



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-FIRST SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2013/2014)

TENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY 15TH 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 Audited Financial Statements of the National Commission for Self-Help Limited for the year ended September 30, 2012.
(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 Regulated Industries Commission for the year ended December 31, 2012.
(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 Police Complaints Authority for the three months ended December 31, 2006
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
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. 68 to the Honourable Minister of the Arts and Multiculturalism

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Would the Minister indicate whether the Hotel and Restaurant components at the NAPA are being utilized?

- B. If the answer to (A) is affirmative, would the Minister indicate the way(s) in which these components have been so utilized thus far?
- C. Would the Minister outline the government's plans and/or prospects for using the NAPA as a means of generating income during the current fiscal year?
- D. Would the Minister indicate, the total revenue earned by the NAPA for the period July 1st, 2010 to 31st December, 2013; the number of events staged at this facility and whether government departments which use this facility are made to pay for its use?

Question No. 69 to the Honourable Minister of the Environment and Water Resources

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Would the Minister indicate whether an investigation has been launched into allegations of bid-rigging, in respect of Contract WTC 197/2011 issued by WASA, in the sum of approximately \$70m dollars?
- B. Would the Minister indicate the status of this investigation, if indeed, one is on-going?
- C. Would the Minister confirm whether this allegation of bid-rigging, or any related conduct, was reported to either the Auditor General, the Integrity Commission or to the Police?
- D. If the answer to (C) is affirmative, would the Minister indicate when was/were this/these report(s) made and what is the status of this/these report(s)?
- E. If the answer to (C) is negative, would that Minister say why no report was made and further indicate whether there is any plan or intention to do so? If so, when?
- F. Would the Minister also indicate whether the person or persons who was/were suspected to be involved in this matter is/are still in office or whether such person or persons has/have been suspended, pending the outcome of this investigation?
- G. Would the Minister further indicate what interim measures, if any, have been taken to protect the authority and the tax-payers of Trinidad and Tobago, from the type of conduct that brought about these allegations and investigation?
- H. Would the Minister provide the names of the companies which bid for the said contract and which company actually emerged as the awardee, in the process now under investigation?
- I. Would the Minister say whether this contract award is the subject of any court proceedings?

Question No. 70 to the Honourable Minister of the Environment and Water Resources

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Would the Minister indicate the total sum spent by WASA on developmental work designed to improve the range and frequency of water delivery in Trinidad and Tobago between January 1st, 2011 to the present?
- B. Would the Minister indicate the locations of this development work.
- C. Would the Minister indicate the five (5) main aspects of this development work?
- D. Would the Minister further indicate the amount of money received by WASA from loans/facility agreements from any source affected by WASA between June 1st, 2010 to the present date?
- E. Would the Minister indicate the total amount paid by WASA in loan repayments on an annual basis as at December 31st, 2013?
- F. Would the Minister provide this house with copies of all loan agreements now being negotiated/finalized and not yet disbursed? If so, would the Minister indicate the other

party, the loan sum proposed, the interest rate, the duration, the annual repayment as proposed?

- G. Would the Minister indicate whether there are any pending agreements/contracts, in respect of the answer provided at (c) above?

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 13th 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 amend the Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, Chap. 29:53”

(By the Minister of Health)

- (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)

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 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 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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