



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

FIFTEENTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2016/2017)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY MARCH 21, 2017 AT 1:30 P.M.

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 - (i) The International Financial Organisations (Corporación Andina de Fomento) Bill, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance)
5. PETITIONS
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 - (i) The Response of the Auditor General to the First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Years 2014 and 2015 with specific reference to the Auditor General's Department.
(By the Vice-President)
 - (ii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Fernando City Corporation Mayor's Fund for the year ended September 30, 2008.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (iii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Fernando City Corporation Mayor's Fund for the year ended September 30, 2009.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (iv) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Fernando City Corporation Mayor's Fund for the year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (v) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)

- (vi) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2011.

(By the Minister of Finance)

- (vii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the First Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of State Enterprises (NSDSL, eTeck, NFM, NQCL, GHRS, NIDCO and TTMF) with specific reference to eTeck and NFM.

(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

- (viii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Works and Transport to the First Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of State Enterprises (NSDSL, eTeck, NFM, NQCL, GHRS, NIDCO and TTMF) with specific reference to NIDCO.

(By the Minister of Works and Transport)

- (ix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to the First Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of State Enterprises (NSDSL, eTeck, NFM, NQCL, GHRS, NIDCO and TTMF) with specific reference to TTMF.

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Insurance Bill, 2016.

(By Sen. the Hon. Clarence Rambharat)

- (ii) The Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Bill, 2016.

(By Sen. W. Michael Coppin)

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 31 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

What has the Ministry of Education done to assist the students of the Chatham Primary School, who have been displaced for the last three (3) years?

Question No. 32 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

What action has been taken to resolve the issue of the malfunctioning sewer system at the San Fernando West Secondary School?

Question No. 33 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

What systems have been put in place at the Williamsville Secondary School to deal with the issue of students attacking teachers, and vandalising their vehicles?

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

- (i) **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday March 14, 2017 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled ‘An Act to amend the Offences Against the Person Act, Chap. 11:08 and the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02 and for related matters.’

(By the Attorney General)

- (ii) 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)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday February 14, 2017 will be resumed:**

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)

(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)

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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

***Question No. 53 to the Minister of National Security**

(By Senator Paul Richards)

Can the Minister inform the Senate on the following:

- a) How many anti-crime plans have been initiated in the past twelve (12) months;
- b) What are the metrics for success of these initiatives; and
- c) How many of these initiatives have been successful according to the metrics identified at ‘b’ above?

(Answer due by 14.03.2017)

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* Question No. 53 was deferred for two weeks on 14.03.2017



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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 FINANCE**

What is the rationale for the recent drawdown from the HSF and which, if any, hi-priority capital projects will be funded from said drawdown?

(By Senator Wade Mark)

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

Given the recent killing of a mentally-ill man by the Police, can the Minister inform the Senate of what specific training is provided to Police Officers to prepare them to appropriately address confrontations involving mentally-ill persons?

(By Senator Wade Mark)

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

In light of recent protests by parents of the Santa Rita Roman Catholic Primary School demanding the removal of a pupil for bullying both students and teachers, what steps are being taken to address this situation?

(By Senator Wade Mark)

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