



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TENTH SITTING, FIFTH SESSION (2014/2015)
TENTH PARLIAMENT
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25, 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 Statement of Recovery of Expenses of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs for the year ended December 31, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (ii) The Foster Care Regulations, 2014.
(By the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development)
 - (iii) The Children's Community Residences Regulations, 2014.
(By the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development)
 - (iv) The Children's Authority Regulations, 2014.
(By the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development)
 - (v) The Response of the Teaching Service Commission to the First Report (2011/2012) of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal Corporations and Service Commissions on an Evaluation of the Service Commissions
(By the Vice-President)
 - (vi) The Response of the Teaching Service Commission to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Municipal

Corporations and Service Commissions on a Re-evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Teaching Service Commission.

(By the Vice-President)

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

- (i) The Fifteenth 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 Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation.

(By Senator Anthony Vieira)

- (ii) The Sixteenth 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 Sangre Grande Regional Corporation.

(By Senator Anthony Vieira)

- (iii) The Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to Parliament on Ministries (Group 1) and on Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises falling under their purview on an inquiry into the administration and operations of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago [with particular focus on the Board's relations with the National Insurance Appeals Tribunal (NIAT)].

(By Senator Elton Prescott, S.C)

8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 4 to the Honourable Minister of Food Production

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Could the Minister kindly indicate whether the firm Top Design Limited provided goods and/or services to the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB), and if so, the nature of the goods and/or services provided to date?
- B. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, could the Minister indicate whether this firm is/was the only provider of these goods and services to the ADB?
- C. If the answer to (B) is negative, would the Minister indicate how many other firms/companies provided similar goods and services?
- D. If the answer to (A) is in the affirmative, could the Minister indicate the number of contracts that were entered into between the ADB and Top Design Limited between January, 2011 and August, 2014?
- E. Could the Minister indicate the total sum paid in all the contracts awarded to the said Top Design Limited, during the period as at (D) above?

Question No. 5 to the Honourable Minister of Food Production

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

With respect to the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB), could the Minister indicate to this Senate:

- (i) the name(s) of the security firm(s) that now provide security services in respect of the property and personnel associated with the Bank at all its various locations?
- (ii) when was this /were these firm(s) so contracted, and for what period?
- (iii) the name of the firm(s) which provided these services, prior to the engagement of the present provider(s), and why was the change made?

Question No. 6 to the Honourable Minister of Transport

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Could 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 (PTSC), during the period May 2010 to August 2014?
- 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?

- 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

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday November 18, 2014 will be resumed:**

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)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53 of the Children's Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, 2000 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago may with the approval of the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development, make Regulations in respect of the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries, medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in community residences and foster homes, the provision of information to the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in community residence and foster homes to visit and communicate with the children and where not so provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provisions of such facilities, and all such other matters and things as may appear necessary or expedient or are required to be prescribed for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 53(2), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Children's Authority has on the 14th day of November, 2014 made the Foster Care Regulations, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development has on the 18th day of November, 2014 approved the Foster Care Regulations, 2014;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Foster Care Regulations, 2014 now be affirmed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Foster Care Regulations, 2014 be approved.

(By the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development)

- (ii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53 of the Children’s Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, 2000 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago may with the approval of the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development, make Regulations in respect of the management of any community residence and discipline of the children therein, and to prescribe the punishment for all offences committed against the rules or discipline of any community residence, the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries, medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in community residences and foster homes, the provision of information to the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in community residence and foster home to visit and communicate with the children and where not so provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provisions of such facilities, and all such other matters and things as may appear necessary or expedient or are required to be prescribed for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 53(2), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Children’s Authority has on the 14th day of November, 2014 made the Community Residences Regulations, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development has on the 18th day of November, 2014 approved the Community Residences Regulations, 2014;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Community Residences Regulations, 2014 now be affirmed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Children’s Community Residences Regulations, 2014 be approved.

(By the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development)

- (iii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 50 of the Children’s Authority Act, Chap. 46:10 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago may with the approval of the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development, make Regulations in respect of matters which are required to be prescribed under the Act and for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 50(2), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Children’s Authority has on the 14th day of November, 2014 made the Children’s Authority Regulations, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development has on the 18th day of November, 2014 approved the Foster Care Regulations, 2014;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Children’s Authority Regulations now be affirmed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Children’s Authority Regulations, 2014 be approved.

(By the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development)

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)

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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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