



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

SIXTEENTH SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2013/2014)
TENTH PARLIAMENT
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2014 AT 1:30 P.M.

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(By the Leader of Government Business)
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 52 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Infrastructure

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Could the Minister inform this Senate on:

- (i) the amount of moneys collected under the Road Improvement Fund for the period July 2010 to present; and
- (ii) the use that has been made by the Ministry of the said funds?

Question No. 53 to the Honourable Minister of Local Government

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

With respect to the construction of the new Siparia Market undertaken by the Siparia Regional Corporation, would the Minister:

- (a) indicate the process that was adopted for the issue of the contract to rebuild the said Market;

- (b) describe the facility as now exists, demonstrating its components, features and access for the disabled community;
 - (c) indicate who was the Project Manager and indicate his/her training, qualification and experience for this undertaking;
 - (d) provide the names of the persons who comprised the evaluation team to evaluate the bid for this contract; when did this team finalize their evaluation; and what was the “builder’s estimate” for this contract and what was the Corporation’s estimate of this builder’s proposal and design; and
 - (e) state the number of vendors that are now or intended to be accommodated in the facility?
9. QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMEN OF SESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEES
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 15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

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)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

- (i) 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)

- (ii) A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Securities Act, 2012”.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

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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)

Question No. 95 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By Senator David Small)

With regard to Petroleum Pricing, could the Minister please inform the Senate as to:

- a) the status of the operations of the Permanent Petroleum Pricing Committee and the number of meetings held in the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2103;
- b) what measures are being utilised by the Ministry to establish and confirm the “correctness” of sale prices for petroleum and other petrochemical products, and
- c) the mechanisms which are used to determine whether the true market value of these transactions are adequate?

(Answer due by 14.03.14)

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