

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

NOTICE OF THE TWENTIETH SITTING OF THE 2001 SESSION TO BE HELD  
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, THE RED HOUSE, PORT OF SPAIN,  
ON FRIDAY JUNE 29, 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. The Petroleum (Amendment) Regulations, 2001.  
*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)*
  - 2. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Arima Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1995.  
*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  - 3. Report of the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Arima Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1996.  
*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
  - 4. The 1999/2000 Annual Report of the Venture Capital Incentive Program for the year ended September 30, 2000.  
*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)*
- (g) PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
- (h) QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

## **Questions for Oral Answer**

### **\* 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?

### **Question No. 26 to the Hon. Minister of Transport**

*(By the Member for Tobago West)*

- (a) Is the Minister aware that the MF Panorama after lengthy delay, was scheduled to go on dry dock in October 2000?
  - (b) Could the Minister state when the MF Panorama will be dry docked and what is the earliest date that this vessel will be available for service?
  - (c) Could the Minister further state what contingency plans are in place to service the sea ferry needs of Tobago in the event that the Beau Port breaks down?
- (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. **WHEREAS** the Member for Diego Martin West was suspended from the service of the House on May 24, 2001:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the suspension of the Honourable Member be terminated forthwith.

*(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)*

2. **WHEREAS** the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of National Security advised this Honourable House on May 07, 2001, that:

- in the first week of December 2000 the Chief of Defence Staff initiated the process for the recruitment of 104 persons to fill vacancies then existing in the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard;
- based on the standard procedure 104 applicants were selected for recruitment into the Coast Guard as “**Recruit Intake No. 39**”; and

**WHEREAS** the Prime Minister and Minister of National Security provided a list containing 104 names which the Prime Minister informed the House were the names of the persons forming the **39<sup>th</sup> Recruit Intake**; and

**WHEREAS** the Prime Minister and Minister of National Security also provided a list containing the names of 31 applicants which he informed the House were the names of those applicants who were placed on standby in the event of the withdrawal of any of the applicants who had been selected to fill the 104 vacancies in the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard; and

**WHEREAS** the following six persons who were included among the 104 names provided by the Prime Minister and Minister of National Security on May 07, 2001 but whom the Prime Minister and Minister of National Security **NOW ADMITS** were, in fact, enlisted into the Coast Guard prior to the initiation of the process for the recruitment of the **39<sup>th</sup> Recruit Intake**

NAME	ENLISTMENT DATE	REGIMENTAL NUMBER
Nigel Baptiste	10/5/2000	5933
Marlon Cayonne	10/5/2000	5934
Michael Edwards	10/5/2000	5935
Selwyn George	10/11/1999	5931
Edric Hargraves	10/5/2000	5936
Claude Adams	10/5/2000; and	5932

**WHEREAS** the Prime Minister and Minister of National Security **NOW ADMITS** that the following six persons who were included among the 104 names provided by the Prime Minister and Minister of National Security on May 07 were not enlisted into the Coast Guard as part of the recruitment of the **39<sup>th</sup> Recruit Intake**;

Joel Boucaud	Ezekiel Fraser
Anson Charles	Gerard John
Louis Martin	Richard Millette; and

**WHEREAS** the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of National Security **NOW ADMITS** that the following three persons whose names appears among the 31 names on the Standby List provided by the Prime Minister on May 07, 2001, were in fact part of the original intake on March 23, 2001:

Andre Dougan  
Marvin Williams  
Collin Phillip; and

**WHEREAS** on May 11, 2001, the Prime Minister and Minister of National Security informed the House that the List pertaining to **RECRUIT INTAKE No. 39** was received by the Ministry of National Security on May 03, 2001 which is 41 days after the intake on March 23, 2001 and which time provided sufficient opportunity to provide an accurate list of the composition of the Intake; and

**WHEREAS** only 89 of the 104 persons named on the list provided by the Prime Minister and Minister of National Security were in fact enlisted on March 23, 2001 as part of the original Intake; and

**WHEREAS** no explanation has been given for the failure to enlist the shortfall from the Standby List:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House Censure the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of National Security for the incorrect, inaccurate and misleading information the Prime Minister provided to this Honourable House on May 07, 2001.

*(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)*

3. **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)*

### **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 Airports Authority Act, Chap. 49:02 and for matters incidental thereto'.  
*(By the Minister of Transport)*
2. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago'.  
*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)*
3. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Pilotage Act, Chap. 51:02'.  
*(By the Minister of Transport)*

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

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