



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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SEVENTEENTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2017/2018)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY APRIL 04, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.

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(By the Minister of Finance)
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(By the Minister of Finance)
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(By Senator the Hon. Allyson West)
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Questions for Oral Answer

***Question No. 59 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

With regard to the recently acquired inter-island vessel, can the Minister provide the following:

- i. the name(s) of the international experts used in the worldwide search for the vessel; and
- ii. the fees paid to said international experts?

Question No. 66 to the Minister of National Security

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister inform the Senate of the measures being taken by Government to address the shortage of pathologists at the Forensic Science Centre?

Question No. 67 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the many incidents of bullying recently occurring in schools in Tobago, what measures are being taken to address this growing problem?

Question No. 68 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of reports that the UWI, St. Augustine Campus is experiencing a financial setback, what measures are being taken to assist the institution in addressing this problem?

***Question No. 69 to the Minister of Trade and Industry**

(By Senator Taharqa Obika)

As regard the Point Fortin eTeck Park, can the Minister inform the Senate:

- i. why the Park is vacant at present; and
- ii. what steps are being pursued by the Government to resume the activities at said Park?

***Question No. 70 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**

(By Senator H.R. Ian Roach)

Can the Honourable Minister indicate what is the total revenue gained from the rental of the Hasely Crawford Stadium/Jean Pierre Complex over the 2018 Carnival season?

***Question No. 71 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**

(By Senator H.R. Ian Roach)

Can the Minister inform the Senate of the measures taken, if any, to address the following:

- i. the current state of disrepair of both the Hasely Crawford Stadium and the Jean Pierre Complex;
- ii. the water leak to the eastern side of the said Stadium, which has been leaking for a number of months; and
- iii. the adequacy of the outdoor track for the kind of preparation needed by athletes during the period before imminent sporting competitions?

10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

* Questions Nos. 59, 69, 70 and 71 were deferred for two weeks on 20.03.2018

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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 March 20, 2018 will be resumed:**
A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to make provision for the maintenance of public safety and order through discouraging membership of criminal gangs and the suppression of criminal gang activity and for other related matters.’
(By the Attorney General)
- (ii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Valuation of Land Act, Chap. 58:03.’
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (iii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Property Tax Act, Chap. 76:04.’
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (iv) 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)
- (v) 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)
- (vi) 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)
- (vii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Registration of Titles to Land Act, 2000.’
(By the Attorney General)
- (viii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Land Tribunal Act, 2000.’
(By the Attorney General)
- (ix) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to repeal and replace the Crown Suits Limitation Ordinance.’
(By the Attorney General)

- (x) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Land Adjudication Act, 2000.’
(By the Attorney General)

Motions:

- (i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 34(1) of the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations for the purpose of giving effect to this Act, and all such other matters and things as may appear necessary or expedient or are required to be prescribed for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 34(2), that Regulations made under the Act shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Minister of National Security has on the 5th day of March, 2018 made the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Regulations, 2018:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Regulations, 2018 now be affirmed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

(By the Attorney General)

- (ii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(1)(a),(d),(e),(f) and (g) of the Children’s Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations for, *inter alia*, –

(a) the management of any Community Residence...;

(d) the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries;

(e) the medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in Community Residences and foster homes;

(f) the provision of information to the Authority by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in Community Residences and foster homes, to visit and communicate with the children and where not provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provision of such facilities; and

(g) all such matters and things...for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 53(2) of the Act that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Children’s Community Residences (Rehabilitation Centres) Regulations, 2018 were made by the Authority under section 53 of the Act on the 20th day of February, 2018 and approved by the Minister on the 5th day of March, 2018:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Regulations:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Children’s Community Residences (Rehabilitation Centres) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

(By the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister)

- (iii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 53(1)(a),(d),(e),(f) and (g) of the Children’s Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations for, *inter alia*, –
- (a) the management of any community residence...;
 - (d) the imposition of requirements as to the accommodation and equipment to be provided in residences, foster homes and nurseries;
 - (e) the medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children in Community Residences and foster homes;
 - (f) the provision of information to the Authority by the Managers as to the facilities provided for the parents or guardians of children in Community Residences and foster homes, to visit and communicate with the children and where not provided to authorise the Authority to give directions as to the provision of such facilities; and
 - (g) all such matters and things...for effectively carrying into operation the provisions of the Act:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 53(2) of the Act that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament:

AND WHEREAS the Children’s Community Residences (Children’s Homes) Regulations, 2018 were made by the Authority under section 53(1) of the Act on the 20th day of February, 2018 and approved by the Minister on the 5th day of March, 2018:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Regulations:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Children’s Community Residences (Children’s Homes) Regulations, 2018 be approved.

(By the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday March 27, 2018 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS financial and administrative autonomy of Parliament is an undisputed benchmark of a true democracy;

AND WHEREAS a legislative proposal entitled the Houses of Parliament Service Authority Bill, 2014 was laid in Parliament and referred to a Joint Select Committee in 2014;

AND WHEREAS the Joint Select Committee agreed that parliamentary autonomy is essential to the 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 the Senate call on the Government to introduce legislation by April 30, 2018 to give effect to parliamentary autonomy and that this legislation be immediately referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament for early consideration and report.

(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)

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 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**
(By Senator Wade Mark)

In view of reports of the award of a contract to Unicom Ltd. for the sum of \$106.9m for restoration works on President's House, can the Minister inform this Senate when this contract was advertised and how many bids were received?

2. **TO THE PRIME MINISTER**
(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given reports of the issue involving Trinidad and Tobago's vote against an OAS contribution waiver for Dominica, what action will be taken to hold the relevant person to account?

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SERVICES**
(By Senator Wade Mark)

How does the Government intend to assist persons at the Ministry who were recently informed that their contracts will not be renewed?

4. **TO THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY**
(By Senator Wade Mark)

What measures are being implemented to immediately restore the army base in La Romaine which was severely damaged by a recent fire?

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