



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-FIRST SITTING, FIFTH SESSION (2014/2015)

TENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2015 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 Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1978.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (ii) The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1979.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (iii) The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1980.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (iv) The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1981.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
 - (v) The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1982.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

- (vi) The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1983.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
- (vii) The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1984.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
- (viii) The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1985.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
- (ix) The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1986.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
- (x) The Third Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the year ended December 31, 1987.
(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)
- (xi) The Annual Report of the Equal Opportunity Commission for the year 2010.
(By the Attorney General)
- (xii) The Annual Report of the Equal Opportunity Commission for the year 2011.
(By the Attorney General)
- (xiii) The Annual Report of the Equal Opportunity Commission for the year 2012.
(By the Attorney General)
- (xiv) The Annual Report of the Equal Opportunity Commission for the year 2013.
(By the Attorney General)
- (xv) The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) Order, 2015.
(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)
- (xvi) The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 2) Order, 2015.
(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

- (i) The Nineteenth Report of the Joint Select committee on Ministries (Group 2), and on the Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises falling under their purview on the Administration and Operations of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (PATI).

(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)

8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 16 to the Honourable Minister of Housing and Urban Development**

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

With respect to the Housing Development Corporation (HDC), could the Minister inform this Senate of:

- (a) the number of houses constructed throughout Trinidad and Tobago for the period May 2010 to August 2014;
- (b) the specific number of houses constructed in each Housing Development; and
- (c) the total cost to build and outfit these houses?

***Question No. 23 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Would the Minister provide the status of the investigation into the re-establishment of a "New Flying Squad"?

***Question No. 27 to the Honourable Minister of National Security**

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the cost of advertisements and public relations campaigns conducted by the Ministry of National Security in the Media for the period January 2011 to November 2014?

***Question No. 32 to the Honourable Minister of Justice**

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the cost of advertisements and public relations campaigns conducted by the Ministry of Justice in the Media for the period January 2011 to November 2014?

*Question No. 16 was deferred for two weeks on 16.12.2014, for one week on 13.01.2015, for two weeks on 20.01.2015, for two weeks on 03.02.2015, for two weeks on 24.02.2015 and for one week on 10.03.2015.

*Question No. 23 was deferred for two weeks on 20.01.2015, for two weeks on 03.02.2015, for two weeks on 24.02.2015 and for one week on 10.03.2015.

*Question No. 27 was deferred for two weeks on 27.01.2015 for two weeks on 24.02.2015 and for one week on 10.03.2015.

*Question No. 32 was deferred for two weeks on 24.02.2015 and for one week on 10.03.2015.

***Question No. 35 to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the cost of advertisements and public relations campaigns conducted by the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs in the Media for the period January 2011 to November 2014?

***Question No. 39 to the Honourable Minister of Housing and Urban Development**

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the cost of advertisements and public relations campaigns conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development in the Media for the period January 2011 to November 2014?

***Question No. 40 to the Honourable Prime Minister**

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the cost of advertisements and public relations campaigns conducted by the Office of the Prime Minister in the Media for the period January 2011 to November 2014?

***Question No. 62 to the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Economy**

(By Senator Dr. Lester Henry)

Could the Minister indicate the total amount of government borrowing for the period January 2013 to present?

***Question No. 65 to the Honourable Minister of Health**

(By Senator Dr. Victor Wheeler)

With respect to the new Cardiac Catherterisation Laboratory (CathLab) under construction at the Scarborough General Hospital could the Minister state:

- i. the expected completion date of this construction;
- ii. the expected date of commissioning and the start of Cardiac CathLab services at the Scarborough General Hospital;
- iii. whether a Cardiologist has been selected to direct the Cardiac CathLab program at the Scarborough General Hospital;
- iv. whether there is a plan to partner with a Cardiac CathLab and Cardiothoracic Surgery Program in Trinidad to initiate these services;
- v. whether there is a plan to train a Scarborough General Hospital team to operate the Cardiac CathLab;
- vi. if there is a plan to train the staff, could you state where this training will be taking place; and
- vii. if it is the intention for the Cardiac CathLab to be internationally accredited and if so, what type of accreditation is being sought?

*Questions Nos. 35 was deferred for one week on 03.03.2015 and for one week on 10.03.2015

* Questions Nos. 39 was deferred for one week on 10.03.2015

*Questions No. 40 was deferred for one week on 10.03.2015

*Question No. 62 was deferred for two weeks on 20.01.2015, for two weeks on 03.02.2015, for two weeks on 24.02. 2015 and for one week on 10.03.2015.

*Question No. 65 was deferred for two weeks on 24.02.2015 and for one week on 10.03.2015.

Question No. 41 to the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the cost of advertisements and public relations campaigns conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Media for the period January 2011 to November 2014?

Question No. 42 to the Honourable Minister of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the cost of advertisements and public relations campaigns conducted by the Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development in the Media for the period January 2011 to November 2014?

Question No. 43 to the Honourable Minister of Legal Affairs

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the cost of advertisements and public relations campaigns conducted by the Ministry of Legal Affairs in the Media for the period January 2011 to November 2014?

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

Bills Second Reading

- (i) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday January 20, 2015 will be resumed:**

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)

- (ii) **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)

- (iii) 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)

- (iv) A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the regulation of the financial business activities of all credit unions and secondary bodies carrying on the business of a credit union and for matters related thereto”.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

- (v) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Co-operative Societies Act, Chap. 81:03”.

(By the Minister of Finance and the Economy)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday January 27, 2015 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)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions

- (i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate adopt the Report of the Standing Orders Committee of the Senate, Fifth Session (2014/2015), Tenth Parliament.

(By the Leader of Government Business)

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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)

Question No. 19 to the Honourable Minister of Sport

(By Senator Camille Robinson-Regis)

- A. Could the Minister provide a list of all the clubs, organisations, individuals and other entities and/or persons that have received funding from the Ministry of Sport and the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago (SPORTT) for the period June 01, 2010 to November 30, 2014; and
- B. Could the Minister state the amount of money paid to each entity and/or person listed in response to (A)?

(Answer due on 05.01.15)

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