



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-FIRST SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2015/2016)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2016 AT 1:30 P.M.

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Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 60 to the Minister of Public Administration and Communications

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the growing numbers of persons who are retiring from the Public Service, and the increased burden on the State toward the payment on gratuity and pensions, does the Government intend to increase the retirement age from 60 years to 65 years?

Question No. 61 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In view of the growing insecurity facing employees of the shut down Arcelor Mittal Steel Company, could the Minister state when the urgently required amendments to the Severance and Retrenchment Benefits Act will be brought to the Parliament, and whether it would be retroactive?

Question No. 62 to the Minister of National Security

(By Senator Wade Mark)

What immediate measures are being pursued by the Government to address the low crime detection rate in the country?

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 9 of the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organisations) Act, Chap. 17:01 (hereinafter called “the Act”) that the President may by Order declare that any international or regional organisation or agency named or described in such Order shall, to such extent as specified in the Order, be accorded certain privileges and immunities;

AND WHEREAS it is also provided by section 9 of the Act that every Order made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 22nd day of April, 2016 made the Privileges and Immunities [CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMAPCS)] Order, 2016;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Order now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Privileges and Immunities [CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)] Order, 2016 be approved.

(By the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs)

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 May 24, 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** 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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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 85 to the Prime Minister

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Prime Minister please state:

- a) how many times he has travelled abroad on official business over the period September 7, 2015 to May 30, 2016;
- b) the total cost of such foreign travel including that of the official delegation accompanying the Prime Minister?

(Answer due by 01.07.2016)

Question No. 86 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Wade Mark)

With respect to the retaining of private legal services for the period September 7, 2015 to May 30, 2016, by the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, could the Attorney General please indicate:

- a) the names of the attorneys-at-law or legal firms retained;
- b) the total amounts paid and/or owed to said attorneys or legal firms; and
- c) the details of each engagement including the nature of each brief?

(Answer due by 01.07.2016)

Question No 87 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Wade Mark)

For the period September 07, 2015 to May 30, 2016, can the Attorney General please identify:

- a) each legal matter for which an out of court settlement has been approved and/or effected;
- b) the attorneys-at-law representing the complainant/claimant; and
- c) the total amounts approved and/or paid to the attorneys and complainants?

(Answer due by 01.07.2016)

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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTION

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given the concerns of the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force that there are inadequate provisions to deal with terrorist financing in Trinidad and Tobago, what is the Government doing to address such concerns?

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