



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

**EIGHTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2003/2004) EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2003 AT 1:30 P.M.**

1. PRAYERS
2. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW MEMBER
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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 - (i) Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on a Systems Audit into Selected Areas of The Water and Sewerage Authority conducted by a firm of Chartered Accountants under the supervision of the Auditor General.
(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)
 - (ii) Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation for the year ended June 30, 2003.
(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)
7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
8. *QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS
 - Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 1 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport
(By Senator Sadiq Baksh)

Could the Minister inform this House as to the status of the San Fernando Waterfront Development Project from June 30, 2003 to the present time?

* *Questions for Written Answer are at Appendix*

Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport*(By Senator Sadiq Baksh)*

Could the Minister inform this House of the present use and future plans for the old Piarco Airport Terminal Building?

Question No. 3 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport*(By Senator Sadiq Baksh)*

- A. Could the Minister of Works and Transport state whether he is aware of the unsafe nature of the Sir Solomon Hochoy Highway from St. Joseph to Colconda due to it being unlit?
- B. If the answer is in the affirmative, could the Minister advise when the extension of the Highway will be outfitted with streetlights?

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
11. STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS
12. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS
13. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
14. MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, "An Act relating to Family Proceedings".
(By the Attorney General)
2. A Bill entitled, "An Act to provide for mediation in Trinidad and Tobago".
(By the Attorney General)
3. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20".
(By the Attorney General)

4. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, 1997".
(By the Attorney General)
5. A Bill entitled, "An Act to make provision for the efficient management of the Police Service, to consolidate, amend and revise the law relating to the Police Service and for other related matters".
(By the Attorney General)
6. A Bill entitled, "An Act to establish an independent body to investigate criminal offences involving police officers, police corruption and serious police misconduct and for other related matters".
(By the Attorney General)
7. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Constitution by providing for the establishment of a Police Management Authority, and for other related matters".
(By the Attorney General)
8. A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01".
(By the Attorney General)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate was adjourned on Tuesday November 04, 2003, will be resumed:

1. **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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to consider and report on this matter so as to facilitate Government action.

(By Senator Professor Ramesh Deosaran)

2. **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.

AND WHEREAS this said Bill was introduced in the House of Representatives on July 20, 2001 but lapsed upon the dissolution of Parliament in August 2001.

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 to (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)

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 take immediate steps to have the Equal Opportunity Legislation proclaimed and fully effected in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

(By Senator Wade Mark)

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Questions for Written Answer

Question No. 1 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land And Marine Resources

(By Senator Dr. Eastlyn McKenzie)

Could the Minister provide a printed step-by-step guide to be followed by agencies of the State and by landowners, relating to the acquisition of land?

(Answer by November 28, 2003)

Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of National Security and Rehabilitation

(By Senator Sadiq Baksh)

Could the Minister of National Security and Rehabilitation inform the Senate of the number of citizens kidnapped for ransom on a monthly basis from January 2001 to September 2003?

(Answer by December 02, 2003)

Question No. 3 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport

(By Senator Sadiq Baksh)

Could the Minister of Works and Transport provide this House with the names of all citizens provided with Priority Bus Route passes.

(Answer by December 02, 2003)

Questions No. 4 to the Honourable Minister of Housing

(By Senator Sadiq Baksh)

Could the Minister provide this Senate with a list of the names and addresses of all citizens to whom houses were allocated and delivered on a monthly basis from January 2002 to September 20, 2003?

(Answer by December 06, 2003)

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