



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

ELEVENTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2010), NINTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010 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

**NEW QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 55 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

- A. Could the Minister indicate to this Senate the number of illegal quarry operators who have been caught, charged and/or otherwise punished in Trinidad and Tobago from 2006 to present?
- B. Could the Minister also list the names of authorized quarry operators in Trinidad and Tobago since 2006?

**(Answer due by 14.04.10)**

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

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

**\*Question No. 1 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

**(By Senator Michael Annisette)**

Could the Minister inform this Senate of the findings of the Ministry's enquiry into the Landate matter?

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\* Question No. 1 was deferred for one (1) week on 09.02.10, for one (1) week on 23.02.10, for two (2) weeks on 02.03.10 and for one (1) week on 16.03.10.

**\*Question No. 2 to the Honourable Attorney General**

**(By Senator Michael Annisette)**

Could the Attorney General indicate to this Senate what action the Government intends to take with respect to:

- (i) the findings of the Commission of Enquiry into the Scarborough Hospital; and
- (ii) its investigation into the matter which included Landate?

**\*Question No. 30 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Could the Minister inform this Senate:

- A. Whether the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has entered into a Government to Government arrangement with the Canadian Province of Nova Scotia to computerize the records of the Licensing Division?
- B. (i) if the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, would the Honourable Minister state the cost of such arrangement to the Government; and  
(ii) when would this exercise be completed?
- C. What steps have been taken to secure the integrity of the records of the Licensing Division during this exercise?

**\*Question No. 32 to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

With respect to the reconstruction of agricultural access roads, could the Minister indicate to the Senate:

- (a) the number of agricultural access roads reconstructed for the years 2008 and 2009; and
- (b) the number of agricultural access roads programmed for reconstruction in 2010?

- 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

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\* Question No. 2 was deferred for one (1) week on 09.02.10, for one (1) week on 23.02.10 and for three (3) weeks on 02.03.10

\* Questions Nos. 30, and 32 were deferred for two (2) weeks on 23.02.10 and for two (2) weeks on 09.03.10.

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

- (i) **WHEREAS** Sir Ellis Emmanuel Innocent Clarke, TC, GCMG served this country with distinction as Solicitor-General, Deputy Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, Ambassador, as the main architect of the 1962 Independence Constitution Governor General and President;

**AND WHEREAS** Noor Mohammed Hassanali served this country with distinction as Magistrate, Senior Crown Counsel, Assistant Solicitor-General, Judge of the High Court and Court of Appeal and President;

**AND WHEREAS** Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson served this country with distinction as Prime Minister and defended the rights and freedoms enshrined in our democratic constitution during the 1990 attempted coup and has been internationally recognized for his efforts to establish the International Criminal Court in 2002;

**AND WHEREAS** George Michael Chambers served this nation with distinction as Prime Minister;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government take immediate steps to rename:

- (i) The Churchill-Roosevelt Highway as the Ellis Clarke Highway;
- (ii) The Hall of Justice as the Noor Hassanali Hall of Justice;
- (iii) The Crown Point International Airport as the Arthur N.R. Robinson International Airport; and
- (iv) Wrightson Road as the George Chambers Avenue.

as a symbolic gesture of national gratefulness for their many years of distinguished service.

**(By Senator Gail Merhair)**

- (ii) (iv) **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)**

- (iii) **WHEREAS** there has been recognition of the need for constitutional reform;

**AND WHEREAS** the population is demanding an even playing field in the conduct of elections;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government take steps to amend the Constitution to introduce fixed dates for general elections except in the instance of a successful moving of a motion of no confidence in the government.

**(By Senator Gail Merhair)**

- (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) **WHEREAS** child mortality is a sensitive indication of a country's state and pace of development; and

**WHEREAS** child mortality is critical evidence of basic priorities and core values of a country's administration;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Government drastically increase meaningful investment in the health and well-being of children and their mothers as not only a human rights imperative, but as a sound economic decision and as a way for this country's future to be better assured.

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Motions:**

- (i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate approve the decision of the President to acquire the lands described in Appendix II for the public purpose specified.

**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources)**

#### **Bills Second Reading:**

- (i) A Bill entitled, "An Act to establish the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority and for related matters".

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

- (ii) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday March 09, 2010 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the Civil Aviation Act, Chap. 49:03".

**(By the Minister of Works and Transport)**

- (iii) A Bill entitled, "An Act to amend various Acts, namely the Queen's Park Act, Chap. 41:04, the Highways Act Chap. 48:01, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Enforcement and Administration) Act, Chap. 48:52 and the Maxi-Taxi Act, Chap. 48:53 to increase the pecuniary penalties for motor vehicle offences; to provide for the issue of tickets for certain motor vehicle offences; to regularize and increase the period for the renewal of driving permits and to provide for related matters".

**(By the Minister of Works and Transport)**

- (iv) A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the variation of certain duties and taxes and to introduce provisions of a fiscal nature and for related matters.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

**Nataki Atiba-Dilchan  
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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 26 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

With respect to local and foreign consultants employed in each Government Department, Ministry or Agency controlled by the State or any State Enterprise, could the Minister inform the Senate of:

- (a) the total number of consultants employed;
- (b) the name of each consultant and the specific areas/projects that each consultant is advising the government on;
- (c) the exact duration of each of these contracts; and
- (d) the cost of the services of each consultant?

**(Answer due by 27.02.10)**

**Question No. 27 to the Honourable Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (A) Could the Minister outline in detail the various assets being held in her capacity as Corporation Sole on behalf of the people of Trinidad and Tobago?
- (B) Could the Minister also state the estimated value of these assets?
- (C) Could the Minister give a further breakdown of any changes on the portfolio of assets on a year-to-year basis over the period January 2007 – March 31, 2009?

**(Answer due by 27.02.10)**

**Question No. 28 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (a) Could the Minister provide the Senate with:
  - (i) the names of all the contractors engaged by WASA for the period January 2007 to March 31, 2009;
  - (ii) the exact nature of works these contractors have been engaged to perform; and
  - (iii) the duration of these contracts and the financial value of each contract?
- (b) Could the Minister further state:
  - (i) how many contractors have been paid to date; and
  - (ii) how many contractors have not been paid and exactly when would they be paid?

**(Answer due by 27.02.10)**

**Question No. 35 to the Honourable Minister of Public Administration**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

With respect to the rental of buildings to house Government Offices, could the minister inform the Senate:

- (a) what was government's expenditure for the years 2007-2009; and
- (b) the details of such expenditure, inclusive of the names of the landlords and the amounts paid?

**(Answer due by 27.02.10)**

**Question No. 46 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

- A. Would the Minister inform of the Senate the number of applications made for government/public housing since 2006?
- B. Would the Minister further indicate the number of these applications which were successful in obtaining government/public housing?
- C. Would the Minister also indicate reasons for refusal or non-processing of the unsuccessful applications?

**(Answer due by 07.04.10)**

**Question No. 47 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

With respect to the \$12M Housing Grants given for home improvements in 2009, Could the Minister inform the Senate of:

- (a) the number of recipients/beneficiaries; and
- (b) the geographical location of the recipients/beneficiaries?

**(Answer due by 07.04.10)**

**Question No. 48 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

Would the Minister explain to the Senate, the difference between the budgetary allocation of \$1045M and the expenditure of \$901.6M in the Ministry for the fiscal year 2009?

**(Answer due by 07.04.10)**

**Question No. 49 to the Honourable Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

With respect to the \$40M IDB Assisted National Settlement Second Stage Programme, could the Minister advise the Senate:

- (a) of the number of recipients; and
- (b) the geographical location to the recipients?

**(Answer due by 07.04.10)**

**Question No. 51 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

**(By Senator Lyndira Oudit)**

With respect to the disbursement of \$30M under the National Commission for Self-Help for fiscal 2009, could the Minister indicate to the Senate:

- (i) the number of registered and non-registered recipients who benefitted from the disbursement; and
- (ii) the amount received by each recipient?

**(Answer due by 07.04.10)**





**APPENDIX II**

<b>DESCRIPTION OF LAND</b>	<b>PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH TO BE ACQUIRED</b>
<p>1. The parcel of land Comprising 94.5 square metres or 1017.2 square feet more or less, situate at the South Western corner of Bacolet and Main Streets, in the Town of Scarborough in the Ward of Tobago and described in the Schedule and coloured raw sienna on a plan or survey signed by the Director of Surveys and dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 executed under Survey Order No. 11/2002 and filed in the Lands and Surveys Division;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p>A parcel of land comprising 94.5m<sup>2</sup> or 1017.2 square feet more or less, situate at the south-western corner of Bacolet and Main Streets, Scarborough, in the Ward of Tobago and said to belong now or formerly to Lennox Phillips.</p> <p>The parcel of land is more particularly shown coloured raw sienna on a Survey Plan filed in Book 1361 as Folio 20 and surveyed under Survey Order No. 11/2002, which is filed in the vault of the Lands and Surveys Division, Old General Post Office Building, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.</p>	<p>The widening of the junction of Bacolet Street with the Claude Noel Highway.</p>

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