



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

TWELFTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2016/2017)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AT 1:30 P.M.

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3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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  - (i) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of MIC-Institute of Technology (MIC-IT) formally Metal Industries Company Limited, for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
8. URGENT QUESTIONS
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**Question for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 19 to the Prime Minister**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

What steps are being taken by Government to provide accommodation for victims of domestic violence?

**Question No. 25 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

What is the percentage of BGTI's total natural gas sales made to the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago?

**Question No. 26 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (a) Does Petrotrin owe the State any royalties related to the production and monetisation of crude oil and condensate?

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\* Question No. 19 was deferred for two weeks on 31.01.2017.

- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, can the Minister state the amount owed and for what period was the liability incurred?

**Question No. 27 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (a) Does Petrotrin owe the Board of Inland Revenue any taxes related to the production and monetisation of crude oil and condensate?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, can the Minister state the amount owed and for what period was the liability incurred?
10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday January 31, 2017 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** Trinidad and Tobago is a signatory since 1970 to the 1958 ILO Convention C111, on discrimination in respect of Employment and Occupation;

**AND WHEREAS** the principle of the elimination of all forms of discrimination in the workplace is an established policy position of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** Senators without portfolio in the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago, perform all the functions of legislators in discharging their Parliamentary obligations;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Retirement Allowances Act Chapter 2:03, be amended to include all Senators within the definition of legislators;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Senate call upon the Government to present the required legislative amendment to the Parliament before the end of the Second Session (2016-2017).

**(By Senator Dr. Dhanayshar Mahabir)**

- (ii) **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)**

- (iii) **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)**

- (iv) **WHEREAS** Section 48 of the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap 25:03 provides for the unspent balance at the end of the financial year to be retained in the Fund and utilized for the purposes of capital investment;

**AND WHEREAS** the 2006 Auditor General Report of the Assembly revealed that the relevant documents and records necessary to verify and support its Fund Account balance of \$225 million could not be produced for audit examination and funds totaling \$10 million could not be accounted for;

**AND WHEREAS** the Assembly Financial Rule No. 34 stipulates that *"moneys shall not be withdrawn from the Contingencies Account other than for the purposes of meeting urgent or unforeseen expenditure"*;

**AND WHEREAS** the Auditor General has reported that sums in excess of one million dollars were transferred from the Fund Account to the Contingencies Account between 2001 and 2006, in breach of Financial Rule No. 34;

**AND WHEREAS** the Auditor General has not submitted financial reports on the audited accounts of the THA for the period 2007 to 2015;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate do call on the Government to conduct an immediate forensic audit of the Fund Account and Contingencies Account of the THA;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the forensic audit include all the financial reports related to the Assembly for the period 2002 to 2012 which were laid in the THA.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (v) **WHEREAS** the responsibility of a Government is to ensure public safety and security through the maintenance of law and order;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to address the extraordinary increase in the level of crime in Trinidad and Tobago;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate take note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of violent crimes in Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Government to take all immediate and necessary steps in the shortest possible time to deal with the unacceptable crime level facing the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By Senator Wayne Sturge)**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Bills Second Reading:**

- (i) A Bill entitled “An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 to introduce a system of traffic violations for certain breaches of the Act, to provide for the implementation of a red-light camera system, a demerit points system and the reform of the fixed penalty system and related legal proceedings and other related matters.

**(By the Attorney General)**

**Brian Caesar  
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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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Are the reports about parts of the North Stand sinking accurate, if so was an assessment done to determine the cause of this?

**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

**Brian Caesar**  
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