



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.

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- (xi) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2009.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xiii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Fourth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on an Inquiry into the Trinidad and Tobago Inter-Island Ferry Service with specific focus on the Procurement and Maintenance of Ferries.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xiv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Finance to the Third Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on an inquiry into Commercial Banking Fees in Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xv) The Policy-based Loan Agreement between the Corporación Andina De Fomento and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the amount of US\$300 million and executed on July 21, 2017.
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- (xvi) The Policy-based Loan Agreement between the Corporación Andina De Fomento and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the amount of US\$180 million and executed on April 23, 2018.
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- (xviii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation for the year ending September 30, 2011.
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(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxi) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation (UTC) for the year ended December 31, 2017.
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- (xxii) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Caroni (1975) Limited for the financial year ended June 30, 2018.
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- (xxvii) The Second Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2008.
(By the Minister of Finance)
- (xxviii) The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2009.
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- (xxx) The Annual Report of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the period 2014/2015.
(By the Minister of National Security)
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(By the Attorney General)

- (xxxii) The Annual Report of the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority for fiscal year 2013-2014.
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- (xxxiii) The Annual Report of the Operations of the Interception of Communications Act, Chapter 15:08 for the period on January to December 2016.
(By the Minister of National Security)
- (xxxiv) The Annual Administrative Report of the National Energy Skills Center for fiscal year 2014/2015.
(By the Minister of Education)
- (xxxv) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Health to the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on an Inquiry into the Adverse Health Effects of Fireworks.
(By the Minister of Health)
- (xxxvi) The Ministerial Response of the Service Commissions Department to the Eighteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on an Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Airport Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2008 to 2012.
(By the Minister of Public Administration)
- (xxxvii) The Draft National Policy on Sustainable Community Development (DNPSCD) for Trinidad and Tobago.
(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)
- (xxxviii) The Annual Administrative Report of the former Ministry of the Arts and Multiculturalism for the financial years 2011/2012.
(By the Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts)
- (xxxix) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Utilities to the Fifteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Third Session (2017/2018) Eleventh Parliament on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Water and Sewerage Authority for the financial years 2008 to 2013.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
- (xl) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Public Utilities to the Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Third Session (2017/2018,) Eleventh Parliament on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission for the financial years 2012 to 2015.
(By the Minister of Public Utilities)
- (xli) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Works and Transport to the Eighteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on an Examination of the Report of Audited Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2008 to 2012.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)
- (xlii) The International Labour Organisation Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 adopted at the 103rd Session of the International Labour Conference of the ILO held in Geneva, Switzerland on June 11, 2014.
(By the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development)

- (xliii) The International Labour Organisation Recommendation on Supplementary Measures for the Effective Suppression of Forced Labour (No. 203) adopted at the 103rd Session of the International Labour Conference of the ILO held in Geneva, Switzerland on June 11, 2014.
(By the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development)
- (xliv) The International Labour Organisation Recommendation concerning the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy (No. 204) adopted at the 104th Session of the International Labour Conference of the ILO held in Geneva, Switzerland on June 12, 2015.
(By the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development)
- (xlv) The International Labour Organisation Recommendation concerning Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience (No. 205) adopted at the 106th Session of the International Labour Conference of the ILO held in Geneva, Switzerland on June 16, 2017.
(By the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development)
- (xlvi) The Draft National Environmental Policy 2018.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)
- (xlvii) The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the Seventeenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Third Session (2016/2017), Eleventh Parliament on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards for the financial years 2009 to 2013.
(By the Minister of Trade and Industry)
- (xlviii) The Annual Administrative Report of the Statutory Authorities Service Commission for the fiscal year ended September 2017.
(By the Vice-President)

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) The Interim Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on the Examination into the Processing of Payment of Pension and Gratuity to Retired Public Officers and Contracted Employees.
(By Senator Wade Mark)
- (ii) The Eleventh Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Third Session (2017/2018), Eleventh Parliament on the Examination of the Administration and Expenditure of the Ministry of Public Administration and Communications.
(By Senator Wade Mark)

8. URGENT QUESTIONS

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Question for Oral Answer

Question No. 1 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs

(By Senator Gerald Ramdeen)

What is the total revenue earned from the Brain Lara Stadium over the period September 2015 to September 2018?

Question No. 3 to the Minister of Finance

(By Senator Gerald Ramdeen)

Can the Minister inform the Senate of the total amount spent by the Government over the period September 2015 to September 2018 on legal fees for recovering monies due to the State from the CL Financial Group of Companies?

Question No. 4 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Gerald Ramdeen)

Can the Minister provide the total amount of legal fees paid by Petrotrin to Gaffney Cline and Associates for the report on the alleged discrepancies with oil receipts from private operators and more particularly A&V Oil and Gas Ltd.?

Question No. 19 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs

(By Senator Paul Richards)

Given the increase in the number of Venezuelan nationals fleeing their country to seek refuge in neighbouring countries, including Trinidad and Tobago, what is the Government's policy as regard these migrants?

Question No. 20 to the Minister of Health

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given reports that the Psychiatric Ward at the San Fernando General Hospital needs to be relocated because of the increase in the patient population, can the Minister advise what is being done to address this issue?

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

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister indicate what has been done to assist the South Oropouche family of eight who lost their home in a fire on September 07, 2018?

Question No. 22 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given the impending closure of the Petrotrin Refinery, can the Minister inform the Senate which company will be purchasing Petrotrin's crude oil for refining purposes?

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
 - (i) The Licensing Committee (Validation) Bill, 2018
(By the Attorney General)
 - (ii) The Magistrates Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2018
(By the Attorney General)

14. MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER
15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

- (i) **WHEREAS** the Government has acquired the Galleons Passage, a new inter-island Passenger Ferry in a procurement arrangement that did not include the Central Tenders Board;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has advised that the Government was guided in the amount it paid for the vessel by the valuation reports of two independent international firms;

AND WHEREAS it was discovered that one of the two firms that conducted the valuation is owned by the same company from which Government purchased the vessel;

AND WHEREAS in the interest of transparency and accountability in the procurement of the inter-island passenger ferry, there is need for the Government to provide the Parliament with reports including the Dunn and Bradstreet and all Arbitration Reports surrounding the settlement of the Donia Mercedes;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Minister of Finance to table, within fourteen days, copies of the Dunn and Bradstreet Report and all Arbitration Reports related to the settlement involving the previous owners of the Donia Mercedes.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (ii) **WHEREAS** it is established by Section 71(1) and (12) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, that there shall be an Elections and Boundaries Commission that in the exercise of its functions shall not be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority;

AND WHEREAS the Elections and Boundaries Commission is responsible for holding free and fair elections throughout Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate take note that the Elections and Boundaries Commission is not subject to any parliamentary scrutiny or accountability in respect of its activities and operations unlike other similar independent bodies such as Service Commissions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to take urgent steps to introduce legislation that would make the Elections and Boundaries Commission accountable to the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago by allowing parliamentary scrutiny of its administration, the manner of the exercise of its powers, methods of functioning and any criteria adopted by the Commission in the exercise of its powers and functions.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (iii) **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the escalating levels of job losses in the country since September 2015 and condemn the Government for its failure to present a clear and cogent economic policy to guide Trinidad and Tobago through these challenging economic circumstances.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

- (iv) **WHEREAS** the responsibility of a Government is to ensure public safety and security through the maintenance of law and order;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to address the extraordinary increase in the level of crime in Trinidad and Tobago, in particular murders and other violent crimes, which are negatively affecting national peace and economic development;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate take note of the Government's failure to arrest the increasing and unacceptable levels of criminal activity in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government to table, in the shortest possible time a cogent Strategic Crime Prevention Plan to address the unacceptable levels of crime facing the citizenry of Trinidad and Tobago.

(By Senator Taharqa Obika)

- (v) **WHEREAS** the Education Act, Chap. 39:01, charges the Government with the responsibility to ensure the promotion of the education of the people of Trinidad and Tobago, the establishment of a system of education and educational institutions, and the effective execution of a national education policy;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to fulfil most of these objectives;

AND WHEREAS recent reports have highlighted the failure of the Government to address the persistent issues of school violence, bullying and mental illness;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate take note of the poor state of the education sector in Trinidad and Tobago;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Senate call on the Government to table, within the shortest possible time, a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan for the education sector, from early childhood care to tertiary level education.

(By Senator Taharqa Obika)

- (vi) **WHEREAS** the Board of Petrotrin announced on the August 28, 2018 that the company's refinery will cease its crude oil refining operations;

AND WHEREAS the Prime Minister on the September 02, 2018 confirmed that the Cabinet had accepted a recommendation of the Petrotrin Board to close its refinery;

AND WHEREAS it is evident that the decision of the Government was without stakeholder consultation and with little or no disclosure to the public;

AND WHEREAS the decision to close the Petrotrin refinery will have direct adverse consequences on thousands of persons as well as on the economy of Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate take note of the failure of the Government to disclose a viable and credible plan to address the needs of those persons/business affected by the closure of the refinery;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Senate condemn the actions of the Government in closing the Petrotrin refinery.

(By Senator Gerald Ramdeen)

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 2 to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs

(By Senator Gerald Ramdeen)

What is the total amount spent on the Brain Lara Stadium over the period September 2015 to September 2018 under the following:

- (i) Payments to the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission;
- (ii) Landscaping and upkeep of the grounds;
- (iii) Payments to the Water and Sewerage Authority;
- (iv) Payments to TSTT and/or Digicel; and
- (v) Payments for security services provided?

(Answer due by 13.11.2018)

Question No. 8 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Gerald Ramdeen)

What are the terms of the lease for the building situated at No. 6 Elizabeth Street, St. Clair and currently being used by the Judiciary for the Children's Court?

(Answer due by 13.11.2018)

Question No. 10 to the Attorney General

(By Senator Gerald Ramdeen)

Over the period September 2015 to September 2018, can the Attorney General advise:

- (i) what is the total amount of damages awarded by the High Court and Court of Appeal against the State in matters involving Police Officers, for claims of assault and battery, malicious prosecution and false imprisonment;
- (ii) against how many of the said officers has the State instituted disciplinary proceedings as a result of the damages awarded; and
- (iii) if no action has been taken, can the Attorney General provide the reason(s)?

(Answer due by 13.11.2018)

Question No. 48 to the Prime Minister

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of reports that the Children's Authority has received over 415 reports of child abuse in Tobago, over the period May 2015 to July 2018, can the Prime Minister indicate:

- i. whether investigations into said reports have been conducted and completed;
- ii. whether the persons deemed responsible for the abuses have been arrested and charged;
- iii. if yes, how many persons and in how many cases; and
- iv. what is being done to curb the incidence of child abuse in Tobago?

(Answer due by 30.11.2018)

Question No. 49 to the Minister of Public Administration

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Having regard to contract employment in Government Ministries/Departments and Statutory Authorities, can the Minister provide the following information:

- a) the names and designations of all persons whose contracts were not renewed during the period September 30, 2015 – September 30, 2017;
- b) the reasons for such non-renewal referred to in (a);
- c) the names and designations of all persons employed/recruited on contract during the period September 30, 2015 – September 30, 2017;
- d) details of the compensation package of each person referred to in (c);
- e) the names and designations of all contract officers who during the period September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2017 were terminated before the original completion date of their contracts; and
- f) the reasons for the termination referred to in (e)?

(Answer due by 30.11.2018)

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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Vice-President in accordance with Standing Order 25 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT**
(By Senator Wade Mark)

Having regard to the recent theft of a PTSC Bus, what measures are in place to ensure that PTSC's vehicles are properly secured?

TO THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT
(By Senator Wade Mark)

2. What immediate relief will be provided to persons who suffered losses/injuries as a result of the theft of the PTSC Bus?

3. **TO THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND ENERGY INDUSTRIES**
(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of reports that the Petrotrin Employee Pension Plan will run a \$2.73 billion deficit if wound up, can the Minister indicate what is being done to address this issue?

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