;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Government to review the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 and the public inquiry process in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By Senator Anthony Vieira)**

**Brian Caesar**  
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**ORDER PAPER – WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**\*Question No. 276 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister provide the following information on his official overseas travel for the period September 2015 to April 2019:

- (i) the names of the countries visited and the purposes of each visit;
- (ii) the period of time spent in each country;
- (iii) the names of the hotels at which the Minister stayed on each occasion and the costs of accommodation;
- (iv) the return airfare on each occasion referred to in (i);
- (v) the names of the persons who accompanied the Minister on each occasion;
- (vi) the costs associated with the travel and other expenses of the [persons referred to in (v)]; and
- (vii) the names of the officials with whom the Minister met on each travel engagement?

**(Answer due by 29.06.2019)**

**\*Question No. 288 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development**

**(By Senator Anita Haynes)**

With regard to the Minister of Finance's announcement that the Government will engage in public-private-partnership arrangements for the construction of multiple housing units, can the Minister indicate:

- (i) whether the US \$75 million loan from the International Finance Corporation by Republic Bank will be used to finance said construction projects;
- (ii) where will these units be constructed;
- (iii) the number of units to be constructed; and
- (iv) the anticipated completion date of the construction of said units?

**(Answer due by 29.06.2019)**

**Question No. 299 to the Minister of Public Administration**

**(By Senator Saddam Hosein)**

Having regard to the buildings/office spaces being rented by the State during the period September 2015 to May 2019, can the Minister provide the following information for each rental agreement:

- (i) the building and address that is rented;
- (ii) the name of the owners of the building;
- (iii) the purpose for renting the building;
- (iv) the cost per month to rent the building;
- (v) the date on which the lease agreement was entered into; and
- (vi) the period of each lease agreement?

**(Answer due by 05.07.2019)**

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\* Questions Nos. 276 and 288 were deferred for two weeks on July 02, 2019



**Question No. 301 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Having regard to the provisions of the Petroleum Act, Chap 62:01, can the Minister provide the following information:

- (i) the names of all of the companies which have been licenced under the Act and the Regulations;
- (ii) the types of licences issued to each; and
- (iii) the commencement and expiration dates of each of the licences issued?

**(Answer due by 17.09.2019)**

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**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 AT 1:30 P.M.**

**NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS**

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
**(By Senator Saddam Hosein)**

In light of reports yesterday that there has been theft of material and other illicit activities at the new St. Joseph Secondary School, can the Minister indicate what is being done to properly secure the site?

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