



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

ELEVENTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2017/2018)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.

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(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (ii) The Response of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the Thirteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2016 with specific reference to the Ministry of Finance.
(By the Minister of Finance)
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(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 Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (v) 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, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance)

- (vi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Portfolio Credit Management Limited for the financial year ended December 31, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
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- (viii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of MIC-Institute of Technology (MIC-IT) formerly Metal Industries Company Limited, for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.
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- (ix) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of MIC-Institute of Technology (MIC-IT) formerly Metal Industries Company Limited, for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
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- (x) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) for the year ending September 30, 2015.
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- (xi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) for the year ending September 30, 2016.
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- (xii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Ninth Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament, on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (TSTT) for the Financial Years 2008 to 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xiii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Utilities to the Ninth Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament, on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (TSTT) for the Financial Years 2008 to 2016.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
- (xiv) The Response of the Service Commissions Department to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA), Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament, on an Inquiry into the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Police Service Commission (PSC).
(By the Minister of Public Administration and Communications)
- (xv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Fourth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament, on the Examination of the System of Inventory Audit within the Public Service.
(By the Minister of National Security)
- (xvi) The Annual Administrative Report of the Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (EXIMBANK) for the year ended December 31, 2015.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

(xvii) The Fortieth Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the year 2017.

(By the Vice-President)

(xviii) The Sessional Review of the Second Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Vice-President)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) The Tenth Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament, on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheets and other Financial Statements of the National Entrepreneurship Development Company Limited (NEDCO) for the financial years 2008 to 2014.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

(ii) The Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament, on the examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheets and other Financial Statements of the National Maintenance, Training and Security Company Limited (MTS) for the financial year 2008 to 2016.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 15 to the Minister of Education**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

With respect to the Government's decision to acquire laptops for use in Secondary schools, can the Minister advise as to the following:

- a) the number of laptops acquired as at September 30, 2017;
- b) the total cost of said laptops;
- c) the name of the foreign supplier or manufacturer of said laptops;
- d) whether there is a local agent for the supply of the laptops; and
- e) if the answer to (d) is yes, the name of the local agent and the commission fees paid to said agent as at September 30, 2017?

***Question No. 17 to the Prime Minister**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Prime Minister state:

- a) how many times he has travelled abroad on official business over the period June 01, 2016 – September 30, 2017; and
- b) the total cost of such foreign travel including that of the official delegation accompanying the Prime Minister?

* Questions 15 and 17 were deferred for two weeks on 23.01.2018

Question No. 32 to the Minister of National Security

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given the increase in crimes against students at the St. Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies, can the Minister advise as to what security measures are being implemented to address this situation?

Question No. 34 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister advise as to what steps have been taken to identify the persons/organizations responsible for the recent dumping of oil waste in Chaguaramas?

Question No. 35 to the Minister of Finance

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister inform the Senate of the following:

- i. whether the Basel 11 Accord is applicable to Trinidad and Tobago or is it only applicable to the G-20 member states;
- ii. the rationale for this country's adopting said Accord for the Banking sector;
- iii. the likely impact on consumer loans and mortgage rates if and when the Basel 11 Accord is fully adopted by the Central Bank; and
- iv. whether adopting such an Accord requires legislation for it to be effected?

***Question No. 44 to the Prime Minister**

(By Senator Saddam Hosein)

Can the Prime Minister indicate whether a feasibility study was conducted for the Sandals Tobago project before the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding and if yes, what is the projected return on investment when the project is realized?

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

Bills Second Reading:

- (i) A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, the Proceeds of Crime Act, the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, the Customs Act and the Exchange Control Act.'

(By the Attorney General)

* Question 44 was deferred for two weeks on 23.01.2018

- (ii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 to provide for the implementation of spot speed camera devices for the purpose of detecting speeding violations.’

(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) **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) **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)

Brian Caesar
Clerk of the Senate (Ag.)

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 13 to the Minister of Public Administration and Communications

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Having regard to contract employment in Government Ministries/Departments and Statutory Authorities, can the Minister provide the following information:

- a) the names and designations of all persons whose contracts were not renewed during the period September 30, 2015 – September 30, 2017;
- b) the reasons for such non-renewal referred to in (a);
- c) the names and designations of all persons employed/recruited on contract during the period September 30, 2015 – September 30, 2017;
- d) details of the compensation package of each person referred to in (c);
- e) the names and designations of all contract officers who during the period September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2017 were terminated before the original completion date of their contracts; and
- f) the reasons for the termination referred to in (e)?

(Answer due by 03.11.2017)

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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 recent protest action in East Port of Spain, what urgent measures are being put in place to guarantee the safety and security of persons who live in and travel through this area?

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

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of reports that a garbage truck driver was threatened into dumping garbage on the street in East Port of Spain yesterday, what measures are being put in place to protect garbage truck drivers working in said area?

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the closure of three (3) Health Centres (The Upper Laventille, Oxford Street and George Street Health Centres) as a result of yesterday's protest, what urgent measures are being implemented to ensure that patients whose appointments were cancelled are otherwise facilitated?

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

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of recent protest by residents of North Oropouche Road, Sangre Grande who are pleading for the road known as Boodoo Highway to be repaired, what action is being taken by the Ministry to alleviate the plight of said residents?

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