

SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

FOURTEENTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2026/2027)

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Immigration (Amendment) Regulations, 2026.
   (By the Minister of Homeland Security)

2. The Senior Citizens' Pension (Amendment of Schedule) Order, 2026.
   (By the Minister of the People, Social Development and Family Services)

3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Fernando City Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.
   (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 Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
   (By the Minister of Finance)

5. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.
   (By the Minister of Finance)

6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North Central Regional Health Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.
   (By the Minister of Finance)

7. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)

8. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Police Complaints Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2025.
(By the Minister of Finance)

9. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Statement of Recovery of Expenses of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries for the year ended December 31, 2025.
(By the Minister of Finance)

10. The Annual Administrative Report of the National Flour Mills Limited for the year ended December 31, 2023.
(By the Minister of Trade, Investment and Tourism)

11. The Annual Administrative Report of the former Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year 2023/2024.
(By the Minister of Housing)

12. The Annual Administrative Report of the former Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year 2024/2025.
(By the Minister of Housing)

13. The Annual Administrative Report of Caribbean Airlines Limited for the year ended December 31, 2022.
(By the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation)

14. The Annual Administrative Report of Caribbean Airlines Limited for the year ended December 31, 2023.
(By the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation)

15. The Annual Administrative Report of Caribbean Airlines Limited for the year ended December 31, 2024.
(By the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation)

16. The Annual Administrative Report of Caribbean Airlines Limited for the year ended December 31, 2025.
(By the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation)

17. The Annual Report of the Statutory Authorities Service Commission for the year ended December 31, 2025.
(By the Vice-President)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 17 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs
(By Senator Anthony Vieira, SC)
Can the Minister advise whether the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has entered into, or is negotiating, any agreement or other arrangement with the Government of the United States of America for Trinidad and Tobago to receive third-country nationals deported from the United States and, if so, state the nature and status of that arrangement?

Question No. 25 to the Minister of Finance
(By Senator Vishnu Dhanpaul)
With respect to VAT refund claims made by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as at September 01, 2026, can the Minister provide:

(i) the total number of SMEs that have submitted claims which remain unprocessed beyond the statutory period;
(ii) the total dollar value of the overdue claims identified at (i); and
(iii) what specific remedial measures are being taken by the Ministry to reduce the backlog?

Question No. 26 to the Minister of Finance
(By Senator Vishnu Dhanpaul)
With respect to foreign exchange requests submitted by commercial banks to the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago during the last twelve (12) months, can the Minister state:

(i) the total dollar value of requests that were not fulfilled; and
(ii) what measures, if any, are being implemented to address foreign exchange supply and demand?

Question No. 27 to the Minister of Finance
(By Senator Vishnu Dhanpaul)
With regard to the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund as at September 01, 2026, can the Minister state:

(i) the balance of the Fund; and
(ii) the amount, if any, withdrawn from the Fund during the current fiscal year?

Question No. 31 to the Minister of Health
(By Senator Foster Cummings)
With respect to the availability of drugs, laboratory supplies and medical consumables at the Sangre Grande Hospital Campus during the period July 01 to September 08, 2026, can the Minister state:

(i) whether any essential items were unavailable and, if so, the categories of items affected;
(ii) whether any diagnostic tests, procedures or treatments were delayed or otherwise affected as a result; and
(iii) when supplies of any essential items that remain unavailable are expected to be restored?

Question No. 32 to the Minister of Education
(By Senator Foster Cummings)
With respect to incidents of violence involving students at Government and Government-assisted secondary schools during the period January 01 to September 08, 2026, can the Minister state:

(i) the number of reported incidents;
(ii) the number of students suspended, expelled or otherwise subjected to disciplinary action as a result;
(iii) the number of students involved who were referred for counselling or other psychosocial intervention; and
(iv) what measures, other than the deployment of police officers in schools, are being implemented to address student violence in schools?

Question No. 33 to the Minister of the People, Social Development and Family Services
(By Senator Foster Cummings)
With respect to applications for the Public Assistance Grant, Food Support Programme and Disability Assistance Grant administered by the Ministry, can the Minister state:

(i) the number of applications received under each programme during the period May 01, 2025 to August 31, 2026;
(ii) the number of applications under each programme currently awaiting determination;
(iii) the average processing time for applications under each programme; and
(iv) the number of applications under each programme which have been outstanding for more than three (3) months?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Bills of Sale (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
(By the Minister of Land and Legal Affairs who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)

2. The Real Property (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
(By the Minister of Land and Legal Affairs who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled 'An Act to amend the Maternity Protection Act, Chap. 45:57.'
(By the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development)

2. A Bill entitled 'An Act to repeal and replace the Shipping Act, Chap. 50:10, the Harbours Act, Chap. 50:06, the Droghers Act, Chap. 50:07, the Motor Launches Act, Chap. 50:08, the Marking of Ships Act, Chap. 50:09, to amend the Port Authority Act, Chap. 51:01, the Pilotage Act, Chap. 51:02, the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 and the Coroners Act, Chap. 6:04 to provide for the certification and registration of seafarers and the certification and registration of vessels and offshore installations, matters relating to crew safety and security of life at sea and matters incidental thereto.'
(By the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday September 22, 2026, will be resumed:**

   WHEREAS section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01, affirms the principle of social justice including equality of opportunity and access to decent work;

   AND WHEREAS the economic transformation and sustainable development of Trinidad and Tobago require coordinated and forward-looking national workforce planning;

   AND WHEREAS persistent labour market mismatches, including skills gaps, youth unemployment, underemployment and misalignment between education and national economic priorities, continue to constrain productivity and economic participation;

   AND WHEREAS international best practice among advanced economies demonstrates the value of integrated workforce development frameworks grounded in labour market intelligence and strong collaboration among government, industry, education and training institutions;

   AND WHEREAS a National Workforce and Manpower Strategic Plan for Trinidad and Tobago should provide for coordinated labour market forecasting; alignment of education and technical and vocational training systems with national development priorities; strengthened industry-education partnerships and work-integrated learning opportunities; development of digital, critical-thinking, green economy and entrepreneurial skills; measures to address youth unemployment and participation disparities; and mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation, including periodic reporting to Parliament;

   BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate calls upon the Government to prepare and table in Parliament, within twelve (12) months, a comprehensive National Workforce and Manpower Strategic Plan for Trinidad and Tobago, inclusive of a legislative and institutional framework.

   (By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)

2. **WHEREAS** Trinidad and Tobago's healthcare system relies predominantly on paper-based records;

   AND WHEREAS the fragmentation of patient health information across public and private medical institutions owing to the absence of a unified, interoperable Electronic Medical Records system contributes to duplication of diagnostic procedures, delays in treatment and inefficient use of limited health resources, even more so in emergency cases;

   AND WHEREAS digital transformation of health services is a stated priority of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago;

   BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate calls upon the Government to develop a comprehensive policy and legislative framework for the development of a National Electronic Medical Records system to manage medical records and health data governance, including standards for the recording, processing, storage, protection and secure sharing of health information, including appropriate cybersecurity and data protection safeguards, interoperability standards, and phased implementation across public and private healthcare institutions;

   AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government introduce into Parliament, within twelve (12) months, comprehensive legislation to give effect to a national framework for medical records and health data governance.

   (By Senator Dr. Desirée Murray)

3. **WHEREAS** forests constitute a critical national asset that supports the environmental, economic and social development of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS Trinidad and Tobago has established a legislative and policy framework for the protection and management of forests, wildlife, protected areas, watersheds and the environment, including the Forest Act, Chap. 66:01, the Conservation of Wildlife Act, Chap. 67:01, the State Lands Act, Chap. 57:01, and the Environmental Management Act, Chap. 35:05 and multiple policies aimed at forest and wildlife protection, biodiversity and most recently climate change;

AND WHEREAS evidence presented at Parliamentary Committee inquiries, and other public consultations, has highlighted ongoing concerns regarding deforestation, , biodiversity loss, habitat fragmentation, and the increasing impact of climate change on the natural environment and communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate calls upon the Government to develop and table in Parliament, within twelve (12) months, an integrated, comprehensive National Forest Conservation and Reforestation Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago, including an implementation plan for the review and strengthening of existing legislation, policies and institutional arrangements relating to forests, protected areas, biodiversity conservation and watershed management.

(By Senator Alicia Lalite-Ettienne)

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APPENDIX I

ORDER PAPER TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2026
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 18 to the Minister of Public Utilities
(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)
With respect to payments owed to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including small contractors and sole traders, for goods and services provided to the Ministry and the agencies under its purview, will the Minister provide, for the period May 2025 to August 31, 2026, a breakdown for the Ministry and each agency under its purview of:

(i) the total value of outstanding payments;

(ii) the value of such payments outstanding for: (a) 30 - 60 days; (b) 61 - 90 days; (c) 91 - 180 days; and (d) more than 180 days; and

(iii) the number of SMEs, small contractors and sole traders to which these outstanding payments are owed?

(Answer due by October 21, 2026)

Question No. 19 to the Minister of Works and Infrastructure
(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)
With respect to payments owed to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including small contractors and sole traders, for goods and services provided to the Ministry and the agencies under its purview, will the Minister provide, for the period May 2025 to August 31, 2026, a breakdown for the Ministry and each agency under its purview of:

(i) the total value of outstanding payments;

(ii) the value of such payments outstanding for: (a) 30 - 60 days; (b) 61 - 90 days; (c) 91 - 180 days; and (d) more than 180 days; and

(iii) the number of SMEs, small contractors and sole traders to which these outstanding payments are owed?

(Answer due by October 21, 2026)

Question No. 20 to the Minister of Health
(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)
With respect to payments owed to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including small contractors and sole traders, for goods and services provided to the Ministry and the agencies under its purview, will the Minister provide, for the period May 2025 to August 31, 2026, a breakdown for the Ministry and each agency under its purview of:

(i) the total value of outstanding payments;

(ii) the value of such payments outstanding for: (a) 30 - 60 days; (b) 61 - 90 days; (c) 91 - 180 days; and (d) more than 180 days; and

(iii) the number of SMEs, small contractors and sole traders to which these outstanding payments are owed?

(Answer due by October 21, 2026)

Question No. 21 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)

With respect to payments owed to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including small contractors and sole traders, for goods and services provided to the Ministry and the agencies under its purview, will the Minister provide, for the period May 2025 to August 31, 2026, a breakdown for the Ministry and each agency under its purview of:

(i) the total value of outstanding payments;

(ii) the value of such payments outstanding for: (a) 30 - 60 days; (b) 61 - 90 days; (c) 91 - 180 days; and (d) more than 180 days; and

(iii) the number of SMEs, small contractors and sole traders to which these outstanding payments are owed?

(Answer due by October 21, 2026)

Question No. 22 to the Minister of Housing

(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)

With respect to payments owed to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including small contractors and sole traders, for goods and services provided to the Ministry and the agencies under its purview, will the Minister provide, for the period May 2025 to August 31, 2026, a breakdown for the Ministry and each agency under its purview of:

(i) the total value of outstanding payments;

(ii) the value of such payments outstanding for: (a) 30 - 60 days; (b) 61 - 90 days; (c) 91 - 180 days; and (d) more than 180 days; and

(iii) the number of SMEs, small contractors and sole traders to which these outstanding payments are owed?

(Answer due by October 21, 2026)

Question No. 23 to the Minister of Homeland Security

(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)

With respect to payments owed to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including small contractors and sole traders, for goods and services provided to the Ministry and the agencies under its purview, will the Minister provide, for the period May 2025 to August 31, 2026, a breakdown for the Ministry and each agency under its purview of:

(i) the total value of outstanding payments;

(ii) the value of such payments outstanding for: (a) 30 - 60 days; (b) 61 - 90 days; (c) 91 - 180 days; and (d) more than 180 days; and

(iii) the number of SMEs, small contractors and sole traders to which these outstanding payments are owed?

(Answer due by October 21, 2026)

Question No. 24 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government

(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)

With respect to payments owed to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including small contractors and sole traders, for goods and services provided to the Ministry and the agencies under its purview, will the Minister provide, for the period May 2025 to August 31, 2026, a breakdown for the Ministry and each agency under its purview of:

(i) the total value of outstanding payments;

(ii) the value of such payments outstanding for: (a) 30 - 60 days; (b) 61 - 90 days; (c) 91 - 180 days; and (d) more than 180 days; and

(iii) the number of SMEs, small contractors and sole traders to which these outstanding payments are owed?

(Answer due by October 21, 2026)

Question No. 38 to the Prime Minister

(By Senator Dr. Amery Browne)

With respect to the Prime Minister's official overseas travel to the CARICOM Heads of Government Conference in St. Kitts and Nevis in February 2026, can the Prime Minister provide:

(i) the names and official positions of the persons comprising the Trinidad and Tobago delegation;

(ii) the names and official positions of any other persons who travelled from Trinidad and Tobago to support the Government's participation in the Conference;

(iii) the total costs associated with the travel, accommodation and participation of the persons identified at (i) and (ii), disaggregated by person and expenditure category; and

(iv) the respective travel dates of the persons identified at (i) and (ii)?

(Answer due by November 11, 2026)

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