



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M.

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(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 Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago 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 Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance)
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(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (vi) The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended September 30, 2016.
(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 Fair Trading Commission for the three month period ended September 30, 2014.
(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 Fair Trading Commission for the year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)
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(By the Minister of Finance)
- (x) 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, 2008.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xi) 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, 2009.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xiii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xiv) The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North-Central Regional Health Authority for the fourteen month period ended September 30, 2005.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xv) The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North-Central Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2006.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xvi) The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North-Central Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2007.
(By the Minister of Finance)

- (xvii) The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North-Central Regional Health Authority for the year ended September 30, 2008.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xviii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayaro Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xix) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statement of the Mayaro Civic Centre for the year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xx) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2006.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Community Improvement Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Community Improvement Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxiii) The Annual Administrative Report of Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) for the year 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxiv) The Annual Administrative Report of Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) for the year 2011.
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- (xxvi) The Annual Administrative Report of Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) for the year 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxvii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxviii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)

- (xxix) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for year ended September 30, 2009.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxx) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxx1) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Caribbean New Media Group Limited for the year ended December 31, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxxii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Caribbean New Media Group Limited for the year ended December 31, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxxiii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Ninth 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 Ministry of Health.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxxiv) The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of First Citizens Bank Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxxv) The Annual Report of Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxxvi) The Annual Administrative Report of the Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited (PSAEL) for the period October 01, 2011 to September 30, 2012.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
- (xxxvii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Palo Seco Agricultural Enterprises Limited (PSAEL) for the period October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
- (xxxviii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on an of Existing Arrangements and Possible Options for Regulating Geriatric Care Facilities/Old Age Homes.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
- (xxxix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure on an Inquiry into Land Tenure Issues in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

- (xl) A Green Paper on the Draft National Parenting Policy of Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)
- (xli) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of the People and Social Development for the fiscal year 2011/2012.
(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)
- (xlii) The Thirty-Ninth Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the year 2016.
(By the Vice-President)
- (xliii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Community Development for the fiscal year 2011/2012.
(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)
- (xliv) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism for the fiscal year 2014/2015.
(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)
- (xlv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on the follow-up into the status of the investigation of the PCA and TIPS into the events surrounding the day of “Total Policing” on March 23, 2015.
(By the Attorney General)
- (xlvi) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure, First Session (2015/2016), Eleventh Parliament on an Inquiry into Land Tenure Issues in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Attorney General)
- (xlvii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on an inquiry into the Operations of the Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre and the issue of DNA Sampling in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Attorney General)
- (xlviii) The Ministerial Response of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs to the Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Challenges Faced by Persons with Disabilities with specific focus on Access to Services and Employment.
(By the Attorney General)
- (xlix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on the inquiry into the Practice whereby Prisoners are Granted Access to Services outside of the Prison Facilities.
(By the Minister of National Security)

- (l) The Response of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on an inquiry into the Operations of the Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre and the Issue of DNA Sampling in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of National Security)
- (li) The Response of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on an inquiry into the Systems in Place to Protect Children from Abuse.
(By the Minister of National Security)
- (lii) The Response of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on the follow-up into the status of the investigation of the PCA and TTPS into the events surrounding the day of “Total Policing” on March 23, 2015.
(By the Minister of National Security)
- (liii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure, on an Inquiry into Land Tenure Issues in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs)
- (liv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs on the Public Examination of the Draft Summary of the Recommendations and Conclusions of the Forty-First Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development.
(By the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs)
- (lv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Works and Transport to the Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Challenges Faced by Persons with Disabilities with specific focus on Access to Services and Employment.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)
- (lvi) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Foreign Affairs on a public examination of the Draft Summary of Recommendations and Conclusions of the Forty-First Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- (lvii) The Annual Report of the National Association of Village/Community Councils for the period 2009/2011.
(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)
- (lviii) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for fiscal year 2014.
(By the Minister of Education)
- (lix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on the inquiry into Food Fraud in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of Health)

(lx) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Public Examination of the Draft Summary of the Recommendations and Conclusions of the Forty-First Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development.

(By the Minister of Health)

(lxi) The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity into the Systems in place to Protect Children from Abuse.

(By the Prime Minister)

(lxii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) for the period October 2015 to September 2016.

(By the Minister of Public Administration and Communications)

(lxiii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Administration and Communications to the Ninth 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 Ministry of Health.

(By the Minister of Public Administration and Communications)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answers

***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. 101 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister advise as to when the issue of the strong odour emanating from the sewer at the Preysal Government Primary School will be addressed?

Question No. 102 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government

(By Senator Wade Mark)

* Question No. 95 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 22.06.2017 and for two (2) weeks on 06.07.2017

Given reports of the continued clogging of the Guaracara River as well as the huge garbage pile up in the Williamsville area, can the Minister indicate when these issues will be resolved?

Question No. 103 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of reports that the Government intends to have the fourteen (14) Regional Corporations assume responsibility for repairs to Primary and Secondary schools during the school vacation, can the Minister advise of the rationale for such a decision?

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) 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 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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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 118 to the Minister of National Security

(By Senator Paul Richards)

Can the Minister provide information on the following:

- a) the number of private security firms operating in Trinidad and Tobago;
- b) the system, if any, that the Ministry of National Security employs in order to monitor the operations of private security firms;
- c) the involvement, if any, of the TTPS in setting or approving the criteria for recruitment of persons into private security firms;
- d) the number of firearms reported missing by private security firms in the years - 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016?

(Answer due by 03.08.2017)

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