

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

NOTICE OF THE NINETEENTH SITTING OF THE 2001 SESSION TO BE HELD  
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, THE RED HOUSE, PORT OF SPAIN,  
ON FRIDAY JUNE 08, 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
  - 1. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2000.  
*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Financial Statements be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)*
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
- (h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

## Questions for Oral Answer

### Question No. 19 to the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of National Security

*(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)*

- (a) Would the Minister kindly confirm whether the following persons whose names are listed on the "Stand By" list (Appendix III) in the Honourable Minister's response to Question 8, were in fact enlisted as part of the original intake on March 23, 2001 and assigned the Coast Guard identification numbers as indicated:

<u>Coast Guard Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
5944	John, Emerald
5945	Dougan, Andre
5970	William, Marvin
6015	Phillip, Colin
6018	Williams, Stevorn

- (b) If the answer is in the affirmative for any of the above, could the Minister state the name of the person replaced?

**Question No. 20 the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of National Security**

*(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)*

- (a) Would the Minister kindly state the date on which the following persons, whose names are listed as forming part of the original intake of 104 recruits in Appendix II of the reply to Question 8, were enlisted into the Coast Guard:

1. Nigel Baptiste
2. Joel Boucaud
3. Marlon Cayonne
4. Anson Charles
5. Michael Edwards
6. Selwyn George
7. Edric Hargraves
8. Louis Martin
9. Ezekiel Fraser
10. Gerard John
11. Richard Millette
12. Claude Adams

- (b) Would the Minister also indicate their Coast Guard numbers and the Branch to which they were assigned?
- (c) Further, if any of the above persons was not enlisted, could the Minister say why and also inform the House whether anyone has been designated as a replacement?

**Question No. 25 to the Hon. Minister of Finance**

*(By the Member for Tobago East)*

In reference to the Report of the Dispute Resolution Commission appointed under Section 56 of the Tobago House of Assembly Act, No. 40 of 1996 and dated September 14, 2000 which was approved by the House of Representatives on October 25, 2000:

- (a) Would the Minister indicate and explain which of the seven (7) recommendations in the summary of the report have been implemented by the Government?
- (b) For each of the recommendations still to be implemented (if any) would the Honourable Minister:
- i. explain why it is not implemented;
  - ii. say when it is scheduled for implementation?

- (c) Since the triggering of the action of the Commission was particularly in reference to funding of the THA for the years 1998, 1998-1999 and 1999-2000, how much does the Government consider itself indebted to the Tobago House of Assembly for those years?
- (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

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **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. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap. 12:01'.

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

2. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Freedom of Information Act, No. 26 of 1999'.

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

3. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Companies Act, No. 35 of 1995'.

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

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

*(By the Minister of Transport)*

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

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

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

*(By the Minister of Transport)*

**PRIVATE BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House was adjourned on Friday May 25, 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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