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Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 55 to the Minister of Education
(By Senator Wade Mark)
In light of concerns expressed by teachers of the San Juan North Secondary School about infrastructural deficiencies in several classroom blocks, can the Minister outline the measures being taken to address these concerns?

Question No. 56 to the Minister of Education
(By Senator Wade Mark)
In light of reports that there have been no classes at the Brasso Venado Government Primary school between November 2022 to January 2023, can the Minister indicate:
   (i) the reason(s) for the lack of regular classes being held at the school during the above stated period; and
   (ii) what arrangements, if any, have been put in place to temporarily accommodate displaced students?
Question No. 57 to the Minister of National Security
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Given calls by the Supermarket Association for more Police patrols to curb the increased incidents of shoplifting, can the Minister indicate what measures, if any, are being taken to address this issue?

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

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15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

(i) The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday April 25, 2023 will be resumed:

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 the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 entrenches the principle of the separation of powers between the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary, which ensures the protection of citizens and a system of checks and balances in the exercise of power;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution provides protection to all constitutionally enshrined offices and institutions;

AND WHEREAS the actions of the Government in its engagement with constitutionally enshrined offices and institutions have caused public unease and concerns;
BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate calls on the Government to reaffirm its commitment to the principles and the practice of democracy in Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial)

(iii) 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)

(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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ORDER PAPER TUESDAY MAY 23, 2023
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 108 to the Minister of Works and Transport
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Can the Minister provide a breakdown of each of the five hundred (500) desilting and river embankment projects undertaken by the Ministry, including their respective geographical locations, costs and completion dates, for the period October 01, 2021 to April 27, 2023?
(Answer due by 27.05.2023)

Question No. 113 to the Minister of Finance
(By Senator Wade Mark)
As regard the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority (TTRA), can the Minister advise as to the following:
(i) the names of the Director General and the Deputy Directors General of the TTRA;
(ii) the qualifications of the respective office holders; and
(iii) the terms and conditions of employment, including the salaries and contract periods of the respective office holders?
(Answer due by 03.06.2023)

Question No. 114 to the Minister of Education
(By Senator Dr. Paul Richards)
As regard the children referred to the Student Support Services Division, can the Minister provide the following information for each year during the period January 2018 to April 2023:
(iv) how many children were diagnosed with special needs and disabilities;
(v) what were the categories of special needs and disabilities identified;
(vi) what were the recommended courses of treatment; and
(vii) how many of these children received treatment?
(Answer due by 14.06.2023)
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 Minister concerned.

1. **TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
   (By Senator Dr. Paul Richards)  
   Given the Privy Council judgement and subsequent concerns of Local Government Councillors and Aldermen as regard their status, what measures are being taken by the Government to address this issue?

2. **TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
   (By Senator Wade Mark)  
   Given the recent Privy Council ruling on the postponement of Local Government elections, can the Minister indicate what is the legal status of all decisions and actions taken by the Regional Corporations since December 02, 2022?

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May 23, 2023