



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

TWELFTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2009), NINTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY APRIL 07, 2009 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
6. PAPERS
  - (i) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP) Limited for the year ended September 30, 2006.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
  - (ii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2005.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
  - (iii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2006.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
  - (iv) The Audited Financial Statements of Export Centres Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2007.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
  - (v) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Film Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2007.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
  - (vi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Film Company Limited for the year ended September 30, 2008.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**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. 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?

**\*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?

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\* Question No. 2 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 05.02.09, for two weeks on 03.03.09, for one (1) week on 17.03.09 and for one (1) week on 24.03.09.

\* Question No. 5 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 05.02.09, for two (2) weeks on 03.03.09 and for two (2) weeks on 17.03.09

\* Question No. 13 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 17.02.09, for two weeks on 03.03.09 and for two (2) weeks on 17.03.09

\* Questions Nos. 15 and 16 were deferred for 2 weeks on 03.03.09 and for two (2) weeks on 17.03.09

- (b) the names of the companies contracted to undertake the works and the values of the contracts?

**\*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\$;
  - (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?
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) **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)**

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\* Question No. 20 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 10.03.09 and for two (2) weeks on 24.03.09.

- (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 March 24, 2009 will be resumed:**

**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)**

- (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)**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 29 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

Could the Minister inform the Senate of the Ministry's programmes, in the different geographical regions of Trinidad and Tobago specifically geared to the planting, harvesting, processing and marketing of cocoa to regional and international markets?

**(Answer due by 17.04.09)**

**Question No. 32 to the Honourable Minister of Tourism**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

With respect to the Ministry's budgetary allocation for the years 2003 to 2008, could the Minister inform the Senate what sums of money were used directly or indirectly to promote the following non-carnival festivals:

- (i) Eid-ul-Fitr
- (ii) Divali,
- (iii) Shouter Baptist Liberation Day,
- (iv) Santa Rosa Festival,
- (v) Shiv Ratri,
- (vi) Eid-ul Adha; and
- (vii) other festivals of a similar religious/cultural base?

**(Answer due by 17.04.09)**

**Question No. 33 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

Could the Minister indicate to the Senate what sums of money were provided by the Ministry to assist with activities of each of the following religious/cultural festivals - Divali, Shouter Baptist Liberation Day, Eid-ul-Fitr, Hosay, Santa Rosa Festival and Phagwa for the years 2003-2008?

**(Answer due by 17.04.09)**

**Question No. 34 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

Could the Minister inform the Senate of:

- (i) the number of beds purchased and allocated to each hospital in Trinidad and Tobago for the period 2003-2008?
- (ii) the number of beds occupied in hospitals throughout Trinidad and Tobago;
- (iii) the existing hospital bed capacity per population ratio;

- (iv) the formula /criteria used in determining the bed per population ratio for the years 2003-2008;
- (v) any proposed increase in the number of hospital beds in 2009; and
- (vi) the proposed allocation of these beds to hospitals throughout Trinidad and Tobago?

**(Answer due by 17.04.09)**

**Question No. 35 to the Honourable Attorney General**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- A. Could the Attorney General inform the Senate of the number of outstanding judgments pending in the High Court and Court of Appeal since the date of trial or hearing of the Appeal?
- B. Could the Attorney General also state what steps, if any, are being taken by the Chief Justice to deal with the backlog of outstanding cases?

**(Answer due by 17.04.09)**

**Question No. 37 to the Honourable Attorney General**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Could the Attorney General state the number of decisions of the Court of Appeal during the past five (5) years which have been upheld and the number which were over-turned by Judicial Committee of the Privy Council?

**(Answer due by 17.04.09)**

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