



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

FORTY-FIRST SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2017/2018)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.

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4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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  - (i) The Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA), Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament, on an Inquiry into the Internal Controls Systems and Corporate Social Responsibility Policies of the National Lotteries Control Board (NLCB).  
**(By Senator Khadijah Ameen)**
8. URGENT QUESTIONS
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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. 180 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Given the recent calls from residents of La Sieva, Maraval indicating that the river is in need of urgent cleaning, can the Minister advise would said river be cleaned given the imminent rainy season?

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

**Question No. 181 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister advise whether reports alleging that a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service was recently arrested in London for possession of cocaine are true?

**Question No. 182 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of recent reports that prisoners have escaped custody from the nation's Magistrates' Courts, what measures are being taken to prevent such escapes from occurring?

**\*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
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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 Friday September 14, 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, the 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)**

- (ii) 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)**

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\* Question No. 187 was deferred for two (2) weeks on 26.06.2018

- (iii) 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)**

**Chantal La Roche**  
**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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### 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 ATTORNEY GENERAL**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Attorney General indicate when manual searches for land titles will be resumed at the Registrar General's Department?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of reports of flooding in South Trinidad on September 16, 2018, can the Minister inform the Senate of the measures being taken to render assistance to affected residents?

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister advise what is being done to assist Sheenece Jackson?

4. **TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

(By Senator Khadijah Ameen)

Can the Minister advise what assistance, if any, will be given to eleven month old Ky'Mani Thompson who needs US\$16,000 for surgery at the Jackson Memorial Medical Centre in order to save his eyesight?

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