



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

ELEVENTH SITTING, FIFTH SESSION (2014/2015)

TENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 03, 2014 AT 11:00 A.M.

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(By the Vice President)
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(By the Vice President)
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 7 to the Honourable Minister of Transport

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

With respect to the contract with RK2 Engineering for certain works at the San Juan Terminal Mall, would the Minister indicate:

- (a) whether the contract works have now been completed;
- (b) if not, the reason for the delay and when are these works to be completed;
- (c) if completed, would the Minister state on what date;
- (d) the original contract price and what sum has already been paid to the contractor;
- (e) whether the said sum is VAT inclusive; and

- (f) whether RK2 Engineering has been contracted/engaged to perform any other work(s) for the PTSC, since May 2010, and if so, would the Minister kindly indicate the site(s) and amount payable under each such engagement?

Question No. 8 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Would the Minister indicate how many Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) have been sent to the Financial Intelligence Unit for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and July, 2014 respectively?
- B. How many of these SARs were sent to the Financial Investigations Branch (FIB) for each of these successive periods;
- C. Has any person or entity been charged for any offence related to money-laundering following any such SAR and/or activity by the FIB?

Question No. 9 to the Honourable Minister of National Security

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

With respect to ex-gratia payments made to Dr. Dwayne Gibbs and Mr. Jack Ewatski, the former Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police, would the Minister indicate:

- (a) the date upon which these payments were actually made;
- (b) from which Head and Sub-Head of his Ministry's budgetary allocation were these funds drawn;
- (c) whether the Police Service Commission recommended that the Government make ex gratia payments to the two former police officials;
- (d) whether all former Commissioners and Acting Commissioners who demitted office within the past five (5) years were paid all of their entitlements upon demitting office?

***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
- (d) whether the Managers at VMCOTT met the minimum qualifications for their positions?

9. QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMEN OF SESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEES

* Question No. 18 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 18.11.2014.

10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
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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 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) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday November 25, 2014 will be resumed:**

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) **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)

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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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