



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2011 AT 11:00 A.M.

1. PRAYERS
2. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW SENATOR
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
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8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 1 to the Honourable Attorney General

(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)

Would the Attorney General indicate to the Senate:

- (a) whether the positions of Director and Deputy Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) are now properly filled;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, would the Attorney General indicate which public officers now occupy those positions and their respective dates of assumption of duty to these offices; and
- (c) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, would the Attorney General indicate whether there are persons 'acting' in those positions?

Question No. 2 to the Honourable Prime Minister

(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)

With respect to the occupation of a residence at Pasea Village, Tunapuna, would the Honourable Prime Minister indicate: the precise date she commenced occupation of the

residence at Pasea Village, Tunapuna and the duration of her stay there?

Question No. 8 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)

- A. Would the Minister indicate whether BAE, the British company which was contracted by the government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to provide three (3) OPVs, has taken any action to recover monies from the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in respect of any alleged breach of the said contract?
- B. If the answer to (A) is affirmative, would the Minister indicate what action was taken, in which forum /jurisdiction; when was this action initiated and what is the precise nature and quantum claimed?
- C. Would the Minister state what is the precise status of this action and for how long is it likely to continue?
- D. Would the Minister also indicate, whether the Government of Trinidad and Tobago is legally represented in these proceedings, by whom and at what cost to date?

Question No. 14 to the Honourable Minister of Housing and the Environment

(By Senator Prof. Harold Ramkissoon)

- A. Could the Minister indicate if the Government of Trinidad and Tobago will be participating in the 2012 Rio+20 Conference?
- B. If the answer (A) is in the affirmative, could the Minister identify the major issues the Government of Trinidad and Tobago intends to raise at the Conference?
- C. Could the Minister also indicate if the Government of Trinidad and Tobago participated in any preparatory meetings?

- 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

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions

- (i) **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)

- (ii) **WHEREAS** the year 2012 will mark the 50th 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)

- (iii) **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)

- (iv) **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 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 Professor Harold Ramkissoon)**
- (v) **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 (SIA), 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)**
- (vi) **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)**

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading

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

(By the Minister of Finance)

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