



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
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THIRTY-FIFTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2017/2018)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 27, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.

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(By Senator Wade Mark)
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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. 157 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister indicate the following:

- i. has Uber obtained all of the requisite approvals to operate legally in Trinidad and Tobago; and
- ii. if the answer to (i) is in the negative, what measures are being taken by the Government to address the operations of Uber?

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

Question No. 158 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the recent protests in Penal concerning the poor water supply to that community, can the Minister indicate what measures are being implemented to bring relief to the residents?

Question No. 160 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Has an internal investigation been launched at the Ministry to discover the source of the reports of the \$150,000 settlement made with a former employee?

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

Bills Second Reading:

- (i) A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Corporation Tax Act, Chap. 75:02'.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (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 Tuesday June 26, 2018 will be resumed:**

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 of 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)

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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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* Question No. 13 - Standing Order 27(16) invoked on 20.02.2018



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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTION

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of recent reports that HIV healthcare is being denied to migrants, can the Minister indicate whether this is Government policy?

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