



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

FIFTEENTH SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2013/2014)

TENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2014 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 Annual Audited Financial Statements of Government Information Services Limited for the year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (ii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources for the fiscal year 2008 to 2009.
(By the Minister of Food Production)
 - (iii) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS) for the fiscal year 2008 to 2009.
(By the Minister of Education)
 - (iv) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS) for the fiscal year 2009 to 2010.
(By the Minister of Education)
 - (v) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS) for the fiscal year 2010 to 2011.
(By the Minister of Education)
 - (vi) The Ministerial Response to the Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on the Administration of the Port of Spain City Corporation.
(By the Minister of Local Government)

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

- (i) The First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Financial Statements of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the years ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

(By the Attorney General)

- (ii) The Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Financial Statements of the Heritage and Stabilization Fund for the years ended September 2008 to September 2011.

(By the Attorney General)

- (iii) The Third Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Financial Statements of the Betting Levy Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the years ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

(By the Attorney General)

- (iv) The Fourth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Financial Statements of the Environmental Management Agency for the years ended September 2008 to September 2011.

(By the Attorney General)

8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 50 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)

- A. Could the Minister indicate whether it is the intention of the Council of the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago to have continued medical education become a requirement for the renewal of registration by doctors in order to practice medicine?
- B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, could the Minister advise the Senate when he expects this requirement to come into effect?
- C. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, could the Minister indicate what is the procedure required to institute such a requirement?

Question No. 51 to the Honourable Minister of Health

(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)

With reference to the Scarborough General Hospital, Tobago, could the Minister inform this Senate of:

- a) the status of the acquisition of a MRI to provide this service to Tobago residents;
- b) the expected date of commissioning of the MRI Machine;
- c) the status of the acquisition of a Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and the expected date of the commissioning of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory; and

- d) whether the Government has considered the Report of the Joint Select Committee (Group 2) dated October 04, 2013 on the Commissioning Process for the Hospital, and if so, to what extent have the findings and recommendations been addressed?
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

Bills Second Reading

- (i) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Libel and Defamation Act, Chap. 11:16 to abolish malicious defamatory libel”.
(By the Attorney General)
- (ii) 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)
- (iii) A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Securities Act, 2012”.
(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 February 04, 2014 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. 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. 54 to the Honourable Minister of Transport

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Would the Minister indicate whether any tenant was ejected from occupation of any unit in any of the Terminal Malls under the purview of the Public Transport Service Corporation, since May 2010?
- B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, would the Minister indicate:
 - (i) how many such occupants were ejected;
 - (ii) from which mall and which unit(s);
 - (iii) when was/were this/these tenant(s) ejected;
 - (iv) by what legal means this was achieved; and
 - (v) whether any legal proceedings were instituted in the High Court or the Magistrates Courts to achieve this objective and if so, the names of the Attorney(s) used for this purpose and the respective fees(s) paid in each case?

(Answer due by 08.03.14)

Question No. 55 to the Honourable Minister of Transport

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Would the Minister provide this Senate with a list of all contracts entered into, for the provision of goods and/or services to the Public Transport Service Corporation for the period 01st

January, 2011 to 31st December, 2013, giving details as to the names of the individual/entity; the scope of works or service; and the contract sum in each case?

(Answer due by 08.03.14)

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