



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

NINTH SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2013/2014)  
TENTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2013 AT 1:30 P.M.

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**(By Senator Dr. Rolph Balgobin)**
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**(By Senator Dr. Rolph Balgobin)**
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### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Motions**

- (i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 38(1) of the Tobacco Control Act, Chap. 30:04 (hereinafter called “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations prescribing requirements and standards for tobacco product constituents, including emissions of smoked products, additives and product design and specifying methods for testing and measuring compliance with the performance prescribed and generally for carrying out the purpose of this Act;

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 38(1) of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister has on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013 made the Tobacco Control Regulations, 2013 (hereinafter called “the Regulations”);

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Regulations now be affirmed;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tobacco Control Regulations, 2013 be approved.

**(By the Minister of Health)**

#### **Bills Second Reading**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish a Council for Urban and Regional Planners and to provide for the regulation of the urban and regional planning profession and other matters incidental thereto”.

**(By the Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act relating to the planning and development of land and to repeal and replace the Town and Country Planning Act, Chap 35:01”.

**(By the Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development)**

### **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Motions**

- (i) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday November 26, 2013 will be resumed:**

**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)**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 20 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By Senator David Small)**

Could the Minister provide this Senate with the Government revenues from the Methanol and Urea Industry broken out into its component parts such as upstream royalties, taxes from gas sales and Corporation taxes for the period 2010 to 2013?

**(Answer due by 07.11.13)**

**Question No. 41 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By Senator David Small)**

With regard to upstream and downstream energy companies operating in Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister:

- A. provide the Senate with a breakdown showing taxes paid, and net revenue and gross revenue generated by such energy companies for 2010, 2011 and 2012;
- B. state whether the taxes paid by the oil and gas companies in their quarterly submissions are based on their own prices or on prices determined by the Ministry of Finance; and
- C. state whether there is a mechanism for reconciling different views on prices for ascertaining taxes payable by oil and gas companies operating in Trinidad and Tobago that is satisfactory to the Ministry?

**(Answer due by 26.12.13)**

**Question No. 43 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

**(By Senator David Small)**

Could the Minister provide this Senate with:

- (a) the fiscal gains/losses (if any) realized/incurred as a direct result of the application of the fiscal incentives intended to stimulate the production of oil in the country; and
- (b) the cost-benefit analysis that quantifies how the country will earn value for money as a direct result of these incentives that are intended to stimulate exploration and development investments?

**(Answer due by 26.12.13)**

**Question No. 44 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

**(By Senator David Small)**

With regard to the local content policy, could the Minister:

- (a) inform the Senate of the Government's position and plans for ensuring the maximisation of local content from ongoing and planned energy activities in the country;
- (b) provide a detailed and quantified cost-benefit analysis of the benefits to the country from the application of the existing local content policy;

- (c) state what are the opportunities for local Private Sector Investment and Public/Private Partnerships that your Ministry and the State companies are addressing to get more local value added from oil and natural gas and to get more local private equity engaged in this very productive sector; and
- (d) state where has the Ministry reached in preparing legislation on local content?

**(Answer due by 26.12.13)**

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