

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

NOTICE OF THE FOURTEENTH SITTING OF THE 1998-1999 SESSION  
TO BE HELD IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, RED HOUSE, PORT OF SPAIN,  
ON FRIDAY JANUARY 22, 1999 AT 1:30 PM

**ORDER PAPER**

- (a) PRAYERS
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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Question No. 11 to the Honourable Prime Minister**

*(By the Member for Diego Martin West)*

- (a) Would the Prime Minister provide this House with a copy of the Minister of Energy's report to him on the employment of Mr. Ken Soodhoo as a consultant at the National Petroleum Marketing Company Ltd.?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister state exactly when this report would be made available to the House?

**Question No. 12 to the Honourable Minister of Energy**

*(By the Member for Diego Martin West)*

- (a) Did the National Petroleum Marketing Company Ltd. evaluate and pre-qualify contractors for its service station upgrade and construction programme?
- (b) Could the Minister identify all the local companies which were pre-qualified as having the capability to execute the works as required?
- (c) Could the Minister state the name of the company which received the award of the contract and the price at which it was awarded?

- (d) If the company which received the contract was not the lowest bidder, would the Minister identify the lowest tenderers and their submissions and state the justification for their rejection?
- (i) REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
- (j) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS
- (k) PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS
- (l) INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
- (m) MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
- (n) PUBLIC BUSINESS

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday December 11, 1998 will be resumed:-

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House condemn the unsatisfactory manner in which the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Company (TTEC) entered into an Agreement with the firm "Inncogen" for the supply of electricity by Inncogen to TTEC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Agreement be voided and that the choice of the provider of the electricity requirement of TTEC be made through the system of public tender.

*(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)*

2. **WHEREAS** the evidence of the State's forensic pathologists is a critical component of the criminal justice system and;

**WHEREAS** any failure on the part of the State to provide suitably qualified pathologists could have devastating consequences for the operation of the criminal justice system in Trinidad and Tobago and;

**WHEREAS** in recent times serious concerns have been publicly expressed about the qualification and suitability of persons currently providing these services to the State:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minister of Public Administration provide the necessary assurances and guarantees to the public that all persons currently engaged for the purpose of providing these professional services to the

State are properly qualified and can satisfactorily demonstrate the necessary certification required for the specific purpose and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Minister of Public Administration take all necessary steps to ensure that all forensic pathology scholars who were trained, at State expense, function, immediately within the speciality discipline for which they were trained.

*(By the Member for Diego Martin West)*

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Motions:

1. The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Wednesday January 13, 1999 will be resumed:

**WHEREAS** it is provided by section 141(1) of the Constitution that the Salaries Review Commission shall, from time to time, with the approval of the President, review the salaries and other conditions of service of the President, the holders of offices referred to in section 136(12) to (15) of the Constitution, Members of Parliament, and holders of such other offices as may be prescribed;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 141(2) of the Constitution that the report of the Salaries Review Commission shall be submitted to the President who shall forward a copy thereof to the Prime Minister for presentation to the Cabinet and for laying thereafter on the table of each House;

**AND WHEREAS** the fifty-second report of the Salaries Review Commission was submitted to the President who has provided a copy of the said report to the Prime Minister who has presented a copy thereof to the Cabinet;

**AND WHEREAS** a copy of the said report was laid on the table of the House of Representatives on Friday November 20, 1998 and in the Senate on Tuesday November 24, 1998:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House unanimously supports the recommendations contained in the fifty-second report of the Salaries Review Commission.

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 100 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act that the President may make Regulations in respect of, *inter alia*, the better carrying out, generally, of the provisions of the Act and in particular for the safety, control and regulation of traffic and the use of vehicles or any class of vehicles on any road and the conditions under which they may be used;

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 100 of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative Resolution of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1998 made the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 1998;

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 1998 be approved.

*(By the Minister of Works and Transport)*

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 9(2) of the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organisations) Act, Chap. 17:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order declare that any international or regional organisation or agency named or described in such Order shall, to such extent as specified in the Order, be accorded the privileges and immunities set out in Part 1 of the Fifth Schedule therein;

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by subsection (3A) that an Order made under subsection (2) may, notwithstanding anything contained in that subsection or in any other written law, confer on the organisation or on such persons or classes of persons as are referred to in subsection (3), or on persons who have entered into contracts financed by the organisation, such immunities, privileges or exemptions, as the case may be, as are required to give effect to any international treaty or convention in that behalf to which Trinidad and Tobago has been a party;

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 9 of the Act that every Order made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1998 made the Privileges and Immunities (Conventions of LOMÉ) Order, 1998;

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Privileges and Immunities (Conventions of LOMÉ) Order, 1998 be approved.

*(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)*

4. **RESOLVED:**

That this House approve the decision of the President to acquire the land described in the Appendix for the public purpose specified.

*(By the Minister of Housing and Settlements)*

**Bills Second Reading:**

The debate on the following bill which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Wednesday January 13, 1999 will be resumed:

1. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to establish a system of plea discussions and plea agreements and matters incidental thereto'.

*(By the Attorney General)*

2. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to give members of the public a general right (with exceptions) of access to official documents of public authorities and for matters related thereto'.

*(By the Attorney General)*

3. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Forests Act, Chap. 66:01".

*(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)*

4. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Sawmills Act, Chap. 66:02".

*(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)*

5. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago" - *[The Establishment of Parliamentary Committees]*.

*(By the Attorney General)*

6. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02'.

*(By the Attorney General)*

7. A Bill entitled, "An Act to prohibit certain kinds of discrimination, to promote equality of opportunity between persons of different status, to establish an Equal Opportunity Commission and an Equal Opportunity Tribunal and for matters connected therewith".

*(By the Attorney General)*

8. A Bill entitled, "An Act respecting the safety, health and welfare of persons at work".

*(By the Minister of Labour and Co-operatives)*

9. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the regulation of the importation, breeding and keeping of dangerous dogs which present a serious danger to the public; to make further provision for ensuring that such dogs are kept under proper control; and for connected purposes”.

*(By the Attorney General)*

10. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Gambling and Betting Act, Chap. 11:19 and for matters connected therewith”.

*(By the Minister of Trade & Industry and Consumer Affairs and Minister of Tourism)*

11. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority Act, Chap. 21:50”.

*(By the Minister of Trade & Industry and Consumer Affairs and Minister of Tourism)*

12. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Betting Levy Board Act, No. 35 of 1989”.

*(By the Minister of Trade & Industry and Consumer Affairs and Minister of Tourism)*

13. A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the establishment and operation of the National Racing Commission and for matters connected therewith”.

*(By the Minister of Trade & Industry and Consumer Affairs and Minister of Tourism)*

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