



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

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

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY JULY 06, 2017 AT 2:30 P.M.

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**(By the Minister of Finance)**
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**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (iii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on an Examination of the System of Inventory Control within the Public Service.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
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  - (v) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Utilities to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on an Examination of the System of Inventory Control within the Public Service.  
**(By the Minister of Public Utilities)**

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**(By the Attorney General)**

- (vii) The Ministerial Response of the Equal Opportunity Tribunal to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on an Examination of the System of Inventory Control within the Public Service.

**(By the Attorney General)**

- (viii) The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on an Examination of the System of Inventory Control within the Public Service.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

- (ix) The Ministerial Response of the Central Administrative Services, Tobago to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on an Examination of the System of Inventory Control within the Public Service.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

- (x) The Ministerial Response of the Service Commissions Department to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on an Examination of the System of Inventory Control within the Public Service.

**(By the Minister of Public Administration and Communications)**

- (xi) The Response of the Elections and Boundaries Commission to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on an Examination of the System of Inventory Control within the Public Service.

**(By the Vice-President)**

- (xii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on an Examination of the System of Inventory Control within the Public Service.

**(By the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs)**

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA), Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on an inquiry into the regulation and licensing of Medical Doctors by the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago

**(By Senator Nigel De Freitas)**

8. URGENT QUESTIONS
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 95 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

On the recent acquisition of Massy Communications by TSIT, can the Minister inform the Senate of the following:

- a) whether any due diligence and valuation reports were commissioned by TSIT prior to its acquisition of Massy Communications; and
- b) if so, whether the Minister had prior knowledge of these reports and their contents?

**\*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 TIPS 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**

**Bills Second Reading:**

- (i) **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday July 04, 2017 will be resumed:**  
A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60.'  
**(By the Attorney General)**
- (ii) 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. 95 was deferred for two weeks on 22.06.2017

\* Question No. 99 was deferred to the next sitting of the Senate on 04.07.2017

## 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 EDUCATION**

**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

Given that 2,170 students scored below 30 % in the 2017 SEA Examination, will there be an evaluation of each student to identify and address his/her needs prior to entry into secondary school?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

Given that 2,170 students scored below 30% in the 2017 SEA Examination, what immediate measures will be taken to provide remedial work to these students to prepare them for secondary school?

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

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister inform this Senate whether a security breach occurred when a man whose name was not on the guest list was allowed access to the Office of the President to attend an event on Friday June 30, 2017?

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

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of the Global Peace Index Report 2017 in which Trinidad and Tobago has been named as the most dangerous country in the English speaking Caribbean, what urgent measures are being taken to correct this negative image of our country?

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