



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

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

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.

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 - (i) The Annual Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (ii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation (UTC) for the year ended December 31, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 63 to the Minister of Planning and Development

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Could the Minister state the value and repayment terms of the recently signed loan agreement for the strengthening of the single electronic window for trade and business facilitation between the IADB and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 64 to the Minister of National Security

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Could the Minister provide a precise time frame for the implementation and operationalisation of policy in respect to the award of \$1m to the estates of officers slain in the line of duty?

Question No. 65 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the rising levels of unemployment through layoffs and retrenchment and declining purchasing power of the workers, is it the intention of the government to urgently consider and implement an unemployment insurance scheme?

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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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

- (i) A Bill entitled 'An Act to make jurisdiction for all family matters and children matters exercisable in a Division of the High Court to be called the Family and Children Division and to make provision for matters connected therewith'.

(By the Attorney General)

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; and
- 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 QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. TO THE MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

In light of recent reports that five year old chicken parts are being sold to consumers, what immediate measures will the Government be taking to protect and safeguard the well-being of consumers of poultry products?

(By Senator Wade Mark)

2. TO THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

Given the recent flooding and dislocation experienced by residents of Debe and Penal through persistent rainfall, could the Minister state what assistance, if any, will the Government render to the affected residents?

(By Senator Wade Mark)

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