



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

NINTH SITTING, FIFTH SESSION (2014/2015)
TENTH PARLIAMENT
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 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 Consolidated Financial Statements of the Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (ii) The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Regulated Industries Commission for the year ended December 31, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (iii) The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Regulated Industries Commission for the year ended December 31, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (iv) The Audited Financial Statements of Export Centres Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (v) The Audited Financial Statements of Export Centres Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (vi) The Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

- (vii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Caribbean New Media Group Limited for the year ended December 31, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
- (viii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Caribbean New Media Group Limited for the year ended December 31, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
- (ix) The Annual Administrative Report of the Livestock and Livestock Products Board (LLPB) for the year October 2008 to September 2009.
(By the Minister of Food Production)
- (x) The Annual Administrative Report of the Livestock and Livestock Products Board (LLPB) for the year October 2012 to September 2013.
(By the Minister of Food Production)
- (xi) The Annual Administrative Report of the Arima Borough Corporation for the year October 2012 to September 2013.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
- (xii) The Administrative Report of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation for the period October 2007 to September 2008.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
- (xiii) The Administrative Report of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation for the period October 2008 to September 2009.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
- (xiv) The Administrative Report of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation for the period October 2009 to September 2010.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
- (xv) The Administrative Report of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation for the period October 2010 to September 2011.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
- (xvi) The Administrative Report of the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation for the period October 2009 to September 2010.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
- (xvii) The Administrative Report of the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation for the period October 2010 to September 2011.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
- (xviii) The Administrative Report of the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation for the period October 2011 to September 2012.
(By the Minister of Local Government)

- (xix) The Administrative Report of the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation for the period October 2012 to September 2013.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
- (xx) The Ministerial Response to the Fourteenth Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on a Review of the Administration of the San Fernando City Corporation.
(By the Minister of Local Government)
- (xxi) The Response of the Public Service Commission to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on an evaluation of the Service Commissions.
(By the Vice-President)
- (xxii) The Response of the Police Service Commission to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on the Evaluation of the Service Commissions.
(By the Vice-President)
- (xxiii) The Response of the Public Service Commission to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on a re-evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Public Service Commission.
(By the Vice-President)
- (xxiv) The Administrative Report of the Tobago House of Assembly for the year 2013.
(By the Prime Minister)

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. 1 to the Honourable Minister of Food Production**

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

As it relates to buildings occupied by the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB), would the Minister indicate:

- (a) the number of buildings used by the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) for administrative purposes, and their locations;
- (b) whether the ADB is the owner of this/these buildings;

* Question No. 1 was deferred until after the budget debate on 30.09.2014.

- (c) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, would the Minister indicate the number of such buildings occupied under lease agreements; their locations, when leased, the lease rent in each case and whether the ADB is in occupation;
- (d) whether the ADB has any plan or has taken any decision to sell any of its real estate assets, and if so, which such assets;
- (e) in respect of (c) has the ADB spent or is spending any money to render any leased property fit for the purpose for which it has been leased; and
- (f) if the answer to (e) is in the affirmative, how much has been spent in each case and how much more is expected to be spent in each case?

***Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of Food Production**

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Would the Minister indicate whether the Agricultural Development Bank has granted any unsecured loans for the period 1st November, 2010, to the present date?
- B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative could the Minister indicate:
 - (i) the total amount of the unsecured loan portfolio and the number of loans?
 - (ii) whether any such loan has been granted for non-agricultural purposes and if so, how many?
 - (iii) could the Minister indicate whether any of these unsecured loans are in arrears and by how many months?

Question No. 3 to the Honourable Minister of Food Production

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

With regard to the administration of the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB), could the Minister kindly indicate to this Senate:

- (a) whether a Board of Directors of the ADB is now in place;
- (b) whether the ADB has a full complement of managerial staff in accordance with the ADB's most recent Human Resource Structure/Establishment plan and whether they are all in active service;
- (c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative would the Minister indicate why not, and whether there are plans to rectify this situation?

Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Transport

(By Senator Avinash Singh)

With respect to the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister please advise this Senate on:

- (a) whether the CEO contract at VMCOTT was terminated by the new Chairman of the Board; if so, on what basis was it done;
- (b) whether the Chief Operating Officer position at VMCOTT was in existence prior to 2010;
- (c) whether the Chairman of VMCOTT is an Executive Chairman; and

* Questions Nos. 2, 3 and 18 were deferred until after the budget debate on 30.09.2014.

- (d) whether the Managers at VMCOTT met the minimum qualifications for their positions?
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 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 Land Tenants (Security of Tenure) Act, Chap 59:54”.
(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)
- (iii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the monitoring of prescribed activities and the prevention of the diversion of precursor chemicals and other chemical substances used, or capable of being used, in any type of illicit transaction involving narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and other drugs or substances having a similar effect and for purposes connected therewith”.
(By the Minister of National Security)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions

- (i) **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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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 15 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 August, 2014, 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 on 25.09.14)

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