



## SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

### ORDER PAPER

**FORTY-FIFTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2007/2008), NINTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY DECEMBER 09, 2008 AT 1.30 P.M.**

1. PRAYERS
2. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW SENATOR
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5. PETITIONS
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8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

#### **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX**

##### **Questions for Oral Answer**

##### **\*Question No. 46 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (a) With respect to the Volvo manufactured articulated buses owned by the Public Transport Service Corporation, could the Minister inform the Senate who are the local agents for these buses?
- (b) Could the Minister also inform the Senate whether those agents have a workshop and spare parts facility in Trinidad?
- (c) If the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, could the Minister state where this workshop and spare parts facility is located?

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\*Question No. 46 was deferred for three (3) weeks on 15.04.08, for one (1) week on 06.05.08, for one (1) week on 13.05.08, for one (1) week on 20.05.08, for one (1) week on 27.05.08, for three (3) weeks on 03.06.08, for one (1) week on 01.07.08, for two weeks on 08.07.08, for two (2) weeks on 22.07.08, for two (2) weeks on 09.09.08, for two (2) weeks on 23.09.08, for two (2) weeks on 21.10.08, for two weeks on 04.11.08, for two (2) weeks on the 18.11.08 and for one (1) week on 02.12.08.

**\*Question No. 108 to the Minister of Legal Affairs**

**(By Senator Gail Merhair)**

- (a) Would the Minister inform this Senate of the steps which are being taken to revalidate and/or amend the Rent Restrictions Act, Chap. 59:50?

**\*Question No. 109 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Gail Merhair)**

- (a) Would the Minister inform this Senate of the steps if any, which are being taken, to regulate Maxi Taxi drivers who work parts of the route along the East/West Corridor?

**\*Question No. 111 to the Honourable Prime Minister**

**(By Senator Gail Merhair)**

- (a) Would the Prime Minister outline to this Senate the stage at which the Government has arrived in the implementation of VISION 2020.

**\*Question No. 114 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

**(By Senator Gail Merhair)**

- (a) Could the Minister indicate to this Senate whether there are institutional plans in place to assist with the funding of children who must seek medical treatment abroad?

**Question 115 to the Minister of Health**

**(By Senator Gail Merhair)**

- (a) Could the Minister indicate to this Senate the reason(s) for the closure of the Blood Bank during weekends?
- (b) Would the Minister further state whether the government has plans to immediately correct the situation at (a) above?

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

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\*Questions Nos. 108, 109 and 111 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 25.11.08

\*Question No. 114 was deferred for one (1) week on 02.12.08

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Bills Second Reading:

- (i) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government) Act, Chap. 25:50 to provide for the review and definition of boundaries in the electoral area of Tobago for the purposes of elections in relation to the Tobago House of Assembly and to validate certain Reports of the Elections and Boundaries Commission in respect of the electoral area of Tobago”.

**(By the Minister of Local Government)**

- (ii) A Bill entitled “An Act to regulate emergency ambulance services, to provide for the registration of emergency medical personnel in Trinidad and Tobago, for the establishment of a National Emergency Ambulance Authority and for matters connected therein”.

**(By the Minister of Health)**

## PRIVATE BUSINESS

### Motions:

**The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday November 25, 2008 will be resumed:**

- (i) **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)**

- (ii) **WHEREAS** financial support for election campaigns is necessary for a healthy multi-party democracy;

**AND WHEREAS** the electorate needs to be satisfied that all viable political parties contest elections under conditions which are fair and transparent;

**AND WHEREAS** the issue of election financing has been the subject of widespread public concern during the last thirty years in this country;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Parliament appoint a Joint Select Committee to consider establishing a legislative framework to govern the financing of election campaigns and to submit its report with recommendations to both Houses of Parliament within six months of its appointment.

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

- (iii) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate condemn the Government for supporting Caribbean Airlines in its proposed acquisition of a private jet;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate demand of the Government the immediate cancellation of its decision and/or support to acquire a private jet.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (iv) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate demand a full and comprehensive review of all of the projects and programmes of the Urban Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago's (UDECOTT);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate demand that the government provide a detailed breakdown of UDECOTT's spending allocations as well as status reports on all of its expensive projects;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Senate demand that the Government urgently establish an independent and impartial forensic investigation or inquiry into the operations and activities of UDECOTT's Board of Directors and Senior Management over the past seven (7) years.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

#### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

##### **Motions:**

- (i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate adopt the First Interim Report of the Special Select Committee appointed to consider and report on a Bill entitled "The Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Symphony Orchestra Corporation, Bill 2008".

**(By Senator the Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George)**

**Neil Jaggassar  
Clerk of the Senate**

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**APPENDIX**

**ORDER PAPER/TUESDAY DECEMBER 09, 2008**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 110 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

**(By Senator Gail Merhair)**

Would the Minister provide this Senate with a detailed list of the projects undertaken by the National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago for the years 2002 to 2007?

**(Answer due by 28.11.08)**

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