



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

THIRD SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2012/2013)
TENTH PARLIAMENT
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 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 Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Arima Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2004.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (ii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (iii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (iv) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (v) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

- (i) The Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee established to enquire into and report to Parliament on Ministries (Group 2), Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises falling under their purview on the Tobago Regional Health Authority (THRA).

(By Senator Dr. James Armstrong)

- (ii) The Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee established to enquire into and report to Parliament on Ministries (Group 2), Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises falling under their purview on the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited (EPOSDC).

(By Senator Dr. James Armstrong)

- (iii) The First Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Caribbean New Media Group(CNMG) Limited (Examination of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008)

(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds).

8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 1 to the Honourable Minister of Tourism

(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)

Could the Minister state, whether or not the Tourism Development Company Limited made a financial commitment to the International Tobago Pro Am Golf Tournament held from January 3rd to 7th 2012?

If the answer is in the affirmative, could the Minister state:

- a. the amount of the financial commitment; and
- b. the total financial contribution paid to the tournament.

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) **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)
- (ii) **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 importance 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 six months of its appointment.
(By Senator Helen Drayton)
- (iii) **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, have issued statements with respect to the management of information gathered by the state intelligence apparatus;

AND WHEREAS questions have arisen as to whether such statements are at variance with international best practice raising concerns as to the safety and security of citizens of Trinidad and Tobago;

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)

(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 Prof. Harold Ramkissoon)

(v) **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in its preamble, its terms and spirit, recognises and promotes the observance and practice of democratic principles;

BE IT RESOLVED that the government re-affirm its commitment to these principles and the practice of democracy in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)

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APPENDIX

ORDER PAPER/ THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 4 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By Senator Penelope Beckles)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with:

- (i) a detailed listing of the names of all Chairmen and members of all Boards of Directors appointed by this government from June 2010;
- (ii) their qualifications and gender; and
- (iii) the honorarium, together with all benefits and entitlements for the abovementioned board members?

(Answer due by 03.10.2012)

Question No. 5 to the Honourable Minister of the Environment and Water Resources

(By Senator Penelope Beckles)

With respect to the Water and Sewerage Authority, could the Minister inform the Senate of:

- (i) the total workforce of the Authority as at July 2012;
- (ii) the number of new workers employed since June 2010;
- (iii) the names, positions, addresses and qualifications of the persons at (ii) above;
- (iv) the names and number of employees terminated since June 2010 and reasons for the terminations?

(Answer due by 03.10.2012)

Question No. 6 to the Honourable Minister of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs

(By Senator Penelope Beckles)

With regards to the Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme (CEPEP), could the Minister provide the Senate with the following:

- (i) the names and addresses of companies/NGOs who were awarded contracts through CEPEP since June 2010;
- (ii) the dates of the award of the contracts to CEPEP Contractors;
- (iii) the amount of monies paid to each of these CEPEP contractors;
- (iv) the date of incorporation/registration of each CEPEP contractor;
- (v) the names of the Directors of each CEPEP contractor and their respective addresses;
- (vi) criteria for the selection of CEPEP contractors;

- (vii) a list of all contractors/NGO's who applied to CEPEP for contracts, the names and addresses of contractors/NGO's who were unsuccessful and the reason(s) for their rejection; and
- (viii) a list of contractors in CEPEP terminated since June 2010 and a list of employees whose contracts have been terminated by CEPEP since June 2010?

(Answer due by 03.10.2012)

Question No. 12 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By Senator Penelope Beckles)

Could the Minister indicate to the Senate:

- (i) the amount of moneys allocated to each City, Borough and Corporation for Development Projects for the years 2009 – 2012; and
- (i) the list of projects completed in the respective Cities, Boroughs and Corporations for the said 2009 – 2012?

(Answer due by 03.10.2012)

Question No. 13 to the Honourable Minister of Housing, Land and Marine Affairs

(By Senator Penelope Beckles)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with:

- (i) the number of leases distributed to persons, NGOs or companies during the years 2009 – 2012
- (ii) the names of persons receiving the leases, the period of the leases and the conditions of same; and
- (iii) the location of the parcels of land and nature of activities approved under the leases?

(Answer due by 03.10.2012)

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