



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

THIRTY-SECOND SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2016/2017)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY JULY 04, 2017 AT 11:30 A.M.

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**(By Senator Paul Richards)**
  - (ii) The Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on an Inquiry into the Operations and Administration of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago with specific focus on the repair and acquisition of vehicles for State Bodies.  
**(By Senator David Small)**
  - (iii) The Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Cybercrime Bill, 2017.  
**(By Senator W. Michael Coppin)**
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**(By Senator W. Michael Coppin)**
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**(By Senator the Hon. Clarence Rambharat)**
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**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 99 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

With regard to reports that pornographic photographs of minors are being posted on a local website, can the Minister inform the Senate:

- a) whether the TTPS has conducted an investigation into these reports, and if so;
- b) is the investigation completed; and
- c) has anyone been charged as a result of the investigation?

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

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**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Committee Stage:**

- (i) **The Committee Stage of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Thursday June 29, 2017 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled 'An act to establish a system of plea discussions and plea agreements and for matters incidental thereto.'

**(By the Attorney General)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

- (ii) A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60.'

**(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)**

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\* Question No. 99 was deferred for two weeks on 20.06.2017

## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

### **Motions:**

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday June 27, 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) **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)**

- (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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**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 TOURISM**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of recent drownings at our nation's beaches and the absence of Lifeguards, can the Minister indicate what measures are being taken to increase the number of Lifeguards at said beaches?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

Can the Minister indicate what is being done to assist the residents of North West Trinidad who have been affected by the severe flooding over the last three days?

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