



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

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

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

FRIDAY JUNE 30, 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
 - (i) The Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Bill, 2023.
(By the Attorney General who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)
5. PETITIONS
6. PAPERS
 - (i) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2018.
(By the Minister of Finance)
 - (ii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2019.
(By the Minister of Finance)
7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
 - (i) The Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Shipping Bill, 2020, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament.
(By Senator the Hon. Randall Mitchell)
8. URGENT QUESTIONS
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 80 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given that the post of Inspector of Missions has been vacant since 2019, can the Minister indicate:

- (i) when will said post be filled; and
- (ii) what are the reason(s) for the delay in filling the post?

Question No. 81 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of February 2023 reports on the prices charged by EOG Resources to the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC) for the supply of gas, can the Minister advise what are the implications of these prices on the overall operations of the NGC and the downstream energy sector?

Question No. 82 to the Minister of National Security

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister indicate what action, if any, is being taken by the Government to address the increase in the number of Police equipment being found in the possession of criminals?

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 June 27, 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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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given the HDC's commitment to repair the destroyed roof at Building 4, Trou Macaque by July 02, 2023, can the Minister indicate whether any temporary housing or immediate financial support will be provided to displaced residents in the interim?

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