

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**NOTICE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SITTING OF THE 2001 SESSION TO BE HELD  
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, THE RED HOUSE, PORT OF SPAIN,  
ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Trinidad and Tobago Free Zone Company Limited for the Financial year ended December 31, 2000.  
*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs who will move that the Report 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. 30 to the Hon. Minister of Enterprise Development and Foreign Affairs**

*(By the Member for Diego Martin West)*

- (a) With respect to the lease of lands at Caroni(1975) Ltd. to INNERCOB Industries Ltd. for the establishment of InnCogen and other industries in 1998, could the Minister state what is the annual rent due to Caroni Ltd.?
- (b) Could the Minister state how much money has been paid by INNERCOB to Caroni (1975) Ltd. as at June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001?
- (c) If any arrears are owed to Caroni (1975) Ltd., could the Minister further state:
  - (i) for which year/s and how much is the total indebtedness; and
  - (ii) what action the Company intends to take in order to collect, in a timely manner, all monies owed to it by INNERCOB?

**Question No. 38 to the Hon. Minister of Infrastructure, Development and Local Government**

*(By the Member for Arima)*

- (a) Could the Honourable Minister indicate:  
When will his Ministry undertake construction work of the new Arima Town Hall and Administrative center?
- (b) Could the Minister also indicate:  
The estimated cost of construction of the building;  
The estimated date of completion;  
The nature of the construction in relation to the New Arima Town Hall and Administrative Centre?

**Question No. 42 to the Hon. Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)*

- (a) Is the Minister aware that some students who wrote the recently concluded SEA, have been assigned to schools that do not now exist?
- (b) If so, would the Minister outline the instances where this is so?
- (c) Could the Minister give the assurance that these schools would be ready for the new term in September?

**Question No. 43 to the Hon. Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)*

- (a) Would the Minister state the reason(s) for the delay in the Construction of the Biche Government Secondary School?
- (b) Could the Minister tell this Honourable House the cost of construction and furnishing of this school?

**Question No. 44 to the Hon. Minister of Education**

*(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)*

- (a) Would the Minister outline the schools that have been constructed so far under the Secondary Education Modernization Programme?
- (b) Could the Minister state the amount budgeted for construction in each case?
- (c) Would the Minister outline the actual cost in each case and explain the reasons for the difference, if any?

- (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)*

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) of the Development Loans Act that the Government is authorised, *inter alia*, for the purposes of financing general development in Trinidad and Tobago, or repayment of borrowings effected for general development, *inter alia*, by a statutory authority within the meaning of the Statutory Authorities Act, Chap. 24:01 or by an enterprise that is controlled by or on behalf of the State, from time to time to borrow money externally or internally in a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate seven thousand, five hundred million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago and thereafter such sum in such currency as may from time to time be specified by resolution passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives:

**AND WHEREAS** by resolution of Parliament published in Legal Notice No. 15 of 2000 the Government was authorised to borrow a further sum not exceeding in the aggregate two thousand, five hundred million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago:

**AND WHEREAS** it is necessary for the Government to borrow further sums of money for the purposes stated in the said section:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that for the purposes stated in the said section, the Government is hereby authorised to borrow money externally or internally in a further sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate three thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago.

*(By the Minister of Finance)*

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 2(1) of the Treasury Bills Act, that the Minister may borrow in Trinidad and Tobago such sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate, two thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies and such further sum or sums as may be specified by resolution of Parliament, or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies, by the issue of Treasury Bills:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 2(2) that the Minister may borrow further sums for the purpose of paying off at maturity, Treasury Bills issued under subsection (1), by further issue of Treasury Bills:

**AND WHEREAS** it is necessary for the Minister of Finance to borrow further sums of money for the purpose stated in the said section 2(2):

**BE IT RESOLVED** that for the purpose stated in the section 2(2), the Minister of Finance is hereby authorised to borrow such further sum or sums in Trinidad and Tobago, not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies.

*(By the Minister of Finance)*

4. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) Treasury Notes Act, that the Minister on the written advice of the Governor of the Central Bank may, for the purposes of promoting monetary credit and exchange conditions most favourable to the economy of Trinidad and Tobago, borrow money in Trinidad and Tobago in such sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies and such further sum or sums as may be specified by resolution of Parliament, or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies, by the issue of Notes:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (2) of the said section that the Minister may borrow further sums for the purpose of paying off at maturity Notes issued under subsection (1), by further issue of Notes:

**AND WHEREAS** it is necessary for the Minister of Finance to borrow further sums of money for the purposes stated in the said section:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that for the purposes stated in the said section, the Minister of Finance is hereby authorised to borrow such further sum or sums in Trinidad and Tobago, not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand million Trinidad and Tobago dollars or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency or currencies.

*(By the Minister of Finance)*

5. **WHEREAS** section 41(1)(d) of the Integrity in Public Life Act, 2000 (“the Act”) provides that the Commission may make regulations for the form of declaration to be submitted and any additional forms which have been prescribed or which may become necessary:

**AND WHEREAS** section 41(1)(e) of the Act provides that the Commission may make regulations for the period within which any information or document required by the Commission should be furnished or produced:

**AND WHEREAS** section 41(2) of the Act provides that regulations made under subsection (1), shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission has on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001 made

**The Integrity in Public Life (Prescribed Forms) Regulations, 2001 (hereinafter called “the Regulations”); and**

**The Integrity in Public Life (Period of Furnishing of Information) Regulations, 2001:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Integrity in Public Life (Prescribed Forms) Regulations, 2001 and the Integrity in Public Life (Period for Furnishing of Information) Regulations, 2001, be approved.

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

6. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 100 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), that the Minister 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 Minister has on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001 made the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”):

**AND WHEREAS** the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2001 were laid in the Senate on Tuesday, July 03, 2001 and the House of Representatives on Friday, July 13, 2001:

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2001, be now approved.

*(By the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Tobago Affairs)*

7. **WHEREAS** the Integrity in Public Life Act (No. 83 of 2000) together with the Integrity in Public Life (Amendment) Act (No. 88 of 2000), the Constitution (Amendment) Act (No. 89 of 2000) and the Constitution (Amendment) Act (No. 82 of 2000) (hereinafter referred to as the Integrity Package of Legislation) were proclaimed on November 6, 2000;

**AND WHEREAS** the package of legislation significantly enhances the scope and powers of the Integrity Commission so as to allow that body to exercise greater oversight and control over all persons exercising public functions;

**AND WHEREAS** Judges and Magistrates have been included as persons in public life under the said Acts;

**AND WHEREAS** concerns have been raised by the Judiciary that the provisions of the integrity legislation in so far as they affect members of the Judiciary constitute a threat to the independence of the Judiciary and amount to an alteration of their terms and conditions of service and that the Judiciary was not given the opportunity to comment on the provisions of the Legislation which were proposed by the Opposition:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be established to review the provisions of the Integrity Package of Legislation to consider the views of the Judiciary: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Select Committee be also authorised to consider and review any other provisions of the Integrity Package of Legislation

which the Committee considers necessary and submit its report and recommendations to the Parliament.

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

8. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (4) of section 7 of the Professions Related to Medicine Act, 1985, that the Council may, offer consultation with all the Boards for the time being established under this Act, and with the approval of the Minister, make Rules with respect to the form and keeping of the registers maintained on behalf of the Boards and the making of entries, alterations and corrections and other matters prescribed therein:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (8) of section 14 of the said Act, that the Council may, after consultation with each of the Boards, and with the approval of the Minister make Rules as to the procedure to be followed and the Rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee and other matters prescribed therein:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (5) of the said section 7 that Rules made under subsection (4) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** by Council has on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001 made the Professions Related to Medicine Rules, 2001:

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister has on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001 approved the Professions Related to Medicine Rules, 2001:

**AND WHEREAS** the Professions Related to Medicine Rules, 2001 were laid in the Senate on Tuesday, June 26, 2001 and the House of Representatives on Friday, June 29, 2001:

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Professions Related to Medicine Rules, 2001 be approved.

*(By the Minister of Health)*

9. **RESOLVED** that this House approve the decisions of the President to acquire the lands described in Appendix for the public purpose specified.

*(By the Minister of Housing and Settlement)*

### **Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to validate the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 1999'.

*(By the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Tobago Affairs)*

2. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act, to establish the Anti-Corruption Commission and for matters relating thereto'.  
*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)*
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 validate the cancellation of certain postage stamps'.  
*(By the Minister of Finance)*
5. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Pilotage Act, Chap. 51:02'.  
*(By the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Tobago Affairs)*
6. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Airports Authority Act, Chap. 49:02 and for matters incidental thereto'.  
*(By the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Tobago Affairs)*
7. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to re-enact and revise the laws respecting Weights and Measures and to give effect to the International System of Units (SI units)'.  
*(By the Minister of Community Empowerment, Sport and Consumer Affairs)*
8. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Liquor Licences Act, Chap. 84:10'.  
*(By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)*
9. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control (Incorporation) Act, No. 34 of 1989'.  
*(By the Minister of Community Empowerment, Sport and Consumer Affairs)*

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

1. **WHEREAS** the State Enterprises are entrusted with the management of billions of dollars of public monies and other assets; and

**WHEREAS** some of these Enterprises are being managed in such a manner as to deprive citizens of the benefits which should flow from their operations;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House take note of the existence and content of the **Integrated Security Systems Ltd. (ISSL) Report** which was commissioned by Petrotrin; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Honourable House accept the Recommendations contained therein; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Honourable House direct the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee (PA[E]C) to summon Petrotrin to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity for the purpose of examining all matters relating to the award of contracts and matters incidental thereto with particular reference to Southwest Soldado (SWS), Sundowner and the Refinery Upgrade Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Minister of Finance be directed to so augment the Parliamentary budget so as to ensure that all the necessary human and financial resources are available to the Committee, such additional expenditure to be taken up in a supplemental allocation.

*(By the Member for Diego Martin West)*

2. **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)*

3. **WHEREAS** a Special Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on an Audit into certain areas of Internal Controls of the North-West Regional Health Authority (NWRHA) was referred to the Public Accounts Committee on Friday June 29, 2001:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House mandate the Public Accounts Committee to consider the said report as a matter of priority and submit its report and recommendations to this Honourable House by **September 30, 2001**.

*(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)*

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, 'An Act for the incorporation of the International Pentecostal Assembly Churches of Trinidad and Tobago and matters incidental thereto'.

*(The Speaker will put the question that the Bill be now read a Second time)*

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

*House of Representatives' Secretariat  
The Red House  
PORT OF SPAIN  
September 07, 2001*

**APPENDIX**

<b>DESCRIPTION OF LAND</b>	<b>PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH TO BE ACQUIRED</b>
<p><b>1.</b> The parcel of land 8.0875 hectares more or less, situate at Shipping Road, Felicity, in the Borough of Chaguanas in the County of Caroni and said to belong now or formerly to Binarsari Batchasingh and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Survey and dated September 22, 1999 and filed in his office is required for a public purpose namely, Conservation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 8.0875 hectares more or less, situate at Shipping Road, Felicity in the Borough of Chaguanas in the County of Caroni and said to belong now or formerly to Binarsari Batchasingh.</p> <p>The Parcel is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on Survey Plan filed in Book 1243 Folio 24 in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Red House, Port of Spain.</p>	Conservation