



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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THRITY-SECOND SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2020/2021)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY JULY 06, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

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4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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  - (i) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Challenge Proceedings) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (ii) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Ineligibility Proceedings) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (iii) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Miscellaneous) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (iv) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Participation in Procurement) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (v) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Pre-Qualification and Pre-Selection) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (vi) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Evaluation) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (vii) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement Methods and Procedures) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**

- (viii) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Procurement of Consultants) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (ix) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Record of Proceedings) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (x) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Retention of Public Property and the Disposal of Personal Property) Regulations, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Follow-up Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Twenty-Fourth Report, Fifth Session (2019/2020), Eleventh Parliament on the Audited Financial Statements of the Export – Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (EXIMBANK) for the years 2012 to 2017.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (ii) The First Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (UDeCOTT) for the financial years 2014 and 2015, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (iii) The Second Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (VMCOTT) for the financial years 2013 and 2014, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (iv) The Third Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the years 2016 to 2018, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (v) The Fourth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited, (iGovTT) for the financial years 2015 to 2019, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

## 8. URGENT QUESTIONS

## 9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## **Questions for Oral Answer**

### **\*Question No. 110 to the Minister of Education**

#### **(By Senator Wade Mark)**

As regard the levy in the sum of one million dollars on the Education Facilities Company Limited (EFCL) by a contractor, can the Minister indicate the following:

- (i) how many contractors are still owed monies by the EFCL for works completed prior to December 31, 2020; and
- (ii) what is the sum of said monies owed?

### **\*Question No. 119 to the Prime Minister**

#### **(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of the disappointment expressed by residents of East Port-of-Spain over the failure of the Community Recovery Committee to provide meaningful and concrete proposals, can the Prime Minister advise as to when will the Committee's final report be submitted to the Cabinet?

### **Question No. 132 to the Minister of Works and Transport**

#### **(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of reports of nepotism and corruption at the Licensing Office in Caroni, can the Minister advise as to the following:

- (i) whether said reports are being investigated;
- (ii) if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, what is the status of the investigation; and
- (iii) will the findings of the investigation be tabled in Parliament?

### **Question No. 133 to the Minister of Trade and Industry**

#### **(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Given the high cost of imported food items and the impact this is having on this country's already limited US foreign exchange, can the Minister advise as to whether the Government is considering implementing stricter controls on the importation of luxury food items?

### **Question No. 134 to the Minister of Public Utilities**

#### **(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister indicate what action is being taken to regularise the over 2000 illegal electricity connections that have been reported?

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

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\* Question No. 110 – Standing Order 27(15) invoked on 05.07.2021

\* Question No. 119 – Standing Order 27(15) invoked on 05.07.2021

15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

**WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may by resolution approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2020 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 399 dated the 15th day of December, 2020;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2020 be approved.

**(By the Attorney General)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

(i) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to make provisions of a financial nature and for other related matters’.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**

(ii) **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Monday July 05, 2021 will be resumed:**  
A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Special Reserve Police Act, Chap. 15:03 and the Police Complaints Authority Act, Chap. 15:05’.  
**(By the Attorney General)**

(iii) 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)**

(iv) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to repeal the Foreign Labour Contracts Act, Chap. 88:11’.  
**(By the Minister of Labour)**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

(i) **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate adopt the Report of the Committee of Privileges of the Senate, First Session (2020/2021) Twelfth Parliament, on the matter of Contempt of Parliament.  
**(By Senator the Hon. Clarence Rambharat)**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

(i) **WHEREAS** the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 provides for the establishment of commissions to manage the conduct of enquiries into public officers, departments and matters of public welfare;

**AND WHEREAS** Commissions of Enquiry are recognized as an important tool for social investigation in contemporary society, an effective mechanism for delivering truth, justice and social or organizational reform, and a device for inquiring into and ameliorating matters of public concern;

**AND WHEREAS** successive Government administrations have failed to adequately address public concerns which have arisen from time to time on whether the Commissions of Enquiry in Trinidad and Tobago have been effectively and efficiently carrying out their mandate;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Government to review the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 and the public inquiry process in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By Senator Anthony Vieira)**

- (ii) **WHEREAS** availability of foreign exchange is important for investment and competitiveness in the private sector and a shortage of foreign exchange can hamper prospects for diversification and economic recovery aspired to in the fiscal strategy outlined in Budget 2020/2021;

**AND WHEREAS** the revenue received from foreign energy companies has been on the decline since 2015 and is now exacerbated by the negative socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;

**AND WHEREAS** it is recognised that micro, small and medium-sized businesses and the wider population continue to experience the negative effects of decreasing levels of foreign exchange in Trinidad and Tobago;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Government to table, within three (3) months, a comprehensive strategy to address the negative socio-economic impacts being experienced by micro, small and medium sized businesses and the wider public owing to ongoing shortages in foreign exchange in this country.

**(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)**

- (iii) **WHEREAS** the Senate, as a House of Parliament, ought to afford Members such freedom of debate so as to allow full, frank and meaningful discussion within the constraints of the Standing Orders and well established parliamentary practice;

**AND WHEREAS** the position and authority of the President of the Senate ought not to be used in a partisan manner to prevent and or stymie criticism of the Government;

**AND WHEREAS** the Senate President is the servant of the Senate and not of the Government and as such ought to be impartial and unbiased at all times;

**AND WHEREAS** the President of the Senate by her rulings has demonstrated her bias in favor of the PNM Government and her lack of understanding of the nature and role of the Office of President of the Senate;

**AND WHEREAS** by her actions the Senate President has stifled the freedom of debate guaranteed by the Constitution and thus brought this Senate into disrepute;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate declare that it has lost confidence in the President of the Senate, Senator the Honourable Christine Kangaloo.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

- (iv) **WHEREAS** on April 24, 2018 the Senate unanimously passed a resolution calling on the Government *“to introduce legislation on parliamentary autonomy during the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament and have same referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament for consideration and report before the end of the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament”*;

**AND WHEREAS** on February 12, 2019, in the Senate, the Attorney General committed to making best efforts to have legislation on Parliamentary Autonomy introduced in the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** to date the Government has not presented to Parliament a legislative framework on Parliamentary Autonomy;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate call on the Government to re-establish its commitment to introduce a legislative framework on Parliamentary Autonomy;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate call on the Government to table, within three (3) months, an implementation road map geared towards introducing legislation on

Parliamentary Autonomy and have same referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament for consideration and report.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

**Brian Caesar  
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