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## ORDER PAPER

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### Questions for Oral Answer

#### Question No. 33 to the Honourable Minister Prime Minister

(By the Member of Laventille East/Morvant)

Could the Prime Minister identify:

- a) All Ministries, Agencies and other sectors of Government, including the State Enterprise sector, that incurred costs in relation to the Prime Minister's official visit to India from January 2-15, 2012?
- b) The total cost by each Ministry, Agency and State Enterprise that expended funds towards the official visit to India?

#### Question No. 34 to the Honourable Minister Prime Minister

(By the Member of Laventille East/Morvant)

Could the Prime Minister state:

- a) The total number of persons, government officials, as well as non-government officials who went on the official visit to India?
- b) The names of all persons who went on the visit and their designations?
- c) If public funds were expended on any such person, the total amount associated with the participation of each such person?

**Question No. 35 to the Honourable Minister Prime Minister**

**(By the Leader of the Opposition)**

- a) With respect to the award of Senior Counsel (Silk) status to the Prime Minister, what was the date of the submission of the application by the Honourable Prime Minister to the Attorney General for consideration of the award of Senior Counsel?
- b) Did the Attorney General consult with the Chief Justice with respect to this application as required by the published conditions laid down in the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette?
- c) Did the Attorney General have any further consultations with any other bodies/ individuals with respect to the award of Silk to the Prime Minister?
- d) If the answer is in the affirmative, could the Prime Minister as approving Officer, give the names of the individuals and/bodies which were consulted in the process?

**Question No. 36 to the Honourable Minister Prime Minister**

**(By the Leader of the Opposition)**

- a) When was the final list of the Attorney General's recommendations of the applicants for the award of silk submitted to the Prime Minister?
- b) Were there any name(s) of any practitioner submitted as recommended by the Attorney General to the Prime Minister for which approval was not granted?
- c) If the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, could the Prime Minister name all such practitioners and give the specific reasons for the non-approval of the award in each case?

**Question No. 37 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

**(By the Leader of the Opposition)**

- a) With respect to the dismissal of Brigadier Peter Joseph as the Head of Special Anti-Crime Unit of Trinidad and Tobago (SAUTT), has the government of Trinidad and Tobago entered into any sort of settlement as it relates to this matter?
- b) If the answer is in the affirmative, could the Minister state:
  - i) What were the initial circumstances which resulted in the dismissal of Brigadier Peter Joseph as the Head of SAUTT?
  - ii) Subsequent to his dismissal, what was the basis of claims made by Brigadier Peter Joseph against the State?
  - iii) The details of the financial and other considerations in the settlement of this matter?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate Amendments to the Finance Bill, 2012 listed in Appendix I be now considered.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 56(1)(a) of the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 that the House of Representatives may, from time to time, by Resolution provide that any class of goods specified in the Resolution shall be exempt from import duties of Customs if the goods are imported or entered for use by any person for any purpose specified in the Resolution during any period to be fixed by the Minister in each particular case, not being a period terminating later than the date prescribed in the Resolution as the last day on which such exemption shall be operative, and subject to such condition as the Minister may impose:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of section 56 of the Customs Act, exempt from import duties of customs the classes of goods imported or entered for use in Trinidad and Tobago for the respective purposes set out in the List of Conditional Duty Exemptions in the Third Schedule to the Customs Act for –

- (a) Approved Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Fisheries in Part A, subheading II;
- (b) Approved Hotels in Part A, subheading III;
- (c) Approved Mining Purposes in Part A, subheading IV; and
- (d) Other Approved Purposes in Part A, subheading V, from the date of publication to December 31, 2015.

**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Legal Aid and Advice Act Chap 7:07, 2011”.

**(By the Minister of Justice)**

2. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday December 09, 2011 will be resumed.**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to make provision for the implementation of a system for electronic monitoring in Trinidad and Tobago and for related matters”.

**(By the Minister of Justice)**

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 and the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Enforcement and Administration) Act, Chap. 48:52”.

**(By the Minister of Transport)**

4. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Regional Health Authorities Act, Chap. 29:05".  
**(By the Minister of Health)**
5. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 to enhance border control by providing for advance passenger and cargo information to be submitted electronically to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise and for related matters".  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
6. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Equal Opportunity Act, Chap. 22:03".  
**(By the Attorney General)**
7. A Bill entitled, "An Act to repeal and replace the Crown Suits Limitation Ordinance".  
**(By the Attorney General)**
8. A Bill entitled, "An Act to reform the law providing for the regulation of insurance business and for the other purposes related to or connected with such business and for the regulation of privately administered pension fund plans".  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
9. A Bill entitled, "An Act to give effect to the Economic Partnership Agreement between CARIFORUM States (Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic) and the European Community; to effect consequential amendments to the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 and for related matters".  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
10. A Bill entitled, "An Act relating to the protection of children and for matters related thereto".  
**(By the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development)**
11. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Maternity Protection Act, Chap. 45:57 and to repeal the Masters and Servants Ordinance, Ch. 22. No. 5".  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday January 27, 2012 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the crime situation in Trinidad and Tobago has continued to escalate, and;

**AND WHEREAS** the former PNM administration had initiated a number of systems and strategies to deal with the crime situation in Trinidad and Tobago, and;

**AND WHEREAS** the current government of Trinidad and Tobago has taken certain actions to weaken the national security systems and structure in Trinidad and Tobago,

**AND WHEREAS** the action of the current government has contributed to the escalation of crime in Trinidad and Tobago

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the systematic dismantling of the national security systems and structures in Trinidad and Tobago and call on the government to cease this action and to take steps to put in place an effective national security system which would have the effect of securing the borders and by extension the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago to bring about a reduction in crime in Trinidad and Tobago.

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

2. **The debate on the following motion which was adjourned on Friday November 25, 2011 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has given a commitment to provide all students, from Early Childhood, to the Primary and Secondary levels, with all core textbooks and work books at no cost to parents;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of Education has reneged on this commitment in September 2011 by neglecting to provide sufficient and timely replacements for books lost or damaged, thereby placing an unexpected hardship on parents:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Government take all necessary steps to ensure that students are properly equipped with their school books for a quality education from ECCE to Secondary, in accordance with the commitment that has been given since 2004.

**(By the Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West)**

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THE FINANCE BILL, 2012

*List of amendments made in the Senate on Tuesday February 14, 2012*

First Column Clause	Second Column Extent of Amendments
1	In sub clause (3), insert before the words “Part IV”, the words <b>“Part II (Retiring Allowances),”</b> .
9	<p>A. Delete the words <b>“shall continue to be paid such pension”</b> and substitute the words <b>“shall be paid so much of his pension”</b>.</p> <p>B. Delete the words <b>“net income”</b> and substitute the words <b>“total income”</b>, wherever they occur.</p>
13	In the paragraph (b) (i), insert after the word “volumes”, the word <b>“no”</b> .
15	<p>A. In the proposed section 3(2)(b) –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) delete the words <b>“shall be”</b> and substitute the word <b>“is”</b>; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) delete the words <b>“not less”</b> and substitute the words <b>“no more”</b>.</p> <p>B. In the proposed section 3(3) –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) in paragraph (a), delete the words <b>“minimum share capital”</b> and substitute the words <b>“minimum capital base comprising its issued share capital, retained earnings and amounts transferred from such issued share capital or retained earnings to a reserve account,”</b>; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) in paragraph (b), delete the words <b>“maximum share capital”</b> and substitute the words <b>“maximum capital base comprising its issued share capital, retained earnings and amounts transferred from such issued share capital or retained earnings to a reserve account,”</b>.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>First Column</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clause</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Second Column</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Extent of Amendments</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">16</p>	<p>In paragraph (j) by deleting proposed section 58(1) and substituting the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“58.(1) Any proceedings under a law establishing summary jurisdiction which may be taken against any person in respect of any offence punishable under this Act, may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in that law, be taken at any time-</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(a) within three years from the date of the commission of the offence or within twelve months from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the Board to justify the proceedings come to the knowledge of the Board, whichever period last expires, or</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(b) where the person in question was outside Trinidad and Tobago at the end of the twelve month period referred to in paragraph (a), within twelve months from the date on which the person first arrives in Trinidad and Tobago thereafter.”</p>

Senate Secretariat  
February 15, 2012

**THE FINANCE BILL, 2012**

**Supplemental List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of the Finance Bill, 2012 on Tuesday February 14, 2012**

<b>First Column Clause</b>	<b>Second Column Extent of Amendments</b>
19	In the proposed subsection (9) –  Delete the word “ <b>or</b> ” after the word “proceedings” and substitute the word “ <b>for</b> ”.

**Senate Secretariat  
Friday February 17, 2012**