SENATE

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

The Senate met at 1.30 p.m.

PRAYERS

[MADAM PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Madam President: Hon. Senators, I have granted leave of absence to Sen. The Hon. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus from today's sitting.

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES
(APPOINTMENT OF)

Madam President: Hon. Senators, I have received the following correspondence from the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Appointment of Members to Joint Select Committees

At a sitting held on Friday, November 13, 2015 the House of Representatives appointed the following Members to serve with an equal number from the Senate on the Joint Select Committees specified below:

1. Public Accounts Committee:

   Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy

   Ms. Marlene Mc Donald

   Mr. Randall Mitchell

   Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie

2. Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee:

   Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds

   Mrs. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn

   Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe

   Dr. Tim Gopeesingh

3. The Committee on Public Administration and Appropriations:

   Mrs. Bridgid Mary Annisette-George

   Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy

   Mr. Maxie Cuffie

   Ms. Nicole Olivierre

   Dr. Lackram Bodoe

4. The Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting:

   Mrs. Bridgid Mary Annisette-George

   Mr. Darryl Smith

   Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe

   Mr. Barry Padarath

5. The Committee on Government Assurances:

   Mrs. Bridgid Mary Annisette-George

   Mr. Adrian Leonce

   Mr. Anthony Garcia

   Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan

6. The Committee on National Security:

   Ms. Nicole Olivierre

   Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds

   Mr. Faris Al-Rawi

   Mr. Prakash Ramadhar

7. The Committee on Energy Affairs:

   Major Gen. (Ret.) Edmund Dillon

   Mr. Colm Imbert

   Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy

   Mr. David Lee

8. The Committee on Foreign Affairs:

   Ms. Marlene Mc Donald

   Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh

   Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe

   Mr. Rodney Charles

9. The Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity:

   Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly

   Mrs. Glenda Jennings-Smith

   Mr. Randall Mitchell

   Mrs. Vidia Gayadeen-Gopeesingh

10. The Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs:

    Mr. Randall Mitchell

    Ms. Marlene Mc Donald

    Dr. Lovell Francis

    Mr. Prakash Ramadhar

11. The Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure:

    Mr. Darryl Smith

    Mrs. Glenda Jennings-Smith

    Dr. Lovell Francis

    Mr. Rushton Paray

12. The Committee on Social Services and Public Administration:

    Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh

    Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe

    Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Ancil Antoine

    Mrs. Christine Newallo-Hosein

13. The Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities:

    Mr. Stuart Young

    Mr. Darryl Smith

    Mr. Faris Al-Rawi

    Ms. Ramona Ramdial

14. The Committee on State Enterprises:

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Ancil Antoine

Mr. Adrian Leonce

Mrs. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn

Mr. Fazal Karim

Establishment of two (2) new Joint Select Committees

Also Madam President, at the sitting held on Friday November 13, 2015, the House of Representatives agreed to the following resolutions:

'Resolved:

That for the purposes of section 64(1)(c) that this House appoint four Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on a Joint Select Committee to consider and report on a Bill entitled the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Amendment) Bill, 2015; and

That this Committee be mandated to report by January 22, 2016; and

That, provided it receives the concurrence of the Senate, the following Members be appointed to serve on the Committee:

Mr. Colm Imbert

Mrs. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn

Mr. Adrian Leonce

One (1) Opposition Member to be identified by the Opposition'.

'Resolved:

That for the purposes of section 64(1)(c) that this House appoint four Members to sit with an equal number from the Senate on a Joint Select Committee to consider and report on a Bill entitled the Whistleblower Protection Bill, 2015; and

That this Committee be mandated to report by January 22, 2016; and

That, provided it receives the concurrence of the Senate, the following Members be appointed to serve on the Committee:

Mr. Stuart Young

Mr. Faris Al-Rawi

Major Gen. (Ret.) Edmund Dillon

One (1) Opposition Member to be identified by the Opposition'.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that you cause these matters to be placed before the Senate at the earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Respectfully

Bridgid Mary Annisette-George

Speaker"

PAPERS LAID

1. Annual Administrative Report of the Evolving TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited for fiscal 2014. [*The Minister of Trade and Industry* (*Sen. The Hon. Paula Gopee-Scoon*)]
2. Annual Administrative Report of the National Flour Mills Limited for fiscal 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. P. Gopee-Scoon*]
3. Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. P. Gopee-Scoon*]
4. Annual Administrative Report of the ExporTT Limited for fiscal year 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. P. Gopee-Scoon*]
5. Annual Report of the Police Service Commission for 2013. [*The Vice-President* (*Sen. Nigel De Freitas*)]
6. Annual Report of the Statutory Authorities Service Commission for the year October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. N. De Freitas*]
7. Annual Report of the Statutory Authorities Service Commission for the year October 2013 to September 2014. [*Sen. N. De Freitas*]
8. One Hundred and First Report of the Salaries Review Commission. [*Sen. N. De Freitas*]
9. Annual Administrative Report of the Agricultural Development Bank for the financial year ending September 2013. [*The Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries* (*Sen. The Hon. Clarence Rambharat*)]
10. Administrative Report of the Boiler Examiners Board for the period October 2012 to September 2013. [*The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government* (*Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan*)]

11. Administrative Report of the Boiler Examiners Board for the period October 2013 to September 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

12. Administrative Report of the Minimum Wages Board for the period October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

13. Administrative Report of the Minimum Wages Board for the period October 2013 to September 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

14. Administrative Report of the Advisory Friendly Societies Council for the period October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

15. Administrative Report of the Cipriani College of Labour and Cooperative Studies for the period October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

16. Administrative Report of the Occupational Safety and Health Authority and Agency for October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

17. Administrative Report of the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited for the period October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

18. Annual Administrative Report of the Caribbean New Media Group for fiscal 2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

19. Annual Administrative Report of the Caribbean New Media Group for fiscal 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

20. Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Public Administration for the period October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

21. Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Public Administration for the period October 2013 to September 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

22. Annual Administrative Report of the Government Human Resource Services Company Limited for the period October 01, 2013 to September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

23. Annual Administrative Report of the Betting Levy Board for the year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

24. Errata to the Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Public Accounts of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

25. Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT) with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

26. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

27. Errata to the Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Institute of Marine Affairs for the year ended September 30, 2005. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

28. Errata to the Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Institute of Marine Affairs for the year ended September 30, 2006. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

29. Errata to the Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Institute of Marine Affairs for the year ended September 30, 2007. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

30. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for the year ended December 31, 2004. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

31. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for the year ended December 31, 2005. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

32. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for the year ended December 31, 2006. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

33. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for the year ended December 31, 2007. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

34. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

35. Errata to the Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended September 30, 2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

36. Errata to the Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended September 30, 2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

37. Errata to the Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended September 30, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

38. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2002. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

39. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2003. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

40. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2004. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

41. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2005. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

42. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2006. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

43. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1988. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

44. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1989. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*

45. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1990. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

46. The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1991. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

47. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1992. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

48. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1993. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

49. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1994. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

50. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1995. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

51. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1996. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

52. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1997. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

53. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the nine month period ended September 30, 1998. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

54. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 1999. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

55. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2000. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

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61. Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2006. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

62. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

63. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the year ended September 30, 2005. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

64. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the year ended September 30, 2006. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

65. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the year ended September 30, 2007. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

66. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Tobago House of Assembly for the year ended September 30, 2007. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

67. Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Heritage and Stabilisation Fund for the period ended September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

68. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

69. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

70. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

71. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Deposit Insurance Corporation (DIC) for the year ended September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

72. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute for the year ended September 30, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

73. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute for the year ended September 30, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

74. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the CEPEP Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

75. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) Limited for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

76. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

77. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited and its Subsidiaries for the year ended March 31, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

78. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

79. Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

80. Annual Report of the Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

81. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

82. Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad Nitrogen Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

83. Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago on Insurance and Pensions for the year ended December 31, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

84. Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of the First Citizens Holdings Limited and its Subsidiaries for the year ended September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

85. Unconsolidated Audited Financial Statements of the First Citizens Holdings Limited for the year ended September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*

86. Annual Report of First Citizens Securities Trading Limited for 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

87. Annual Report of First Citizens Trustee Services Limited for 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

88. Annual Report of Taurus Services Limited for the year 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

89. Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre Management Company Limited (TTIFCMCL) as at June 30, 2015. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

90. Annual Administrative Report of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2009/2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

91. Annual Administrative Report of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2010/2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

92. Annual Administrative Report of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2011/2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

93. Annual Administrative Report of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

94. Annual Administrative Report of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

95. Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority for the period 2009-2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

96. Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

97. Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

98. Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

99. Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

100. Administrative Report of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the period July 01, 2011 to June 30, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

101. Administrative Report of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the fiscal year 2009/2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

102. Administrative Report of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the fiscal year 2010/2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

103. Administrative Report of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the fiscal year 2011/2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

104. Administrative Report of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the fiscal year 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

105. Annual Administrative Report of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the period 2009/2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

106. Annual Administrative Report of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the period 2010/2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

107. Annual Administrative Report of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the period 2011/2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

108. Annual Administrative Report of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the period 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

109. Annual Administrative Report of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the period 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

110. Annual Administrative Report of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for fiscal year 2009/2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

111. Annual Administrative Report of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for fiscal year 2010/2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

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114. Annual Administrative Report of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for fiscal year 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

115. Annual Administrative Report of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited for the period January to December 2009. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

116. Annual Administrative Report of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited for the period January to December 2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

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119. Annual Administrative Report of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited for the period January to December 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

120. Pilotage Authority Executive Report for the period October 01, 2009 to September 30, 2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

121. Pilotage Authority Executive Report for the period October 01, 2010 to September 30, 2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

122. Pilotage Authority Executive Report for the period July 01, 2011 to July 01, 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

123. Pilotage Authority Executive Report for the period October 01, 2012 to September 30, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

124. Pilotage Authority Executive Report for the period October 01, 2013 to September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

125. Administrative Report of Maritime Services Division for fiscal year 2011/2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

126. Administrative Report of Maritime Services Division for fiscal year 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

127. Administrative Report of Maritime Services Division for fiscal year 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

128. Administrative Report of the Transport Division for the period 2010/2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

129. Administrative Report of the Transport Division for the period 2011/2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

130. Administrative Report of the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training for the period October 2011 to September 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

131. Administrative Report of the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training for the period October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

132. Administrative Report of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education for fiscal year 2010/2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

133. Administrative Report of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the period October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

134. Administrative Report of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the period October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

135. Administrative Report of the University of the West Indies-St. Augustine Campus, for fiscal year 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

136. Administrative Report of the University of the West Indies-St. Augustine Campus, for fiscal year 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

137. Administrative Report of the Accreditation Council for fiscal year 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

138. Administrative Report of the Accreditation Council for fiscal year 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

139. Administrative Report of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) Limited for fiscal year 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

140. Administrative Report of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) Limited for fiscal year 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

141. Administrative Report of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for fiscal year 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

142. Administrative Report of the Metal Industries Company Limited for fiscal year October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

143. Administrative Report of the MIC Institute of Technology Limited for fiscal years October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

144. Administrative Report of the National Energy Skills Centre for fiscal year October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

145. Administrative Report of the National Training Agency for fiscal 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

146. Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the year 2009. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

147. Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the year 2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

148. Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the year 2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

149. Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the year 2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

150. Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the year 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

151. Administrative Report of the Ministry of Public Utilities for fiscal 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

152. Annual Report of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago for the period October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

153. Annual Report of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago for the period October 2013 to September 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

154. Administrative Report of the Counter Trafficking Unit, Ministry of National Security for the year 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

155. Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development for 2011/2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

156. Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development for 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

157. Annual Administrative Report of the National Commission for Self Help Limited for fiscal 2011/2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

158. Annual Administrative Report of the Community Improvement Services Limited (CISL) 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

159. Annual Administrative Report of the Community Improvement Services Limited (CISL) 2013/2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

160. Annual Administrative Report of the Office of the Prime Minister for the period October 2012 to September 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

161. Annual Administrative Report of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited (MTS) for the year ended December 31, 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

162. Annual Administrative Report of the San Fernando City Corporation for the year 2012/2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

163. Administrative Report of the Arima Borough Corporation for the fiscal year 2014. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

164. Administrative Report of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the fiscal year 2012 to 2013. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

165. Annual Administrative Report of the Port of Spain City Corporation for the year 2009/2010. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

166. Annual Administrative Report of the Port of Spain City Corporation for the year 2010/2011. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

167. Annual Administrative Report of the Port of Spain City Corporation for the year 2011/2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

168. Annual Administrative Report of the Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for fiscal 2011/2012. [*Sen. The Hon. F. Khan*]

URGENT QUESTIONS

US Currency
(Shortage of Supply)

Sen. Wade Mark: Thank you, Madam President. To the hon. Minister of Finance: With the return of the old system of purchasing US currency, why is there still a shortage in the supply of US currency by commercial banks to both big and small business entities?

Madam President: Hon. Minister of Finance. [*Desk thumping*]

The Minister of Finance (Hon. Colm Imbert): Thank you, Madam President. I have asked the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago to determine exactly how the recent

injection of foreign exchange was distributed, and when I get the report from the Central Bank the public will be advised accordingly.

Sen. Mark: Supplemental. Could the hon. Minister of Finance indicate what time frame he anticipates to receive a response from the Governor of the Central Bank and once he has received that report, Madam President, whether he would lay that report in this honourable Senate?

Hon. C. Imbert: Thank you, Madam President. The hon. Senator seems to be very interested in foreign exchange. You were not so interested in 2014 and 2015. I have no intention of trying to bully the Governor of the Central Bank into a time frame. I expect that the Governor will do it in a reasonable time.

Sen. Dr. Mahabir: Further supplemental, Madam President, thank you very much. To the hon. Minister of Finance, again relating to foreign exchange. I am interested in the current policy of the Central Bank with respect to the allocations of foreign exchange to citizens who wish to acquire foreign exchange for health care purposes and to finance foreign education. So, I would be grateful if the Minister could, in fact, make a request of the Governor of the Central Bank to also advise this honourable Senate with respect to that policy for private citizens. Thank you very much.

Hon. C. Imbert: Was that a question?

Sen. Dr. Mahabir: Okay. Let me pose a question. [*Crosstalk*] Well—but he asked if there was a question, Madam President.

Hon. C. Imbert: It was a statement.

Sen. Dr. Mahabir: Okay. Madam President, through you, to the Minister of Finance, the question is this: what is the policy with respect to allocation of foreign exchange to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago who wish to purchase foreign exchange to finance foreign health care needs and foreign education? Thank you very much.

1.45 p.m.

Hon. C. Imbert: Thank you, Madam President, I will most certainly pose that question to the Governor of the Central Bank, but I just want to say at the outset, the Central Bank distributes foreign exchange to the commercial banks. It is the commercial banks who then provide foreign exchange to their customers. So, I will pose that question to the Governor and make my best effort to get a response within the shortest possible time.

Sen. Dr. Mahabir: Further supplemental.

Madam President: No, I am sorry—for these types of questions, really two supplementals. Sen. Mark.

US Currency
(De Facto and/or Official Depreciation of)

Sen. Wade Mark: Thank you very much, Madam President. To the hon. Minister of Finance: Could the hon. Minister of Finance state whether there has been a de facto and/or official depreciation of the US currency vis-à-vis the national currency?

The Minister of Finance (Hon. Colm Imbert): Thank you, Madam President. I am fascinated by the fascination of the hon. Senator with foreign exchange. You were not so fascinated—when your Government was in power you were not so fascinated.

Sen. Mark: I could not ask. I now ask.

Hon. C. Imbert: The answer is no.

Safety and Security of Citizens
(Measures being taken)

Sen. Wade Mark: To the hon. Minister of National Security: Could the Minister of National Security state what measures are being taken by the State to ensure the safety and security of citizens in light of nationals being actively recruited by the ISIS, and given the recent terror attacks in France?

The Minister of National Security (Hon. Maj. Gen. Edmund Dillon): [*Desk thumping*] Thank you very much, Madam President. Let me begin by stating that this Government wants to make it abundantly clear that it recognizes the global terrorist threat posed by ISIS and the horrific atrocities recently committed on the French people by the ISIS phenomenon. Madam President, the following measures have been adopted with respect to the recent terrorist activities that took place in France:

- We have tightened immigration control at our airports and seaports;
- We have reinforced our aerial and maritime surveillance patrols;
- We have tightened our customs inspections;
- We have reinforced security management at our airports and our seaports.

Additionally, Madam President, we have continued to liaise with our international partners with respect to intelligence and information, especially in relation to our Trinidadian citizens who are participating in the ISIS phenomenon. We also continue to relay to institutional institutions such as the Joint Regional Communications Centre and the Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre to provide the necessary intelligence that will allow us to be proactive in dealing with this phenomenon.

Internationally, we continue to liaise with our international partners with respect to intelligence that can be provided based on their presence, based on their intelligence agencies in the area of operations. Thank you very much, Madam President.

Sen. Sturge: Through you, Madam President, would the Minister of National Security indicate to us whether the Government will be changing or revisiting the policy which allows free, unrestricted and unhindered re-entry of local jihadists returning from ISIS?

Hon. Maj. Gen. E. Dillon: Madam President, a conversation is taking place with the Attorney General at this point in time, of which I cannot provide any more details than that.

Sen. Sturge: Can the Government indicate in very clear terms how many citizens of Trinidad and Tobago are actively involved in matters going on in Syria relating to ISIS?

Hon. Maj. Gen. E. Dillon: Madam President, the Government is unable to give an accurate figure. We are still awaiting confirmation from our intelligence partners as to the number of Trinidadian citizens involved in the ISIS phenomenon at this point in time.

Sen. Sturge: An average?

Hon. Maj. Gen. E. Dillon: I do not want to average. You cannot average people. You have to be exact. So, Madam President, I prefer to wait on that confirmation to give an exact figure based on intelligence. [*Desk thumping*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

National Gas Master Plan (Oral Update of)

1. Sen. Wade Mark asked the hon. Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:

A. Could the Minister provide this Senate with an oral update on the general findings and proposed policies positions contained in the Natural Gas Master Plan?

B. Could the Minister provide the Senate with an oral update on the findings of the latest Ryder Scott Report?

C. Could the Minister indicate to the Senate when the overall energy policy of the Government would be ready for circulation and public consumption?

The Minister of Energy and Energy Industries (Hon. Nicole Oliviere): [*Desk thumping*] Thank you, Madam President. The Natural Gas Master Plan final report 2014 to 2024 was received on September 04, 2015. The plan is currently being reviewed in the context of the new Government's drive to rebuild our energy sector for sustainable development. Upon completion of the review, the Natural Gas Master Plan final report, and recommendations thereon, will be submitted to Cabinet for its consideration and an appropriate statement will be made in due course.

Second part of the question, Madam President: Similarly, the Government has only just received the latest Ryder Scott Report on the natural gas reserves of Trinidad and Tobago. The report is being reviewed, and an appropriate statement will be made in due course.

Part C: The People's National Movement's broad policy objectives for the energy sector were identified in our 2015 general election manifesto, which has been adopted as official Government policy. Our energy policy was also articulated in the Vision 2020 Draft National Strategic Plan, much of which is still relevant today. However, before finalization of the energy policy for Trinidad and Tobago it is the Government's intention to hold detailed, meaningful consultations with all energy sector stakeholders and to review the current status of the sector. These consultations will take place shortly. Thank you.

Sen. Mark: Thank you very much, Madam President. Could the hon. Minister of Energy and Energy Industries indicate to this honourable Senate what is the time frame she envisages for making public those investigations or auditing of the various reports that the hon. Minister has identified? And whether the findings of the Ryder Scott Report would be made when the findings of the Ryder Scott Report would be made public? [*Interruption*] Do not come and disturb the proceedings, you are a stranger.

Hon. N. Oliviere: Madam President, in terms of the review process for the Natural Gas Master Plan and the review of the Ryder Scott Audit Report, both of these reports are being reviewed by the Standing Committee on Energy. You may recall that over the last five years the work of the Standing Committee on Energy was greatly diminished. The committee only met twice in 2015 prior to our taking office, and we have revived that committee and they are meeting regularly based on the availability of the members, and we are actively reviewing these very critical reports which would advise on our way forward in returning the sector to some measure of stability. And it should be noted that the Standing Committee on Energy is actively chaired by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. [*Desk thumping*]

Sen. Mark: Would the hon. Minister of Energy and Energy Industries indicate to this honourable House whether the overall energy policy of the Government would find its way ultimately in the Natural Gas Master Plan?

Hon. N. Oliviere: It is my understanding that this process should have afforded supplemental questions, and I believe that to be a new question.

Madam President: Any other supplementals?

Sen. Mark: Madam President, may I seek your indulgence? I am hearing the Minister of Finance's utterances and disturbing the proceedings, you know, as if he is the advisor.

Hon. Imbert: I am.

Sen. Mark: But, I will ask you to—

Madam President: Sen. Mark, just move on to your supplemental please.

Sen. Mark: Well, I will ask you to ask the Minister of Finance to keep a still tongue whilst he is here.

Madam President, I want to ask the hon. Minister whether she can share with this honourable House the strategy of the Government as it relates to the increase in natural gas reserves in our country. Could the hon. Minister be prepared to share with this honourable House that strategy?

Madam President: Sen. Mark, I do not think that is a proper supplemental question. The hon. Minister has already stated about what is happening with the reviewing of the different documents, so, if you have any further supplemental—you have one more.

Sen. Mark: In fact, I have a few more.

Madam President: No, just one.

Sen. Mark: Okay, but am I allowed one more?

Madam President: Yes.

Sen. Mark: Could the hon. Minister of Energy and Energy Industries indicate to this honourable House what time frame the hon. Minister anticipates for this Standing Committee on Energy, headed by the hon. Prime Minister, to complete a review of all these matters that are so pressing for our country? Is there any time frame that you can commit to so that the Parliament can look forward to those findings and results?

Hon. N. Oliviere: Thank you, Madam President. For the benefit of Sen. Wade Mark, I can commit that the Standing Committee on Energy would work assiduously to review all of these matters. They are extremely important, and we do intend to have the full participation of all members of the Standing Committee on Energy. We recognize that various times the Prime Minister will be unavailable in the upcoming week. I, myself would be unavailable this week, the Prime Minister would be unavailable next week, so that takes away two valuable weeks. But, we are working assiduously towards addressing these issues. No time will be wasted, and I can commit that we will do it as soon as we reasonably can. [*Desk thumping*]

International Monetary Fund
(Oral Report on)

2. Sen. Wade Mark asked the hon. Minister of Finance: Could the Minister provide this Senate with an oral report on the assessment, findings and solutions presented by the team of experts from the International Monetary Fund who at the request of the Government visited Trinidad and Tobago after the General Election of 2015?

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I crave your indulgence. This side of the House seeks a deferral of this question for two weeks.

Sen. Mark: Madam President, may I seek your indulgence? This matter was provided with adequate notice, 21 days in advance, and we find it is quite disturbing for a Minister to come in this House and indicate to us that they need further time. Madam President, we object. The Minister is here, he is conscious of what has happened with the IMF, and he should give us an answer to our question. He is here. [*Desk thumping*]

Madam President: Leader of Government Business.

Sen. The Hon. F. Khan: Madam President, with all said, the Standing Orders do provide that we can seek a maximum of 14 days deferral and we so seek.

Madam President: So, question No. 2 is deferred for 14 days.

Sen. Mark: Are you putting that to the House, Ma'am?

Madam President: Question No. 3, Sen. Mark.

Sen. Mark: We object to the deferral, vehemently so, Madam President.

Madam President: Sen. Mark.

Sen. Mark: Yes, I go to question three with your leave. Well I noticed that there is no one from the—

Madam President: Sen. Mark, how about you address me, the Presiding Officer.

2.00 p.m.

Sen. Mark: I will address you at all times, very—anyway, I will tell you that privately. [*Crosstalk*] Yeah, we go back long time, long period.

Labour Organization Conventions
(Ratification of)

3. Sen. Wade Mark asked the hon. Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development:

A. Could the Minister state whether the Government intends to ratify any additional Labour Organization Conventions?

B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, could the Minister identify the specific ILO Convention to be ratified by the Government?

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, on behalf of the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development, question No. 3, A: As indicated in Government's policy document, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago is committed to good governance, social justice and upholding international labour standards. Where this involves the ratification of International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions, such action will be pursued in accordance with their established procedure for ratification of such conventions.

The first stage of which is reviewed by the ILO, 144 Tripartite Consultative Committee. This committee was established in 1996 in accordance with ILO Convention, No. 144, Tripartite Consultations, International Labour Standards Convention 1976. The committee makes recommendations to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development for action by Trinidad and Tobago in respect of conventions reviewed. The conventions considered by the committee are agreed on through tripartite consensus and any of the tripartite members could request that a particular convention be reviewed. Should the Minister receive the recommendation for ratification that is from the committee, it will be taken to Cabinet for consideration.

With regard to section B, in light of A above, there have not been—and let me repeat, there have not been any recommendations for ratifications of ILO conventions submitted to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development since assuming office in September 2015.

Sen. Mark: Thank you, Madam President. Could the hon. Minister indicate whether the tripartite committee that is responsible for recommending to the Minister, conventions that ought to be ratified—could he indicate to this honourable Senate how many times this committee has met since the Government assumed office?

Sen. The Hon. F. Khan: The committee has not met since the Government assumed office. We are trying to rekindle that whole tripartite process as the Prime Minister said publicly and we want to give the assurance that once any recommendation comes to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development it will be sent to Cabinet for its own approval and then we will proceed with the process of ratification. My understanding is that there are four core conventions, all of which have been ratified. There are four priority conventions, three have already been ratified. The one that is outstanding is the labour inspection in agriculture and there are other topical issues which include domestic workers, OSHA conventions, social services conventions and what have you, but this Government-stated policy, and has been articulated over and over again by the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development and by the Prime Minister, is to genuinely rekindle that tripartite process. We give the assurance of this Senate and this country that that process will begin in earnest. [*Desk thumping*]

Sen. Mark: Thank you, Madam President. Could the hon. Minister indicate to this Senate, when he anticipates the convening of this very important tripartite committee and the rekindling of the spirit of this organization given its importance and role as well? So could you tell us when you anticipate?

Sen. The Hon. F. Khan: Well, I do not want to get entrenched into a time frame, but I will say within one quarter, three months.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (APPOINTMENT OF)

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, having regard to the correspondence received from the Speaker of the House in relation to appointments on Joint Select Committees, standing, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Public Accounts Committee:

Dr. Lester Henry	Member
Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon	Member
Mr. Wade Mark	Member
Dr. Dhanayshar Mahabir	Member

Question put and agreed to.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (ENTERPRISES) COMMITTEE
(APPOINTMENT OF)

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee:

Mrs. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus	Member
Mr. Foster Cummings	Member
Mr. Wade Mark	Member
Mr. David Small	Member

Question put and agreed to.

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES
(APPOINTMENT OF)

Public Administration and Appropriations Committee

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following five Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Public Administration and Appropriations:

Mr. Clarence Rambharat	Member
Miss Allyson Baksh	Member
Mr. Daniel Dookie	Member
Mr. Rodger Samuel	Member
Miss Melissa Ramkissoon	Member

Question put and agreed to.

Parliamentary Broadcasting Committee

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting:

Miss Christine Kangaloo	Vice-Chairman
Miss Nadine Stewart	Member
Miss Khadija Ameen	Member
Mr. Paul Richards	Member

Question put and agreed to.

Government Assurances

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Government Assurances:

Miss Christine Kangaloo	Chairman
Mr. Foster Cummings	Member
Miss Khadija Ameen	Member
Mr. H. R. Ian Roach	Member

Question put and agreed to.

Finance and Legal Affairs

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs:

Mr. W. Michael Coppin	Member
Mr. Clarence Rambharat	Member
Mr. Wayne Sturge	Member
Miss Sophia Chote SC	Member

Just to note that the areas of business under purview of this committee include: finance, planning, trade, Tobago affairs, Office of the Prime Minister, Attorney General, justice and legal affairs. And just for the information of Members of the Senate, the detailed list of portfolios under each committee will be circulated by email later this afternoon.

Question put and agreed to.

Land and Physical Infrastructure

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure:

Mr. Franklin Khan	Member
Mr. Hafeez Ali	Member
Mr. Daniel Solomon	Member
Mr. Stephen Creese	Member

The areas of business under purview of this committee include: land, agriculture, marine resources, housing, public utilities, works and transport.

Question put and agreed to.

Social Services and Public Administration

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration:

Miss Nadine Stewart	Member
Mr. Hafeez Ali	Member
Miss Khadija Ameen	Member
Dr. Dhanayshar Mahabir	Member

The areas of business under purview of this committee include: education, health, gender, tourism, public administration, labour, culture, community development and other social services.

Question put and agreed to.

Local Authorities, Service Commissions, Statutory Authorities and Tobago House of Assembly

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities including Tobago House of Assembly:

Mrs. Jennifer Baptiste-Primus	Member
Mr. Nigel De Freitas	Member
Mr. Daniel Solomon	Member
Mr. H. R. Ian Roach	Member

Question put and agreed to.

State Enterprises

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises:

Dr. Lester Henry	Member
Miss Allyson Baksh	Member
Mr. Wade Mark	Member
Mr. David Small	Member

Question put and agreed to.

National Security

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on National Security:

Mr. W. Michael Coppin	Member
Mr. Nigel De Freitas	Member
Mr. Wayne Sturge	Member
Mr. Taurel Shrikissoon	Member

Question put and agreed to.

Energy Affairs

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Energy Affairs:

Mr. Franklin Khan	Member
Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon	Member
Mr. Daniel Solomon	Member
Mr. David Small	Member

Question put and agreed to.

Foreign Affairs

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon	Member
Mr. Avinash Singh	Member
Mr. Rodger Samuel	Member
Dr. Dhanayshar Mahabir	Member

Question put and agreed to.

Human Rights, Equality and Diversity

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that the following four Members be appointed to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity:

Mr. Dennis Moses	Member
Miss Sarah Budhu	Member
Mr. Rodger Samuel	Member
Miss Jennifer Raffoul	Member

Question put and agreed to.

2.15 p.m.

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC PROPERTY (AMDT.) BILL, 2015

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, having regard to the correspondence from the Speaker of the House in relation to the establishment of a joint select committee to consider and report on the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Amdt.) Bill, 2015, I beg to move that the Senate concur with the House of Representatives in the establishment of the committee and that the following four Senators be appointed to serve:

Mr. Franklin Khan	Member
Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon	Member
Mr. Wayne Sturge	Member
Mr. David Small	Member

Question put and agreed to.

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION BILL, 2015

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, having regard to the correspondence from the Speaker of the House in relation to the establishment of a joint select committee to consider and report on the Whistleblower Protection Bill, 2015, I beg to move that the Senate concur with the House of Representatives in the establishment of the committee and the following four Senators be appointed to serve:

Mr. W. Michael Coppin	Member
Mr. Foster Cummings	Member
Mr. Wade Mark	Member
Miss Sophia Chote SC	Member

Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government (Sen. The Hon. Franklin Khan): Madam President, I beg to move that this Senate now be adjourned to Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 1.30 p.m. During that time we will debate the Private Motion as listed on the Order Paper.

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly.

Adjourned at 2.17 p.m.