



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

FIFTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2022/2023)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 08, 2022 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 Second Report of the Sentencing Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the period February 2019 to February 2020.
(By the Attorney General)
 - (ii) The Third Report of the Sentencing Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the period February 2020 to February 2021.
(By the Attorney General)
 - (iii) The Eleventh Annual Report of the Police Complaints Authority for the period October 01, 2020 to September 30, 2021.
(By the Attorney General)
 - (iv) The Annual Administrative Report of the Office of the Prime Minister for the period October 2017 to September 2018.
(By the Prime Minister)
 - (v) The Annual Report of First Citizens Depository Services Limited (formerly First Citizens Asset Management Limited) for the financial year ended September 30, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (vi) The Annual Report of Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (vii) The Annual Report of Taurus Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (viii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Flour Mills Limited for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)

- (ix) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (x) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission for the financial year ended September 30, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xiii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Development Finance Limited for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xiv) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 2018.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xv) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 2019.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xvi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xvii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Export-Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xviii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2019.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xix) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xx) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Investment Fund Holding Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxi) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Portfolio Credit Management Limited for the year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxii) The Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2019.
(By the Minister of Finance)

- (xxiii) The Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxiv) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Infrastructure Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2018.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxv) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxvi) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Siparia Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxvii) 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, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxviii) The Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- (xxix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Fifth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2014 with specific reference to the Ministry of National Security.
(By the Minister of National Security)
- (xxx) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Twelfth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2016.
(By the Minister of Health)
- (xxxi) The Response of the Personnel Department to the Third Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the implementation of the recommendations of the Twenty-Fourth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an Examination into the Processing of Payment of Pension and Gratuity of Retired Public Officers and Contracted Employees.
(By the Minister of Public Administration)
- (xxxii) The Sessional Report of the Second Session (2021/2022), Twelfth Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Vice-President)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on an inquiry into the discrimination faced by persons with mental illness and the ability to access quality mental health.
(Senator Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim)

8. URGENT QUESTIONS
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 2 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given the exploration and production agreement signed in March 2021 by EOG Resources and Trinidad and Heritage Petroleum Company Limited, can the Minister indicate what was the procurement process used by the Heritage Petroleum Company Limited to select EOG Resources Trinidad?

Question No. 8 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Attorney General advise whether Cabinet has approved a policy, Circular Memorandum and/or any other documents issued by the Chief Personnel Officer which authorises the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs to recommend and/or approve the automatic transitioning of Associate Professionals to the position of Legal Counsel I on fixed term contracts, without said persons being subject to a competitive recruitment process?

Question No. 9 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Wade Mark)

What legislative action does the Government intend to take to cause errant police officers involved in malicious prosecution cases to be held personally liable for damages awarded in such cases?

Question No. 48 to the Minister of Trade and Industry

(By Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial)

Can the Minister give an update on the implementation of the “National Action Plan to Combat Illicit Trade in Consumer Goods in Trinidad and Tobago”?

Question No. 49 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial)

Can the Minister advise whether the Ministry provides school transport facilities via the Public Transport Service Corporation to all Primary and Secondary schools throughout Trinidad?

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 establish the Private Security Service Authority and to regulate the private security industry and for other related matters’.
(By the Minister of National Security)
- (ii) A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Supplemental Police Act, Chap. 15:02’.
(By the Minister of National Security)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **WHEREAS** on April 24, 2018 the Senate unanimously approved 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 reaffirm its commitment to introduce a legislative framework on Parliamentary Autonomy;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to introduce in Parliament, within three (3) months, a Bill on Parliamentary Autonomy and have same referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament for consideration and report.
(By Senator Wade Mark)
- (ii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 1(2) of the Data Protection Act, 2011 that the Act shall come into operation on such day as is fixed by the President by Proclamation;
AND WHEREAS Part 1 and sections 7 to 18, 22, 23, 25(1), 26 and 28 of the Act were operationalised on January 06, 2012 and section 42(a) and (b) were operationalised on August 20, 2021;
AND WHEREAS there are other sections of the Act that offer the necessary checks and balances in safeguarding the personal data/information of every citizen;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to immediately proclaim the remaining sections of the Data Protection Act and in the process ensure the necessary checks and balances aimed at safeguarding citizens’ fundamental right to privacy.
(By Senator Wade Mark)
- (iii) **WHEREAS** Section 76(2) of the Constitution provides that the Attorney General is responsible for the administration of legal affairs in Trinidad and Tobago;
AND WHEREAS the Attorney General is required to uphold the Constitution and adhere to the Code of Ethics of the Legal Profession Act, Chap. 90:03, and maintain the rule of law to engender public confidence and trust in the office of the Attorney General;

AND WHEREAS a Miami Court has disqualified the Attorney General from acting on behalf of Trinidad and Tobago, due to a conflict of interest as the Defendants in the Miami matter were his former clients;

AND WHEREAS in said matter the Attorney General swore an affidavit dated April 24, 2022, wherein, he made several patently false statements and manifestly misrepresented the facts of his involvement with his former clients;

AND WHEREAS the Attorney General's conduct has embarrassed Trinidad and Tobago and brought his office into odium and disrepute;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate declare that it has lost confidence in the Attorney General, Senator the Honourable Reginald Armour, SC.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

(iv) **WHEREAS** it is the duty of the Government to provide safe, reliable and compassionate healthcare services for all citizens during a pandemic;

AND WHEREAS during the COVID-19 pandemic the Government has failed to address the inequities in accessing healthcare services;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to meet the international standards for patient care, as is stated in the Report of the Committee Appointed to Investigate the Factors Contributing to Clinical Outcomes of COVID-19 Patients in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to effectively manage resources to facilitate the movement of critically ill patients to and from our nation's hospitals;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate take note of the unacceptable number of deaths from COVID-19;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government to take immediate steps to initiate a Commission of Enquiry into the Government's management of the COVID-19 pandemic at our nation's healthcare institutions.

(By Senator David Nakhid)

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ORDER PAPER TUESDAY NOVEMBER 08, 2022**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 1 to the Minister of Finance****(By Senator Wade Mark)**

As regard the “Spotlight on the Economy” event held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on September 02, 2022, can the Minister provide the following:

- (i) the total cost of said event;
- (ii) the names of the service providers retained for the event;
- (iii) the amount of money paid to each service provider listed at (ii); and
- (iv) the procurement process utilised by the Ministry to retain the service providers listed at (ii)?

(Answer due by 14.10.2022)**Question No. 3 to the Minister of Finance****(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister provide a list of the suppliers of direct and brokerage insurance services retained by the National Gas Company for the period January 01 2017 to September 15, 2022?

(Answer due by 14.10.2022)**Question No. 4 to the Minister of Finance****(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister provide a list of the suppliers of direct and brokerage insurance services retained by First Citizens Bank for the period January 01, 2017 to September 15, 2022?

(Answer due by 14.10.2022)**Question No. 5 to the Attorney General****(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Attorney General provide a list of all persons employed during the period January 01, 2020 to September 15, 2022, on a 1-3 year fixed term contract, as Legal Counsel I, Legal Counsel II and Legal Counsel III in the following departments within the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs:

- (i) Anti-terrorism Unit;
- (ii) International Law and Human Rights Unit;
- (iii) Central Authority Unit;
- (iv) Chief Parliamentary Counsel Department;
- (v) Office of the Chief State Solicitor; and
- (vi) Office of the Solicitor General?

(Answer due by 14.10.2022)**Question No. 6 to the Attorney General****(By Senator Wade Mark)**

As regard all persons employed during the period January 01, 2020 to September 15, 2022, on a 1-3 year fixed term contract, as Legal Counsel I, Legal Counsel II and Legal Counsel III in the Anti-terrorism Unit, International Law and Human Rights Unit, Central Authority Unit, Chief Parliamentary Counsel

Department, Office of the Chief State Solicitor and Office of the Solicitor General within the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, can the Attorney General provide the following:

- (i) a list of all the persons who were employed in the said positions through a competitive recruitment process; and
- (ii) a list of all the persons employed in the said positions who were not subject to a competitive recruitment process?

(Answer due by 14.10.2022)

Question No. 7 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Wade Mark)

As regard all Associate Professionals who transitioned to the position of Legal Counsel I during the period January 01, 2020 to September 15, 2022, on a 1-3 year fixed term contract, in the Anti-terrorism Unit, International Law and Human Rights Unit, Central Authority Unit, Chief Parliamentary Counsel Department, Office of the Chief State Solicitor and Office of the Solicitor General within the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, can the Attorney General provide the following:

- (i) a list of all the persons who were employed in the said positions through a competitive recruitment process; and
- (ii) a list of all the persons employed in the said positions who were not subject to a competitive recruitment process?

(Answer due by 14.10.2022)

Question No. 51 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister provide a list of all claims made against the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC) in respect of the failure to deliver contracted quantities of natural gas for the period January 01, 2017 to September 30, 2022, including the following:

- (i) the date each claim was made;
- (ii) the name of the claimant(s) for each claim listed at (i);
- (iii) the quantum of each claim made;
- (iv) whether each claim was resolved or its present status; and
- (v) the total amount of money paid by the NGC in respect of (iv)?

(Answer due by 30.11.2022)

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