



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWELFTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2017/2018)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.

1. PRAYERS
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4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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 - (i) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for the year ended December 31, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (ii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2012.
(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 Police Complaints Authority for the year ended September 30, 2015.
(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 Police Complaints Authority for the year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (v) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament, on an Inquiry into the Prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) amongst School Students and into General Services Administered to Treat STDs in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of Health)
7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
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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. 37 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister inform the Senate of the following:

- i. whether the NGC or any of its subsidiaries has deposits and/or investments in any bank(s) or other companies in Ghana;
- ii. if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, please identify the financial institution(s) or the companies in which the investments were made;
- iii. when were the deposits/investments made; and
- iv. the sums of money involved in each case?

Question No. 51 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given the decision of the HDC to evict illegal occupants from Clifton Towers and the threats to the lives of residents, can the Minister inform this Senate what steps are being taken to ensure the security of said residents?

Question No. 54 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given recent reports about an upsurge in school indiscipline and violence involving bullying at St Anthony's College, can the Minister inform the Senate of the measures that have been taken to address this issue?

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

* Standing Order 27(15) invoked on 20.02.2018

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) **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday February 20, 2018 will be resumed:**
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)
- (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)
- (iv) A Bill entitled, 'An Act to repeal and replace the Insurance Act, Chap. 84:01; to reform the law relating to insurance companies; to regulate insurance businesses and privately administered pension fund plans and for other related purposes.'
(By the Minister of Finance)

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)

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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 WORKS AND TRANSPORT**

(By Senator Taurel Shrikissoon)

In light of the recent protest action by residents of Lengua Road, Indian Walk to highlight the poor state of infrastructure in their community, what immediate action is being taken by the Ministry to alleviate the plight of these residents?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES**

(By Senator Paul Richards)

What immediate assistance will be given to the five families from Bamboo Village, Cedros who were evacuated yesterday after losing their homes to severe coastal erosion?

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

(By Senator Paul Richards)

What immediate measures are being taken to repair the infrastructure of Bamboo Village, Cedros in the aftermath of yesterday's incident of severe coastal erosion in the area?

4. **TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES**

(By Senator Khadijah Ameen)

In light of reports of dead fish and bird carcasses washing up on the shores of Carat Shed Beach, La Brea yesterday, what steps are being taken by the Ministry to warn residents of the dangers of consuming the fish?

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