



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

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY JULY 05, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M.

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4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 - (i) The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2018
(By the Attorney General who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)
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 - (i) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Maintenance, Training and Security Company Limited for the financial years 2008 to 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
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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. 121 - Standing Order 27(15) invoked on 29.05.2018

***Question No. 152 to the Minister of Health**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of reports concerning the chronic shortage of nurses and other health care professionals in the public health sector, can the Minister indicate what steps are being taken to address this shortage?

Question No. 164 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister inform the Senate of the following:

- i. whether the Government has formally acquired the Kay Donna Drive-In at Curepe; and
- ii. if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, what was the total cost to the taxpayers?

Question No. 165 to the Minister of Works and Transport

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister provide this Senate with a detailed breakdown of the amount spent as at April 30, 2018 on repairs to the T&T Spirit and the T&T Express respectively?

Question No. 166 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Wade Mark)

What is the monthly rental of the building being used as a Children's Court in Fyzabad?

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

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 Monday July 02, 2018 will be resumed:**

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)

* Question No. 152 was deferred for two weeks on 21.06.2018

- (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 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)

Motions:

- (i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate consider the findings and recommendations of the Thirty-Eighth, Thirty-Ninth and Fortieth Annual Reports of the Ombudsman.
(By the Leader of Government Business)

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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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of reports that approximately two thousand students enrolled in private schools will need new accommodations if the issue with the Trinidad & Tobago Association of Private Secondary Schools is not addressed, what is being done to resolve this issue?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the SEA results which revealed that some 2,500 students scored below 30 per cent, can the Minister advise as to what will be done to help these students?

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