SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

TWENTY-FIFTH SITTING, THIRD SESSION (2022/2023)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

MONDAY JUNE 26, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.

1. PRAYERS
2. OATH OR AFFIRMATION
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
       (By the Minister of Sport and Community Development who will move that the next
       stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)
5. PETITIONS
6. PAPERS
   (i) The Annual Administrative Report of the Betting Levy Board for the period July 01, 2018 to
       June 30, 2019.
       (By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
   (ii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Betting Levy Board for the period July 01, 2019 to
       (By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
   (iii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company
       Limited for the year ended September 30, 2016.
       (By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
8. URGENT QUESTIONS
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

*Question No. 67 to the Minister of National Security
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Given January 2023 reports indicating that approximately thirty (30) officers attached to the
Immigration Detention Centre in Aripo have not received salaries since November 2022, can the
Minister advise as to the following:
(i) what are the reasons for the failure to pay salaries to these officers; and
(ii) when will salaries be paid to these officers?

* Question No. 67 was deferred for two weeks on 06.06.2023
**Question No. 71 to the Attorney General**  
(By Senator Wade Mark)
As regard the investigation commissioned by the Government into the Vindra Naipaul-Coolman missing case file and matters related thereto, can the Attorney General provide the following information:

(i) the estimated sum of the fees to be paid to the two (2) retired Justices investigating the matter;
(ii) the rate of pay for each of the retired Justices; and
(iii) when will the investigation be completed and the report made public?

**Question No. 72 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**  
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Can the Minister advise whether the gas supply negotiations between Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago will be negatively affected by the recent appointment of the Venezuelan Oil Minister who is at present under US sanctions?

**Question No. 75 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries**  
(By Senator Wade Mark)
Can the Minister advise as to the following:

(i) the names and positions of each person in senior executive positions at the Paria Fuel Trading Company Limited; and
(ii) the salaries and allowances paid to each of the persons listed at (i)?

**Question No. 125 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services**  
(By Senator Dr. Paul Richards)
Given growing public concerns regarding discrimination against persons living with disabilities, can the Minister advise as to the following:

(i) has the Government identified the critical issues for action in relation to such discrimination;
(ii) what measures are being taken to address this situation in the short-term; and
(iii) when will legislative amendment be brought to the Parliament to address such discrimination?

**Question No. 126 to the Minister of National Security**  
(By Senator Dr. Paul Richards)
Can the Minister outline the Government’s policy on refugees and asylum seekers and the way forward in this regard?

**Question No. 127 to the Minister of National Security**  
(By Senator Dr. Paul Richards)
Can the Minister advise as to the following in relation to Venezuelan migrants currently living in Trinidad and Tobago, as at May 31, 2023:

(i) how many persons are registered migrants;
(ii) what are the immigration categories of said registered migrants;
(iii) how many persons are non-registered migrants; and
(iv) what measures are being taken by the Ministry to address the matter of non-registered Venezuelan migrants currently living in Trinidad and Tobago?

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) BE IT RESOLVED that the Industrial Relations (Amendment to the Second Schedule) Order, 2023 be annulled.
(By Senator Wade Mark)

(ii) The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday May 23, 2023 will be resumed:

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)

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