



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

ELEVENTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2022/2023)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.

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 - (i) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Helicopter Services Limited for fiscal year 2019 – 2020.
(By the Minister of National Security)
 - (ii) The Audited Unconsolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
 - (iii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Finance for fiscal year 2019/2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (iv) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2019.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (v) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Princes Town Regional Corporation – Chairman’s Fund Account for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (vi) The Annual Report of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended September 30, 2022.
(By the Minister of Finance)

- (vii) The Response of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the Sixth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the internal controls expenditure and the accessibility and availability of diagnostic imaging services at Public Health Institutions with specific reference to the Tobago Regional Health Authority.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (viii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries)
- (ix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of National Security to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of National Security)
- (x) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Health)
- (xi) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)
- (xii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Youth Development and National Service)
- (xiii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to the Seventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the implementation of the Public Sector Investment Programme for fiscal year 2021.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 25 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister state what steps will be taken to provide additional funding to the School Nutrition Programme to satisfy the increasing demand for meals?

Question No. 26 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister state what measures will be taken to strengthen the Praedial Larceny Squad given reports of the large scale looting of farmers' crops and livestock?

Question No. 27 to the Prime Minister

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Prime Minister state what is being done to address public concerns that efforts are being made by NIDCO and China Railway Construction (Caribbean) Ltd. to displace residents of Silk Cotton Trace Ext, Bon Accord, Tobago without compensation?

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)

Brian Caesar
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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 TOURISM, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given reports that the construction of the North Stand at the Queen's Park Savannah has been halted due to the stolen steel beams, can the Minister indicate what measures are being taken to ensure the completion of work for Carnival 2023?

2. **TO THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given reports that a damaged 42-inch transmission line in Santa Rosa has caused over 75,000 residents of Arima and environs to be without a potable water supply, can the Minister advise when will the water supply be restored?

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the increase in COVID-19 deaths in recent days, can the Minister indicate what public education measures are being implemented during this Carnival period?

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