



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

FIFTH SITTING, FIFTH SESSION (2019/2020)

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2019 AT 10:00 A.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 Trinidad and Tobago Trade Policy 2019-2023.  
**(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)**
  - (ii) The Administrative Report of the Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies for the period 2015-2016.  
**(By the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development)**
  - (iii) The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister to the Twelfth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Trinidad and Tobago with specific focus on Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.  
**(By the Prime Minister)**
  - (iv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Eleventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on the Status of the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity into the Treatment of Child Offenders.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
  - (v) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Seventeenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Expenditure and Internal Controls of the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited.  
**(By the Minister of National Security)**
  - (vi) The Sector Wide Approach Programme Loan Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Corporación Andina De Fomento in the amount of US\$200 million.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**

- (vii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Statement of Recovery of Expenses of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries for the year ended December 31, 2018.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (viii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2015.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (ix) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (x) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2014.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xi) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2015.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Tobago House of Assembly for the year ended September 30, 2009.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xiii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended September 30, 2018.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xiv) The Audited Financial Statements of Caroni (1975) Limited for the financial year ended June 30, 2019.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited (NP) for the years ended March 31, 2008 to 2017.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xvi) The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Developing Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 2) Order, 2019.  
**(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)**
- (xvii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited (NP) for the years ended March 31, 2008 to 2017.  
**(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)**

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. 1 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of a number of fires in the Cedros community during August 2019, and the petition signed by residents requesting the construction of a fire station, can the Minister state whether the Government intends to facilitate said request?

**Question No. 2 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In view of the March 2019 opening of the \$115m Diego Martin Sporting Complex and the Government's decision to award another contract for phase two of the project, can the Minister indicate the following:

- (i) what tendering process will be used; and
- (ii) the projected cost of the second phase of the project?

**Question No. 3 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of concerns expressed by residents of Tobago about the ANR Robinson Airport expansion project and their possible dislocation, can the Minister indicate the State's land acquisition strategy for this project?

**Question No. 45 to the Minister of Education**

**(By Senator Taharqa Obika)**

In light of allegations of discrimination against a female student wearing a natural hairstyle at St. Stephen's College, Princes Town, can the Minister indicate:

- (i) how many students have been similarly affected; and
- (ii) what action has been taken by the Ministry to address same?

**Question No. 46 to the Minister of Public Utilities**

**(By Senator Taharqa Obika)**

As regard the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT) for the period 2016 to 2018, can the Minister advise as to the following:

- (i) the total US Dollar sales earned annually by the company; and
- (ii) the total US Dollar expenses incurred annually by the company?

**Question No. 48 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Taharqa Obika)**

Given the announcement that TSTT intends to issue US Dollar denominated bonds, can the Minister indicate:

- (i) whether this decision has been approved by Cabinet;
- (ii) the total US Dollar value of the intended bonds;
- (iii) how such bonds would be guaranteed; and
- (iv) the impact of servicing these bonds on the country's foreign reserves?

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) A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Bail Act, Chap. 4:60'.  
**(By the Attorney General)**
- (ii) A Bill entitled, 'An Act to repeal the Livestock and Livestock Products Board Act, Chap. 67:05'.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (iii) A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act. Chap. 48:50'.  
**(By the Attorney General)**
- (iv) A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, Chap. 67:02'.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 30 to the Minister of National Security**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister provide the following information on his official overseas travel for the period September 2015 to April 2019:

- (i) the names of the countries visited and the purposes of each visit;
- (ii) the period of time spent in each country;
- (iii) the names of the hotels at which the Minister stayed on each occasion and the costs of accommodation;
- (iv) the return airfare on each occasion referred to in (i);
- (v) the names of the persons who accompanied the Minister on each occasion;
- (vi) the costs associated with the travel and other expenses of the [persons referred to in (v); and
- (vii) the names of the officials with whom the Minister met on each travel engagement?

**(Answer due by 19.11.2019)**

**Question No. 43 to the Minister of Education**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Given reports of a recorded twenty percent (20%) increase in requests for help for students with mental health issues, in the build-up to the 2019 SEA Examination, can the Minister advise as to the following:

- (i) the total number of students for whom such requests were made; and
- (ii) the measures that are being implemented in schools to address the issue of mental health?

**(Answer due by 19.11.2019)**

**Question No. 47 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Taharqa Obika)**

Can the Minister advise as to the following:

- (i) the TT Dollar value of funds collected from the Unemployment Levy and applied to unemployment relief for each year during the fiscal years 2016 to 2019; and
- (ii) the mechanism used to apply funds from the Unemployment Levy to projects?

**(Answer due by 19.11.2019)**

**Question No. 49 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)**

As regard external loan agreements signed by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for the period September 2017 to September 2019, can the Minister indicate:

- (i) the names of the lending agencies with which the agreements were signed;
- (ii) the US Dollar value of the external loans; and
- (iii) the interest rates associated with each loan?

**(Answer due by 19.11.2019)**

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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 of health and safety issues affecting the Edinburgh Government Primary School, can the Minister inform the Senate what immediate measures are being taken to rectify said issues?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of claims by patients at Caura Hospital of a shortage of four critical drugs, can the Minister advise as to what measures are being taken to address this issue?

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Given reports of the non-payment of outstanding monies owed to sub-contractors involved in the construction of the Point Fortin Hospital, can the Minister advise as to what steps are being taken to address this issue?

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