



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ORDER PAPER

NINTH SITTING, FIFTH SESSION (2024/2025)

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY JANUARY 28, 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 Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic (Amendment to Fourth Schedule) Order, 2024.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)
2. The Value Added Tax (Amendment to Schedule 2) Order, 2024.
(By the Minister of Finance)
3. The Executed Investment Loan Agreement between the Corporación Andina De Fomento and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the Project for the Strengthening of the Export Import Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited in the sum of US\$35 million.
(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 Children's Life Fund 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 South-West Regional Health Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.
(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 Police Complaints Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2023.
(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 Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2012.
(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 Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance)
9. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)
10. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)
11. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.
(By the Minister of Finance)
12. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2017.
(By the Minister of Finance)
13. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2018.
(By the Minister of Finance)
14. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2019.
(By the Minister of Finance)
15. The Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Evolving TecKnoLogies and Enterprise Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)
16. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2022.
(By the Minister of Finance)
17. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre Management Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2024.
(By the Minister of Finance)
18. The Annual Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre Management Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2023.
(By the Minister of Finance)

19. The Forty-Sixth Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the year 2023.
(By the Vice-President)
20. The Annual Report of the Custodian on the Operations of the National Forensic DNA Databank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year 2021.
(By the Minister of National Security)
21. The Annual Report of the Custodian on the Operations of the National Forensic DNA Databank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year 2022.
(By the Minister of National Security)
22. The Annual Report of the Custodian on the Operations of the National Forensic DNA Databank of Trinidad and Tobago for the year 2023.
(By the Minister of National Security)
23. The Annual Report of the National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2021 - 2022.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)
24. The Annual Report of the Environmental Management Authority for the year 2023.
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)
25. The Annual Administrative Report of the Point Fortin Borough Corporation for the fiscal year 2014 - 2015.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
26. The Annual Administrative Report of the Point Fortin Borough Corporation for the fiscal year 2015 - 2016.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
27. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to the Eighteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO) for the financial years 2014 to 2021 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's Twenty-Third Report, 11th Parliament.
(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)
28. The Ministerial Response of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries to the Nineteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) for the financial years 2014 to 2018.
(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Twenty-Second Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Fourth Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament, on an examination of the Ministry of Digital Transformation on Sub-Head 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Head 09 Development Programme – Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund for the Financial Year 2024.
(By Senator the Hon. Randall Mitchell)

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 10 to the Minister of Public Administration

(By Senator Wade Mark)

In light of statements made by the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government during a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee public hearing held on Monday June 24, 2024, can the Minister provide an update and timeline for the implementation of a Remote Work Policy for the Civil Service?

Question No. 11 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Given statements made by the Prime Minister at a University of the Southern Caribbean graduation ceremony on June 30, 2024, can the Minister indicate whether the Government has developed a policy on using education and skills training as an anti-crime strategy?

Question No. 12 to the Minister of Health

(By Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister advise whether the Ministry intends to implement the recommendations outlined by the Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO) in its report on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of the Port of Spain General Hospital and apply these guidelines in hospitals nationwide?

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

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** on April 24, 2018, the Senate unanimously approved a resolution calling on the Government “... *to introduce legislation on parliamentary autonomy during the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament and have same referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament for consideration and report before the end of the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament*”;

AND WHEREAS on February 12, 2019, in the Senate, the Attorney General committed to making best efforts to have legislation on Parliamentary Autonomy introduced in the Fourth Session of the Eleventh Parliament;

AND WHEREAS to date the Government has not presented to Parliament a legislative framework on Parliamentary Autonomy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to reaffirm its commitment to introduce a legislative framework on Parliamentary Autonomy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate call on the Government to introduce in Parliament, within three (3) months, a Bill on Parliamentary Autonomy and have same referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament for consideration and report.

(By Senator Wade Mark)

2. **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)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Bills Second Reading:

1. 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)
2. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Supplemental Police Act, Chap. 15:02.’
(By the Minister of National Security)
3. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28.’
(By the Attorney General)
4. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to make jurisdiction for matters of a civil nature exercisable in a division of the Judiciary to be known as the “Civil Division” and to make jurisdiction for specified civil matters exercisable in a sub-division of the Civil Division known as the “Civil Court”, to make jurisdiction for small-valued claims exercisable in a sub-division of the “Civil Division” to be known as the “Small Claims Courts”, to make jurisdiction for estates administration business exercisable in a sub-division of the Civil Division known as the “Estates Administration Office” and for related matters.’
(By the Attorney General)

5. A Bill entitled, ‘An Act to repeal the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap. 25:03, and to provide for the powers and functions of the Tobago Island Government and the Tobago Legislature and for related matters.’
(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate adopt the Report of the Special Select Committee established to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Trial by Judge Alone) Bill, 2023.
(By Senator the Hon. Reginald Armour, SC)

Chantal La Roche
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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT**

(Senator Wade Mark)

Can the Minister provide reasons for the emergency landing of a CAL aircraft last evening and a status update on the operations of the aircraft?

**Chantal La Roche
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