



**SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**  
**ORDER PAPER**  
**FORTY-THIRD SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2010/2011), TENTH PARLIAMENT**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2011 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 Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Fernando City Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2003.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (ii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Broadcasting Network Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2009.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (iii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Broadcasting Network Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2010.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
  - (i) The Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Ministries, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises (Group I) on the Administration of the Green Fund.  
**(By Senator Corinne Baptiste-Mc Knight)**

8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

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

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 65 to the Honourable Minister of Legal Affairs**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister inform the Senate of the initiatives which are being taken to revalidate and to amend the Rent Restriction Act, Chapter 59:50?

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\* Question No. 65 was deferred for one (1) week on 07.06.2011.

**Question No. 71 to the Honourable Minister of Food Production, Land and Marine Affairs**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister state the Government's Land Use Policy?

**Question No. 72 to the Honourable Minister of Arts and Mutliculturalism**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- i. whether the Government of Trinidad and Tobago will be sending a delegation to the 31<sup>st</sup> Fiesta Del Caribe in Santiago de Cuba;
- ii. the number of persons that will comprise the official delegation and the name and designation of these persons;
- iii. the program to be presented at the festival by Trinidad and Tobago; and
- iv. the estimated cost of the above-mentioned activity?

**Question No. 73 to the Honourable Minister of Housing and the Environment**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- i. whether Cabinet has approved the privatization of the Forestry Division;
- ii. if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, could the Minister indicate whether his Ministry held consultations with groups or organizations before this decision was taken; and
- iii. if the answer to (i) is in the negative, could the Minister indicate whether the privatization of the Forestry Division is under active consideration by the Government?

**Question No. 83 to the Honourable Minister of Tobago Development**

**(By Senator Shamfa Cudjoe)**

With respect to the relief activities in Tobago in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Tomas in 2010, could the Minister inform the Senate:

- (i) how many persons were employed or contracted to participate in relief activities;
- (ii) what process was used for selecting employees;
- (iii) what was the daily rate of payment for engaged workers;
- (iv) how many workers have been paid their wages in full as of May 02, 2011; and
- (v) what vote/allocation was employed in funding relief and related activities?

**Question No. 84 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Shamfa Cudjoe)**

Would the Minister inform the Senate:

- (i) if Air Jamaica has been formally acquired by Caribbean Airlines (CAL);
- (ii) if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, what was the revenue earned by Air Jamaica since Caribbean Airlines assumed management of Air Jamaica to the end of April, 2011;
- (iii) how does that revenue compare with revenue earned during the same period in the preceding year when the airline was operated by Air Jamaica;

- (iv) what was the expenditure incurred by Caribbean Airlines on the Air Jamaica operations from the date CAL assumed management of Air Jamaica to the end of April 2011; and
- (v) how do the expenditure figures compare with those of Air Jamaica over the same period of the preceding year?

**Question No. 85 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Shamfa Cudjoe)**

Could the Minister provide the Senate with details on:

- (i) whether there has been any progress made with regard to the Government's decision on the construction of the Roxborough Police Station and the refurbishment of the Old Grange Police Station in Tobago;
- (ii) the Government's plans with respect to the construction and renovation of police stations in Tobago?

- 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) **WHEREAS** Article (8) of the Trinidad and Tobago (Constitution) Order in Council, 1961 provided that ..... "the Governor shall make and cause to be laid before the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, when they first meet such Standing Orders with respect to the matters mentioned in article 26 of the Constitution as appear to him expedient to enable the Senate and House of Representatives to commence the transaction of their business in an orderly manner, but any such Orders may be amended or revoked by the chamber to which they relate";

**AND WHEREAS** the Standing Orders of the Senate were made by the Governor in 1961 pursuant to the said Article and laid before the Senate on December 29, 1961;

**AND WHEREAS** the last review of these Standing Orders was undertaken in 2000;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders of the Senate be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report within the current session.

**(By the Minister in the Ministry of National Security)**

- (ii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 9 of the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organisations) Act, Chap. 17:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order declare that any international or regional organization or agency named or described in such Order shall, to such extent as specified in the Order, be accorded certain privileges and immunities:

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 9 of the Act that every Order made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 15th day of February, 2011 made the Privileges and Immunities [CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)] Order, 2011:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Order now be affirmed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Privileges and Immunities [CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)] Order, 2011 be approved.

**(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)**

- (iii) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday July 20, 2010 will be resumed:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the ‘State of the Economy’ at this time.

**(By the Minister of Planning, Economic and Social Restructuring and Gender Affairs)**

### **Bills Second Reading**

- (i) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07”

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

- (ii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide protection to investors from unfair, improper or fraudulent practices; foster fair and efficient capital markets and confidence in the capital markets in Trinidad and Tobago and to reduce systemic risk; to co-operate with other jurisdictions in the development of fair and efficient capital markets, and for other related matters”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

- (iii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to give effect to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction”.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

- (iv) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations (Pensions) Act, Chap. 25:05”.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions**

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday May 31st, 2011 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** successive governments/administrations have alluded to the need for constitutional reform;

**AND WHEREAS** the previous People's National Movement administration tabled in Parliament and circulated for public comment, a blue print for constitutional reform;

**AND WHEREAS** the current People's Partnership administration had indicated during the election campaign that certain constitutional reform measures are to be pursued;

**AND WHEREAS** the repeal and replacement of the entire Constitution may not be the necessary, desirable or effective approach to better align the overall requirements of the nation for a more just and equitable society and enhanced governance;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the process of constitutional reform be pursued through a series of amendments addressing specific areas of concerns;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rationale for, as well as the scheduling and sequencing of each series of proposed amendments to the Constitution, be effectively communicated to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago prior to debate in the Parliament.

**(By Senator Subhas Ramkhelawan)**

(ii) **WHEREAS** we live in a world driven by Science and Technology; and

**WHEREAS** there is an established strong correlation between Science and Technology on one hand and economic development on the other; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need to diversify our economy and look for new directions for sustainable economic development; and

**WHEREAS** such new directions can be engendered by the proper application of Science and Technology.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago create with a sense of urgency the necessary policies and enabling environment to promote the full development of Science and Technology and facilitate its contribution to our economic development.

**(By Senator Prof. Harold Ramkissoon)**

(iii) **WHEREAS** conditions conducive to free, fair and transparent elections are essential to preserving Democracy;

**AND WHEREAS** various resources are needed to finance and support free, fair and transparent election campaigns;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of financing campaigns has increased substantially over decades and sources of campaign finance are not transparent and therefore, a matter of serious concern to citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** citizens need to be satisfied that there is fairness and full disclosure with respect to transactions involving the use of public resources by elected representatives in the process of governance;

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

**(By Senator Helen Drayton)**

(iv) **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable Senate take note of the strengths and deficiencies of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and its impact and potential in the fight against crime.

**(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)**

(v) **WHEREAS** the Cabinet of the government of Trinidad and Tobago, appointed a Task force to review our penal system and to make recommendations;

**AND WHEREAS** Cabinet accepted the recommendations of the said Task Force as government policy;

**AND WHEREAS** several of these recommendations are at varying levels of implementation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the government fully implement these recommendations for the modernization, transformation and efficiency of the penal system and the Prison Service.

**(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)**

(vi) **WHEREAS** the Interception of Communications Act, 2010 is now part of the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** there exist provisions for the management of the information gathered by the Security Intelligence Agency, prior to and after the passage of the abovementioned Act;

**AND WHEREAS** spokespersons for the Government, before and after the passage of this Act, issued statements at variance with each other and at variance with international best practice in management of information gathered by the state intelligence apparatus;

**AND WHEREAS** this state of affairs has generated deep concerns on the part of citizens of Trinidad and Tobago in relation to their safety and security;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate examine this state of affairs and record its observations and concerns on these issues, which are at the heart of our national security and good governance in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)**

(vii) **WHEREAS** the year 2012 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this nation's Independence:

**AND WHEREAS** since 1962, several Heads of State and Heads of Government have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of this Republic:

**AND WHEREAS** there exists a Memorial Collection of the contributions of the late Dr. Eric Eustace Williams, first Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago whose centennial takes place later in 2011:

**AND WHEREAS** Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson who served this country both as President and Prime Minister has initiated the Castara Project of his pursuits and achievements:

**AND WHEREAS** one method of bestowing honour on these office holders is through the establishment and maintenance of memorials in recognition of their contributions to the development of the nation during the course of their tenure:

**AND WHEREAS** the Honourable Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago in tribute to the first President of Trinidad and Tobago announced the endowment of the Sir Ellis Clarke Chair in Commonwealth Parliamentary and Constitutional Studies at the University of the West Indies:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that there be established formal tangible memorials of the work and contributions of all the former Heads of State and Heads of Government of this country.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there be instituted a State-funded arrangement whereby the contributions of all who served in the offices of President and Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will be recognized.

**(By Senator Corinne Baptiste-Mc Knight)**

**Neil Jaggassar**  
**Clerk of the Senate**

**Senate Secretariat**  
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**ORDER PAPER/TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2011**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 67 to the Honourable Minister of Housing and the Environment**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister provide the Senate with:

- i. the value of the Green Fund at the end of the first quarter of 2011;
- ii. a list of groups, individuals and/or organizations that received funding from the Green Fund; and
- iii. the amount of funding received by the said groups, individuals and/or organizations?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2011)**

**Question No. 68 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- i. the number of wells drilled by WASA from June 2010 to April 2011 and the cost incurred;
- ii. the list of all the names of the contractors engaged to drill the said wells;
- iii. the number of contractors that have been paid to date for work done under (i); and
- iv. the names of the contractors that were paid?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2011)**

**Question No. 69 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister provide the Senate with:

- i. the names of all contractors engaged by WASA for the period June 2010 to April 2011;
- ii. the nature of works these contractors have been engaged to perform; and
- iii. the duration of these contracts and the financial value of each contract?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2011)**

**Question No. 78 to the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Would the Minister indicate the monthly revenue and expenditure of WASA from June 2010 to April 2011?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2011)**

**Question No. 79 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

**(By Senator Pennelope Beckles)**

Would the Minister provide a list of repairs undertaken to primary and secondary schools for the period June 2010 to April 2011, identifying the name of each contractor and the value of each contract?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2011)**

**Question No. 80 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Pennelope Beckles)**

Would the Minister please provide this House with a list of all contractors who obtained work and the amount of monies paid to each contractor under the Road Improvement Fund for the period June 2010 to April 2011?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2011)**

**Question No. 81 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development**

**(By Senator Pennelope Beckles)**

With respect to contracts awarded for projects under the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) during the period June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to April 2011, could the Minister provide the Senate with the following:

- (i) a detailed list of all the contracts awarded on a monthly basis;
- (ii) the cost of all the contracts awarded on a monthly basis;
- (iii) the scope of works for all the contracts; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of all the contractors who were awarded contracts?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2011)**

**Question No. 82 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Pennelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the number of murders committed for 2011 and the names of persons killed for the said 2011?

**(Answer due by 11.06.2011)**

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