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**\*Question No. 14 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

- A. When will Petrotrin grant parcels of land to retired workers that have been deemed very uneconomical and as a consequence abandoned by Petrotrin?
- B. In what areas will lands be allocated to retired Petrotrin employees?

**\*Question No. 55 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)**

Could the Minister state the revenue earned by the State from oil produced in Trinidad and Tobago in 2014, broken down into revenue from oil from Supplementary Petroleum Tax, Petroleum Profits Tax, Unemployment Levy, Royalty, Impost, inter Alia?

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\* On Friday January 09, 2015, Questions Nos. 14, 55, 56 and 57 were deferred for two (2) weeks.

**\*Question No. 56 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)**

Could the Minister state the prices paid by downstream producers in 2014 for natural gas produced in Trinidad and Tobago?

**\*Question No. 57 to the Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)**

Could the Minister state the prices earned for LNG produced in Trinidad and Tobago in 2014, and the countries our LNG was exported to, with a breakdown by volume and destination of the exports of LNG?

**Question No. 19 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- a) Whether the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) has plans to commence construction of housing units in Belle Vue, La Brea?
- b) If yes, when will the construction begin or if no, whether the HDC will consider the possibility of constructing housing units at Belle Vue, La Brea?

**Question No. 21 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

Is the Petrotrin Refinery ISO 55000 certified?

**Question No. 22 to the Minister of Local Government**

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

When will the Landslips between Light Poles Number 39 and 41 Upper Salazar Trace and Upper La Union Road be repaired?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

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## **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

### **Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** First Citizens Bank (FCB) is a State Enterprise in which the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has a majority shareholding and has made significant investments to ensure the proper functioning and viability of the of the Bank in its competitive environment;  
**AND WHEREAS** any action or lack thereof of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FCB can have a negative return on the Government's investment in FCB;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance and the Economy was the CEO of FCB during the period 2006 to 2009 when a loan was granted to Carlton Savannah Limited for which the funds were to be used for the construction of a hotel;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Carlton Savannah Limited has been placed in receivership and the outstanding loan balance has negatively affected First Citizens Bank's non-performing loan ratio;  
**AND WHEREAS** the said conduct of the Minister of Finance and Economy in his previous capacity as CEO of FCB has eroded the confidence of the public in the Minister's ability to administer over the finances of the nation in the best interest of the public;  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honorable House express its loss of confidence in Mr. Larry Howai as Minister of Finance and Economy of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House call upon the Prime Minister to take immediate steps to have the appointment of the Minister of Finance and the Economy revoked forthwith

**(By the Member for Chaguanas West)**

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday November 28, 2014 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the security and well-being of Trinidad and Tobago are threatened by an Ebola epidemic that has affected multiple countries;

**AND WHEREAS** the implementation of effective measures against Ebola is critical to the future of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to sufficiently prepare this nation to properly prevent and manage Ebola infections:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House direct the Government to initiate a comprehensive National Response to protect the people of Trinidad and Tobago from the Ebola virus.

**(By the Member for Diego Martin Central)**

3. **WHEREAS** the lack of proper maintenance of sea line operations at Pointe-a-Pierre by PETROTRIN resulted in a major oil spill that severely disrupted the lives of the residents in the coastal zone of La Brea in December 2013;

**AND WHEREAS** the residents of the La Brea coastal zone continue to suffer deterioration of their health and loss of earnings because of the continued occurrence of large amounts of dead fish on the beaches of La Brea;

**AND WHEREAS** PETROTRIN is responsible for the indiscriminate dispersal of the very toxic Corexit 9500 in shallow coastal waters and the shore at La Brea, contrary to the guidelines of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** there is documented evidence that the use of the toxic Corexit 9500 and the lack of proper safety apparatus for those employed in oil spill cleanup has resulted in illness known to cause permanent damage to the liver, kidneys, lungs, stomach and in the long term, cancer;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House call on the Government to:

- i. Immediately evacuate and relocate the coastal zone residents of La Brea;
- ii. Design and implement a proper medical programme with monitoring and adequate treatment for a minimum of twenty (20) years at no cost to residents;
- iii. Design and implement a proper compensation package for residents of the La Brea coastal zone; and
- iv. Eradicate the very toxic Corexit 9500 mixed with Bunker C fuel nodules that are present in the coastal waters of La Brea.

**(By the Member for La Brea)**

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate amendments to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2014 listed in the Appendix I be now considered.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House consider the findings and recommendations in the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Ombudsman.

**(By the Leader of the House)**

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Police Service (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 be approved.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

#### **Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to give effect to the Partial Scope Trade Agreement between the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Republic of Panama and for related matters”.

**(By the Minister of Trade, Industry, Investment and Communications)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Registration of Deeds Act, Chap. 19:06 and the Real Property Act, Chap. 56:02”.

**(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)**

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal and replace the Trade Marks Act, Chap. 82:81 and to provide for the law relating to trade marks and related matters”.

**(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)**

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish a Motor Vehicles Authority for the registration, licensing and regulation of motor vehicles and drivers, the regulation of road use and for matters connected thereto”.

**(By the Minister of Transport)**

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The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2014

List of Amendments made in the Senate at the Committee Stage of the  
Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2014

| First Column | Second Column   |
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| Clause       | Extent of Amendment   |
| 6            | <p>A. In the proposed section 49B-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="699 674 1385 741">(a) In subsection (2)(a), delete the words “three years” and substitute the words “two years and six months”;</li><li data-bbox="699 779 1369 814">(b) Insert after subsection (2), the following subsections:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="724 846 1401 982">“(3) The Elections and Boundaries Commission shall, within two weeks from the date that an application is received under subsection (1), cause notice of the application to be-<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="867 1014 1401 1150">(a) published in the <i>Gazette</i>, at least two newspapers in daily circulation in Trinidad and Tobago and on its website; and</li><li data-bbox="867 1157 1401 1293">(b) made available for inspection and signature at the place or places designated in the notice and during the times specified in the notice.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li data-bbox="760 1325 1401 1730">(4) A notice published under subsection (3) shall-<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="867 1398 1401 1493">(a) designate the place or places at which the application is available for signature; and</li><li data-bbox="867 1499 1401 1730">(b) state that the application shall be made available for inspection and signature between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. for a period of twenty-one days from the date of its first publication in a newspaper, including Saturdays and Sundays, but not on public holidays.”;</li></ul></li></ul> |

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- (c) Delete subsections (5) and (6) and renumber subsections (3) and (4) as (5) and (6), respectively;
- (d) In the renumbered subsection (5), in paragraph (a), delete the words “ten per cent” and substitute the words “twenty per cent”;
- (e) In the renumbered subsection (6) –
  - (i) delete the words “three years” and substitute the words “two years and six months”; and
  - (ii) delete the words “signatures in”;
- (f) In subsection (7) –
  - (i) delete from the word “-” to the words “(b)”; and
  - (ii) delete the words “ten per cent” and substitute the words “twenty per cent”;
- (g) In subsection (8)(b), delete the words “Form No. 3” and substitute the words “Form No. 2”; and
- (h) In subsection (11), delete the words “Form No. 4” and substitute the words “Form No. 3”.

B. In section 49C(7), delete the words “Form No. 4” and substitute the words “Form No. 3”.

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A. Insert after the words “is amended”, the following:

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- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words “The election” and substituting the words “Subject to subsections (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7), the election”; and
- (b) ”.



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**Clause**

**Extent of Amendment**

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B. In the proposed subsection (4) –

- (a) delete the word “Where” and substitute the words “Subject to subsections (5), (6) and (7), where”; and
- (b) delete the words “those candidates who earned the highest and” and substitute the words “the candidate who earned the highest and the candidate who earned the”.

C. Insert after the proposed subsection (4), the following subsection:

“ (5) A candidate, other than a candidate referred to in subsection (4) -

- (a) who earns at least twenty-five per cent of the votes cast in a first poll; and
- (b) whose votes fall within a margin of five per cent of the votes earned by-
  - (i) the candidate obtaining the second highest number of votes; or
  - (ii) the two candidates who earned the highest number of votes, in the event of an equality of votes between those two candidates,

may contest the supplementary poll.

(6) Notwithstanding subsection (3), where a supplementary poll is held among three or more candidates, the candidate who obtains the highest number of votes shall be declared the candidate having the highest number of votes to be elected under subsection (1).

(7) For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an equality of votes between two candidates obtaining the highest number of votes and no other candidate earns twenty-five per cent or more of the votes, the supplementary poll shall be held between those candidates.”.

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- 10 In the proposed Fourth Schedule:
- (a) Delete the words “[Sections 49B(1), (6), (8)(b) and (11) and 49C(7)]” and substitute the words “[Sections 49B(1), (8)(b) and (11) and 49C(7)]”;
  - (b) In the proposed Form No. 1, delete the words “ten per cent” and substitute the words “twenty per cent”; and
  - (c) Delete the proposed Form No. 2 and renumber Form No. 3 and Form No. 4 as Form No. 2 and Form No. 3, respectively.
- 11 A. In the Schedule, in paragraph (b)(ii), in the proposed section 33(3)(b)(i)(B), delete the words “of the first poll” and substitute the words “on which the results of the first poll are declared in writing by the Returning Officer”.
- B. In the proposed amendment to rule 101 of the Election Rules-
- (a) Delete subrule (1)(b)(ii) and substitute the following:
    - “(ii) that a supplementary poll shall be held within fifteen days-
    - (A) between those candidates who earned the highest and second highest number of votes;
    - (B) where there is an equality of votes between two candidates obtaining the highest number of votes, between those two candidates; or
    - (C) among the candidates referred to in sub-subparagraphs (A) or (B) and any other candidate-who earned at least twenty-five per cent of the votes and whose votes fall within a margin of five per cent of the votes earned by the candidate obtaining the second highest number of votes or the candidates referred to in sub-subparagraph (B),”;

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(b) in subrule (17), delete the words “or (c)”; and

(c) delete subrule (18) and insert the following rule:

“(18) Where a recount-

(a) under subrule (16)(b) results in an equality of votes among three or more candidates; or

(b) under subrule (16)(c) does not result in-

(i) one candidate obtaining the most votes and one other candidate obtaining the second most votes; and

(ii) one candidate obtaining more than fifty percent of the votes,

the Chief Election Officer shall so certify to the Returning Officer who shall declare the poll void and a new poll shall, as soon as possible, be held in accordance with these Rules.”.

C. In the proposed amendments to the Election Rules, renumber paragraphs (r) to (t) as paragraphs (s) to (u) and insert after paragraph (q), the following paragraph:

“(r) renumber rule 105 as rule 105(1) and insert thereafter the following subrule:

“(2) Notwithstanding subrule (1), where a supplementary poll is to take place following the first poll of a general election, the Returning Officer (shall maintain custody of the unit registers of electors together with the keys of the binders, the register of special electors and the relevant files of answers to questions after the first poll and shall, within seven days after the supplementary poll, return them to the Registration Officers from whom he received the same; and the Registration Officers shall give to the Returning Officer a receipt for the same.”.

**Senate Secretariat  
August 29, 2014**



**ORDER PAPER FRIDAY JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 24 to the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training**

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) The number of persons who received bursaries/financial assistance from the Ministry for the purpose of pursuing their tertiary education during the period December 2013 to October 31, 2014;
- b) The names of each recipient, the tertiary institution he/she attends and the amount of money awarded to each student for the period May 2010 to October 31, 2014?

**(Answer due by 11.12.2014)**

**Question No. 39 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure**

**(By the Member for Laventille West)**

With respect to the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP), could the Minister indicate:

- a) how many road works projects were approved, by Region, for the period January 2013 to September 2014; and
- b) how many of these approved projects were completed, the contract price and the contractors?

**(Answer due by 11.12.2014)**

**Question No. 41 to the Attorney General**

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

With respect to the payment for legal and other technical/professional services made to persons/entities other than staff of the Ministry of the Attorney General for the period June 2010 to October 31, 2014, would the Minister:

- a) Identify each person/agency or entity so paid indicating the date and amount of each payment, specifically the purpose for such payment and the output received by the Ministry?
- b) With reference to each matter as identified in (a) above, could the Minister state whether there is any outstanding payment owing on the assignment and if so how much is owed or anticipated to be paid as at November 1, 2014?

**(Answer due by 11.12.2014)**

**Question No. 59 to the Minister of Land and Marine Resources**

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

Could the Minister list the number of persons whose land occupation has been regularized from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 to present, providing the following details:

- i. name;
- ii. location of lands;
- iii. length of time in occupation; and
- iv. date of any application for regularization?

**(Answer due by 15.01.2015)**

**Question No. 60 to the Minister of Land and Marine Resources**

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

Could the Minister list the names of the recipients of residential lots under the Land for the Landless – Residential Lots Programme and the location of the lots granted?

**(Answer due by 15.01.2015)**

**January 22, 2015**