



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

TWENTIETH SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2013/2014)

TENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2014 AT 10:00 A.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 Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Intellectual Property Office for the year January 01, 2010 to December 31, 2010.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
  - (ii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Intellectual Property Office for the year January 01, 2011 to December 31, 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
  - (iii) The Annual Report of First Citizens Bank Limited for the year 2013  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
  - (iv) The Annual Administrative Report of the Betting Levy Board for the period July 01, 2010 to June 30, 2011.  
**(By the Minister of Trade, Industry and Investment)**
  - (v) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation for the year 2011 to 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Food Production)**
  - (vi) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of National Diversity and Social Integration for fiscal year 2012.  
**(By the Minister of National Diversity and Social Integration)**

- (vii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism for the period October 01, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

**(By the Minister of the Arts and Multiculturalism)**

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

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

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 65 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)**

- A. Would the Minister indicate the number of persons who were arrested and charged under the said Anti-Gang legislation between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013, and whether there have been any convictions to date?
- B. Would the Minister further indicate whether any investigation is underway, within or independent of the TTPS, in order to determine the steps that should be taken to enable TTPS to eradicate gangs and “gang-related” activities?

**Question No. 66 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)**

- A. Would the Minister indicate whether the Counter-Trafficking Unit and the National Task Force as envisaged by the Trafficking in Persons Act, have been established?
- B. In respect of the former, has the Unit been staffed, as so legislated and is the Unit operational?
- C. If the answer to (b) is in the affirmative would the Minister indicate the date of appointment of the office-holders under the Act?
- D. Would the Minister indicate (in writing) who are the office-holders in each case?

**Question No. 67 to the Honourable Minister of the Arts and Multiculturalism**

**(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)**

- A. Would the Minister indicate whether or not the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA) has begun to manifest significant signs of deterioration? If so, would the Minister describe the major signs of deterioration?
- B. Would the Minister outline the government’s plan for the upkeep and maintenance of this building?
- C. Would the Minister indicate the last date of the cleaning of the outside of the building, in particular the glass?
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**

### **Motions**

- (i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 14(5) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order amend the Fourth Schedule of the Act to exempt the University of the West Indies from the payment of Motor Vehicles Tax in respect of motor vehicles (including agricultural tractors) purchased by the University for its own use and the Order shall have effect from the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 14(6), that every Order issued under that subsection shall, after four days and within twenty-one days from the date of its first publication, be submitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Senate and the House of Representatives may by Resolution confirm, amend or revoke such Order, and upon publication of the Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the *Gazette*, the Resolution shall have effect:

**AND WHEREAS** the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Order, 2014, was made under section 14(5) of the Act, and first published in the *Gazette* on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014:

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to confirm the said Order:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Order, 2014 be confirmed.

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

### **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 Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, Chap. 29:53”

**(By the Minister of Health)**

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions**

- (i) **The debate on the following motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Wednesday April 02, 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 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2013;
- 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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