



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

THIRTEENTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2017/2018)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY MARCH 06, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.

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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 Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2009.
(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 Princes Town 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 Princes Town Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (iv) The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended December 31, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (v) The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of ExportIT Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (vi) The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Free Zones Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2016.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
 - (vii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

- (viii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission for the year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- (ix) The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission for the year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- (x) The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission for the year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- (xi) The First Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Fourteenth 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 Energy and Energy Industries.
(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)
- (xii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Development to Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Second Session (2016/2017), on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the Financial years 2008 and 2009.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Ninth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament, on a follow up examination of the Ministry of Public Utilities – to the Committee’s First and Third Reports as well as the Ministry’s Statement of Expenditure as at October 2017.
(By Senator Wade Mark)
- (ii) The Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament, on an inquiry into the strategies for diversifying the type and number of agricultural commodities produced locally.
(By Senator Stephen Creese)

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

***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 32 was deferred for two weeks on 20.02.2018

***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. 55 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the protest action by workers at Caribbean Gas Chemical Limited Mitsubishi Plant in La Brea to highlight their unhealthy and unsafe working conditions, what measures are being implemented by the Ministry to ensure that the occupational health and safety of these workers is guaranteed?

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

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;

* Questions 37 and 51 were deferred for one week on 27.02.2018 due to absence of the Senator in whose name the Questions were filed

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)

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 27, 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)

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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)

Question No. 63 to the Minister of Finance

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the cost of transporting the Galleons Passage from China to Trinidad and Tobago?

(Answer due by 24.03.2018)

Question No. 78 to the Prime Minister

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In view of the public advertisements issued by the Office of the Prime Minister inviting suitably qualified nationals to apply for employment on contract in the positions of Director of Scheduling and Advance, Director of Communications, Communications Strategist, Deputy Director of Communications, Deputy Press Secretary and Office Support Assistant, can the Prime Minister provide this Senate with the following information:

- i. whether these advertised positions have since been filled;
- ii. if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, what are the names of the respective persons who were selected for the positions;
- iii. details of the terms and conditions of each position as outlined above;
- iv. the names and qualifications of each person who applied;
- v. the process of selection used to arrive at the final selection of each position advertised; and
- vi. whether the persons selected are all based in the Office of the Prime Minister?

(Answer due by 29.03.2018)

Question No. 86 to the Minister of National Security

(By Senator Wade Mark)

With respect to the Point Fortin Fire Station, can the Minister provide the following:

- i. an update on the work done as at January 31, 2018;
- ii. information on whether any fire tender(s) has been ordered;
- iii. if the answer to (ii) is in the affirmative, on what date; and
- iv. how will the purchase of such fire tender(s) will be funded?

(Answer due by 29.03.2018)

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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Vice-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)

Given the recent increase in violent crimes against the nation's women, what urgent mechanisms are being implemented to combat this criminality?

2. **THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In view of recent reports that Police Officers came under fire by unknown gunmen yesterday afternoon, can the Minister state whether these assailants have been captured and what counter measures would be deployed to secure Police Officers?

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of reports that the Neonatal Unit at the San Fernando General Hospital is operating under unsanitary conditions, what urgent measures are being implemented to ensure that this situation is rectified and that the infected neonates receive immediate care?

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