



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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ELEVENTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2009), NINTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2009 AT 1:30 P.M.

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

**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. 20 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Could the Minister inform this Senate:

- (a) of the name of the Manager of Communications in the Ministry of Health;
- (b) of the terms and conditions of employment of the Manager;
- (c) of the currency in which the Manager is being paid, whether US\$ or TT\$;

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\* Question No. 2 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 05.02.09, for two weeks on 03.03.09 and for one (1) week on 17.03.09.

\* Question No. 20 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 10.03.09

- (d) whether the position was publicly advertised;
- (e) of the number of applications received for the position; and
- (f) whether the interviews were conducted in Trinidad and Tobago or overseas, if overseas, why?

**Question No. 26 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

With respect to the six (6) fast patrol vessels which are being constructed by the firm Austal, could the Minister inform this Senate:

- (i) what is the cost of each vessel;
- (ii) of the name of the local agent for the firm Austal;
- (iii) if any commission is being paid; and
- (iv) if a commission is being paid, what is the total value or sum of the commission?

- 9. QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMEN OF SESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEES
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- 15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

- (i) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday March 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)**

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **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)**

Neil Jaggassar  
**Clerk of the Senate**

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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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