



SENATE

## ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-NINTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2002/2003), EIGHTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY JUNE 10, 2003 AT 1:30 P.M.

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**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 57 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

*(By Senator Wade Mark)*

Could the Minister inform the Senate of:

- A. The total sum appropriated to the Revenue Stabilisation Fund as at December 24<sup>th</sup> 2001;
- B. The total sum appropriated to the Revenue Stabilisation Fund between 25<sup>th</sup> December 2001 and the present time;
- C. The total sum withdrawn from the Revenue Stabilisation Fund over the period 25<sup>th</sup> December 2001 to the present time and the purposes for which such withdrawals were utilised?

**Question No. 58 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

*(By Senator Wade Mark)*

Could the Minister indicate whether comprehensive delegated legislation in respect of the administration and management of the Revenue Stabilisation Fund has been drafted for introduction to Parliament?

**Question No. 59 to the Honourable Minister of Planning and Development**

*(By Senator Wade Mark)*

- A. Could the Minister state whether there is in existence a development plan for the City of Port-of-Spain which involves the relocation of the Parliament and other institutions such as the Magistracy and Judiciary?
- B. If the answer is in the affirmative, could the Minister provide this Senate with copies of such plans?

**Question No. 70 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration and Information**

*(By Senator Robin Montano)*

- A. Would the Minister state whether or not an agreement has been reached for the sale of Trinidad and Tobago Television Company (TTT) either as part of the National Broadcasting Network or by itself?
- B. If the answer to (A) above is in the affirmative would the Minister please confirm that the purchaser is a consortium consisting of Citadel Limited, the Newsday Newspaper and Ambassador Jerry Narace or their respective agents or assignees or associated companies in which they have an interest?
- C. If the answer to (A) above is in the affirmative would the Minister also state whether the proposed sale was ever advertised, and if not, why not?
- D. Would the Minister give the criteria used to select or invite those persons or companies who would have indicated an interest to bid for the Company?

**Question No. 71 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Marine Resources**

*(By Senator Sadiq Baksh)*

- A. i. Could the Minister say whether his Ministry intends to relocate the San Fernando Fish Market?
  - ii. If the answer is in the affirmative, could he tell this Senate the starting date for the relocation of the Fish Market?
  - iii. If the answer is in the negative, could the Minister give an update on the improvement work and/or relocation of the San Fernando Fish Market?

- B. i. Could the Minister give an update on the provision of berthing facilities for the Fishing Co-operative?
- ii. If there are no provisions for berthing facilities, could the Minister give a starting date for the commencement of the construction of berthing facilities at the San Fernando Waterfront Development Project?

**Question No. 72 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

*(By Senator Sadiq Baksh)*

- A. Could the Minister give an update on the status of San Fernando Waterfront Development Project?
- B. i. Could the Minister state whether contracts were awarded for the first phase of the San Fernando Waterfront Development Project?
- ii. If the answer is in the affirmative, could he state what is the present status on the execution of the contract?
- C. Could the Minister provide a Progress Report on the Project and could he indicate whether the Project is at a standstill?
- D. If the Project is at a standstill, could the Minister state the date for the re-start of the San Fernando Waterfront Development Project?

**Question No. 73 to the Honourable Minister of Housing**

*(By Senator Sadiq Baksh)*

- A. Could the Minister indicate to this House whether he is aware that the Ministry of Housing in order to facilitate the construction of the San Fernando Waterfront Development Project has agreed to relocate one hundred and sixteen (116) squatters from the San Fernando Waterfront?
- B. If he is aware, could the Minister give a status report on this matter?
- C. Could the Minister state how many squatters have been relocated to date and when will this relocation exercise be completed?

9. QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMEN OF SESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEES

10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate was adjourned on Tuesday May 13, 2003, will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the punishment of Kidnapping for ransom and other related offences and for matters incidental thereto”.

*(By the Minister of National Security)*

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01”.

*(By the Attorney General)*

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01”.

*(The Attorney General)*

### PRIVATE BUSINESS

#### Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** a healthy democracy depends on a well informed citizenry

**WHEREAS** citizens are entitled to know how Members of Parliament represent them in Parliament

**WHEREAS** there is a need for citizens to have at first hand and, as far as practical, information regarding what transpires in the country’s Parliament, and,

**WHEREAS** the information gap between the proceedings in Parliament and citizens’ awareness needs to be closed as far as practical

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government arrange, with appropriate permission, for full debates and the business of both Houses to be transmitted to the public through the electronic media (television and radio) in an equitable and discreetly edited form on fixed days of the week and with such transmission to begin before the end of the year 2003.

*(By Sen. Prof. Ramesh Deosaran)*

2. **WHEREAS** there is a growing need for skills training and training in science and technology in developing societies like Trinidad and Tobago; and

**WHEREAS** many unmonitored and unregulated tertiary institutions have sprung up to cater to the desire to acquire such training and skills among students of differing levels, ages and abilities who have not gained entry to the University of the West Indies; and

**WHEREAS** there are other institutions and initiatives old and new in post secondary and tertiary education in Trinidad and Tobago whose programmes are associated with different sectors of the economy; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need to create a body with the intellectual authority and material and human resources to assess, regulate, and direct the development of this confusing array of so-called tertiary offerings and integrate them into coherent and authentic tertiary education programmes contributing to the social and economic development of the country; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need, further, for an institution founded on the recognition that skills training and training in science and technology depend upon scientific research and technological innovation of the kind associated with those places of higher learning called Universities; and

**WHEREAS** graduates of such a technical institution should be recognized as recipients of a University degree and a University education;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago reorganize and integrate this side of the tertiary education provision, ensure efficiency and high standards and contribute to solving developmental problems and human needs, by giving modern Trinidad and Tobago what it needs and deserves – a Technical University of Trinidad and Tobago which can stand proudly beside, and share the national work with, the St. Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies.

*(By Sen. Prof. Kenneth Ramchand)*

3. **WHEREAS** Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago provides for all citizens the right to equality of treatment from any public authority in the exercise of any function and the right to equality before the law and the protection of the law;

**AND WHEREAS** both Houses of Parliament have already passed into law the Equal Opportunities Act;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government takes immediate steps to have the Equal Opportunity Legislation proclaimed and fully effected in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

*(By Senator Wade Mark)*

4. **WHEREAS** the events of terrorism and terrorists' actions of *September 11, 2001* have caused grave pain and hurt and resulted in the death of thousands of innocent lives.

**WHEREAS** the United States of America has embarked upon "*an all out war*" against terrorism and terrorists' groups and is seeking the support of all Member States worldwide in the fight against terrorism and terrorists.

**AND WHEREAS** many citizens of this country are concerned about terrorism and terrorists and the negative and disastrous impact that they can cause on the lives and welfare of the people of this nation.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House urges the Government to declare before this House how it proposes to deal with any form of terrorism or terrorists' group in this country particularly those with a proven track record in subversive and criminal activities.

*(By Senator Robin Montano)*

5. **WHEREAS** serious concerns have arisen in the national community over the operations of the banking industry in Trinidad and Tobago.

**AND WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of Trinidad and Tobago that there be vibrant and strong banking institutions that operate not only in the best interest of the banks themselves but also in the best interest of the citizens.

**AND WHEREAS** the UNC Administration supported the Financial Sector Ombudsman and promoted Truth In Lending Legislation in order to establish more effective monitoring and vigilance of market conduct in the Financial Services Sector.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government take all required steps and implement all necessary measures which could include but not be limited to the immediate establishment of the Office Banking Ombudsman and the expeditious enactment of the Truth In Lending Legislation in order to protect both citizens and Government from inappropriate banking practices and thus maintain the confidence and integrity of the Banking Sector.

*(By Senator Robin Montano)*

6. **WHEREAS** the Government during the period 1995 to 2001 instituted several measures to combat corruption in public office and to empower the population.

**AND WHEREAS** the object of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill 2001, was to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act No. 11 of 1987 to implement further and more effective measures for the prevention of corruption by (inter alia) increasing the number of corruption and corruption related offences, providing protection for informers and whistleblowers and establishing an *Anti-Corruption Commission* equipped with the expertise required to monitor and investigate allegations of corruption, with integrity and without political interference, and to initiate prosecutions in both the public and private sectors.

**AND WHEREAS** this said bill was laid in Parliament in July 2001 but lapsed upon the dissolution of Parliament in August 2001 before it had been able to be debated and passed.

**AND WHEREAS** there still is an urgent need to address objectively the issues of corruption, transparency and probity in public affairs.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government take all the required steps to expedite the enactment of legislation similar (if not identical with) the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill 2001 in order to implement further and more effective measures for the prevention of corruption.

*(By Senator Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan)*

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**June 04, 2003**

**APPENDIX I**

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**ORDER PAPER**

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**8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS**

**Question for Written Answer**

**Question No. 6 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Marine Resources**

*(By Senator Dr. Eastlyn McKenzie)*

- (a) Could the Minister provide a list of all the names of land owners in Tobago whose lands have been used or entered upon or acquired by the State and have not been paid?
- (b) Could the Minister state:
  - (i) the purpose for which the lands were taken?
  - (ii) the reasons for the delay in payment to the landowner?
- (c) (i) Could the Minister give the description and location of all lands used or entered upon or acquired by the State where ownership has not been established?
  - (ii) Could he state the purpose for which the lands was used, entered upon or acquired?

**(Answer due by 20.05.2003)**

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