



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

SIXTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2022/2023)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

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**(By the Minister of Finance)**
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**(By the Minister of Digital Transformation)**
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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 10 to the Attorney General**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Attorney General state the total amount of money paid by the State to Attorney-at-law, Mr. Fyard Hosein, SC for the period June 19, 2021 to March 31, 2022?

**Question No. 11 to the Attorney General**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Attorney General provide a detailed breakdown of the amount of money spent by the State on overseas travel for the Attorney General and any individuals accompanying him, inclusive of accommodation and living expenses, for the period May 01, 2019 to September 15, 2022?

**Question No. 12 to the Attorney General**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Attorney General outline the Government's policy for Attorneys at Law representing the State and traveling to London to attend matters at the Privy Council as opposed to attending to those same matters via virtual hearings?

10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
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**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)**

**Brian Caesar**  
**Clerk of the Senate (Ag.)**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**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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**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 RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**  
Given the dust and noise affecting residents of Woodbrook as a result of an ongoing sidewalk refurbishment project, can the Minister indicate what immediate steps will be taken to safeguard the health and welfare of the affected residents?
2. **TO THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**  
Given reports of the flow of raw sewerage in the HDC Embacadere apartment buildings, can the Minister indicate the immediate measures being implemented to address this situation?

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