



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

TENTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2009), NINTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2009 AT 1:30 P.M.

1. PRAYERS
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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN APPENDIX I**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Gail Merhair)**

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

**\*Question No. 5 to the Honourable Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Could the Minister inform this Senate of:

- (a) the current status of the Brian Lara Cricketing Academy in Tarouba;
- (b) the total sum expended on the project as at December 31, 2008;
- (c) the estimated sum required for the completion of the project; and
- (d) the completion date of the project?

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\*Questions Nos. 2 and 5 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 05.02.09 and for two weeks on 03.03.09.

**\*Question No. 13 to the Honourable Attorney General**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

With respect to the judgment in the matter involving the challenge by the Prime Minister, Honourable Patrick Manning of the Crossing of the Floor Act relating to Dr. Rupert Griffith and Dr. Vincent Lasse, could the Attorney General inform this Senate of the status of the debt incurred by him?

**\*Question No. 15 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Could the Minister inform this Senate of the date for the full enforcement of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act with specific reference to the introduction of the Breathalyzer?

**\*Question No. 16 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

With respect to the proposed refurbishment and upgrade of the old Piarco Airport facility, could the Minister state:

- (a) the estimated cost of the proposed refurbishment and upgrade of the facility?
- (b) the names of the companies contracted to undertake the works and the values of the contracts?

**\*Question No. 17 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

With respect to the proposed dredging, refurbishment and upgrade of the Port of Spain Harbour, could the Minister inform this Senate of :

- (a) the estimated cost of dredging, refurbishment and upgrade of the Harbour; and
- (b) the names of the companies contracted and the values of the contracts?

**Question No. 23 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- A. Could the Minister provide the Senate with:
  - (i) the name or names of the company or companies from which the water taxis currently in service were purchased;
  - (ii) the cost at which each vessel was purchased?
- B. Could the Minister advise whether any local company or individual acted as an agent in the transaction and whether a commission was paid?

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\* Question No. 13 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 17.02.09 and for two weeks on 03.03.09

\* Questions No. 15, 16 and 17 were deferred for 2 weeks on 03.03.09

- C. If the answer to (B) is in the affirmative, could the Minister provide this Senate with the name (s) of the agent (s) and the value of the amount of commission paid?

**Question No. 24 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

With respect to the Water Taxis, could the Minister provide the Senate with:

- (i) the name of the local company which carried out the refurbishment work on the vessels;
- (ii) the nature of the refurbishment work; and
- (iii) the cost of the refurbishment work?

**Question No. 25 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

A. With respect to the recent announcement by the Minister of Works and Transport that new vessels would be purchased from the Australian Firm Austal, could the Minister state:

- (i) the cost of the vessels, and
- (ii) whether there was any tender for the purchase of these vessels?

B. If the answer to A(ii) above is in the affirmative, could the Minister state:

- (i) the details of the tender procedure; and
- (ii) whether there is a local agent for Austal;

C. If the answer to B(ii) above is in the affirmative, could the Minister provide the Senate with:

- (i) the name of the agent; and
- (ii) the proposed value of his/her services?

- 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**

**Motions**

- (i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House approve the decision of the President to acquire the lands described in Appendix II for the public purposes specified.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

- (i) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday March 03, 2009 will be resumed:**
- 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)**
- (ii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish the Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Symphony Orchestra Corporation and for matters incidental thereto.”
- (By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs)**

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

- (i) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday February 10, 2009 will be resumed:**

**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)**

- (ii) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago take immediate steps to give effect to proposals of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) through appropriate legislation and administrative action in respect of statistical reporting of oil, gas and mining revenue payments made to the government of Trinidad and Tobago by the various companies involved in the exploitation of our natural resources in order to promote energy revenue transparency which has been deemed a non-partisan issue by EITI.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (iii) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate call on the government of Trinidad and Tobago to root out all corrupt practices in the management of the public purse;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that individuals found engaging in such activities be subjected to swift and compelling justice;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the government to take immediate steps to effect legislation dealing with public procurement practices and standards in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (iv) **WHEREAS** it is the role of the Parliament to oversee and scrutinize the actions of the Executive arm of the State;

**AND WHEREAS** Parliament has established a number of mechanisms to give effect to its role;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the government to promote standards of good governance by permitting the Parliament and its Committees to function efficiently and effectively.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (v) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minister of Finance be afforded the financial, technical and human resources by the government to join in the fight against drug trafficking and other crimes involving large financial transactions being conducted in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago?

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

- (vi) **WHEREAS** Trinidad and Tobago has been a signatory of the ILO and its conventions, recommendations and standards for a number of years;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the government take immediate actions to respond to all request by the ILO to give effect to all the Conventions, Recommendations and Standards to which Trinidad and Tobago is a signatory.

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

(vii) **WHEREAS** the operations of the Water and Sewerage Authority are vital and indispensable to the good health and welfare of the people of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** the Water and Sewerage Authority and its functions are provided for by Parliament;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that government take all the necessary steps to ensure that the sewerage function of the Authority remain entirely and solely the responsibility of the Water and Sewerage Authority as provided for in law.

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

Neil Jaggassar  
**Clerk of the Senate**

**Senate Secretariat  
The Red House  
PORT OF SPAIN  
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 3 to the 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 between the years 2002 to 2007?

(Answer due by 12.02.09)

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- h) 447.8 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Phillip Lawrence ;
- i) 554.5 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Glen Regist ,Edward Miller and Fitzroy Dyer;
- j) 36.5 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Conrad Lee Pack and Joan Lee Pack; and
- k) 103.3 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Conrad Lee Pack and Joan Lee Pack.

These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan signed by the Director of Surveys on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2004, filed as JD 289 Order 217/2000 in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port-of-Spain.

- 3. The parcel of land comprising 1.9976 hectares , more or less situate at the southern extremity of the Endeavour Estate Development, at the corner of Tenth Avenue and Michael Street Chaguanas, in the Borough of Chaguanas , County of Caroni and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2001 and filed in his office, is required for a public purpose : the construction of the Chaguanas North Government Primary School.

Construction of the Chaguanas North Government Primary School

**SCHEDULE**

A parcel of land comprising one point nine nine seven six hectares (1.9976 ha) situate at the corner of Tenth Avenue and Michael Street, Chaguanas, in the Borough of Chaguanas, County of Caroni and said to belong to now or formerly to Colonial Homes and Commercial Properties Limited.

This parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1269 as Folio 103 in the Vault of the Lands and Survey Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

- 4. The parcel of land comprising 1,368.1 square meters more or less, situate at Culloden Road, in the Parish of St. David, in the Ward of Tobago and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated June 13, 2005 and in filed in his office, is required for a public purpose: improvement works to the Providence/ Culloden Road.

Improvement work to the providence/ Culloden Road

**SCHEDULE**

A parcel of land comprising 1,368.1square metres, more or less, situate at Culloden Road, in the Parish of St. David, in the Ward of Tobago and said to belong now or formerly to Harold Sebro.

This parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1290 as Folio 195 under Survey Order 233/2003, in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

<p>5. The parcel of land comprising 247.7 square metres more or less, situate at La Seiva Road, in the Ward of Diego Martin, in the County of St. George and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 and filed in his office, is required for a public purpose: the widening of the La Seiva River, Maraval.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 247.7 square metres more or less, situate at La Seiva Road, in the Ward of Diego Martin, in the County of St. George and said to belong now or formerly to Johnson.</p> <p>This parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1243 as Folio 172, in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>Widening of La Seiva River, Maraval.</p>
<p>6. The parcel of land comprising 0.652 hectares more or less situate at the eastern side of Kanhai Trace in the Wards of Naparima and Moruga, in the County of Victoria and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of survey and dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1987 and filed in his office, is required for a public purpose: construction of Natural Gas Pipeline.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 0.652 hectares more or less, situate at the eastern side of Kanhai Trace, in the Wards of Naparima and Moruga, in the County of Victoria and said to belong now or formerly to Sinanan Ramsbhag.</p> <p>The parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in the Book 1243 as Folio 174, Survey Order 47/2004 in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>Land for Natural Gas pipeline</p>
<p>7. The three parcels of land together comprising 1.6222 hectares more or less, situate along Inner Mafeking Road, Mayaro in the Ward of Cocal, in the County of Nariva and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2002 and filed in his office, are required for a public purpose: the establishment of a recreation ground.</p>	<p>Establishing of a Recreation Ground</p>

**SCHEDULE**

Three parcels of land together comprising 1.6222 hectares more or less, situate along Inner Mafeking Road, Mayaro, in the Ward of Cocal, in the County of Nariva and said to belong now or formerly to the heirs of William Taylor and further described as follows:

- a) a parcel of land comprising 0.519 hectares known as Lot 5B;
- b) a parcel of land comprising 0.9276 hectares known as Lot6B; and
- c) a parcel of land comprising 0.1747 hectares.

These parcels of land are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey plan filed in book 1243 as Folio 51 in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

8. The parcel of land comprising 2.7375 hectares, more or less, situate at Springlands, San Fabien, in the Ward of Pointe-a-Pierre, in the County of Victoria and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2001 and filed in his office, is required for a public purpose: establishment of a recreation ground.

Establishment of a Recreation ground at Springlands San Fabian

**SCHEDULE**

A parcel of land comprising 2.7375 hectares more or less, situate at Springlands, San Fabien, in the Ward of Pointe-a Pierre, in the County of Victoria and said to belong now or formerly to V.O. West.

This parcel of land of more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in book 1243 as Folio 47; Survey Order 81/1998 in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

9. The parcels of land containing together 39948.9 square meters more or less, situate at St. Helena Village, Piarco in the Ward of Tacarigua, in the County of St. George and described in the schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1995 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: Improvements to Caroni River, Phase III.

Widening of the Caroni River

**SCHEDULE**

Two parcels of land containing together 39948.9 square metres more or less, situate off Kelly Road, St. Helena Village, Piarco, east of the Golden Grove Road, in the Ward of Tacarigua, in the County of St. George and comprised as follows:

<p>1. a parcel of land comprising approximately 339.0 square metres belonging now or formerly to Eddy Bachan; and</p> <p>2. a parcel of land comprising approximately 39609.9 square meters belonging now or formerly to Frederick Sui Butt.</p> <p>The parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a survey Plan filed as JB 89 in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Department, Red House, Port of Spain.</p> <p>10. A parcel of land comprising 583.2 square metres more or less, situate at No.19 South Street, Mon Repos, San Fernando in the Ward of Naparima in the County of Victoria and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2000 and filed in his office, is required for a public purpose: Establishment of a playing field.</p>	<p>Establishment of a playing field</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 583.2 square metres more or less, situate at No. 19 South Street, Mon Repos, San Fernando, in the Ward of Naparima in the County of Victoria and said to belong now or formerly to Rampersad Maharaj and Ors.</p> <p>This parcel is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in book 1243 as Folio 35 in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p> <p>11. The three parcels of land, together comprising 1,929.7 square meters more or less, situate along the Caparo River in the Borough of Chaguanas, in the County of Caroni and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2002 and filed in his office are required for a public purpose: to facilitate drainage improvement works to the Caparo River.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>Three parcels of land comprising together approximately 1,929.7 square metres more or less, situate along the Caparo River in the Borough of Chaguanas, in the County of Caroni and described as follows:</p> <p>a) 58.9 square metres said to belong now or formerly to Samatie;</p> <p>b) 1,824.2 square meters said to belong now or formerly to Subhadra Chankadyai; and</p> <p>c) 46.6 square metres said to belong now to Ramasar and Soogan.</p> <p>These parcels are more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1243 as Folio 52, in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	
<p>12. The parcel of land comprising 647.2 square metres more or less, situate at Munroe Road, in the Ward of Chaguanas, in the County of Caroni and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 and filed in his office, is required for a public purpose: the construction of the Uriah Butler Highway</p>	<p>The Construction of the Uriah Butler Highway</p>

**SCHEDULE**

The parcel of land comprising 647.2 square metres more or less, situate at Munroe Road, in the Ward of Chaguanas, in the County of Caroni and said to belong now or formerly to Salamat Khan and Twazul Khan.

This parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1243 as Folio 149, in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

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## ADDENDUM TO APPENDIX II

<b>DESCRIPTION OF LAND</b>	<b>PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH TO BE ACQUIRED</b>
<p>13. A parcel of land comprising 3,362 square metres more or less, situate at St. John's Road, South Oropouche, in the County of St. Patrick, in the Ward of Siparia and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 and filed in his office, is required for a public purpose: establishment of a playfield for the South Oropouche Government Primary School.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>The parcel of land comprising 3,362 square metres, more or less, situate at St. John's Road, South Oropouche, in the County of St. Patrick, in the Ward of Siparia and said to belong now or formerly to Sumintra Partap.</p> <p>This parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan issued under Survey Order 97/2004 and signed by the Director of Surveys on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2005 and filed in Book 1243 as Folio 181, in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>Establishment of a playfield for the South Oropouche Government Primary School.</p>
<p>14. The parcel of land comprising 0.5201 hectares, more or less situate at Icos Erin Beach Road, in the Ward of Cedros, in the County of St. Patrick, and described in the Schedule and colored raw sienna on a plan of survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2004 and filed in his Office, is required for a public purpose: extension of the Icos Government Primary School.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 0.5201 hectares, more or less, situate at Icos Erin Beach Road, in the Ward of Cedros, in the County of St. Patrick, and said to belong now or formerly to Agostini.</p> <p>The parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed as AN 82A in the Vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>Extension of the Icos Government Primary School</p>

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