



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

THIRTY-SECOND SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2017/2018)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY JUNE 14, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M.

1. PRAYERS
2. OATH OR AFFIRMATION
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5. PETITIONS
6. PAPERS
  - (i) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (RDC) for the financial year ended September 30, 2017.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (ii) The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT) with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended March 31, 2018.  
**(By the Ministry of Finance)**
  - (iii) The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited (TTMF) for the financial year ended December 31, 2017.  
**(By the Ministry of Finance)**
  - (iv) The Annual Report of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2017.  
**(By the Prime Minister)**
  - (v) The Annual Report of the Strategic Services Agency for the year 2016.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
8. URGENT QUESTIONS
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX**

### **Questions for Oral Answer**

#### **\*Question No. 121 to the Prime Minister**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

What assistance is being provided to Tobago businesses, having regard to the state of the Tobago economy and their request for financial support of approximately \$750 million?

#### **\*Question No. 132 to the Prime Minister**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In view of this country's objection to Dominica's request for an OAS fee waiver, can the Prime Minister indicate what actions he intends to pursue against the persons deemed responsible for the embarrassment caused to this country?

#### **Question No. 147 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Having regard to the increased number of Venezuelans arriving in Trinidad and Tobago, can the Minister advise on the following:

- i. does the Government intend to introduce legislation to establish formal structures to address refugee and migrant labour issues; and
- ii. if so, how soon?

#### **Question No. 148 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Given reports that since June 2017, four Coast Guard helicopters, AW 139, have been grounded at a hanger in Piarco, can the Minister indicate the following:

- i. the reason(s) for the helicopters being so grounded;
- ii. the impact, if any, this has had on National Security; and
- iii. when will the helicopters be returned to service?

#### **Question No. 149 to the Minister of Public Utilities**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Given the stated intention of the Government to change the TT Post business model, can the Minister indicate whether this involves privatization?

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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\* Question No. 121 - Standing Order 27(15) invoked on 29.05.2018

\* Question No. 132 - Standing Order 27(15) invoked on 12.06.2018

15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Bills Second Reading:**

- (i) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to make jurisdiction for criminal matters exercisable in a division of the High Court to be known as “the Criminal Division” and to make jurisdiction for criminal and traffic matters exercisable in a division of Summary Courts to be known as “the District Criminal and Traffic Courts” and to make provision for matters connected therewith.’  
**(By the Attorney General)**
- (ii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to make provision for payments into and out of Court to be made electronically and into and out of a Custodial Bank Account in the name of the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago and for related matters.’  
**(By the Attorney General)**
- (iii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Summary Courts Act, Chap. 4:20, the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60, Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, Chap. 5:34, the Legal Aid and Advice Act, Chap. 7:07, the Child Rehabilitation Centre Act, Chap. 13:05, the Indictable Offences (Preliminary Enquiry) Act, Chap. 12:01, the Children Act, Chap. 46:01, the Children’s Community Residences, Foster Care and Nurseries Act, Chap. 46:04, the Children’s Authority Act, Chap. 46:10, and the Family and Children Division Act, 2016.’  
**(By the Attorney General)**
- (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)**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

- (i) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Monday May 21, 2018 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** it is established by Section 71(1) and (12) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, that there shall be an Elections and Boundaries Commission that in the exercise of its functions shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority;

**AND WHEREAS** the Elections and Boundaries Commission is responsible for holding free and fair elections throughout Trinidad and Tobago;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate take note that the Elections and Boundaries Commission is not subject to any parliamentary scrutiny or accountability in respect of its activities and operations unlike other similar independent bodies such as Service Commissions;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate call on the Government to take urgent steps to introduce legislation that would make the Elections and Boundaries Commission accountable to the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago by allowing parliamentary scrutiny of its administration, the manner of the exercise of its powers, methods of functioning and any criteria adopted by the Commission in the exercise of its powers and functions.

**(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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