



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

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

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY JULY 07, 2016 AT 1:30 P.M.

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Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 72 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

What steps are being taken by the authorities to prevent the imposition of sanctions on the country by the European Commission on the issue of illegal fishing?

Question No. 73 to the Minister of Health

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Does the government intend to consider reforming the law in relation to abortion in light of the impact of the Zika virus?

Question No. 74 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the recent suicide committed by David Francis, what assistance, apart from the distribution of food cards, does the Minister intend to take to assist workers and their families who have been recently laid off?

10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

- (i) A Bill entitled 'An Act to provide for the variation of certain duties and taxes and to introduce provisions of a fiscal nature and for related matters'.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (ii) A Bill entitled 'An Act to amend the Remedies of Creditors Act. Chap. 8:09'.
(By the Minister of Finance)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday June 28, 2016 will be resumed:**
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)

- (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)

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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 Vice-President in accordance with Standing Order 25 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

In light of the admission by the Minister of a leak in the Secondary Entrance Assessment exam results, what immediate measures will be taken by the Ministry to address this development?

(By Senator Wade Mark)

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