



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-FIFTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2016/2017)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY JUNE 06, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

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(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (ii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)
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(By the Minister of National Security)
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(By Senator Rodger Samuel)
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(By Sen. the Hon. Clarence Rambharat)
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 87 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given the reports that the PATT will be seeking assistance from the World Bank to define the specifications for a suitable cargo vessel to operate between Trinidad and Tobago, can the Minister inform the Senate of the following:

- a) the length of time it will take for this process to be completed; and
- b) what measures would be put in place in the intervening period to ensure regular cargo service between the islands?

Question No. 88 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the severe coastal erosion occurring on the East Coast, what specific measures are being implemented to mitigate or prevent consequent damage to the properties of residents on the said East Coast?

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

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that a Joint Select Committee be established to consider the First Report of the Committee established to Review the Levels of Health Care Delivery by the Regional Health Authorities and to Rationalise the System of Public Sector Doctors in Private Practice as well as the Second Report of the Committee to Review the Levels of Health Care Delivery by the Regional Health Authorities and to Rationalise the System of Public Sector Doctors in Private Practice, laid in the Senate on November 15, 2016 and March 28, 2017, respectively:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee be mandated to:

- (a) review and analyze the Reports;
- (b) consider the findings and recommendations contained in the Reports; and
- (c) report its observations and recommendations no later than June 30, 2017.

(By the Leader of the Government Business)

2. **WHEREAS** the Draft National Development Strategy 2016 – 2030 (Vision 2030) was laid in the Senate on April 25, 2017 and in the House of Representatives on April 21, 2017;

BE IT RESOLVED that a Joint Select Committee be established to consider the Draft National Development Strategy 2016 – 2030 (Vision 2030):

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Joint Select Committee be mandated to:

- (a) review and analyse the Draft National Development Strategy 2016 – 2030 (Vision 2030);
- (b) consider the recommendations contained in the Draft National Development Strategy 2016 – 2030 (Vision 2030); and
- (c) report its recommendations for the development of a National Development Plan no later than June 21, 2017.

(By the Leader of Government Business)

Committee Stage:

- (i) **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Thursday June 01, 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)

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 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)

- (ii) A Bill entitled ‘An act to establish a system of plea discussions and plea agreements and for matters incidental thereto.’

(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)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday May 23, 2017 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) **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)

- (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. 89 to the Minister of Public Administration and Communications

(By Senator Wayne Sturge)

Can the Minister inform the Senate of the following:

- a) the number of rental leases entered into by the State since September 2015;
- b) the names of the owners who granted such leases; and
- c) the value of each lease entered into?

(Answer due by 08.06.2017)

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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 NATIONAL SECURITY**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the public denial by the former CDS as to his involvement in the matter involving two children posing with military weapons at Camp Cumuto, will the full report of the Board of Inquiry be made public in the interest of all concerned?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given the challenges being experienced by an HDC tenant at East Grove Valsayn in having her paralyzed son access their seventh floor apartment, what assistance, if any, can the HDC provide to alleviate the plight to this resident?

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

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the recent terror attack in London, can the Minister inform the Senate of the level of preparedness of this country's security agencies to confront and counteract similar attacks?

4. **TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Having regard to the search carried out on a Minister of Government by airport officials in Jamaica, what measures are being taken by the Government to ensure that no reoccurrence is experienced by holders of T&T Diplomatic passports?

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

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the importance of DNA testing in the fight against crime and the disclosures contained in the Report from the Committee on National Security, what urgent steps are being taken to have the legislation fully implemented?

6. **TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Having regard to reports that the Children's Life Fund Authority failed to honour a commitment to fund the expenses of a three (3) year old girl in need of heart surgery, can the Minister inform the Senate whether it is the intention of his Ministry to honour said commitment?

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