

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

NOTICE OF THE SIXTEENTH SITTING OF THE 2001 SESSION TO BE HELD  
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, THE RED HOUSE, PORT OF SPAIN,  
ON THURSDAY MAY 24, 2001 AT 1:30 P.M.

## ORDER PAPER

- (a) PRAYERS
- (b) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER
- (c) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER
- (d) BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE
- (e) PETITIONS
- (f) PAPERS
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
  - 1. The Second Report of the 2001 Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, on proposals for the Supplementation and Variation of the Annual Estimates 2001.
- (h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

### Question for Oral Answer

#### \*Question No. 7 to the Hon. Minister of Transport

*(By the Member for Diego Martin West)*

- (a) Has the Government or any of its agencies entered into a maintenance contract with any person or company for the supply of such services to be carried out on the recently constructed airport terminal building?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, could the Minister:
  - i. identify the company which received the contract;
  - ii. state the total sum of the contract and the period covered;
  - iii. explain the process used to select the company or person and the date on which the contract was entered into?

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\* Question was deferred on 21.05.01 to 24.05.01

- (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

1. The Finance (Supplementation and Variation of Appropriation) Bill, 2001.

*(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the next stage of this Bill be taken later in the proceedings)*

- (m) MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
- (n) PUBLIC BUSINESS

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Second Report of the 2001 Session of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, on proposals for the Supplementation and Variation of the Annual Estimates 2001.
2. **WHEREAS** it is *inter alia* provided by subsection (1) of section 3 of the Guarantee of Loans (Companies Act, Chap. 71.82 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the government may, in such manner and on such terms and subject to such conditions as may be agreed between it and a Lending Agency, guarantee the discharge by a Company of its obligations under any agreement which may be entered into the Company with a Lending Agency in respect of any borrowing by that Company that is authorised by the Government:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (1) of section 4 of the Act, that the aggregate amount of all borrowings by Companies that are guaranteed by the Government under the Act, shall not exceed fifty million dollars (without taking into account any amount in respect of interest, commissions and any other expenses secured by the guarantees) or such greater sum as may from time to time be specified by Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

**AND WHEREAS** by Resolution passed in the House of Representatives on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1979 and in the Senate on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1979 an aggregate sum of five thousand million dollars was specified:

**AND WHEREAS** it is now necessary to increase the aggregate amount of all borrowings by Companies that are guaranteed by the Government under the Act by a further sum of five thousand million dollars:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the aggregate amount of all borrowings by Companies that are guaranteed by the Government under the Act shall not exceed ten thousand million dollars.

*(By the Minister of Finance)*

**Bills Second Reading:**

**1. The debate on the second reading of the following Bill which was adjourned on Monday May 21, 2001, will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, 'An Act for the regulation of telecommunications in Trinidad and Tobago'.

*(By the Minister of Communications and Information Technology)*

**2. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Airports Authority Act, Chap. 49:02 and for matters incidental thereto'.**

*(By the Minister of Transport)*

**3. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago'.**

*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)*

**4. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Pilotage Act, Chap. 51:02'.**

*(By the Minister of Transport)*

**5. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Equal Opportunity Act, 2000'.**

*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)*

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

**1. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday March 23, 2001 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** under the Constitution, the people of Trinidad and Tobago have asserted their belief in a democratic society; and

**WHEREAS** the Elections and Boundaries Commission (**EBC**) and an accurate and acceptable Voters List are essential ingredients of the democratic system required for the conduct of free and fair elections; and

**WHEREAS**, following the recent elections, there is considerable disquiet and anxiety in the country with respect to the role of the **EBC** and the state of the Voters List which was utilised during the General Elections of December 11<sup>th</sup> 2000:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House call on the relevant authorities to take steps to review by way of a **Public Commission of Enquiry**, all the actions of the **EBC** in the preparation of the Preliminary and Final Voters Lists which were used on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2000:

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House agree that the Government provide, through supplementary allocation, all the necessary financial and other resources to effect an immediate, comprehensive, nationwide voter registration exercise, inclusive of a new voter identification system:

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this exercise be completed in the shortest possible time with a view to having improved procedures and a revised Voters List available well before any other national election becomes due in Trinidad and Tobago.

*(By the Member for Diego Martin West)*

**J. SAMPSON-JACENT  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

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