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TENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 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 Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Venture Capital Incentive Programme for the year ended September 30, 2007.  
**(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 Venture Capital Incentive Programme for the year ended September 30, 2008.  
**(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 Venture Capital Incentive Programme for the year ended September 30, 2009.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
  - (iv) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Venture Capital Incentive Programme for the year ended September 30, 2010.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
  - (v) The Audited Financial Statements of the Deposit Insurance Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)**
7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

- (i) The Eighth Report of the Joint Select Committee established to inquire into and report to Parliament on Ministries (Group I) and on the Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises falling under their purview on Primary School Education  
**(By Senator Elton Prescott, S.C.)**

8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

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

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 74 to the Honourable Minister of Education**

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

With respect to the “Laptop Programme” for Secondary School entrants, could the Minister indicate to this Senate:

- (a) the actual expenditure to date on the Programme;
- (b) the cost of repairs to date and the name(s) of persons or firms contracted to effect the said repairs of these laptops; and
- (c) the name(s) of the manufacturer(s) of the laptops and the supplier(s) of same, if different?

**Question No. 75 to the Honourable Minister of Justice**

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

- A. Would the Minister kindly indicate the name and general location of the Unit/Department that stores DNA samples for future identification purposes?
- B. Would the Minister further indicate which State official has responsibility for this unit?
- C. Would the Minister advise as to whether such samples are held at only one agency and whether there is any other repository of such material?

**Question No. 76 to the Honourable Attorney General**

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

- A. Would the Attorney General indicate the status of the police investigation, into the alleged conspiracy to pervert the course of Public Justice, arising out of revelations, by one Dhansam Dhansook, that the said Dhansam Dhansook made false allegations against two (2) former ministers of government and following which, the Director of Public Prosecution referred the said matter to the police for its attention and investigation;
- B. Is/are any other agency(ies) of the State conducting this/these investigation(s);
- C. When are these investigations expected to be concluded;
- D. Based on the current status of these investigations, are criminal charges a probable result?

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

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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) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday April 15, 2014 will be resumed:**

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)**

- (iii) A Bill entitled “An Act to provide for public procurement, and for the retention and disposal of public property, in accordance with the principles of good governance, namely accountability, transparency, integrity and value for money, the establishment of the Office of Procurement Regulation, the repeal of the Central Tenders Board Act, Chap. 71:91 and related matters”.

**(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 06, 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)**

- (ii) **WHEREAS** prior to the introduction of the Regional Health Authorities it was recognized that the centralized approach to the management of the public health sector had resulted in allocative inefficiencies, limited managerial capacity and limited authority at the local level;

**AND WHEREAS** in 1994, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago introduced a comprehensive health sector reform program to address the institutional constraints that have frustrated many of the previous efforts at improving the delivery of public health care;

**AND WHEREAS** these reforms resulted in administrative decentralization of the health sector through the establishment of autonomous Regional Health Authorities governed by statutory non-executive boards supported by executive management teams.

**AND WHEREAS** in spite of significant increases in annual expenditure in the health sector, there still remains numerous problems with the delivery of health care;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate call on the Government to take immediate steps to conduct a comprehensive review of the Regional Health Authority system in the delivery of health care in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)**

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Clerk of the Senate**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**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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