



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

FOURTEENTH SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2015/2016)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.

1. PRAYERS
2. OATH OR AFFIRMATION
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 Institute of Marine Affairs for the year ended September 30, 2008.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (ii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Institute of Marine Affairs for the year ended September 30, 2009.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (iii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Commission for Self Help Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (iv) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (v) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)

(vi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Evolving Tecknologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (eTeck) for the year ended September 30, 2010.

(By the Minister of Finance)

(vii) The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended September 30, 2015.

(By the Minister of Finance)

(viii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the period 2011 – 2012.

(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

(ix) The Annual Administrative Report of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the period 2012 – 2013.

(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

(x) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism for the period October 01, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)

(xi) The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 2) Order, 2016.

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 31 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Could the Minister tell the Senate the names and addresses of the Non-Governmental Organisations which received funding or financial assistance from Lake Asphalt Company during the period October 1st 2015 to November 30 2015?

Question No. 32 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Could the Minister tell the Senate the names and addresses of the Non-Governmental Organisations which received funding or financial assistance from the La Brea Development Company limited (LABIDCO) during the period October 1st to November 30, 2015?

Question No. 33 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Could the Minister provide the Senate with the names and addresses of the Non-Governmental Organisations which received funding or financial assistance from the Trinidad Generation Unlimited during the period October 1st to November 30, 2015?

Question No. 48 to the Minister of Finance

(By Senator Khadijah Ameen)

Does the government have any plans to reduce or remove VAT on books and/or on computers (such as personal computers, laptops, iPads, tablets, and parts and accessories) or educational software?

Question No. 49 to the Minister of Public Administration

(By Senator Khadijah Ameen)

Can the Minister inform the Senate when free Wi-Fi will be available to the nation, as promised during the debate on the Appropriation (Financial Year 2016) Bill, 2015?

Question No. 50 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Khadijah Ameen)

Can the Minister indicate how the cut in budget allocation for the School Dietary Programme will impact on the quality and quantity of meals provided to children in the nation's schools?

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
15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate adopt the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Government Assurances.

(By Senator Foster Cummings)

- (ii) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate adopt the First Report of the Senate Standing Orders Committee, First Session (2015/2016), Eleventh Parliament.

(By Senator Nigel De Freitas)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday March 22, 2016 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago is established under Chap 79:02 of the laws of Trinidad and Tobago as a body corporate with the purpose to promote monetary credit and exchange conditions that are most favourable to the development of the economy;

AND WHEREAS as the institution that manages monetary credit, exchange conditions and interest rates, Central Banks worldwide are expected to be independent of political interference;

AND WHEREAS the Bank is managed by a Board of Directors and the day to day management of the Bank is entrusted to the Governor who shall be appointed by the President for a period of five (5) years;

AND WHEREAS section 10(1) of the Central Bank Act stipulates that the Governor shall be answerable to the Board for his acts or decisions;

AND WHEREAS there has been no public disclosure by the Board of Directors or otherwise with regard to apparent reasons for the dismissal of the Governor owing to his actions or decisions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate condemn the actions of the Government in its dismissal of the Governor of the Central Bank on December 24, 2015.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (ii) **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the escalating levels of job losses in the country since September 2015 and condemn the Government for its failure to present a clear and cogent economic policy to guide Trinidad and Tobago through these challenging economic circumstances.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (iii) **WHEREAS** the limitless use of technology creates avenues for its abuse and for various types of cybercrimes, including cyberbullying, which can harm our citizens;

AND WHEREAS the laws of Trinidad and Tobago have not, to date, addressed the issue of the regulation of such “cyber-activity”;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate call upon the Government to quickly close the gaps in our legislation in relation to penalties for the abuse and negative usage of computers, mobile devices and internet technology.”

(By Senator Melissa V. Ramkissoon)

- (iv) **WHEREAS** financial and administrative autonomy of Parliament is an undisputed benchmark of a true democracy;

AND WHEREAS a Joint Select Committee established during the Tenth Parliament to consider proposals for the autonomy of Parliament reported to both Houses that parliamentary autonomy

should be viewed as a recalibration of the existing relationship between the Executive and the Legislature;

AND WHEREAS the Government, in adopting the 2015 Manifesto of the People's National Movement as its official policy framework, confirmed its commitment to the principles of parliamentary autonomy;

BE IT RESOLVED that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be established to consider and report within three (3) months on a legislative formula for parliamentary autonomy in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

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