



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

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THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Mayor's Fund of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2022.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
2. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Point Fortin Borough Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2005.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
3. The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Point Fortin Borough Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2006.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Eastern Regional Health Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2018.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
5. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Deposit Insurance Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2024.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
6. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the CEPEP Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**

7. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the CEPEP Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
8. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the CEPEP Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2017.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
9. The Corrected Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Information and Communication Technology Company Limited (iGovTT) for the financial year ended September 30, 2024.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
10. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (PLIPDECO) for the year ended December 31, 2024.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
11. The Annual Report of the First Citizens Group Financial Holdings Limited and its Subsidiaries for the financial year ended September 30, 2024.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**
12. The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Solid Waste Management Company Limited (SWMCOL) for the fiscal year 2019/2020.  
**(By the Minister of Public Utilities)**

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

#### URGENT QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

#### Questions for Oral Answer

##### **\*Question No. 4 to the Minister of Homeland Security**

**(By Senator Vishnu Dhanpaul)**

Can the Minister indicate:

- (i) the status of the 5,000 body cameras, which were purchased for use by the TTPS; and
- (ii) the percentage of TTPS officers who currently use body cameras on active duty?

##### **Question No. 8 to the Minister of Education**

**(By Senator Janelle John-Bates)**

Given the Government's position that students involved in school fights will be expelled, what measures will be taken by the Government to safeguard the right to education of children who face expulsion?

##### **Question No. 9 to the Minister of Education**

**(By Senator Melanie Roberts-Radgman)**

In light of the Prime Minister's utterances that every occurrence of assault and battery in schools will be treated as an expellable and arrestable offence, can the Minister indicate what measures will be implemented by the Ministry to rehabilitate any students removed from the school system and placed in the criminal justice system?

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\* Question No. 4 was deferred for two weeks on 30.06.2025

**Question No. 10 to the Minister of Homeland Security**

**(By Senator Melanie Roberts-Radgman)**

In light of the police-involved fatal shootings which occurred in Tobago in the months of April and May 2025, can the Minister indicate what steps are being taken to address matters of accountability, investigation, surveillance and review of police action within the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service?

**Question No. 11 to the Minister of Justice**

**(By Senator Melanie Roberts-Radgman)**

Can the Minister advise of the status of the Police Complaints Authority's investigations into the police-involved fatal shootings which occurred in Tobago in the months of April and May 2025?

**Question No. 12 to the Minister of Homeland Security**

**(By Senator Faris Al-Rawi, SC)**

Can the Minister provide the following information:

- (i) the total number of police stations at which virtual hearings are conducted;
- (ii) the type of matters that are conducted by virtual hearings at the said Police stations disclosed;
- (iii) the total number of persons who attended court virtually at the said Police stations for the period 2020 to April 2025; and
- (iv) the total number of domestic violence matters that were heard virtually at the said Police stations, if any, during the period 2020 to April 2025?

**Question No. 13 to the Minister of Homeland Security**

**(By Senator Faris Al-Rawi, SC)**

Given reports of the Minister's statements that he has "observed that the courts of T&T have taken possession of police stations nationwide", can the Minister identify:

- (i) the total number of police stations in use by the TTPS; and
- (ii) the locations of the stations taken over as courts by the Judiciary?

**Question No. 14 to the Minister of Homeland Security**

**(By Senator Faris Al-Rawi, SC)**

Can the Minister inform whether it is the Government's policy to halt virtual hearings being held at Police stations?

**Question No. 19 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure**

**(By Senator Alicia Lalite-Ettienne)**

Can the Minister advise what systems are being put in place to address the dilapidated conditions of the pavements in Port of Spain, which makes commuting extremely difficult and dangerous for persons with disabilities?

**Question No. 20 to the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development**

**(By Senator Alicia Lalite-Ettienne)**

In light of the Minister's statements that there will be an increase in employment opportunities for citizens of this country in the near future as a result of the various initiatives presently being undertaken by the Ministry of Labour, can the Minister indicate the following:

- (i) will persons with disabilities (PWDs) be included in these initiatives;
- (ii) if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, what percentage of these initiatives is identified for PWDs; and
- (iii) which categories of employment are being considered?

**Question No. 21 to the Minister of the People, Social Development and Family Services**

**(By Senator Alicia Lalite-Ettienne)**

Given concerns of the inappropriate application of the Ministry's means test system, especially in situations regarding the eligibility of persons with disabilities for social assistance, can the Minister explain what strategies will be developed to address this problem?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

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MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01, guarantees the right of the individual to equality before the law and protection of the law, the right of the individual to equality of treatment from any public authority, to the enjoyment of property and to the freedom of movement;

**AND WHEREAS** the Equal Opportunity Act, Chap. 22:03 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability and places a duty on public authorities to ensure equality of access to services and facilities;

**AND WHEREAS** persons living with disabilities in Trinidad and Tobago continue to face significant barriers to full participation in national life, including but not limited to limited access to employment opportunities, inadequate housing and infrastructure, insufficient educational access and resources, and the continued inaccessibility of public buildings, processes and operations;

**AND WHEREAS** these barriers result in social and economic exclusion, contrary to the principles of equality and non-discrimination enshrined in the Constitution and the Equal Opportunity Act;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call upon the Government to table in Parliament, within the next twelve (12) months, a comprehensive national strategic plan, inclusive of a legislative framework, to eliminate these barriers to social and economic exclusion, thereby enabling all persons to participate fully in public life with dignity and independence.

**(By Senator Alicia Lalite-Etienne)**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 7 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure**

**(By Senator Janelle John-Bates)**

In light of the Minister's public statements that the Government will undertake 114 projects to mitigate flooding, can the Minister provide the location and estimated cost of each project?

**(Answer due by July 12, 2025)**

**Question No. 18 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By Senator Dr. Desirée Murray)**

In light of the Minister's assurance that the Inland Revenue Division and the Customs and Excise Division will be upgraded to a modernized tax collection system, could the Minister provide:

- (i) a breakdown of specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound goals toward implementing said system; and
- (ii) an outline of how these goals will be evaluated and reviewed?

**(Answer due by August 02, 2025)**

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