



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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TENTH PARLIAMENT

FRIDAY JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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
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6. PAPERS
  - (i) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2006.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
  - (ii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, Children Authority Fund for the nine months ended September 30, 2009.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
  - (iii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Environmental Management Authority – Environmental Trust Fund for the year ended September 30, 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
  - (iv) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Lotteries Control Board for the year ended December 31, 2001.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
  - (v) The Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund for the year ended September 30, 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**

- (vi) The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited for the fiscal year 2009.  
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- (vii) The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited for the fiscal year 2010.  
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- (viii) The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited for the fiscal year 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
- (ix) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Government Information Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2009.  
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- (x) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Government Information Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2010  
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- (xi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Infrastructural Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
- (xii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Film Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
- (xiii) The Annual Report of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) for the year 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
- (xiv) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Commission for Self Help Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
- (xv) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Tourism for fiscal year 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Tourism)**
- (xvi) The Annual Administrative Report of the Zoological Society of Trinidad and Tobago for fiscal year 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Tourism)**
- (xvii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Tourism Development Company Limited for fiscal year 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Tourism)**

(xviii) The Administrative Report of the Arima Borough Corporation for the period October, 2010 to September, 2011.

**(By the Minister of Local Government)**

(xix) The Annual Report of the Ministry of Public Administration for the financial year 2010-2011.

**(By the Minister of Public Administration)**

## 7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

(i) The Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee established to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions (with the exception of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission) on a re-evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Public Service Commission.

**(By Senator Subhas Ramkhelawan)**

(ii) The Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee established to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions (with the exception of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission) on a re-evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Statutory Authorities' Service Commission.

**(By Senator Subhas Ramkhelawan)**

(iii) The Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Ministries, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises (Group 2) on the National Drug Council (NDC).

**(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)**

(iv) The Eighth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Ministries, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises (Group 2) on the Water Resources Agency (WRA).

**(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)**

## 8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

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

#### **Questions for Oral Answer**

#### **\*Question No. 9 to the Honourable Minister of Sport**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- (i) the amount of moneys allocated to various organisations and individuals for preparations for Olympics 2012 and the date of disbursement of the funds to the individuals and organisations; and

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\*Question No. 9 was deferred for two weeks on 19.12.12

- (ii) the amount of money spent generally by the Ministry of Sport for Trinidad and Tobago's preparation for Olympics 2012?

**\*Question No. 10 to the Honourable Minister of Sport**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

- (i) Could the Minister provide the names of all personnel approved by Cabinet to attend the Olympics 2012 from Trinidad and Tobago; and
- (ii) Moneys allocated to all the above mentioned persons?

**\*Question No. 11 to the Honourable Minister of Tourism**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister indicate:

- (i) the moneys allocated by the Ministry of Tourism and its agencies in relation to the various initiatives for marketing of Trinidad and Tobago for the period June 2010 to August 2012;
- (ii) the nature and benefits derived from these marketing initiatives; and
- (iii) the companies and or organisations that were contracted to market Trinidad and Tobago and the moneys paid to them?

**\*Question No. 23 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Could the Minister inform the Senate:

- (i) whether the Government has set up the Clico Investment Trust Fund (NEL 2) as promised in the 2011/2012 Budget;
- (ii) if the answer is yes, please indicate the date of the particulars of establishment of the said fund;
- (iii) if the answer is no, please indicate the reason for the failure to set up same?

**\*Question No. 29 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)**

- A. Could the Minister please indicate whether there is a functioning stamp duty machine in Tobago?
- B. If the response to (A) is in the negative, could the Minister please state when it is expected that that there will be a functioning stamp duty machine operating in Tobago?
- C. Could the Minister state what provisions are currently in place to have stamp duty paid on deeds of Conveyances from Tobago?

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\* Questions Nos. 10, 11, 23 and 29 were deferred for two weeks on 19.12.12

**\*Question No. 32 to the Honourable Minister of Tobago Development**

**(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)**

With regard to the Board of Directors of the Tobago Regional Health Authority, could the Minister please state:

- (a) the date that the Board of Directors first received their instruments of appointment;
- (b) whether there have been any changes to the Members of the Board of Directors of the Tobago Health Regional Authority since that date; and
- (c) the names of the current members of the Board of Directors?

**\*Question No. 33 to the Honourable Minister of Housing and Land and Marine Affairs**

**(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)**

With respect to the "Colour Me Orange" programme, would the Minister please indicate:-

- (a) whether the programme has come to an end;
- (b) whether there is any plan or intention to extend the programme;
- (c) precisely how much was expended on this programme;
- (d) the number of jobs created by the programme;
- (e) what was the government's rationale for its activation; and did the programme achieve its objective?

**Question No. 36 to the Honourable Minister Finance and the Economy**

**(By Senator Terrence Deyalsingh)**

With regard to the decision to dry lease an aircraft from Lan Chile, could the Honourable Minister state:

- (a) who was the line minister at that time;
- (b) who was the Chairman of the Board of Caribbean Airlines at that time;
- (c) the date of submission of the evaluation report on the suitability of any aircraft so leased to fly a trans-Atlantic route as opposed to an overland route; and
- (d) who were the members of the team who submitted the evaluation report and state their relevant qualifications?

**Question No. 37 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

**(By Senator Terrence Deyalsingh)**

With regard to the operations of the Catcracker at the Petrotrin Refinery, could the Honourable Minister state:

- (a) what was the shutdown date for the catalytic fuel converter (Catcracker);

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- (b) when was the importation of importing stock fuel to Trinidad and Tobago begun after the shutdown;
  - (c) what was /were the country /countries of origin of the imported fuel; and
  - (d) what is the total costs incurred, inclusive of fuel, during the period of shutdown to the date of re-commission?
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
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  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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### **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 Leader of Government Business)**

#### **Bills Second Reading**

- (i) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress on Tuesday November 27, 2012 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, 'An Act to provide for the establishment of the Beverage Containers Advisory Board and of a deposit and refund system for beverage containers and for related matters'.

**(By the Minister of the Environment and Water Resources)**

- (ii) A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Exchequer and Audit Act, Chap. 69:01 to provide for payments into and issues out of the Exchequer Account and for payments of other public moneys, howsoever held, by means of electronic funds transfer and for related matters'.

**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions**

- (i) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday November 20, 2012 will be resumed:**  
**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)**
- (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 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)**



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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

**(By Senator Pernelope 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 entitlement 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 Pernelope 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 Pernelope 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;
- (ii) 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)**

**Question No. 22 to the Honourable Minister of the Environment and Water Resources**

**(By Senator Penelope Beckles)**

Would the Minister provide the following information:

- (i) whether the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) has concluded any collective agreements/negotiations with any Trade Union since June 2010;
- (ii) if the answer to the above mentioned question is yes, could the Minister provide the terms and conditions of this new agreement/negotiation and the value of same;
- (iii) the list of all employees who benefitted from this new agreement/negotiation, their old and new remuneration packages and arrears paid if any?

**(Answer due by 27.11.2012)**

**Question No. 35 to the Honourable Minister of Sport**

**(By Senator Fitzgerald Hinds)**

With respect to the Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Board of Control, could the Minister indicate:

- a. the name(s) and professions/occupations of the members of the Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Board of Control;
- b. the date of the appointment of each of these persons.
- c. whether any person has been appointed as an Adviser to the said Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Board of Control; and if so, could the Minister provide the name of this person and indicate the full terms and conditions of the engagement of this person relative to this appointment;
- d. whether any member of the said Board has ever been convicted for any criminal offence in Trinidad and Tobago; and if so, on what date(s) and what was (or were) the sentence(s); and
- e. whether a criminal conviction disqualifies a person from holding a Board position?

**(Answer due by 15.12.2012)**

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