



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

SEVENTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2022/2023)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2022 AT 1:30 P.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 Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the period 2018/2019.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
 - (ii) The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Extension of Period for Payment of Fifty Percent of Fixed Penalty) (No. 3) Order, 2022.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)
 - (iii) The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (iv) The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended March 31, 2022.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (v) The Annual Administrative Report and Audited Financial Statements of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (vi) The Annual Administrative Report and Audited Financial Statements of the National Helicopter Services Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2018.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (vii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Police Complaints Authority for the year ended September 30, 2021.
(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 Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority for the year ended July 31, 2012.
(By the Minister of Finance)

- (ix) The Annual Administrative Report of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee for the period February 2012 to September 2012.
(By the Minister of Labour)
- (x) The Annual Administrative Report of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee for the period October 2013 to February 2014.
(By the Minister of Labour)
- (xi) The Annual Administrative Report of the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee for the period October 2017 to September 2018.
(By the Minister of Labour)
- (xii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Labour to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the impact of Work-from-Home and Alternative Work Arrangements, Policies and Initiatives on Public Sector Productivity and Service Delivery.
(By the Minister of Labour)
- (xiii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an inquiry into the effectiveness and efficiency of the Central Statistical Office (CSO).
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)
- (xiv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the impact of Work-from-Home and Alternative Work Arrangements, Policies and Initiatives on Public Sector Productivity and Service Delivery.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago (NIBTT) for the Financial Years 2014 to 2020.
(By Senator Jearlean John)
- (ii) The Seventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (TTSEC) for the Financial Years 2014 to 2018.
(By Senator Jearlean John)
- (iii) The Eighth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Years 2021.
(By Senator Jearlean John)
- (iv) The Ninth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the administration of the CAPE Scholarship Programme as reported on in the Special Audit Report within the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Financial Year 2019.
(By Senator Jearlean John)

8. URGENT QUESTIONS
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 13 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In relation to legal fees paid by the Office of the Attorney General to Marie De Vere Chambers, can the Attorney General state the following:

- (i) the total amount of legal fees paid for the period June 19, 2021 to March 31, 2022;
- (ii) how much money is still owed to said Chambers; and
- (iii) for what matter are these monies owed?

Question No. 14 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given a reported malware incursion into TSTT's software in March 2022 which compromised the personal data of its customers, can the Minister state:

- (i) whether an investigation has been launched into this event;
- (ii) what are the findings of the investigation; and
- (iii) whether said incursion had a negative impact on TSTT's revenue collection ability?

Question No. 15 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister indicate whether the recently raised US\$70M bond on the international capital market by TSTT has been guaranteed by the Government in its capacity as majority owner of the company?

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **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)

- (ii) **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)

- (iii) **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)

- (iv) **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)

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)

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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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