



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

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

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY JUNE 26, 2018 AT 1:30 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 the Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the period December 23, 2013 to September 30, 2014.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (ii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (iii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Cocoa Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (iv) The Final Audit Report of the Trinbago Unified Calypsonians' Organization (TUCO) Operations for the period October 2013 to September 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)**
  - (v) The Final Audit Report of the National Carnival Bands Association (NCBA) Operations for the period October 2013 to September 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)**
  - (vi) The Final Audit Report of Pan Trinbago (Inc.)'s Operations for the period October 2013 to September 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)**
7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
  - (i) The Ninth Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on an inquiry into the operations of Evolving

TecKnologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (e Teck), and to determine its effectiveness in fulfilling its mandate to make suitable real estate available to qualified tenants, developers and operators in a commercially viable manner.

**(By Senator David Small)**

- (ii) The Follow-up Report of the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on an inquiry into the Administration and Operations of Caribbean Airlines Limited.

**(By Senator David Small)**

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. 153 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Given the recent protests by residents in the vicinity of Morne Coco Road, Four Roads, Diego Martin, what measures are being implemented to curb or reduce the incidence of vehicular accidents and road fatalities in that area?

**Question No. 154 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Having regard to the concerns expressed by the Minister about delays experienced in having repair works to the T&T Spirit concluded, and the decision to have an audit conducted, can the Minister indicate the following:

- i. who will be conducting the audit;
- ii. when is it scheduled to commence; and
- iii. how long is it expected to take?

**Question No. 155 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister advise the Senate whether the MV Su, HC Olivia, HC Katia and the HC Milanica are in service, and if not, the status of said vessels?

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

**Question No. 183 to the Minister of Education**

**(By Senator Taharqa Obika)**

Given the shortage of Primary school spaces for new students in Point Fortin and environs, can the Minister advise when will the new Chatham Government Primary School be completed and opened?

**Question No. 187 to the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development**

**(By Senator Taharqa Obika)**

Given recent reports that salary deductions from MTS Workers are not being remitted to certain financial and related institutions, can the Minister indicate the following:

- (i) the number of workers affected by this situation; and
- (ii) when will this issue be remedied?

- 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** the Government has acquired the Galleons Passage, a new inter-island Passenger Ferry in a procurement arrangement that did not include the Central Tenders Board;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance has advised that the Government was guided in the amount it paid for the vessel by the valuation reports of two independent international firms;

**AND WHEREAS** it was discovered that one of the two firms that conducted the valuation is owned by the same company from which Government purchased the vessel;

**AND WHEREAS** in the interest of transparency and accountability in the procurement of the inter-island passenger ferry, several requests were made for the Minister of Finance to provide the Senate with copies of the Valuation Reports, the Memorandum of Agreement between NIDCO and the vendor of the vessel and the Dunn and Bradstreet Report on the Galleons Passage; yet none of these documents have been provided;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Minister Finance to table, within fourteen days, copies of the Valuation Reports, the Memorandum of Agreement between NIDCO and the vendor of the vessel and the Dunn and Bradstreet Report on the Galleons Passage.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (ii) **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)**

- (iii) **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) 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)**

- (ii) 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)**

- (iii) 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)**

- (iv) 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)**

**Brian Caesar**  
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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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