



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

SECOND SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2007/2008), NINTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008 AT 1:30 P.M.

1. PRAYERS
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3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
  - ii. Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Commission for Self Help Limited for the year ended September 30, 2005.  
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  - iii. Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Commission for Self Help Limited for the year ended September 30, 2006.  
**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
  - iv. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended March 31, 2007.  
**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
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**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
  - vi. Audited Financial Statements for the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) for the year ended December 31, 2005.  
**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- vii. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Lake Asphalt of Trinidad and Tobago (1978) Limited for the year ended September 30, 2001.  
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- xii. Audited Financial Statements of Export Centres Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2005.  
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- xiv. Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2005.  
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- xvi. Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Quarries Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2006.  
**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xvii. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited and its Subsidiaries for the year ended March 31, 2004.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xviii. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited and its Subsidiaries for the year ended March 31, 2005.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xix. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited and its Subsidiaries for the year ended March 31, 2006.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xx. Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited and its Subsidiaries for the year ended March 31, 2007.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xxi. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Cocoa and Coffee Industry Board for the year ended September 30, 1999.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xxii. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Statement of Recovery of Expenses of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries for the year ended December 31, 2006.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xxiii. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Institute of Marine Affairs for the year ended September 30, 2004.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xxiv. Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Eastern Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2001.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xxv. Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Housing Authority for the year ended December 31, 1997.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

- xxvi. Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Report on Insurance and Pensions for the year ended December 31, 2003.  
**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
- xxvii. Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Report on Insurance and Pensions for the year ended December 31, 2004.  
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- xxviii. Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Report on Insurance and Pensions for the year ended December 31, 2005.  
**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
- xxix. Report of the Police Service Commission for the period January 01, 2006 to December 31, 2006.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
- xxx. Report of the Public Service Commission for the period January 01, 2006 to December 31, 2006.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
- xxxi. Ninth Report of the Public Complaints Authority for the period October 01, 2004 to September 30, 2005.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
- xxxii. A Policy Framework for the Expanded Role of the Nurse - The Establishment of Advance Practice Nurses in Trinidad and Tobago.  
**(By the Minister of Health)**
- xxxiii. Annual Report of the Teaching Service Commission for the year 2006.  
**(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)**
- xxxiv. Annual Report of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission for the year 2006.  
**(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)**
- xxxv. Annual Report of the Ministry of Public Administration and Information for the period October 2005 to September 2006.  
**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**
- xxxvi. Freedom of Information Act, 1999 Annual Report to Parliament for 2006.  
**(By the Minister of Information)**

xxxvii. ILO Convention 187 - Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006.

**(By the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**

xxxviii. ILO Convention 198 - Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006.

**(By the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development)**

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 1 to the Honourable Attorney General**

**(By Senator Prof. Ramesh Deosaran)**

With respect to the specific offences of robbery, burglary, larceny, abduction, kidnapping, assault, house break-in, possession of drugs and drug trafficking, could the Minister inform the Senate for each of the last four years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

- a. How many times each offence was committed (reported) in each of these years?
- b. How many persons have been charged for each offence in each year?
- c. Of those charged, how many have been granted bail or refused bail in the Magistrate's Court?
- d. Of those refused bail in the Magistrate's Court, how many on appeal have had such bail subsequently granted in the High Court?
- e. Of those granted bail in the Magistrate's Court, how many have had this decision on appeal reversed in the High Court?
- f. Of those granted bail in the Magistrate's Court, or in the High Court, how many have subsequently been charged for one or more of these offences?
- g. What type(s) of offence(s) have they been charged for while out on bail?
- h. Of those charged for each of such offences while out on bail, how many have been convicted?
- i. Of this convicted lot, what type of sentence did they receive?

**(Answer due by 15.01.08)**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Would the Honourable Minister inform this Senate whether:

- i. Caribbean Industrial and Technological Services Ltd (CITSL) is a subsidiary of the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) which is a non-governmental organization?
- ii. If the answer is in the affirmative, would the Minister inform this Senate whether CITSL has a mandate to re-organize and/or restructure CARIRI and the IMA, two statutory agencies?

**Question No. 3 to the Honourable Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Would the Honourable Minister inform this Senate whether:

- A. Foreign companies which utilize the services of Chinese immigrant workers to execute a large number of Governments' construction projects are subject to and governed by all relevant Labour Laws in effect in Trinidad and Tobago?
- B. Would the Honourable Minister also inform this Senate of the measures used by the Ministry of Labour to ensure that all relevant Labour Laws are complied with by these foreign contractors/companies?

**Question No. 4 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Would the Honourable Minister inform this Senate when the Licensing Authority will be fully computerized in order to bring relief to the drivers of this country and particularly to protect against any fraudulent activities within the Authority?

**Question No. 17 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

**(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)**

Would the Minister advise the Senate on the status of the fire towers located in the Northern Range?

**Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Tourism**

**(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)**

Would the Minister advise the Senate on the status of the Nelson Island Heritage project?

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 OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES
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:**

- (i) A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Copyright Act, 2007."  
**(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)**
- (ii) A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Legal Profession Act, 1986."  
**(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)**
- (iii) A Bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the implementation by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago of the Agreement Establishing the Seat of the Caribbean Court of Justice and the Offices of the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean Court of Justice and the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission."  
**(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)**

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

- (i) **WHEREAS** there exist in Trinidad and Tobago a privately run security Industry which employs in excess of fifty thousand security guards who are unprecepted;  
**AND WHEREAS** these unprecepted security officers are required to work under conditions which may be inconsistent with the provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA);  
**AND WHEREAS** many guards are remunerated at low rates of pay thereby requiring many to work excessively long hours;  
**AND WHEREAS** there is a need for government to protect the rights of these workers and to guard them against exploitation;  
**AND WHEREAS** the government has not established the necessary standards and regulations to govern the private security industry;  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the government take all necessary steps to ensure that unprecepted private security guards are not exploited by virtue of the high demand for security services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the government take all the necessary measures to enact into law the relevant legislation to establish the necessary standards and regulations that would govern the private security industry.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (ii) **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)**

- (iii) **WHEREAS** there are allegations of widespread corruption and mismanagement of the money spent by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** there are allegations of a lack of transparency;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to account for the manner in which it has conducted the financial affairs of the State and for its failure to take corrective action.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

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