



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

TWENTIETH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2016/2017)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY MAY 09, 2017 AT 1:30 P.M.

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**(By the Minister of Finance)**
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**(By the Minister of Finance)**
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**(By the Minister of Finance)**
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  - (v) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Point Fortin Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2005.  
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  - (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, 2012.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**

(vii) 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, 2013.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

(viii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the South-West Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2006.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

(ix) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the South-West Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2007.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 48 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of the recent deployment of soldiers in Enterprise Village, Chaguanas, can the Minister indicate whether steps are being taken to precept soldiers?

**Question No. 49 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

What measures are being put in place by the TTPS to address the increase in the number of teenagers who have gone missing for January 2017?

**Question No. 50 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Following the January 22, 2017 oil spill in La Brea and several others in the months prior, can the Minister advise on Petrotrin's plans to prevent any further oil spills in La Brea?

**\*Question No. 68 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**

**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

Has Government's policy on agriculture resulted in a reduction in the food importation bill over the last eighteen (18) months; and if yes, by how much?

**\*Question No. 69 to the Minister of Trade and Industry**

**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

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\* Questions Nos 68, 69, 76 and 77 were postponed on 02.05.2017 to the next Sitting in accordance with S.O. 27(12)

In light of the recent ban on corned beef imported from Brazil, how does the Ministry intend to guarantee the public that imported food placed on supermarket shelves has met the standards for human consumption?

**Question No. 71 to the Minister of Planning and Development**

**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

Can the Minister indicate what is being done to ensure compliance with building codes throughout Trinidad and Tobago?

**\*Question No. 76 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Melissa Ramkissoon)**

Can the Minister state whether the accounts of the Strategic Services Agency have been audited over the last five (5) years and if not, why?

**\*Question No. 77 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Melissa Ramkissoon)**

What metrics has the Ministry been using over the last five (5) years to measure the success of the Strategic Services Agency (SSA)?

**Question No. 83 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wayne Sturge)**

For the period January 01, 2017 – March 31, 2017, can the Minister advise:

- a) how many autopsies were conducted at the Forensic Science Centre;
- b) of such numbers, how many were deemed unnatural deaths and how many murder; and
- c) how many autopsies were deemed inconclusive?

**Question No. 84 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wayne Sturge)**

Can the Minister inform the Senate, how many autopsies were conducted at the Forensic Science Centre for the period January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016?

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
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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

- (i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 11(9) of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015 (hereinafter called “the Act”) that the salaries and allowances of the

Procurement Regulator and Members of the Board of the Office of Procurement Regulation shall be determined by the Minister of Finance, subject to the approval of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the Report on the Determination of Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Board of the Office of Procurement Regulation was laid in the Senate on April 25th, 2017;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Salaries and Allowances contained in the Report on the Determination of Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Board of the Office of Procurement Regulation be approved.

**(By the Minister of Finance)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

- (i) **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate Adjourned on Tuesday May 02, 2017 will be resumed:**

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)**

- (ii) **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday March 21, 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)**

- (iii) A Bill entitled 'An Act to abolish preliminary enquiries and to provide for the pre-trial procedure in respect of indictable offences and for ancillary matters.'

**(By the Attorney General)**

- (iv) A Bill entitled 'An act to amend the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50'.

**(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 April 25, 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. 65 to the Prime Minister**

**(By Senator Rodger Samuel)**

Can the Prime Minister provide the following information on HIV/AIDS in Trinidad and Tobago as at December 31, 2016:

- a) the total number of persons infected with the disease;
- b) the total number of persons being treated;
- c) a detailed breakdown of the cost of said treatment;
- d) a detailed breakdown of treatment programmes for persons living with the disease; and
- e) new preventative programmes implemented by Government Agencies?

**(Answer due by 05.05.2017)**

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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 HEALTH**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister state what measures are being taken to ensure that chemotherapy sessions at the San Fernando Oncology Centre will not be cancelled due to a shortage of pharmacists?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of the recent protests by members of the Truckers Association on the unsuitability of the inter-island barge and its impact on them financially, what measures are being taken to avert any further inconvenience to said Truckers?

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