



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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TWELFTH SITTING, FOURTH SESSION (2023/2024)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

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(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)
- (xx) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services to the Eighteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on an examination of the provision of flood relief grants by the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services.
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(By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)
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- (xxx) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Education to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an examination of the implementation of the recommendations of the report by the independent investigation team appointed by the Cabinet of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to investigate reports of child abuse at Children's Homes.
(By the Minister of Education)

- (xxxix) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Export Centres Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.
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(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
- (xli) The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Prime Minister to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an examination of the implementation of the recommendations of the report by the independent investigation team appointed by the Cabinet of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to investigate reports of child abuse at Children's Homes.
(By the Prime Minister)
- (xlii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity on an examination of the implementation of the recommendations of the report by the independent investigation team appointed by the Cabinet of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to investigate reports of child abuse at Children's Homes.
(By the Minister of Youth Development and National Service)

- (xlili) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA) (12th Parliament) on an inquiry into the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Pesticide and Toxic Chemicals Inspectorate
(By the Minister of Health)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Second Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security, Fourth Session (2023/2024) of the Twelfth Parliament, on An inquiry into the safety, security, and protection of citizens with specific reference to the factors that contribute to the prevalence of illegal firearms and gun violence in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By Senator Dr. Paul Richards)

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 19 to the Prime Minister

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of May 2023 reports that several girls, under the age of eighteen (18) years and resident at State care institutions, have become pregnant, can the Prime Minister advise as to what action is being taken to address the situation?

Question No. 20 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given reports of vacant teaching positions at the various Primary schools operated by Denominational Boards, can the Minister advise as to what measures, if any, are being taken to address this situation?

Question No. 21 to the Minister of Health

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the May 2023 High Court decision to order the State to compensate the parents of a six year old child who was born with health issues associated with the Zika virus, can the Minister advise as to the following:

- (i) whether mandatory blood tests for the Zika virus are conducted on all pregnant mothers;
- (ii) if the answer to (i) is in the negative, what are the reasons for the absence of these mandatory tests; and
- (iii) what measures are being taken to implement comprehensive guidelines and protocols for treating children suffering with illnesses/conditions associated with the Zika virus?

Question No. 72 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services

(By Senator Prof. Gerard Hutchinson)

What are the Government's plans in relation to the management of the socially displaced, particularly in the urban centres of Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 73 to the Minister of Health

(By Senator Prof. Gerard Hutchinson)

Can the Minister indicate what measures will be implemented by Government to expand the mental health services available to Children and Adolescents in Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 74 to the Minister of Public Administration

(By Senator Prof. Gerard Hutchinson)

In relation to productivity in the Public Service, can the Minister outline the following:

- (i) what are the mechanisms used to measure productivity in the Public Service;
- (ii) what are the mechanisms used to monitor the rates of absenteeism and sick leave utilisation in the Public Service; and
- (iii) what is the system of performance management currently used in the Public Service?

- 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
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- 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

Motions:

- (i) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 3(1) of the Development Loans Act that the Government is authorised, for the purpose of —
 - (a) financing general development in Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (b) repayment of borrowings effected for such general development; or
 - (c) repayment of borrowings effected for general development —
 - (i) by a statutory authority within the meaning of the Statutory Authorities Act;
 - (ii) by an enterprise that is controlled by or on behalf of the State; or
 - (iii) by the University of the West Indies,

from time to time to borrow money externally or internally in a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate sixty-five thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS it is also provided in the said section 3(1), that thereafter such sum in such currency may from time to time be specified by resolution passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Government to borrow further sums of money for the purposes stated in the said section;

BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes stated in the said section, the Government is hereby authorised to borrow money externally or internally in a further sum or in further sums not exceeding in the aggregate ten thousand million dollars in the currency of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By the Minister of Finance)

- (ii) **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 9 of the Beekeeping and Bee Products Act, Chap. 67:53 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations, *inter alia*, restricting and regulating the importation or exportation of bees, bee products and bee supplies into or out of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS it is also provided by section 9 of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries has on the 24th day of November, 2023 made the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 now be affirmed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 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)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **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)

- (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) **WHEREAS** the Steelpan was inspired into creation in Trinidad and Tobago, which was recognised in the United Nations General Assembly's proclamation of August 11th as World Steelpan Day;

AND WHEREAS through the inventiveness, dedication and intelligence of generations of citizens, the Steelpan now stands as a powerful symbol of cultural identity and a source of national pride for citizens resident within and outside of Trinidad and Tobago, and occupies a distinctive place among the musical instruments of the world;

AND WHEREAS citizens widely revere the Steelpan as the national musical instrument of Trinidad and Tobago yet the recognition of the Steelpan as the national musical instrument of Trinidad and Tobago has not been codified in law;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Steelpan be declared the national instrument of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Joint Select Committee of Parliament be established to determine the best mechanism for giving meaningful effect to the declaration of the Steelpan as the national instrument of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Sunity Maharaj)

- (iv) **WHEREAS** the Central Bank's CLICO Resolution Plan, 2015 identified the sale of the Colonial Life Insurance Company's ("CLICO") shareholding in Methanol Holdings (International) Limited ("MHIL") as a means of settling the Company's outstanding debt to the State, which totals approximately TT\$1.1B as at December 2023;

AND WHEREAS MHIL was jointly owned by CLICO and Consolidated Energy Limited (CEL), whereby CEL held the right of first refusal to purchase the MHIL shares, pursuant to the Shareholders' Agreement;

AND WHEREAS CEL initially refused offers by CLICO to purchase said shares in 2017, 2018 and 2022, and the shares were subsequently sold to CEL in the last quarter of 2023 at approximately US\$337M;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to table, within fourteen (14) days, all relevant documents to the agreement between CLICO and CEL for the sale of the MHIL shares, including, but not limited to, any acquisition agreements, valuations and legal opinions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to commission an independent forensic audit into said sale agreement, should these documents not be provided within the above stated period.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (v) **WHEREAS** the 2018 Green Paper on the National Policy on Gender and Development provides a framework for the inclusion of gender perspectives in all activities of Government and civil society aimed at promoting the full and equal participation of men and women in the development process;

AND WHEREAS the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognises the centrality of gender equality to development and as a prerequisite for progress across all its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of which SDG 5: Gender Equality, includes a specific indicator (5.c.1) that commits countries to developing systems to track and make public, budgetary allocations for gender equality;

AND WHEREAS there is a fragmented implementation of gender mainstreaming across policy areas and Government institutions resulting in a gender blind budgetary processes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to adopt and strengthen policies and legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to table legislative proposals that provide for the elimination of gender inequalities among adults, adolescents and children in the national budgetary process.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

**Keiba Jacob Mottley
Clerk of the Senate (Ag.)**

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 64 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

With respect to the oil and gas reserves audits of the upstream energy companies operating in Trinidad and Tobago, can the Minister advise:

- (i) when was the last audit conducted;
- (ii) which entity conducted the audit identified at (i);
- (iii) what were the results of the audit, including the proven, probable and possible reserves in each category of oil and gas?

(Answer due by 19.03.2024)

Question No. 71 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Attorney General provide a detailed list of all public registers established in law, including:

- (i) each Act of Parliament, and the sections of each Act, that provides for the creation of public registers;
- (ii) where the registers addressed in (i) are available for public viewing; and
- (iii) whether there is a cost to accessing said registers?

(Answer due by 19.03.2024)

Question No. 75 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services

(By Senator Prof. Gerard Hutchinson)

With regard to the social welfare grants available through the Ministry, can the Minister provide a breakdown by district, for the period 2018 – January 2024, of the following:

- (i) the number of grants approved per year; and
- (ii) the ratio of applications to approved grants per year?

(Answer due by 19.03.2024)

Question No. 81 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By Senator Sunity Maharaj)

Given ongoing disruptions in the water supply to domestic users and the projection of a drier-than-usual dry season, can the Minister provide a detailed list of the commercial water companies that have been granted licenses to abstract water from surface, ground and coastal water sources, including the following information:

- (i) the dates of the award of each licence;
- (ii) the duration of each licence;
- (iii) the daily quota of water permitted for abstraction by each company;
- (iv) the rate applied to each company and the formula used to determine each rate;
- (v) the total annual volume of water abstracted by each company for the period 2010 to 2023 and the associated annual revenue accrued to the Water and Sewerage Authority;
- (vi) the status and reliability of installed equipment for monitoring water abstraction by each company; and
- (vii) details of the policy for adjusting the water quotas of commercial water companies during periods of drought and other disruptions in the public water supply?

(Answer due by 30.03.2024)

Question No. 82 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries

(By Senator Sunity Maharaj)

Will the Minister please provide an update on the 1,282.1073 hectares of land formerly owned by the Orange Grove National Company Limited indicating the following:

- (i) the acreage of land that has been leased or otherwise disposed of;
- (ii) the names of the individuals and/or companies to which said parcels of land have been leased or otherwise disposed of;
- (iii) in each case identified at (ii), the acreage of land involved, the land use conditions attached, the duration of the lease, the rate applied and the conditions for transfer of the leases to other parties or the use of property by other parties;
- (iv) whether any of the leased land is being used for purposes other than that stipulated by the relevant leases;
- (v) the percentage of the 1,282.1073 hectares that is currently used for agricultural production by the State
- (vi) the production output of the percentage of land identified at (v); and
- (vii) the Government's plans, if any, to use the unleased land or any part thereof for purposes other than agriculture?

(Answer due by 30.03.2024)

Question No. 83 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Sunity Maharaj)

Can the Minister provide a detailed list of all Government and Government-assisted schools whose students have been relocated to alternative facilities including the following:

- (i) the current number of students relocated in each affected school;
- (ii) the reason(s) for the relocation of each student;
- (iii) the facilities to which students have been relocated;
- (iv) the respective dates of relocation;
- (v) the scheduled date for the resumption of classes at the affected schools; and
- (vi) an explanation in each case identified at (iv) where there is no scheduled date?

(Answer due by 30.03.2024)

Question No. 85 to the Minister of National Security

(By Senator Sunity Maharaj)

In relation to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, can the Minister of National Security provide the following information:

- (i) the current composition of the Criminal Injuries Board;
- (ii) the annual number of applications for compensation received by the Board since its inception;
- (iii) the number of victims of crime who have been granted financial compensation since its inception;
- (iv) the annual sums of compensation paid to the recipients identified at (iii);
- (v) the crimes committed against the victims identified at (iii);
- (vi) the geographical distribution of recipients?

(Answer due by 30.03.2024)

Question No. 86 to the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister – Gender and Child Affairs

(By Senator Sunity Maharaj)

With regard to the gender diversity of Public Sector Boards, including State Enterprises, Service Commissions, Statutory Authorities and other bodies, can the Minister provide the following:

- (i) a breakdown by gender of each Board; and
- (ii) an outline of the Government's gender policy that guides appointments to Public Sector boards?

(Answer due by 30.03.2024)

**THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (REGISTRAR GENERAL, COMPANIES,
REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS NAMES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)
BILL, 2023**

List of amendments made in the House of Representatives on Wednesday March 06, 2024 at the Committee Stage of the above named Bill.

Clause	Amendments
4	<p>A. In paragraph (d)(iii) in new subsection (1C), delete the word “forty-five days” and replace with the words “thirty days”;</p> <p>B. In paragraph (v) in new subsection (2)(c) delete the words “or if there is any doubt that the person identified is the beneficial owner”;</p> <p>C. In paragraph (w) in section 337B(2B) delete the words “ceased to be the beneficial owner” and replace with the words “became and the date on which he ceased to be the beneficial owner as well as the basis on which he was considered a beneficial owner.”;</p> <p>D. In paragraph (x) in section 337C-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) in subsection (3) insert after the word “effect” the words “, together with any supporting documentation”; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) in subsection (7) insert after the word “shall” the words “verify the identity of the beneficial owner by conducting adequate due diligence procedures and”;</p> <p>E. in paragraph (y) in section 337DA insert after the word “shall” the words “take reasonable steps to”;</p> <p>F. In paragraph (aj) in new section 489(7) delete the words “or by other means” and replace with the words “and by other means”.</p>
5	<p>A. In paragraph (a)(i)(A) delete the words “means” and replace with the words “Act-”.</p> <p>B. Delete paragraph (h) and replace with the following:</p> <p>“(h) in section 15-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) in subsection (1) by deleting the words “, or if he is dead, his personal representative,”;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) in subsection (3) by inserting after the word “post” the words “or by electronic means”; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iii) by inserting after subsection (4) the following new subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">“(5) Where a firm or individual registered under this Act ceases operations and all partners in the firm or, in the case of an individual, the individual dies, an interested person shall, within three months of the death, make a declaration accompanied by</p>

	supporting documents to the Registrar General, notifying of the death of the partners or individual and the ceasing of the operations.”.
6(g)(ii)	In subsection (7), delete all the words after the words “controller,” where it occurs first and replace with the words “an interested party shall, within three months of the death, make a declaration, accompanied by supporting documents, to the Registrar General notifying of the death of the controller and the ceasing of operations.”.

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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 ENERGY AND ENERGY INDUSTRIES**

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the oil spill in the Vistabella River which originated from a Heritage Petroleum Company Limited pipeline in Tarouba, can the Minister indicate the measures being implemented to prevent oil from seeping into the Gulf of Paria?

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

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of the water crisis facing approximately 28 communities in the Penal/Debe area and the non-release of relief funding by the relevant authorities, can the Minister indicate what steps are being taken by WASA to bring relief to these communities?

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