SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

EIGHTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2022/2023)
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT
TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 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

       (By the Minister of Public Utilities)

        (By the Minister of Finance)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

       (By Senator Deoroop Teemal)

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   (iii) The Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an inquiry into the role of the State in preserving the Cultural Heritage of the Indigenous Peoples (First Peoples) of Trinidad and Tobago, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament.
        (By Senator Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim)
Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 16 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries
(By Senator Wade Mark)
In light of the Government’s decision to reduce the level of subsidies on imported refined fuel products, can the Minister state:
(i) how much refined fuel products have been exported in 2022;
(ii) which countries have these products been exported to in 2022; and
(iii) the export price of these products?

Question No. 17 to the Minister of National Security
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Can the Minister state whether the families of Police Officers, who were killed in the line of duty, have been receiving compensation packages?

Question No. 18 to the Minister of Education
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Can the Minister state whether the Ministry will consider the deployment of “Safety Officers” to schools with outbreaks of violence rather than Police Officers?

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) The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday November 29, 2022 will be resumed:

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)

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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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