



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

FIFTEENTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2022/2023)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY MARCH 28, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.

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  - (iii) The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) Order, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)**
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**(By the Attorney General)**
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  - (vi) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2019.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
  - (vii) The Report on the Management of the Seized Assets Fund for the financial year ended September 30, 2022.  
**(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 Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2018.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (ix) The Report of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT) with respect to the Progress of the Proposals to Restructure CLICO, BAT and CIB for the quarter ended December 31, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (x) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs to the Eighth 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 2021.  
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- (xi) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2014 and 2020.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Sixth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on the examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheets and other Financial Statements of the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited for the financial years 2012 and 2013.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
- (xiii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Utilities to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure on an inquiry into the impact of landfills on the environment of Trinidad and Tobago.  
**(By the Minister of Public Utilities)**
- (xiv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure on an inquiry into the impact of landfills on the environment of Trinidad and Tobago.  
**(By the Minister of Health)**
- (xv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Planning and Development to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure on an inquiry into the impact of landfills on the environment of Trinidad and Tobago.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
- (xvi) The Second 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 the financial year 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**
- (xvii) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2023.  
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- (xxi) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 5) Order, 2023.  
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- (xxiii) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 7) Order, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
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- (xxvi) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 10) Order, 2023.  
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- (xxvii) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 11) Order, 2023.  
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- (xxviii) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 12) Order, 2023.  
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- (xxix) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 13) Order, 2023.  
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- (xxxvii) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 21) Order, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
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- (xxxix) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 23) Order, 2023.  
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- (xl) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 24) Order, 2023.  
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- (xli) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 25) Order, 2023.  
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- (xlii) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 26) Order, 2023.  
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- (xliii) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 27) Order, 2023.  
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- (xliv) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 28) Order, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (xlv) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 29) Order, 2023.  
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- (xlvii) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 31) Order, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (xlviii) The Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 32) Order, 2023.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Ninth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination into the implementation of the 2021 budget with emphasis on the “Green Economy”.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (ii) The Tenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination into Findings of the Report of the Committee Appointed to Investigate the factors Contributing to Clinical Outcomes of COVID-19 Patients in Trinidad and Tobago.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (iii) The Eleventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination into the Island Wide Power Outage and Blackout that occurred on February 16, 2022.  
**(By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (iv) The Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament on an inquiry into the State’s capacity to provide support for victims of Domestic Violence and Family Conflicts (with specific focus on the availability of support mechanisms during the COVID-19 pandemic).  
**(By Senator Paul Richards)**

- (v) The Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament on an inquiry into the Implementation of a Regulatory Framework for the Development of Financial Technology (Fintech) and E-Payments.  
**(By Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye)**

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEARS IN THE APPENDIX**

### **Questions for Oral Answer**

#### **\*Question No. 34 to the Attorney General**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister provide the total amount of legal fees paid to the attorneys who advised NIDCO to terminate the contract with the Brazilian construction company Construtora OAS S.A.?

#### **Question No. 37 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of the Auditor General Report in relation to the audited THA Financial Statements ending September 30, 2015, and the matter of six (6) special purpose companies, can the Minister provide the following:

- (i) the names of the six (6) special purpose companies;
- (ii) a breakdown of the total monies paid to each of the said companies; and
- (iii) the reasons why the supporting documents for monies paid at (ii) above were not submitted to the Auditor General?

#### **Question No. 38 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of the Auditor General Report on the audited THA Financial Statements ending September 30, 2015 and the expenditure of \$17.2M incurred by a Division of the Assembly, can the Minister provide the following:

- (i) the name of the Division of the Assembly that incurred the sum of expenditure totalling \$17.2M; and
- (ii) the reasons why supporting documents were not produced for examination by the Auditor General?

#### **Question No. 39 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In respect of THA Financial Statements ending September 30, 2015, can the Minister explain why supporting documents were not submitted to the Auditor General to verify expenditure amounting to the sum of \$41M under the Contingencies Account?

#### **Question No. 76 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)**

Given that \$4 billion in Value Added Tax (VAT) refunds were reimbursed to businesses in fiscal 2022, can the Minister provide the following:

- (i) the current value of outstanding VAT refunds to date;
- (ii) a timeline to clear the backlog of outstanding VAT refunds; and
- (iii) the mechanism(s), outside of the issuing of VAT bonds, being considered to avoid the recurrence of VAT refund backlogs?

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\* Question No. 34 was deferred for two weeks on 28.02.2023

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) **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday February 28, 2023 will be resumed:**

**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)**

- (ii) **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)**

(iii) **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)**

(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**

### **Motions:**

(i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 5 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2023 be approved.

**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

- (ii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 2) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 6 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 2) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (iii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 3) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 7 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 3) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (iv) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 4) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 8 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 4) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (v) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 5) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 9 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 5) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

- (vi) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 6) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 10 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 6) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (vii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 7) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 11 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 7) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (viii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 8) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 12 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 8) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (ix) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 9) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 13 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 9) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(x) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 10) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 14 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 10) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xi) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 11) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 15 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 11) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 12) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 16 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 12) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xiii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 13) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 17 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 13) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

- (xiv) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 14) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 18 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 14) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

- (xv) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 15) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 19 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 15) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

- (xvi) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 16) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 20 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 16) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

- (xvii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 17) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 21 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 17) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xviii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 18) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 22 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 18) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xix) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 19) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 23 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 19) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xx) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 20) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 24 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 20) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

- (xxi) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 21) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 25 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 21) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (xxii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 22) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 26 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 22) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (xxiii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 23) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 27 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;
- AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 23) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**
- (xxiv) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;
- AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);
- AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 24) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 28 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 24) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xxv) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 25) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 29 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 25) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xxvi) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 26) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 30 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 26) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xxvii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 27) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 31 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 27) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xxviii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 28) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 32 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 28) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xxix) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 29) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 33 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 29) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xxx) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 30) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 34 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 30) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xxxi) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 31) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 35 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 31) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

(xxxii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may, by Resolution, approve an Order made under section 5(1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 32) Order, 2023 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 36 dated the 10th day of January, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the said Order;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) (No. 32) Order, 2023 be approved.  
**(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)**

**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)**

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

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**ORDER PAPER TUESDAY MARCH 28, 2023****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 73 to the Attorney General****(By Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial)**

Can the Attorney General provide the following information for each year during the period 2017 to 2022:

- (i) the number of cases in which judgement was granted against the Attorney General in default of filing a defence;
- (ii) the number of cases in which judgement was granted against the Attorney General in default of an appearance; and
- (iii) the total sum paid in damages in cases where Claimants obtained judgement in default of the Attorney General filing a defence or appearing?

**(Answer due by 11.03.2023)****Question No. 74 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries****(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Can the Minister provide a listing of the international travel of Paria Fuel Trading Company Limited for the year 2022, detailing the following:

- (i) the names of the company officials who travelled on each trip;
- (ii) the travel destinations of each trip; and
- (iii) the costs incurred by each official on each trip?

**(Answer due by 25.03.2023)****Question No. 84 to the Attorney General****(By Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial)**

As regard the complement of permanent and contract positions at the Criminal Law Department, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, can the Attorney General provide the following:

- (i) the number of permanent positions in the Department and the classifications of said positions;
- (ii) the number of contract positions in the Department and the classifications of said positions; and
- (iii) the total number of vacant positions at the Department as at March 01, 2023?

**(Answer due by 07.04.2023)****Question No. 89 to the Attorney General****(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)**

Can the Minister indicate the number of businesses registered and companies incorporated for each year during the period 2018 – 2022, in the following categories:

- (i) Size - micro, small, medium and large; and
- (ii) Sectors - wholesale trade, retail trade, food services, construction, energy manufacturing, non-energy manufacturing and transportation?

**(Answer due by 07.04.2023)**

**Question No. 90 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Amrita Deonarine)**

Can the Minister provide the following:

- (i) a list of all Public Sector loans including Government guarantee loans that were refinanced for each year during the period 2018 - 2023;
- (ii) the initial and refinanced TT dollar value of each loan;
- (iii) the initial and refinanced interest rates of each loan;
- (iv) the names of the financial institution(s) that refinanced each loan; and
- (v) the reduction in debt burden accrued from these refinancing arrangements (in present value terms)?

**(Answer due by 07.04.2023)**

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**SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**FIFTEENTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2022/2023)**

**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT**

**TUESDAY MARCH 28, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.**

**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 LABOUR**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of Digicel's decision to retrench approximately one hundred and twenty-six (126) workers, can the Minister indicate whether the company's decision to retrench these workers was done in accordance with the Retrenchment and Severance Benefits Act?

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

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

In light of the reduction in water production at the DESALCOTT plant due to algae build-up which is negatively impacting some 240,000 consumers in South and Central, can the Minister indicate what measures are being taken to address this situation?

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