SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER
SECOND SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2023/2024)
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT
FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

1. PRAYERS
2. OATH OR AFFIRMATION
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5. PETITIONS
6. PAPERS

(i) The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 2) Order, 2023.  
   (By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

(ii) The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 3) Order, 2023.  
     (By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

(iii) The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 4) Order, 2023.  
     (By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

     (By the Minister of Works and Transport)

(v) The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Exemption) (Financing Services) Order, 2023.  
    (By the Minister of Finance)

    (By the Minister of Finance)

     (By the Minister of Finance)
(By the Minister of Finance)

(By the Minister of Finance)

(x) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Non-Receipt of Financial Statements of the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance)

(By the Minister of Finance)

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(By the Minister of Finance)

(xvii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statement of the Point Fortin Civic Centre for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance)

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(xliv) The Annual Report of the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year 2021.
(By the Prime Minister)

(xlv) The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister to the Fourteenth Report of
the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of the
implementation of the recommendations contained in the Twenty-Fourth Report of the
Public Administration and Appropriations Committee from the Eleventh Parliament on the
Processing of the Payment of Pensions and Gratuities of Retired Public Officers and
Contracted Employees.
(By the Prime Minister)

(xlvi) The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

(xlvii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries
Company Limited and its subsidiaries for the financial year ended September 30, 2018.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

(xlviii) The Annual Administrative Report of InvesTT Limited for the financial year ended
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)

(xlix) The Annual Report of the National Information and Communication Technology Company
(By the Minister of Digital Transformation)

(l) The Annual Report of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the
period 2020/2021.
(By the Minister of Digital Transformation)

(li) The Annual Report of the Ministry of Public Administration for the financial year October
01, 2017 to September 30, 2018.
(By the Minister of Public Administration)

(lii) The Annual Report of the Ministry of Public Administration for the financial year October
01, 2018 to September 30, 2019.
(By the Minister of Public Administration)

(liii) The Response of the Personnel Department to the Fourteenth Report of the Public
Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of the implementation
of the recommendations contained in the Twenty-Fourth Report of the Public
Administration and Appropriations Committee from the Eleventh Parliament on the
Processing of the Payment of Pensions and Gratuities of Retired Public Officers and
Contracted Employees.
(By the Minister of Public Administration)
(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)

(By the Minister of Public Utilities)

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(By the Minister of Education)

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

(lxii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation for the fiscal periods ending September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2017.
(By the Minister of Housing and Urban Development)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) The Thirteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of the Management and Operations of the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) including the restructuring of HDC into three distinct State Enterprises.
(By Senator the Hon. Randall Mitchell)

(ii) The Fourteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Twenty-Fourth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee from the Eleventh Parliament on the Processing of the Payment of Pensions and Gratuities of Retired Public Officers and Contracted Employees.
(By Senator the Hon. Randall Mitchell)

(iii) The Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on a follow-up inquiry into the implementation of the new Public Procurement System, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament.
(By Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye)
The Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an examination of the state of technical and vocational programmes and their contribution to achieving the developmental goals of Trinidad and Tobago, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament.

(By Senator Dr. Paul Richards)

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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) Whereas the United States Government has granted a licence allowing Trinidad and Tobago to develop the Dragon Gas Field in Venezuela;

And Whereas it will cost some US$100M to build a 17-kilometre pipeline from the Dragon Gas Field in Venezuelan waters to the Hibiscus Platform in Trinidad and Tobago waters;

And Whereas there are many other issues that remain outstanding in order to bring gas from the Dragon Gas Field to this country’s shores;

Be It Resolved that the Senate call on the Government to provide a detailed account of its approach to this project involving entities such as Shell, the National Gas Company, Venezuela and the US Government;

* Restored pursuant to Standing Order 77(3)
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government provide this Senate with quarterly reports on this critically significant project.
(By Senator Wade Mark)

(ii) WHEREAS the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chapter 19:01 provides for the establishment of Commissions to manage the conduct of enquiries into public officers, departments and matters of public welfare;

AND WHEREAS Commissions of Enquiry are recognised as an important tool for social investigation in contemporary society, an effective mechanism for delving into and ameliorating matters of public concern;

AND WHEREAS successive Government administrations have failed to adequately address public concerns which have arisen from time to time on whether the Commissions of Enquiry in Trinidad and Tobago have been effectively and efficiently carrying out their mandate;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government to review the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 and the public inquiry process in Trinidad and Tobago with a view to effecting comprehensive reform of the Act and thereby improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the public inquiry process.
(By Senator Anthony Vieira, SC)

(iii) 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.
(Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial)

(iv) WHEREAS by virtue of Section 7(6)(e) of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Property Act, 2015 (“the Act”), the Minister of Finance may upon his initiative with the agreement of the Office of Procurement Regulation subject to the negative resolution of Parliament, by Order, determine that the Act shall not apply to services provided to public bodies or State-controlled enterprises;

AND WHEREAS by the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Exemption) (Financing Services) Order, 2023 published on the 8th September 2023 by Legal Notice 270 dated 7th September 2023, provided at Clause 3 of the said Order that the Act does not apply to the procurement of financing services by the Ministry with responsibility for finance for –

(a) central government; or
(b) a public body, where the financing services are to be guaranteed by the Government;

AND WHEREAS the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Exemption) (Financing Services) Order, 2023 is contrary to the principles of good governance, namely accountability, transparency, integrity and value for money;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Exemption) (Financing Services) Order, 2023 be annulled.
(By Senator Wade Mark)
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