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INTRODUCTION

The **Fourth Session** of the 12th Parliament began on **Monday September 11, 2023** by Proclamation [Legal Notice 267 of 2023] and prorogued on **Tuesday September 10, 2024** by Proclamation of Her Excellency [Legal Notice 163 of 2024].

This report outlines the business of the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago which was conducted during the Fourth Session of the Twelfth Parliament.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HOR)

SITTINGS

A total of one hundred and sixty-nine (169) hours and forty-seven (47) minutes were spent debating in the Chamber of the House of Representatives (HOR).

The table below provides details of the Sittings of the House of Representatives:

Month and Year	No. of Sittings	No. of Hours
September, 2023	1	01 hours 36 minutes
October, 2023	6	47 hours 02 minutes
November, 2023	1	04 hours 19 minutes
December, 2023	1	07 hours 28 minutes
January, 2024	2	09 hours 47 minutes
February, 2024	1	05 hours 31 minutes
March, 2024	5	34 hours 43 minutes
April, 2024	3	14 hours 46 minutes
May, 2024	2	10 hours 12 minutes
June, 2024	4	22 hours 53 minutes
July, 2024	2	10 hours 14 minutes
September, 2024	1	00 hours 57 minutes
TOTAL	**29**	**169 hours 47 minutes**

SITTING	PRESIDING OFFICER AT STARTING OF SITTING	SITTING DATE	SITTING COMMENCED	SITTING ADJOURNED	DURATION OF SITTING
1st	Speaker of the House	Monday, 11.09.2023	1:30 p.m.	3:06 p.m.	01 hours 36 minutes
2nd	Speaker of the House	Monday, 02.10.2023	1:30 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	04 hours 15 minutes
3rd	Speaker of the House	Friday, 06.10.2023	1:30 p.m.	9:55 p.m.	08 hours 25 minutes
4th	Speaker of the House	Monday, 09.10.2023	10:00 a.m.	9:54 p.m.	11 hours 54 minutes
5th	Speaker of the House	Tuesday, 10.10.2023	10:00 a.m.	9:10 p.m.	11 hours 10 minutes
6th	Speaker of the House	Wednesday, 11.10.2023	1:30 p.m.	8:45 p.m.	07 hours 15 minutes
7th	Speaker of the House	Thursday, 12.10.2023	10:30 a.m.	2:33 p.m.	04 hours 03 minutes
	Speaker of the House [as Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee (SFC)]	Friday, 13.10. 2023	10:00 a.m.	3:24 p.m.	05 hours 24 minutes
	Speaker of the House	Monday,16.10.2023	10:00 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	09 hours 43 minutes
	Deputy Speaker of the House	Tuesday, 17.10.2023	10:00 a.m.	5:52 p.m.	07 hours 52 minutes
	Speaker of the House	Wednesday, 18.10.2023	10:00 a.m.	2:21 p.m.	04 hours 21 minutes
	Speaker of the House	Thursday, 19.10.2023	1:30 p.m.	6:51 p.m.	05 hours 21 minutes
8th	Speaker of the House	Wednesday, 01.11.2023	1:30 p.m.	5:49 p.m.	04 hours 19 minutes
9th	Speaker of the House	Wednesday, 13.12.2023	1:30 p.m.	8:58 p.m.	07 hours 28 minutes
10th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 19.01.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:47 p.m.	05 hours 17 minutes
11th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 26.01.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	04 hours 30 minutes
12th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 16.02.2024	1:30 p.m.	7:01 p.m.	05 hours 31 minutes
13th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 01.03.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:01 p.m.	04 hours 31 minutes
14th	Speaker of the House	Wednesday, 06.03.2024	1:30 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	07 hours 50 minutes

SITTING	PRESIDING OFFICER AT STARTING OF SITTING	SITTING DATE	SITTING COMMENCED	SITTING ADJOURNED	DURATION OF SITTING
15th	Deputy Speaker of the House	Friday, 15.03.2024	1:30 p.m.	11:22 p.m.	09 hours 52 minutes
16th	Speaker of the House	Monday, 18.03.2024	1:30 p.m.	8:47 p.m.	07 hours 17 minutes
17th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 22.03.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:43 p.m.	05 hours 13 minutes
18th	Deputy Speaker of the House	Friday, 12.04.2024	1:30 p.m.	5:52 p.m.	04 hours 22 minutes
19th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 19.04.2024	1:30 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	03 hours 15 minutes
20th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 26.04.2024	1:30 p.m.	8:39 p.m.	07 hours 09 minutes
21st	Speaker of the House	Monday, 13.05.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:53 p.m.	05 hours 23 minutes
22nd	Speaker of the House	Friday, 24.05.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:19 p.m.	04 hours 49 minutes
23rd	Speaker of the House	Friday, 06.06.2024	1:30 p.m.	7:43 p.m.	06 hours 13 minutes
24th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 14.06.2024	1:30 p.m.	8:38 p.m.	07 hours 08 minutes
25th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 21.06.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:32 p.m.	05 hours 02 minutes
26th	Speaker of the House	Friday, 28.06.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	04 hours 30 minutes
27th	Speaker of the House	Monday, 01.07.2024	1:30 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	02 hours 55 minutes
28th	Speaker of the House	Wednesday, 03.07.2024	1:30 p.m.	8:49 p.m.	07 hours 19 minutes
29th	Speaker of the House	Monday 09.09.2024	1:30 p.m.	2:27 p.m.	00 hours 57 minutes

BILLS ORIGINATING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KEY

* CWH - Committee of the Whole House

* JSC - Joint Select Committee

* SSC - Special Select Committee

* SFC - Standing Finance Committee

BILL NO.	BILL TITLE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	COMMITTED TO	REPORTED BY COMMITTEE	THIRD READING	DATE PASSED IN SENATE	SENATE AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED	ASSENT	PROCLAMATION	NOTE
13/2020	The Constitution (Amendment) (Tobago Self-Government) Bill, 2020	14.10.2020 (Bill brought forward from the 3rd Session on 02.10.2023)	29.06.2021	JSC 14.10.2020 CWH 29.06.2021 30.06.2021	09.06.2021	-	-	-	-	-	Carried over to the 5th Session of the HOR on 03.07.2024
15/2020	The Representation of the People (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2020	14.10.2020 (Bill brought forward from the 3rd Session on 08.11.2023)	-	JSC 08.11.2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	Carried over to the 5th Session of the HOR on 09.09.2024
6/2021	The Tobago Island Government Bill, 2021	30.06.2021 (Bill brought forward from the 3rd Session on 02.10.2023)	30.06.2021	30.06.2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	Carried over to the 5th Session of the HOR on 03.07.2024

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02/2022	The Whistleblower Protection Bill, 2022	14.01.2022	04.02.2022 14.06.2022 21.06.2024	CWH	-	21.06.2024	03.07.2024	-	19.07.2024	-	-
01/2022	Miscellaneous Provisions (Testing and Identification) Bill, 2022	14.01.2022	18.02.2022 01.11.2023 16.02.2024 21.06.2024	CWH	-	21.06.2024	02.07.2024	-	19.07.2024	-	-
11/2023	The Appropriation (Financial Year 2024) Bill, 2023	02.10.2023	02.10.2023 06.10.2023 09.10.2023 10.10.2023 12.10.2023	SFC 13.10.2023 16.10.2023 17.10.2023 18.10.2023 19.10.2023	-	19.10.2023	24.10.2023	-	27.10.2023	-	-
12/2023	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Administration of Justice) Bill, 2023	01.11.2023	12.04.2024	CWH	-	12.04.2024	17.05.2024	-	05.06.2024	-	-
13/2023	The Finance Bill, 2023	13.12.2023	13.12.2023	CWH	-	13.12.2023	19.12.2023	-	20.12.2023	-	-

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02/2024	The Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2024	15.03.2024	18.03.2024	CWH	-	18.03.2024	25.03.2024	-	27.03.2024	-	-
03/2024	The Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) (Amendment) Bill, 2024	13.05.2024	13.05.2024	CWH	-	13.05.2024	17.05.2024	-	04.06.2024	-	-
04/2024	The National Musical Instrument Bill, 2024	07.06.2024	03.07.2024	CWH	-	03.07.2024	04.07.2024	-	19.07.2024	-	-
05/2024	The Finance (Supplementary Appropriation) (Financial Year 2024) Bill, 2024	07.06.2024	07.06.2024	SFC 03.06.2024	-	07.06.2024	11.06.2024	-	18.06.2024	-	-
06/2024	The Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2024	28.06.2024	03.07.2024	CWH	-	03.07.2024	04.07.2024	-	19.07.2024	-	-

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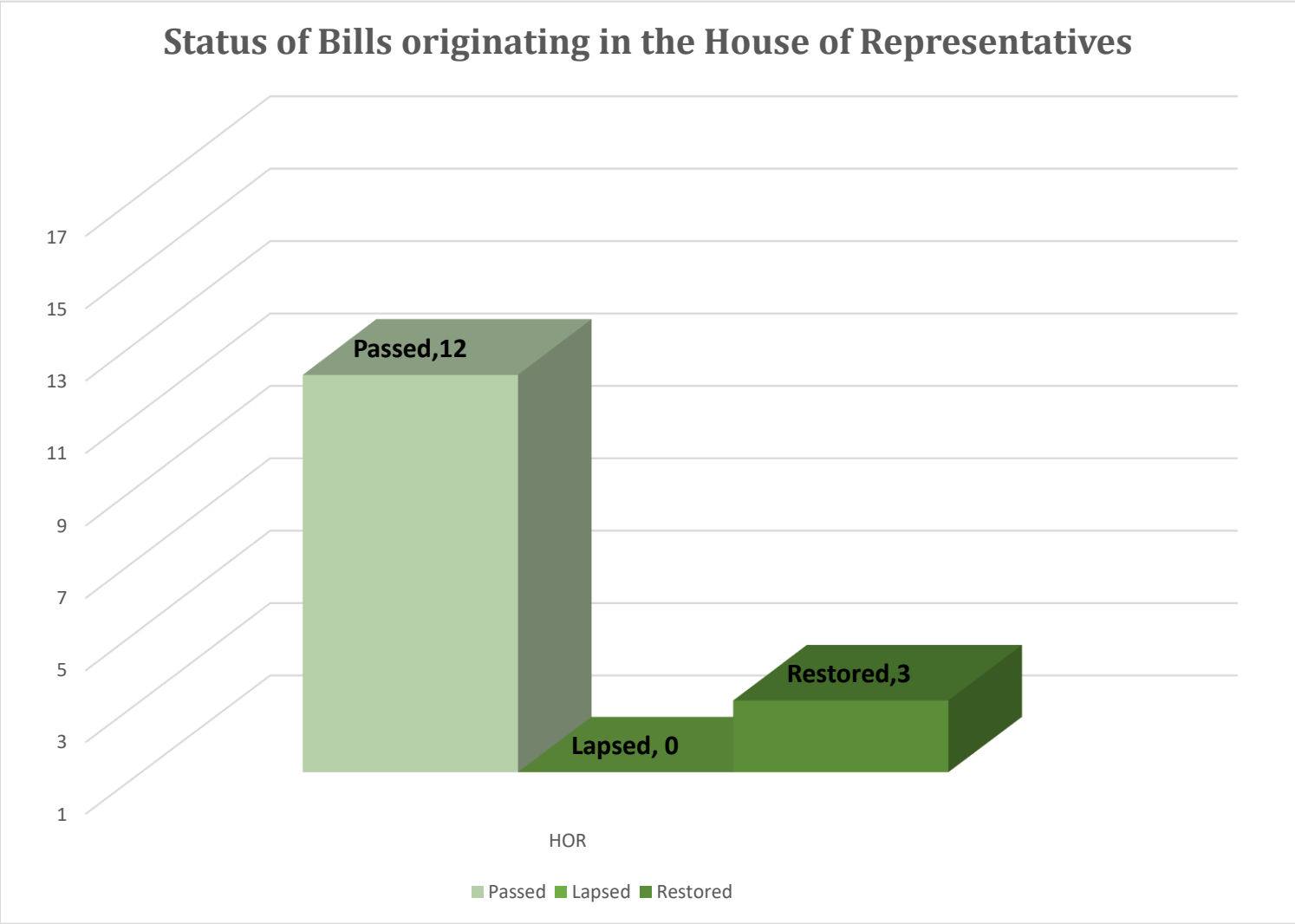
07/2024	The Civil Division Bill, 2024	28.06.2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Carried over to the 5th Session of the HOR on 03.07.2024
08/2024	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Judicial and Legal Service) Bill, 2024	28.06.2024	03.07.2024	CWH	-	03.07.2024	09.09.2024	-	-	-	
09/2024	The Bail (Amendment) Bill, 2024	28.06.2024	01.07.2024	CWH	-	01.07.2024	04.07.2024	-	19.07.2024	-	
10/2024	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Global Forum) Bill, 2024	03.07.2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Carried over to the 5th Session of the HOR on 09.09.2024

The bar chart below highlights the status of the bills originating in the House of Representatives during the session:



QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

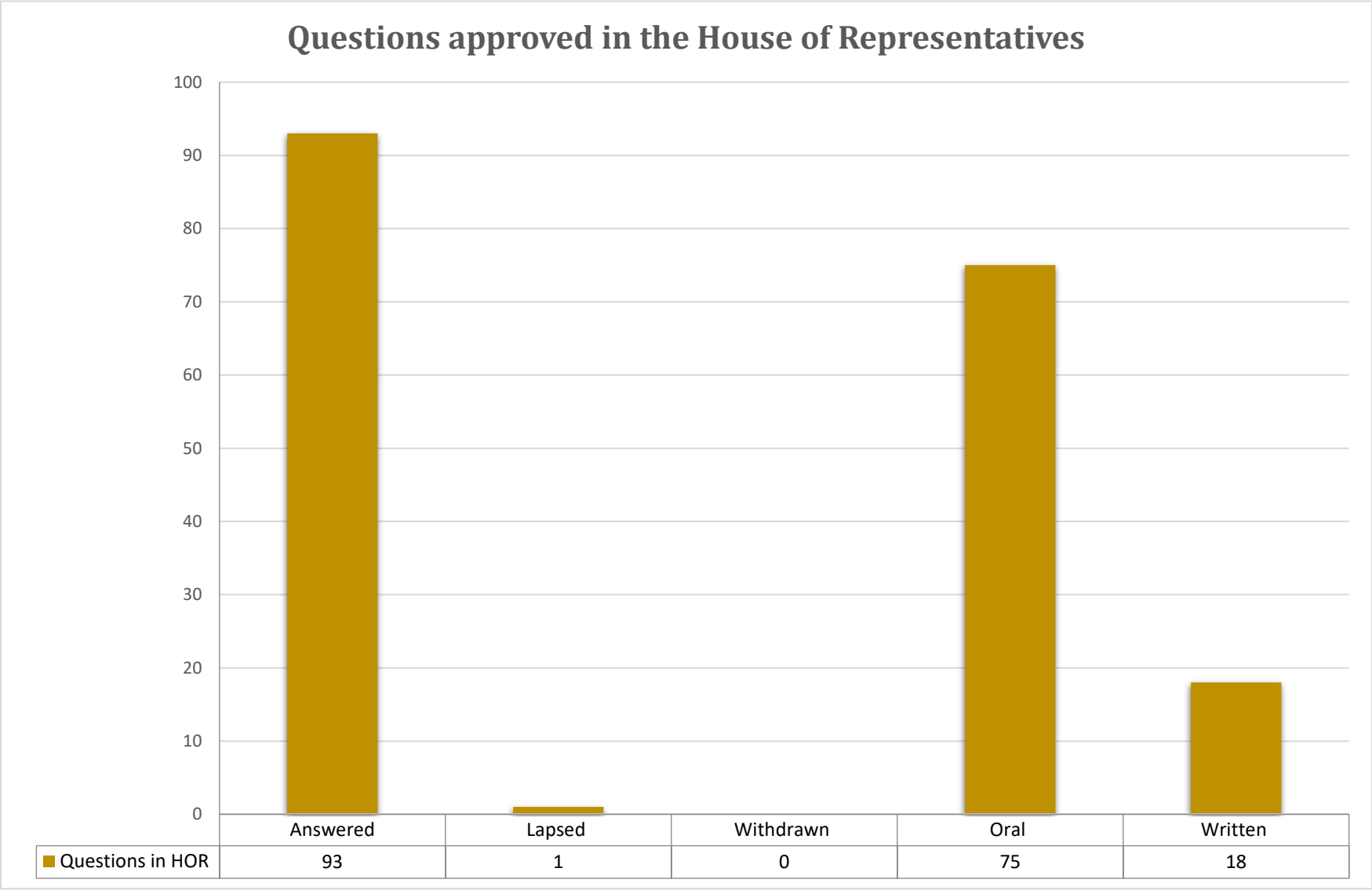
Standing Order 25 of the House of Representatives states that "Questions may be asked of a Minister relating to any subject department under the Minister's administrative responsibility…" The table below highlights the status of the questions asked and answered in the House of Representatives:

QUESTION NO.	FORM OF ANSWER	DATE ANSWERED	NO. OF QUESTIONS ANSWERED
1, 2, 5, 6, 7	Oral Written	01.11.2023	5
8, 9, 10, 17, **3, 4,14,16,19,20**	Oral Written	13.12.2023	10
11, 12, 13, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 **15,21,22**	Oral Written	19.01.2024	12
28, 29,	Oral	26.01.2024	2
30, 31, 32	Oral	16.02.2024	3
33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41	Oral	15.03.2024	8
39	Oral	18.03.2024	1
43, 44, 45, 48 **42, 49**	Oral Written	12.04.2024	6
46	Oral	19.04.2024	1
47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 62, 63, 64	Oral	26.04.2024	11
54, 58, 59, 65, 66, 67, 68 **60,61**	Oral Written	13.05.2024	9

QUESTION NO.	FORM OF ANSWER	DATE ANSWERED	NO. OF QUESTIONS ANSWERED
70 **71, 72**	Oral Written	24.05.2024	3
73, 74, 75 **69, 79**	Oral Written	07.06.2024	5
76, 77, 78	Oral	14.06.2024	3
80, 81, 82	Oral	21.06.2024	3
83, 84, 85	Oral	28.06.2024	3
86, 87, 88	Oral	01.07.2024	3
89,90,93,91	Oral	09.09.2024	4
TOTAL			**92**

The total number of questions approved for the session was ninety-three (93). Seventy-five (75) were for oral answer and eighteen (18) were due for a written response. A total of ninety-two (92) questions were answered and Question No. 92 lapsed.

The following chart highlights the status of the Questions approved in the House of Representatives during the session:



PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

Standing Order 26(1) of the House of Representatives states that "During the second sitting of the House each month there shall be Prime Minister's Question Time at the time designated in the Order of Business." The table below highlights the status of the Prime Minister's Questions asked and answered in the House of Representatives during the session:

NO. OF QUESTIONS	DATE ANSWERED
7	26.01.2024
6	06.03.2024
5	19.04.2024
8	24.05.2024
9	14.06.2024
7	03.07.2024
42 asked	**42 answered**

URGENT QUESTIONS

Standing Order 27(1) (a) of the House of Representatives states that, " (1) There shall be a fifteen (15) minute period for urgent questions at the appropriate stage in the Order of Business at each sitting of the House which shall be subject to the following rules: (a) any Member desiring to ask a question on the ground of urgency in the public interest shall submit to the Clerk a copy of the proposed question marked "urgent question" at least one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the sitting".

The table below highlights the status of the Urgent Questions asked and answered in the House of Representatives during the session:

NO. OF QUESTIONS	DATE ANSWERED
3	01.11.2023
2	13.12.2023
1	19.01.2024
2	26.01.2024
2	16.02.2024
1	01.03.2024
4	06.03.2024
1	15.03.2024
1	18.03.2024
2	12.04.2024
2	26.04.2024
4	13.05.2024
1	24.05.2024
3	21.06.2024
2	28.06.2024
31 asked	**31 answered**

MOTIONS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

NO.	*SHORT TITLE*	*MOVED BY*	*FIRST DEBATED*	*APPROVED/NOT APPROVED*
1.	**Exemption from Import Duties of Customs (2024 – 2026)**	***Minister of Trade and Industry***	13.12.2023	Approved
2.	**Increase the Borrowing Limit under the Development Loans Act**	***Minister of Finance***	15.03.2024	Approved
3.	**Extension of period of time under sections 24(1) and 25(1) of the Exchequer and Audit Act**	***Minister of Finance***	26.04.2024	Approved

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

NO.	*SHORT TITLE*	**MOVED BY**	*FIRST DEBATED*	*APPROVED/NOT APPROVED*
1.	**Improve the delivery of healthcare services to the people of Trinidad and Tobago**	Member for Caroni East	26.01.2024	Lapsed
2.	**Mismanagement of the education system**	Member for Tabaquite	01.03.2024	Lapsed

COMMITTEE MOTIONS

NO.	*SHORT TITLE*	*MOVED BY*	*FIRST DEBATED*	*APPROVED/NOT APPROVED*
1.	**Adopt the Report of the Standing Finance Committee**	Minister of Finance	07.06.2024	Approved

MATTERS ON THE ADJOURNMENT

NO.	SHORT TITLE	RAISED BY	DATE RAISED	RESPONDERS
1.	**The urgent need for clarification on the implementation period, requirements and qualifications for small businesses to access this facility in light of the imminent Christmas period.**	Mr. David Lee, MP	19.01.2024	Minister of Finance
2.	**The failure of the Minister of National Security to provide a safe and secure environment for the fisherfolk to ply their trade without interference from criminal elements.**	Mr. Ravi Ratiram, MP	19.01.2024	Minister of National Security
3.	**Legislation to amend Section 17 of the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago and the citizenship of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Act with a view to facilitating third generation citizenship which may benefit potential players to the National Football Team for World Cup Qualifiers in 2024.**	Mr. Arnold Ram, MP	06.03.2023	Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs
4.	**Implement an action plan aimed at providing relief measures for victims of fire and disasters.**	Ms. Vandana Mohit, MP	22.03.2024	Minister of Social Development and Family Services
5.	**Adopt an all embracing approach through strategies to mitigate against persons contemplating suicide.**	Ms. Vandana Mohit, MP	13.05.2024	Minister of Health

MATTERS FILED BUT NOT RAISED

NO.	*SHORT TITLE*	*FILED BY (MEMBER FOR)*	*REMARKS*
1.	**The need for the Government to repair the Bridge at St. John Branch Trace, Avocat.**	Mr. Lackram Bodoe, MP	Withdrawn on 07.06.2024

DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Standing Order 17 of the House of Representatives, guided by Westminster Parliamentary Practice speaks to Definite Matters of Urgent Public Importance. For a matter to qualify for debate, it must meet all three (3) substantive criteria as follows:

1. **Definite**:
   - the matter must not only be specific, but its facts must be settled; and
   - the matter, event or issue must be certain, not hypothetical; or even worse, presumptive.
2. **Urgent**:
   - the nature of the crisis or emergency must demand the prompt attention of the House;
   - the matter must be exceedingly urgent, that is, it arose suddenly, is of a pressing nature, and has potentially serious consequences; and
   - a matter that has been ongoing for some time will not qualify, such as crime, foreign exchange shortages or unemployment. Although these matters are important, they do not qualify under Standing Order 17;
   - the urgency should be such that the matter allows no delay and for which a motion or a resolution with proper notice will be too late. Consequently, a matter that could have been raised at a previous sitting and was not so raised, cannot satisfy the rule; and
   - a matter which can be discussed in the ordinary course of business, should not cause the House to set aside its prearranged business.
3. **Public Importance**:
   - the matter affects the entire country and its urgency and gravity justifies it.

During the session, a total of two (2) definite matters of urgent public importance were filed, one (1) matter qualified to be raised and the other did not qualify.

NO.	*SHORT TITLE*	*DATE FILED*	*FILED BY*	*RAISED/DID NOT QUALIFY*
1.	**The oil spill along the coastline of Tobago**	16.02.2024	Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP	Raised on 16.02.2024

NO.	*SHORT TITLE*	*DATE FILED*	*FILED BY*	*RAISED/DID NOT QUALIFY*
2.	**Water crisis in various constituencies**	06.03.2024	Mr. Barry Padarath, MP	Did not qualify

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSIONAL SELECT COMMITTEES

The Committees appointed for each Session are the Committee of Privileges, House Committee, Standing Orders Committee, Business Committee, and the Statutory Instruments Committee. The Speaker of the House appointed Members to these Committees on **November 08, 2023.** The details of matters considered by each Committee during the Session are highlighted below:

Standing Orders Committee

The Standing Orders Committee is established by Standing Orders 89(1) and 90 of the House of Representatives which states, "The Standing Orders Committee shall have the duty of considering from time to time and reporting on all such matters, relating to the Standing Orders as may be referred to it by the House." **There were three (3) meetings held by this Committee during the session**.

Membership of the Standing Orders Committee

1. Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP (Chairman)
2. Mr. Faris Al Rawi, SC, MP
3. Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, MP
4. Mr. Keith Scotland, SC, MP
5. Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP
6. Dr. Rishad Seecheran, MP

MEMBERSHIP	*TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED*	*MEETINGS*	*REPORTS*	*DATES PRESENTED*
Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP (Chairman)	2	01.05.2024 05.07.2024	-	-
Mr. Faris Al Rawi, SC, MP	1			
Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, MP	2			
Mr. Keith Scotland, SC, MP	2			
Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP	1			
Dr. Rishad Seecheran, MP	2			

House Committee

The House Committee is established by Standing Orders 89 and 91 of the House of Representatives which states, "the House Committee shall have the duty of considering and advising the Speaker on matters connected with the comfort and convenience of Members of the House, and from time to time reporting to the House its Minutes of Proceedings." **There were no meetings held by this Committee during the session**.

Membership of the House Committee

1. Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP (Chairman)
2. Mr. Colm Imbert, MP
3. Mr. Brian Manning, MP
4. Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP
5. Mr. Barry Padarath, MP
6. Mr. David Lee, MP

Committee of Privileges

The Committee of Privileges is established by Standing Orders 89 and 92 of the House of Representatives to consider and report on matters referred to it by the Speaker or the House which appears to affect the powers or Privileges of the House. **There were no meetings held by this Committee during the session**.

Membership of the Committee of Privileges

1. Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP (Chairman)
2. Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP
3. Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP
4. Mr. Stuart Young, SC, MP
5. Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP
6. Mr. Saddam Hosein, MP

Statutory Instruments Committee

The Statutory Instruments Committee is established by Standing Order 89 of the House of Representatives. Its mandate is set out in Standing Order 93(1) which states that, "The Statutory Instruments Committee shall consider Statutory Instruments that are subject to the negative resolution. It shall have the duty, *inter alia*, of bringing to the attention of the House any such instrument –

a) which involves the expenditure of public moneys or which imposes or fixes fees for licenses or for services;
b) which cannot be challenged in the Courts on the ground that it is *ultra vires*, or is only temporarily so challengeable;
c) the making of which appears to constitute an unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the law under which it was made;
d) which purports to have retroactive or retrospective effect although the law under which it was made does not in terms give the maker of the instrument such a power;
e) the publication or the laying before the House of which, appears to have been unduly delayed;
f) in respect of which there has been unjustifiable delay in notifying the Speaker that the instrument had come into operation before it was laid before the House; or
g) the purport or form of which appears to require elucidation.

Standing Order 93(2) states that "The Statutory Instruments Committee shall not consider or report on the merits or policy of any such instrument."

There were no meetings held by this Committee during the session.

Membership of the Statutory Instruments Committee

1. Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP (Chairman)
2. Mr. Stuart Young, SC, MP
3. Mr. Kennedy Richards, MP
4. Mr. Keith Scotland, SC, MP
5. Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP
6. Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP

Business Committee

The Business Committee is established by Standing Orders 89 and 94 of the House of Representatives to consider such matters as may arise from time to time in connection with the business of the House, including the composition of Members to serve on Committees.

There were no meetings held by this Committee during the session.

Membership of the Business Committee

1. Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP (Chairman)
2. Mr. Colm Imbert, MP
3. Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP
4. Mr. Stephen Mc Clashie, MP
5. Dr. Rai Ragbir, MP
6. Mr. Ravi Ratiram, MP

Standing Finance Committee

The Standing Finance Committee, a Committee of the Whole House, is established by Standing Order 82(1) of the House of Representatives. It is the duty of this Committee to consider the Estimates, the Appropriation Bill, and the proposals for supplementation/variation in public.

MEETING/DAY NO.	DATES OF MEETINGS	REPORTS LAID
Day 1 **Day 2** **Day 3** **Day 4** **Day 5**	October 13,2023 October 16,2023 October 17,2023 October 18,2023 October 19,2023	Bill debated and passed.
9th Meeting	June 03, 2024	**The Report of the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives for the Fourth Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament, on the consideration of proposals for the Supplementary Appropriation for the fiscal year 2024.**

SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEES

Standing Order 95(1) of the House of Representatives states that, "the House may, from time to time, appoint Special Select Committees." It further states at 95(2) that "A Special Select Committee shall be appointed by Order of the House which shall specify the terms of reference of the Committee and shall consist of such Members as may be directed by Order of the House and, in the absence of such direction shall consist of such Members as may be chosen by the Speaker." This Session required no such Committee to be formed.

REFERRALS - PRIVATE BILLS

A Private Bill for the incorporation of a body/organisation by an Act of Parliament is required by the Standing Orders to be referred to a Special Select Committee of the House in which it was introduced after the Bill has been read a second time.

This Session required no such Committee to be formed.

REFERRALS - PUBLIC BILLS

No Public Bills were referred for the consideration of Special Select Committees during the Session.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

SITTINGS

The Senate was convened for a total of one hundred and seventy-one (171) hours and thirty-six (36) minutes for the 2023-2024 Session. The following table reflects the sittings of the Senate:

Month and Year	No. of Sittings	No. of Hours
September, 2023	1	01 hour 36 minutes
October, 2023	3	22 hours 37 minutes
November, 2023	3	16 hours 37 minutes
December, 2023	2	13 hours 06 minutes
January, 2024	1	05 hours 00 minutes
February, 2024	1	06 hours 43 minutes
March, 2024	3	25 hours 18 minutes
April, 2024	5	28 hours 28 minutes
May, 2024	1	04 hours 33 minutes
June, 2024	2	14 hours 49 minutes
July, 2024	4	26 hours 39 minutes
September, 2024	1	06 hours 10 minutes
TOTAL	**27**	**171 hours 36 minutes**

SITTING	PRESIDING OFFICER AT START	SITTING DATE	SITTING COMMENCED	SITTING ADJOURNED	DURATION OF SITTING
1st	President of the Senate	Monday, 11.09.2023	1:30 p.m.	3:06 p.m.	01 hour 36 minutes
2nd	President of the Senate	Friday, 20.10.2023	10:00 a.m.	5:54 p.m.	07 hours 54 minutes
3rd	President of the Senate	Monday, 23.10.2023	10:00 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	07 hours 15 minutes
4th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 24.10.2023	10:00 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	07 hours 28 minutes
5th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 07.11.2023	1:30 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	03 hours 55 minutes
6th	President of the Senate	Friday, 24.11.2023	10:00 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	07 hours 29 minutes
7th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 28.11.2023	1:30 p.m.	6:43 p.m.	05 hours 13 minutes
8th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 12.12.2023	10:00 a.m.	3:31 p.m.	05 hours 31 minutes
9th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 19.12.2023	10:00 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	07 hours 35 minutes
10th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 23.01.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	05 hours 00 minutes
11th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 20.02.2024	1:30 p.m.	8:13 p.m.	06 hours 43 minutes
12th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 19.03.2024	1:30 p.m.	11:06 p.m.	09 hours 36 minutes
13th	Vice-President of the Senate	Monday, 25.03.2024	1:30 p.m.	11:18 p.m.	09 hours 48 minutes
14th	Vice-President of the Senate	Tuesday, 26.03.2024	1:30 p.m.	7:24 p.m.	05 hours 54 minutes
15th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 16.04.2024	10:00 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	05 hours 35 minutes
16th	President of the Senate	Monday, 22.04.2024	1:30 p.m.	4:55 p.m.	03 hours 25 minutes

SITTING	PRESIDING OFFICER AT START	SITTING DATE	SITTING COMMENCED	SITTING ADJOURNED	DURATION OF SITTING
17th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 23.04.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:40 p.m.	05 hours 10 minutes
18th	President of the Senate	Monday, 29.04.2024	1:30 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	07 hours 22 minutes
19th	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 30.04.2024	1:30 p.m.	8:26 p.m.	06 hours 56 minutes
20th	President of the Senate	Friday, 17.05.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:03 p.m.	04 hours 33 minutes
21st	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 11.06.2024	1:30 p.m.	11:28 p.m.	09 hours 58 minutes
22nd	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 25.06.2024	1:30 p.m.	6:21 p.m.	04 hours 51 minutes
23rd	President of the Senate	Tuesday, 02.07.2024	1:30 p.m.	11:59 p.m.	10 hours 29 minutes
24th	President of the Senate	Wednesday, 03.07.2024	10:00 a.m.	3:21 p.m.	05 hours 21 minutes
25th	President of the Senate	Thursday, 04.07.2024	2:00 p.m.	11:58 p.m.	09 hours 58 minutes
26th	President of the Senate	Friday, 05.07.2024	1:30 p.m.	2:21 p.m.	00 hours 51 minutes
27th	President of the Senate	Monday 09.09.2024	10:00 a.m.	4:10 p.m.	06 hours 10 minutes

BILLS ORIGINATING IN THE SENATE

KEY

* CWH - Committee of the Whole House

* JSC - Joint Select Committee

* SSC - Special Select Committee

* SFC - Standing Finance Committee

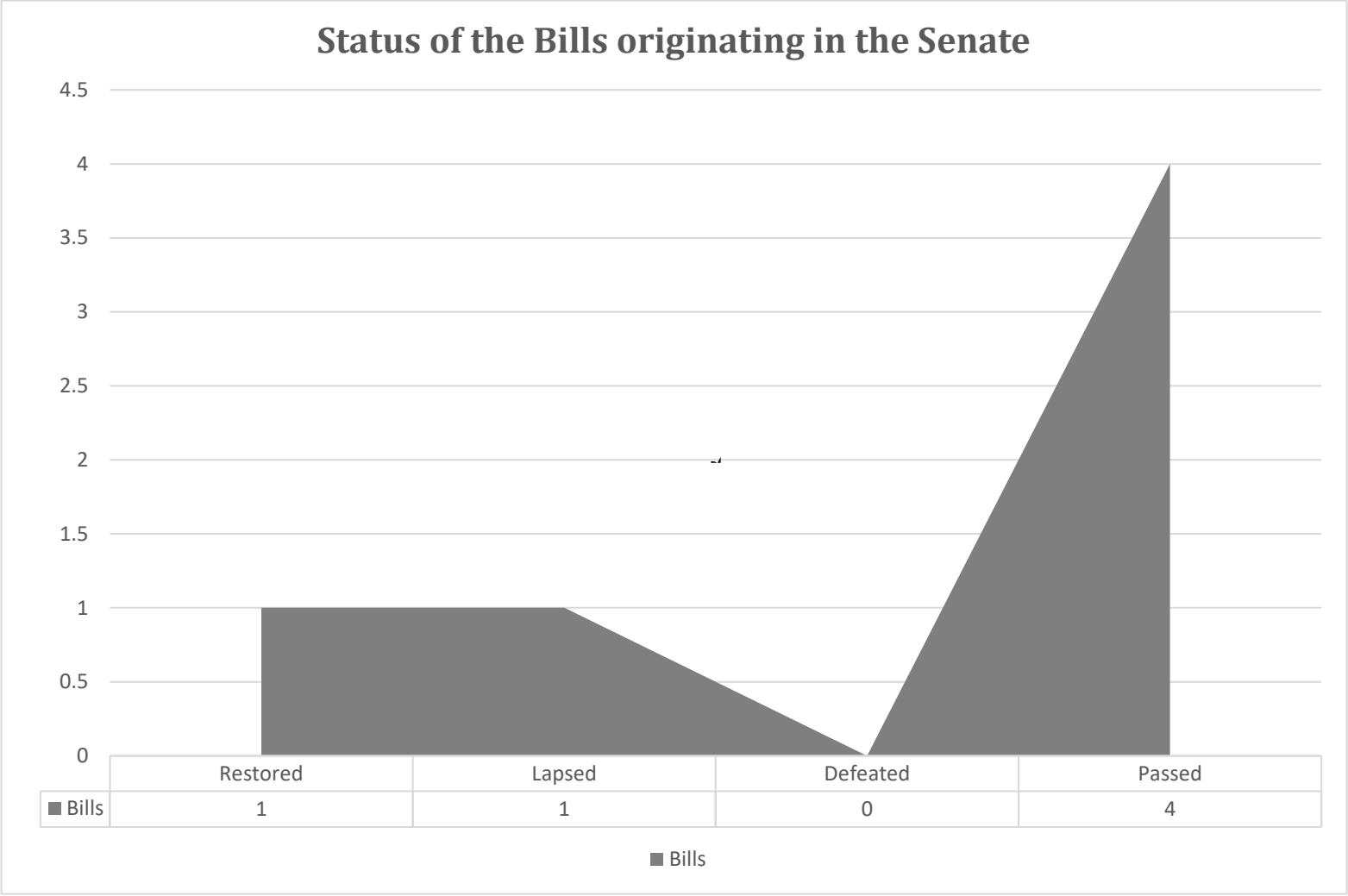
BILL NO.	BILL TITLE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	COMMITTED TO	REPORTED BY COMMITTEE	THIRD READING	DATE PASSED IN HOR	HOR AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED	ASSENT	PROCLAMATION	NOTE
06/2020	**The Shipping Bill, 2020**	26.10.2020	-	Committee was not re-established in the 4th Session	-	-	-	-	-	-	i. Motion moved to re-establish Committee in the 4th Session and adopt the work completed by the Committee in the 3rd Session on 30.06.23 ii. Carried over to the 5th Session on 09.09.2024

BILL NO.	BILL TITLE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	COMMITTED TO	REPORTED BY COMMITTEE	THIRD READING	DATE PASSED IN HOR	HOR AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED	ASSENT	PROCLAMATION	NOTE
01/2023	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Trial By Judge Alone) Bill, 2023	25.04.2023	12.05.2023 16.05.2023	SSC on 16.05.2023	03.07.2024	-	-	-	-	-	i. Motion moved to re-establish Committee in the 4th Session and adopt the work of the Committee in the 3rd Session on 27.06.23 ii. Carried over to the 5th Session at the adoption of the report stage on 03.07.2023
07/2022	The Private Security Industry Bill, 2022	28.06.2022 Bill brought forward from 3rd Session on 20.10.2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Carried over to the 5th Session on 04.07.2023
08/2022	The Supplemental Police (Amendment) Bill, 2022	28.06.2022 Bill brought forward from 3rd Session on 20.10.2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Carried over to the 5th Session on 04.07.2023

BILL NO.	BILL TITLE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	COMMITTED TO	REPORTED BY COMMITTEE	THIRD READING	DATE PASSED IN HOR	HOR AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED	ASSENT	PROCLAMATION	NOTE
01/2024	The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2024	19.03.2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Carried over to the 5th Session on 04.07.2023
02/2024	The ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024 Bill, 2024	29.04.2024	30.04.2024	CWH	-	30.04.2024	13.05.2024	-	14.05.2023	-	-
03/2023	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Trustees, Exchequer and Audit Act, the Minister of Finance (Incorporation) Act, Proceeds of Crime, Income Tax, Companies, Partnerships, Securities, Tax Information Exchange Agreements, the Non-Profit Organisations and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters) Bill, 2023	24.11.2023	24.11.2023	CWH	-	24.11.2023	19.01.2024	-	22.02.2024	-	-

BILL NO.	BILL TITLE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	COMMITTED TO	REPORTED BY COMMITTEE	THIRD READING	DATE PASSED IN HOR	HOR AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED	ASSENT	PROCLAMATION	NOTE
04/2023	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Registrar General, Companies, Registration of Business Names, and Non-Profit Organisations) Bill, 2023	24.11.2023	12.12.2023	CWH	-	12.12.2023	06.03.2024	19.03.2024	01.05.2024	-	-
05/2023	The Base Erosion and Profit-Shifting Inclusive Framework (Country-by-Country) Reporting Bill, 2023	24.11.2023	20.02.2024	CWH	-	20.02.2024	06.03.2024		19.03.2024	-	-
06/2023	The St. Dominic's Children's Home (Incorporation) Bill, 2023	19.12.2023	-	SSC 23.01.2024	25.06.2024	-	-	-	-	-	Carried over to 5th Session on 25.06.2024

The following chart highlights the status of the bills originating in the Senate during the session:



QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Standing Order 24 of the Senate states that "Questions may be put to a Minister relating to any subject or department under the Minister's administrative responsibility." The table below highlights the status of the questions asked and answered in the Senate during the session:

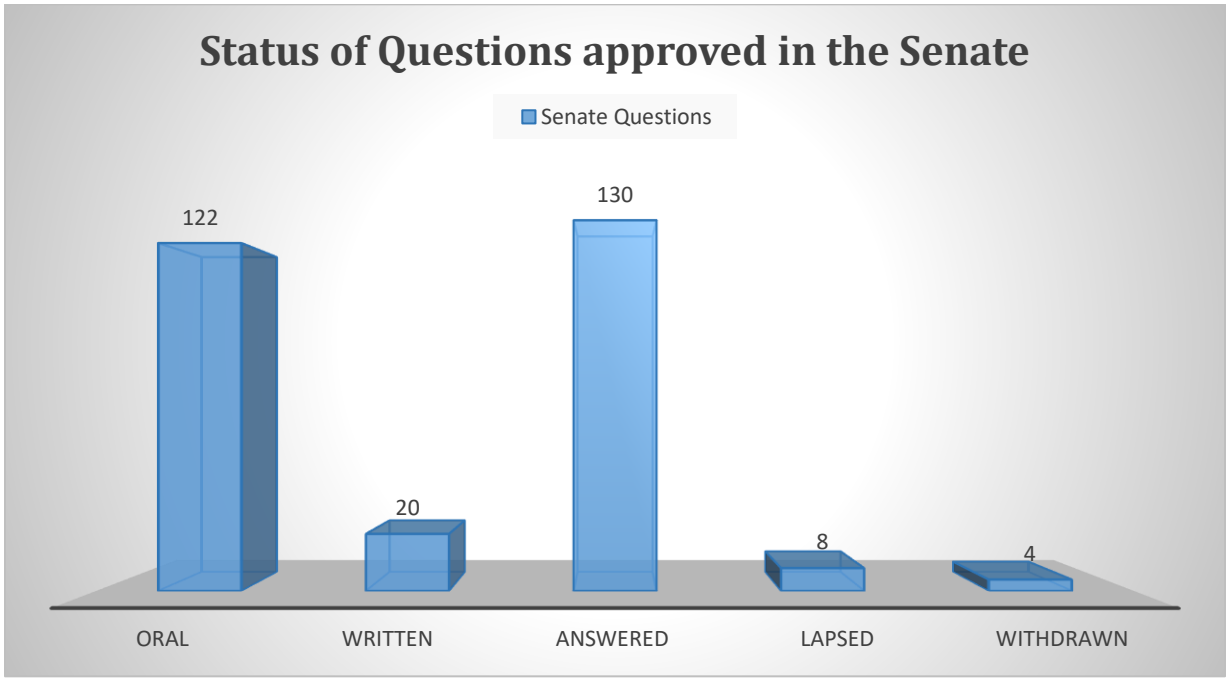
QUESTION NUMBER	FORM OF ANSWER	DATE ANSWERED	NO. OF QUESTIONS ANSWERED
1, 2, 3, 28, 29, 30, 42, 46, 47	Oral	07.11.2023	9
4, 5, 6, 32, 33, 48, 49 **43, 44, 45**	Oral Written	24.11.2023	10
7, 8, 9, 34, 35, 36	Oral	28.11.2023	6
37, 38, 39, 50, 51	Oral	12.12.2023	5
10, 12, 40	Oral	19.12.2023	3
11, 13, 14, 15, **52, 56**	Oral Written	23.01.2024	6
16, 17, 18, 57, 59, 60, **54, 58**	Oral Written	20.02.2024	8
19, 20, 21, 72, 73, 74 **71, 75**	Oral Written	19.03.2024	8
22, 23, 24, 76, 77, 78, 84, 87	Oral	25.03.2024	8
25, 26, 79	Oral	26.03.2024	3
27, 41, 53, 55, 88, 89 **81, 82, 83, 85, 86**	Oral Written	16.04.2024	11

61, 62, 90, 91	Oral	22.04.2024	4
63, 65, 66, 67, 93, 94, 95	Oral	23.04.2024	7
68, 69, 70, 92, 96, 97, 98	Oral	29.04.2024	7
99, 100, 101	Oral	30.04.2024	3
102, 103, 104 **64**	Oral Written	17.05.2024	4
105, 107, 108, 110, 111, 117, 123, 127 **112, 113, 114, 115, 116**	Oral Written	11.06.2024	13
118, 119, 120, 125, 126, 128, 129	Oral	25.06.2024	7
121, 122, 124, 130	Oral	02.07.2024	4
131,132,133,142	Oral	09.09.2024	4
TOTAL			**130**

A total of one hundred and forty-two (142) questions were approved, twenty (20) were for written answer and one hundred and twenty-two (122) were for oral answer. One hundred and thirty (130) were answered and eight (8) questions lapsed.

During the session, Questions Nos. 31, 80, 106 and 109 were withdrawn and Questions Nos. 134-141 lapsed.

The following table highlights the status of the Questions approved in the Senate during the session:



URGENT QUESTIONS

The table below highlights the status of the Urgent Questions asked and answered in the Senate during the session:

NO. OF QUESTIONS	DATE ANSWERED
1	07.11.2023
3	24.11.2023
1	28.11.2023
1	19.12.2023
2	20.02.2024
2	19.03.2024
1	25.03.2024
3	26.03.2024 (time expired, Question 3 unanswered)
3	16.04.2024
3	22.04.2024
2	23.04.2024
1	29.04.2024
1	25.06.2024
2	02.07.2024
4	04.07.2024
30 asked	**29 answered**

MOTIONS

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

No.	*Short Title*	*Moved By*	*First Debated*	*Approved/Not Approved*
1.	**Increase the Borrowing Limit under the Development Loans Act**	*Minister of Finance*	19.03.2024	Approved
2.	**Approve the Notification of the appointment of Mrs. Patsy Latchman-Atterbury to the office of Director General of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority**	*Minister of Finance*	16.04.2024	Approved
3.	**Extension of period of time under sections 24(1) and 25(1) of the Exchequer and Audit Act Chap. 69:01**	*Minister of Finance*	29.03.2023	Approved

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

No.	*Short Title*	*Moved By*	*First Debated*	*Approved/Not Approved*
1.	**Annul the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Exemption)(Financing Services) Order, 2023**	*Senator Wade Mark*	07.11.2023	Not Approved
2.	**Development of the Dragon Gas Field in Venezuela**	*Senator Wade Mark*	28.11.2023	Not Approved
3.	**Review of the Commissions of Enquiry Act, Chap. 19:01 and the public inquiry process in Trinidad and Tobago**	*Senator Anthony Vieira, SC*	26.03.2024	Approved
4.	**Government's commitment to democracy in Trinidad and Tobago**	*Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial-Ramdial*	23.04.2024	Lapsed

5.	**The Steelpan be declared the National Instrument of Trinidad and Tobago and a Joint Select Committee be established for this purpose**	*Senator Sunity Maharaj*	-	Lapsed
6.	**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 and that an independent forensic audit be commissioned**	*Senator Wade Mark*	-	Lapsed
7.	**The Government to adopt and strengthen policies and legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls**	*Senator Wade Mark*	-	Lapsed
8.	**Annul the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Simplified Procurement) Regulations, 2024**	*Senator Wade Mark*	-	The prescribed period elapsed, motion removed from Order Paper

MATTERS ON THE ADJOURNMENT

No.	*Short Title*	*Raised By*	*Date Raised*	*Responders*
1.	**The need for the Government to assist Trinidad and Tobago nationals at risk due to escalating conflict in the Gaza Strip.**	*Senator Anthony Vieira, SC*	07.11.2023	Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne
2.	**The need for the Minister of Finance to engage the Central Bank with a view to re-evaluating the anti-fraud and customer protection systems of Commercial Banks.**	*Senator Dr. Paul Richards*	24.11.2023	Honourable Colm Imbert, MP

No.	*Short Title*	*Raised By*	*Date Raised*	*Responders*
3.	**The failure of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) to enforce the terms of the CWC acquisition agreement to have LIBERTY Latin America divest its 49 per cent shareholding in Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago after some eight years.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	24.11.2023	Senator the Honourable Hassel Bacchus
4.	**The persistent decline in the labour force participation rate (LFPC) and its negative effect on national economic output.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	28.11.2023	Honourable Stephen Mc Clashie, MP
5.	**The need for the Government to outline its policy initiatives to treat with the thousands of school children who have dropped out of the school system during the past few years.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	28.11.2023	Honourable Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, MP
6.	**The need for the Government to identify the measures taken to remediate the underperformance of S.E.A. students between 2018 and 2023.**	*Senator Dr. Paul Richards*	12.12.2023	Honourable Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, MP
7.	**The need for the Minister of Works and Transport to explain the status of the Eldamo service for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) which has not been operational for some time, placing significant hardships on these persons.**	*Senator Dr. Paul Richards*	19.12.2023	Senator the Honourable Richie Sookhai
8.	**The need for the Government to confirm or deny any decision to privatize the assets of TSTT to a group of private investors.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	19.12.2023	Honourable Marvin Gonzales, MP
9.	**The need for the Government to explain the decision to sell CLICO's shareholding in Methanol Holdings International Limited**	*Senator Wade Mark*	23.01.2024	Honourable Colm Imbert, MP

No.	*Short Title*	*Raised By*	*Date Raised*	*Responders*
	contrary to a statement made in the Senate on April 25, 2023			
10.	**The need for the Government to explain why the National Insurance Board does not hold a directorship on the Board of Massy Holdings Limited despite being the largest shareholder in the company's current structure**	*Senator Wade Mark*	23.01.2024	Honourable Colm Imbert, MP
11.	**The need for the Government to update the laws, regulations and policies regarding 'Protection Orders' to ensure more effective protection for women.**	*Senator Dr. Paul Richards*	20.02.2024	Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, MP
12.	**The need for an independent investigation into the recent oil spill in Tobago waters, negatively impacting the coastlines of Tobago and its tourism product.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	20.02.2024	Senator the Honourable Rohan Sinanan
13.	**The need for the Government to properly explain its recent decision to establish a Joint Task Force to clamp-down on the sale to the public of unregistered pharmaceutical products.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	19.03.2024	Honourable Terrence Deyalsingh, MP
14.	**The need for the Government to implement legislative and policy measures to preserve this country's environmental biodiversity by making areas within the Northern Range protected nature reserves.**	*Senator Anthony Vieira, SC*	25.03.2024	Honourable Pennelope Beckles-Robinson, MP
15.	**The need for the Government to provide an update on any proposed amendments to the Industrial Relations Act, Maternity Act and**	*Senator Wade Mark*	26.03.2024	Senator the Honourable Renuka Sagramsingh-Sooklal

No.	*Short Title*	*Raised By*	*Date Raised*	*Responders*
	other Labour Legislation to reflect International Labour Organization's standards.			
16.	**The need to strengthen the approach to campaign financing legislation in preparation for the general elections due by 2025 in Trinidad and Tobago.**	*Senator Dr. Paul Richards*	26.03.2024	Senator the Honourable Reginald Armour, SC
17.	**The failure of the Government to adequately resource the Repatriation Advisory Committee to carry out its work with respect to repatriating Trinidad and Tobago nationals stranded in the Middle East.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	16.04.2024	Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, MP
18.	**The need for Government to address the recommended salary increases for several of this country's uppermost public officials contained in the 117th Salaries Review Commission Report.**	*Senator Sunity Maharaj*	16.04.2024	Honourable Colm Imbert, MP
19.	**The need for the Government to enact legislation to provide for mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect by members of the public.**	*Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye*	22.04.2024	Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP
20.	**The need for the Government to explain its decision to generate a new one hundred dollar note and the costs to the public.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	23.04.2024	Honourable Colm Imbert, MP
21.	**The need for the Government to provide the costs of using the MV White Marlin to conduct the dry docking works of three (3) fast ferry vessels and the payment made to a local agent on behalf of the vessel's owners.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	23.04.2024	Senator the Honourable Rohan Sinanan

No.	*Short Title*	*Raised By*	*Date Raised*	*Responders*
22.	**The need for urgent legislative reform to address risks posed to the democratic electoral process by the pervasive misuse of social media and digital platforms, in light of the general elections due by 2025 in Trinidad and Tobago.**	*Senator Dr. Paul Richards*	29.04.2024	Honourable Symon de Nobriga, MP
23.	**The need for legislation to provide for Lasting Powers of Attorney.**	*Senator Anthony Vieira, SC*	29.04.2024	Senator the Honourable Reginald Armour SC
24.	**The need for the Government to provide a status report on this country's accession to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	30.04.2024	Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne
25.	**The need for amendments to the Copyright Act to expand the term of copyright protection for authors, the producers of sound recordings, and the moral rights of authors and performers.**	*Senator Anthony Vieira, SC*	17.05.2024	Senator the Honourable Reginald Armour, SC
26.	**A status report on the Dragon field project given Shell's indecision on its financial investment decision.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	25.06.2024	Honourable Stuart Young, SC, MP
27.	**The need for the Government to explain its recent nominations of two (2) directors to the Board of One Caribbean Media Limited (OCM), and its impact on freedom of the press.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	03.07.2024	Honourable Brian Manning, MP
28.	**The need for the Government to ratify the Escazu Agreement on the access to information, public participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.**	*Senator Anthony Vieira, SC*	03.07.2024	Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne

No.	*Short Title*	*Raised By*	*Date Raised*	*Responders*
29.	**The need for the Government to provide an update on the sale of the Point-a-Pierre Refinery.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	05.07.2024	Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell
30.	**The need to update this country's environmental laws and processes and reconsider the presumed benefits of large brand hotels to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the context of the global climate change crisis.**	*Senator Anthony Vieira, SC*	05.07.2024	Honourable Pennelope Beckles-Robinson, MP
31.	**The need for the Government to provide support to Haiti to rebuild its institutions, infrastructure and environment, in alignment with this country's global commitments to human rights, poverty reduction and sustainable development.**	*Senator Anthony Vieira, SC*	09.09.2024	Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne
32.	**The need to formulate new strategies to address this country's high murder rate caused by the ongoing increase in criminal activity.**	*Senator Wade Mark*	09.09.2024	Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, MP

MATTERS FILED BUT NOT RAISED

NO.	***SHORT TITLE***	***FILED BY***	***REMARKS***
1.	**The cost of living crisis and the urgent need for price-capping measures to alleviate same.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
2.	**The need for the Government to provide a status report on its position with respect to increasing the minimum wage.**	Senator Wade Mark	Withdrawn on March 21 25, 2024

NO.	SHORT TITLE	FILED BY	REMARKS
3.	**The need for the Government to provide a status report on FCB's investments in Barita Investment Ltd as well as its loans to Cornerstone Financial Ltd.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
4.	**The need for the Government to take immediate measures to terminate the Board of Directors of TSTT and Commission an independent forensic investigation in respect of the recent ransomware attacks on the Company's customers databases.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
5.	**The need for the Minister of Finance to engage the Central Bank regarding the removal of teller services by Commercial Banks for certain transactions and the resultant disadvantage imposed on many citizens who lack access to internet services.**	Senator Dr. Paul Richards	Withdrawn on November 25, 2023
6.	**The need for the Government to provide an explanation for the suspension of trading of the $TT dollar by the Central Bank of Jamaica.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
7.	**The need for the Government to provide a status report on matters surrounding the December 2023 ransomware attack on the National Insurance Board and its implications for contributors/beneficiaries of the National Insurance Scheme.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
8.	**The need for the Government to address concerns regarding the recent appointment of several employees at the Port of Spain City Corporation in variance to established regulations.**	Senator Wade Mark	
9.	**The need for the Government to provide an update on its Financial Inclusion Strategy and the implications of a cashless society for Trinidad and Tobago.**	Senator Wade Mark	-

NO.	SHORT TITLE	FILED BY	REMARKS
10.	**The failure of employers to comply with the provisions of the Minimum Wages (Amendment) Order, 2023 and the ineffective enforcement of said provisions by the Labour Inspectorate Unit.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
11.	**The need for Government to outline the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's policy on police protection for public officials, including judicial personnel in this country.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
12.	**The need for a status update on the Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the Review of Constituency Boundaries pursuant to Section 72 of the Constitution.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
13.	**The lack of essential firefighting equipment and the dangers posed to firefighters and members of the public.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
14.	**The ongoing matters surrounding NiQuan Energy Trinidad Limited's US$400 million debt profile and the possible negative impact on several significant financial institutions and the public**	Senator Wade Mark	-
15.	**The need for the Government to explain its decision to release excerpts of a confidential diplomatic note issued by the US Government on breaches of human rights by a unit formerly associated with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and the impact on US – TT relations.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
16.	**The failure of the Procurement Regulator to submit annual reports to the Speaker, the President of the**	Senator Wade Mark	-

NO.	SHORT TITLE	FILED BY	REMARKS
	Senate and the Minister of Finance for laying in Parliament in accordance with section 24 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015.		
17.	**The failure of the Minister of Finance to approve the appointment of the members of the Board of the Customs Brokers and Customs Clerks Association and the negative impact on the Board's operations over the past six (6) months.**	Senator Wade Mark	-
18.	**The failure of the Government to ratify the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.**	Senator Wade Mark	-

DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Standing Order 16 of the Senate, guided by Westminster Parliamentary Practice, speaks to Definite Matters of Urgent Public Importance. For a matter to be debated, the following three (3) substantive criteria must be met:

1. **Definite**:
   - the matter must not only be specific, but its facts must be settled; and
   - the matter, event or issue must be certain, not hypothetical; or even worse presumptive.
2. **Urgent**:
   - the nature of the crisis or emergency must demand the prompt attention of the House;
   - the matter must be exceedingly urgent, that is, it arose suddenly, is of a pressing nature, and has potentially serious consequences; and
   - a matter that has been ongoing for some time will not qualify, such as crime, foreign exchange shortages or unemployment. Although these matters are important, they do not qualify under Standing Order 16;
   - the urgency should be such that the matter allows no delay and for which a motion or a resolution with proper notice will be too late. Consequently, a matter that could have been raised at a previous sitting and was not so raised, cannot satisfy the rule; and
   - a matter which can be discussed in the ordinary course of business, should not cause the House to set aside its prearranged business.
3. **Public Importance**:
   - the matter affects the entire country and its urgency and gravity justifies it.

One (1) matter was filed under Standing Order 16 as a definite matter of urgent public importance, however it did not qualify to be raised.

No.	*Short Title*	*Date Filed*	*Filed by*
1.	The recommended salary increases for several of this country's uppermost public officials contained in the 117th Salaries Review Commission (SRC) Report	20.02.2024	Senator Sunity Maharaj

COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

SESSIONAL SELECT COMMITTEES

The Committees appointed for each Session are the Standing Orders Committee, House Committee, Committee of Privileges, Statutory Instruments Committee and the Business Committee. The President of the Senate appointed Members to these Committees on **November 28, 2023.** The following are the details of matters considered by each Committee for the Session.

Standing Orders Committee

The Standing Orders Committee is established by Standing Orders 79 and 80 of the Senate. **There were no meetings of this Committee during the Session.**

Membership of the Standing Orders Committee

1. Mr. Nigel de Frietas
2. Mr. Laurence Hislop
3. Dr. Amery Browne
4. Mr. Wade Mark
5. Dr. Sharda Patasar[1]

House Committee

The House Committee is established by Standing Orders 79 and 81 of the Senate. **There were no meetings of this Committee during the Session.**

Membership of the House Committee

1. Dr. Amery Browne (Chairman)
2. Ms. Donna Cox
3. Ms. Jearlean John
4. Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy
5. Ms. Laurel Lezama-Lee Sing

[1] Dr. Sharda Patasar was appointed to the Committee on November 28, 2023 in lieu of Dr. Varma Deyalsingh.

Statutory Instruments Committee

The Statutory Instruments Committee is established by Standing Orders 79 and 83 of the Senate. **There were no meetings of this Committee during the Session.**

Membership of the Statutory Instruments Committee

1. Mr. Nigel de Freitas
2. Mrs. Renuka Sagramsingh-Sooklal
3. Mr. Rohan Sinanan
4. Ms. Jayanti Lutchmedial - Ramdial
5. Ms. Sunity Maharaj[2]

Business Committee

The Business Committee is established by Standing Orders 79 and 84 of the Senate. **There were no meetings of this Committee during the Session.**

Membership of the Business Committee

1. Mr. Nigel de Freitas
2. Dr. Paul Richards
3. Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon
4. Mr. Wade Mark
5. Dr. Amery Browne

Committee of Privileges

The Committee of Privileges is established by Standing Orders 79 and 82 of the Senate. **There were no meetings of this Committee during the Session.**

[2] Ms. Sunity Maharaj was appointed to the Committee on November 28, 2023 in lieu of Mr. Evans Welch.

Membership of the Committee of Privileges

1. Mr. Nigel de Freitas
2. Mr. Reginald Armour, SC[3]
3. Mr. Randall Mitchell
4. Ms. Jearlean John
5. Mr. Deoroop Teemal[4]

SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEES

Standing Order 85(1) states that, "The Senate may, from time to time, appoint Special Select Committees."

Standing Order 85(2) provides that "A Special Select Committee shall be appointed by Order of the Senate which shall specify the terms of reference of the Committee and shall consist of such Senators as may be directed by Order of the Senate and, in the absence of such direction, shall consist of such Senators as may be chosen by the President."

Special Select Committee - The Miscellaneous Provisions (Trial By Judge Alone) Bill, 2023

A Special Select Committee to consider and report on the *Miscellaneous Provisions (Trial By Judge Alone) Bill, 2023* was re-established on January 23, 2024. The Committee held ten (10) meetings, as **listed in the table below**. The Committee's final report was presented in the Senate on July 03, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP	***MEETINGS***	***REPORTS***	***DATES PRESENTED***
Mr. Reginald Armour, SC	19.03.2024	Interim Report of the Special Select	16.04.2024
(Chairman)	26.03.2024	Committee of the Senate appointed to consider	
Mr. Randall Mitchel	10.05.2024	and report on the	
Ms. Allyson West	21.05.2024	Miscellaneous Provisions (Trial by Judge	
Ms. Renuka Sagramsingh-Sooklal	04.06.2024	Alone) Bill, 2023	
Ms. Jayanti Lutchmedial-Ramdial	14.06.2024		
	18.06.2024		

[3] Mr. Reginald Armour, SC was appointed to the Committee on November 28, 2023 upon the assumption of Chairman by Mr. Nigel de Freitas.

[4] Mr. Deoroop Teemal was appointed to the Committee on November 28, 2023 in lieu of Ms. Amrita Deonarine.

MEMBERSHIP	*MEETINGS*	*REPORTS*	*DATES PRESENTED*
Mr. Anthony Vieira, SC *Prof. Gerard Hutchinson*[5]	21.06.2024 25.06.2024 28.06.2024		
		The Second Interim Report of the Special Select Committee of the Senate appointed to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Trial by Judge Alone) Bill, 2023	11.06.2024
		Final Report of the Special Select Committee of the Senate appointed to consider and report on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Trial by Judge Alone) Bill, 2023	03.07.2024

Special Select Committee - The St. Dominic's Children's Home (Incorporation) Bill, 2023

A Special Select Committee to consider and report on *The St. Dominic's Children's Home (Incorporation) Bill, 2023* was established on January 23, 2024. The Committee held one (1) meeting, as listed in the table below. The Committee's final report was presented in the Senate on June 25, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP	*MEETINGS*	*REPORTS*	*DATES PRESENTED*
Mr. Anthony Vieira, SC (Chairman) *Ms. Donna Cox*	05.04.2024	Report of the Special Select Committee of the Senate appointed to	25.06.2024

[5] Professor Gerard Hutchinson was appointed to the Committee in lieu of Mr. Evans Welch on January 23, 2024.

Mrs. Renuka Sagramsingh-Sooklal *Mrs. Laurel Lezama-Lee Sing* *Mr. David Nakhid*		consider and report on the St. Dominic's Children's Home (Incorporation) Bill, 2023, Fourth Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament	

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

Subsidiary Legislation may either be subject to negative resolution and considered by the Members of the Statutory Instruments Committees of both the House of Representatives and the Senate or subject to affirmative resolution and considered by the House of Representatives and the Senate. [6]

NO	TITLE	DATE PUBLISHED	DATE LAID		COMMENTS
			HOR	SEN	
1.	The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Exemption)(Financing Services) Order, 2023	08.09.2023	02.10.2023	20.10.2023	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
2.	The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 2) Order, 2023.	30.06.2023	08.09.2023	20.10.2023	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
3.	The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 3) Order, 2023.	30.06.2023	08.09.2023	20.10.2023	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
4.	The Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation (Vesting) (Amendment to the First Schedule) (No. 4) Order, 2023.	30.06.2023	08.09.2023	20.10.2023	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
5.	The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Extension of Period for Payment of Fifty Percent of Fixed Penalty) (No. 2) Order, 2023	02.08.2023	08.09.2023	20.10.2023	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
6.	The Beekeeping and Bee Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.		13.12.2023	28.11.2023	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
7.	The Trinidad and Tobago Special Economic Zones Regulations, 2023.	24.11.2023	13.12.2023	28.11.2023	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.

[6] In accordance with Standing Order 83 of the Senate and Standing Order 93 of the House of Representatives

NO	TITLE	DATE PUBLISHED	DATE LAID		COMMENTS
			HOR	SEN	
8.	The Notification of Her Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of **Mr. Wendell Lucas**, for appointment to the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Police.	-	13.12.2023	NA	Debated and negatived.
9.	The Notification of Her Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of **Mr. Junior Benjamin**, for appointment to the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Police.	-	13.12.2023	NA	Debated and approved
10.	The Notification of Her Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of **Ms. Natasha George** for appointment to the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Police.	-	13.12.2023	NA	Debated and approved
11.	The Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority (Extension of Period) (No. 2) Order, 2023	28.11.2023	13.12.2023	19.12.2023	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
12.	The Minimum Wages (Amendment) Order, 2023	22.12.2023	19.01.2024	23.01.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
13.	The Criminal Procedure Rules, 2023	12.12.2023	19.01.2024	23.01.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
14.	The Notification of Her Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of **Mr. Curt Simon**, for appointment to act in the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Police.	-	16.02.2024	NA	Debated and approved
15.	The Immigration (Amendment) Regulations, 2024	15.02.2024	01.03.2024	19.03.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.

NO	TITLE	DATE PUBLISHED	DATE LAID		COMMENTS
			HOR	SEN	
16.	The Immigration (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2024	27.02.2024	01.03.2024	19.03.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
17.	The Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority (Extension of Period) Order, 2024	29.02.2024	01.03.2024	19.03.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
18.	The Notification of Her Excellency, the President, in respect of the nomination of **Ms. Suzette Martin**, for appointment to the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Police	-	15.03.2024	NA	Debated and approved
19.	The Property Tax (Deferral of Assessed Tax Application Form) Regulations, 2024	15.03.2024	18.03.2024	19.03.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
20.	Approve the Notification of the appointment of **Mr. Riad Juman** to the office of Deputy Director General – Customs and Excise of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority	-	12.04.2024	16.04.2024	Debated and approved
21.	Approve the Notification of the appointment of **Mrs. Helen Thomas-Brown** to the office of Deputy Director General – Domestic Tax of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority	-	12.04.2024	16.04.2024	Debated and approved
22.	Approve the Notification of the appointment of **Mrs. Patsy Latchman-Atterbury** to the office of Director General of the Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority	-	12.04.2024	16.04.2024	Debated and approved
23.	The Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority (Extension of Period) (No. 2) Order, 2024	03.04.2024	13.12.2023	16.04.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.

NO	TITLE	DATE PUBLISHED	DATE LAID		COMMENTS
			HOR	SEN	
24.	The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Simplified Procurement) Regulations, 2023	05.04.2024	12.04.2024	16.04.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
25.	The Immigration (ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024) (Mutual Recognition of Visas) Regulations, 2024	19.04.2024	26.04.2024	23.04.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
26.	The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Persons with Disability Parking Permit) Regulations, 2024	15.04.2024	26.04.2024	23.04.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
27.	The Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority (Extension of Period) (No.3) Order, 2024	03.05.2024	13.05.2024	17.05.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
28.	The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Windscreen and Window Tint) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024.	02.05.2024	13.052024	17.05.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
29.	The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment to the Ninth Schedule) Order, 2024.	07.05.2024	13.05.2024	17.05.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
30.	The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Review Board) Regulations, 2024.	06.06.2024	14.06.2024	25.06.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
31.	The Trinidad and Tobago Revenue Authority (Extension of Period) (No.4) Order, 2024	27.06.2024	28.06.2024	02.07.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.
32.	The Trinidad and Tobago Special Economic Zones (Amendment to Schedules 1, 2 and 4) Order, 2024	28.06.2024	01.07.2024	02.07.2024	Legislation did not contain anything to which special attention of the Committee should be drawn.

BUSINESS OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES (STANDING)

Standing Order 88 of the Senate and Standing Order 98 of the House of Representatives state *inter alia*:

1) Pursuant to the Constitution, there shall be the following Joint Select Committees:
   (a) the Public Accounts Committee;
   (b) the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee; and
   (c) Departmental Committees appointed pursuant to section 66A of the Constitution.

2) Unless the House otherwise directs, the Departmental Committees at paragraph (1) (c) shall be as set out in Appendix V and Appendix IV of the Standing Orders of the Senate and the House of Representatives respectively.

3) In addition to the Joint Select Committees at (2) above, the following Joint Select Committees are hereby established:
   (a) Public Administration and Appropriations Committee;
   (b) Parliamentary Broadcasting Committee; and
   (c) Committee on Government Assurances.

DEPARTMENTAL JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES

The Departmental Committees are as follows:

1) National Security;
2) Energy Affairs;
3) Foreign Affairs;
4) Human Rights, Equality and Diversity;

and the following omnibus Committees:

5) Finance and Legal Affairs (to include Finance, Planning, Trade, Tobago Affairs, OPM, Attorney General, Justice and Legal Affairs);
6) Land and Physical Infrastructure (to include Land, Agriculture, Marine Resources, Housing, Public Utilities, Transport and Works);
7) Social Services and Public Administration (to include Education, Health, Gender, Tourism, Public Administration, Labour, Culture, Community Development and other Social Services);
8) Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA); and
9) State Enterprises.

MANDATE

Section 66A (1) (ii) of the Constitution states *inter alia*:

> "…Parliament may resolve not being later than three months thereafter, appoint *Joint Select Committees, to inquire into and report to both Houses of Parliament in respect of* –
>
> *(A) Government Ministries*
> *(B) Municipal Corporations;*
> *(C) Statutory Authorities;*
> *(D) Enterprises owned or controlled by or on behalf of the State or which received funding from the State of more than two third of its total income in any one year; and*
> *(E) Service Commissions, in relation to their administration, the manner of the exercise of their powers, their methods of functioning and any criteria adopted by them in the exercise of their powers and functions."*

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (PAC)

Section 119(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago provides for the establishment of the PAC. The PAC examines reports of the Auditor General on the various Accounts of Government Ministries and Agencies. The PAC is assisted by the Auditor General and has powers to send for persons, papers, and records.

ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED
Public Accounts Committee	Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP (Chairman)	6
	Ms. Jearlean John	5
	Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP	3
The PAC had a total of six (6) meetings for the Session.	Mr. Roger Monroe, MP	2
	Mr. Adrian Leonce, MP	1
	Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	3
	Mrs. Hazel Thompson-Ahye[7]	4
	Dr. Amery Browne	3

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT/MINISTRY	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
June 26, 2024	Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (ADB) Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF) Auditor General's Department (AGD)	***An Examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Agricultural Development Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (ADB) for the financial years 2014 to 2018***	In-camera/Public Meeting

[7] Mrs. Hazel Thompson-Ahye was appointed in lieu of Ms. Charrise Seepersad w.e.f October 24, 2023.

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT/MINISTRY	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
May 01, 2024	National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO) Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF) Auditor General's Department (AGD)	***An 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*** ***Follow-Up on the Implementation of the Recommendations made in the 23rd Report of the PAC, 11th Parliament , on an examination of the Reorts of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of NAMDEVCO for the Financial Years 2008 to 2011***	In-camera/Public Meeting
January 24, 2024	Regulated Industries Commission (RIC) Ministry of Public Utilities (MPU) Auditor General's Department (AGD)	***An Examination into the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Regulated Industries Commission (RIC) for the financial years 2014 to 2018***	In-camera/Public Meeting
January 10, 2024	Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (AATT) Ministry of Works and Transport (MOWT) Auditor General's Department (AGD)	***An Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (AATT) for the financial years 2013 to 2019 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations in the Committee's Eighteenth Report, 11th Parliament***	In-camera/Public Meeting
November 08, 2023	Auditor General's Department (AGD)	***An Examination of the Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 202***	In-camera/Public Meeting
November 22, 2023		***An Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic***	In-camera/Public Meeting

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT/MINISTRY	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
	Auditor General's Department (AGD)	***of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2022***	

REPORTS	DATE LAID
Tenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on an Examination of the concerns raised in the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2021 with specific reference to the administering of government grants	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 24.11.2023
Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on an Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2014 to 2018	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 24.11.2023
Twelfth Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on a Follow-Up on the implementation of the recommendations made in the Thirtieth Report of the PAC on the concerns raised in Reports of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago with specific reference to the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 24.11.2023
Thirteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on an Examination of the Reports of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Public Transport Service Corporation for the financial years 2014 to 2018 and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations made in the Eighth PAC Report, 11th Parliament, on an Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on a Special Audit of the PTSC	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 24.11.2023

Fourteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of Trinidad and Tobago for financial year 2022, Fourth Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament	HOR – 13.05.2024 SEN – 17.05.2024
Fifteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Police Complaints Authority for the financial years 2015 to 2021, Fourth Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament	HOR – 13.05. 2024 SEN – 17.05.2024
Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on an examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (AATT) for the financial years 2013 to 2019 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Eighteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee from the Eleventh Parliament, Fourth Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament	HOR – 13.05.2024 SEN – 17.05.2024

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (ENTERPRISES) COMMITTEE (PA[E]C)

Section 119(5) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago provides for the establishment of the PA[E]C. The PA[E]C examines the various accounts of Enterprises owned either wholly, partially or indirectly by the State which are audited by the Auditor General or by private contracted auditing firms. The Committee is assisted by the Auditor General, the Investments Division of the Ministry of Finance and the Comptroller of Accounts. This Committee has powers to send for persons, papers and records.

ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (ENTERPRISES) COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED
Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee	Mr. Wade Mark (Chairman)	5
	Mr. Rushton Paray, MP	3
	Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP	1
This Committee had a total of five (5) meetings for the Session.	Mr. Keith Scotland, SC, MP	2
	Mrs. Laurel Lezama-Lee Sing	5
	Mrs. Renuka Sagramsingh-Sooklal	2
	Mrs. Hazel Thompson-Ahye[8]	3
	Mr. Stephen Mc. Clashie, MP	3

[8] Appointed in lieu of Ms. Amrita Deonarine, w.e.f. Tuesday October 24, 2023.

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT/MINISTRY	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
November 15, 2023	Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT) Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) Ministry of Finance – Investments Division	***An examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT) for the financial years 2017-2018 and the follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations in the Committee's first report of the 12th Parliament***	In-camera/Public Meeting
January 17, 2024	Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (VMCOTT) Ministry of Works and Transport Ministry of Finance – Investments Division	***An examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial years 2015 and 2016 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations in the Committee's Second Report, 12th Parliament***	In-camera/Public Meeting
February 21, 2024	National Export Facilitation Organization of Trinidad and Tobago (ExporTT Limited) Ministry of Trade and Industry Ministry of Works and Transport Ministry of Finance – Investments Division	***An examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of National Export Facilitation Organization of Trinidad and Tobago (ExporTT Limited) for the financial years 2018 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's Twenty-Eighth Report, 11th Parliament***	In-camera/Public Meeting
April 3, 2024	Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited Ministry Of Energy and Energy Industries	***An examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and Other Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited and Its Subsidiaries (NP) for the fiscal years 2018 and 2019***	In-camera/Public Meeting

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT/MINISTRY	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
April 17, 2024	Ministry of Finance – Investments Division		
	Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Limited (TPHL) Ministry Of Energy and Energy Industries Ministry of Finance – Investments Division	***An examination of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Limited (TPHL) for the year ended September 30, 2019***	In-camera/Public Meeting

REPORTS	DATE LAID
Tenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on an Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited for the financial year 2018 and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's Eleventh Report from the 11th Parliament	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 24.11.2023
Eleventh Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on the Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of The Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (SporTT) for the Financial Years 2019 and 2020 and follow-up on the Implementation of the recommendations in the Committee's Second Report from the 11th Parliament	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 07.11.2023
Twelfth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on the Follow up inquiry into the Committee's Omnibus Report in the First Session, 11th Parliament and the Joint Select Committee on State Enterprises Report from the Second Session, 12th Parliament, including an examination of the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) Audited Financial Statements for the years ended 2015 to 2017	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 07.11.2023

Thirteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on a Follow-up Examination on the Implementation of the Recommendations in the Fourth Report of the Committee on the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of the Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme for the financial years 2009 to 2014	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 24.11.2023
Fourteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and Financial Statements of the Estate Management and Business Development Company Limited for financial year 2015 and follow-up on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Committee's Seventh Report from the 11th Parliament	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 24.11.2023
Fifteenth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on the Examination of the Audited Accounts, Balance Sheet and other Financial Statements of Tourism Trinidad Limited for the financial years 2018 to 2020	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 24.11.2023

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE (PAAC)

The Public Administration and Appropriation Committee is established by Standing Order 98(4) (a) of the House of Representatives.

ACTIVITIES - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED
Public Administration & Appropriations Committee **This Committee had a total of seven (7) meetings for the Session.**	Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP (Chairman) Dr. Lackram Bodoe, MP Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP Mr. Hassel Bacchus Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP Mr. Wade Mark Mr. Symon de Nobriga, MP Mr. Randall Mitchell Mr. Laurence Hislop Dr. Sharda Patasar	6 4 4 2 6 3 4 3 6 7

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT/MINISTRY	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
June 26, 2024	Ministry of Youth Development and National Service	***An examination into the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service on Sub-Head 04 Current Transfers and Subsidies, Sub-Head 09 Development Programme – Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund for the Financial Year 2024***	In-camera/Public Meeting
June 12, 2024	Ministry of Works and Transport Secondary Road Rehabilitation Improvement Company	***A follow-up examination into the implementation of recommendations contained in the Committee's Seventeenth Report on the Management and Operations of the Secondary***	In-camera/Public Meeting

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT/MINISTRY	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
		Road Rehabilitation and Improvement Company Limited	
May 15, 2024	Ministry of Health National Insurance Property Development Company Limited	***An examination into Adequacy of Pharmaceuticals and Non-Pharmaceuticals and Other Supplies by the Ministry of Health***	In-camera/Public Meeting
February 21, 2024	Ministry of Digital Transformation	***An examination into 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***	In-camera/Public Meeting
January 24, 2024	Ministry of Planning and DevelopmentMinistry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government Ministry of Works and Transport Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management Tobago Emergency Management Agency	***An examination into flood mitigation in Trinidad and Tobago (aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 11)***	In-camera/Public Meeting
January 10, 2024	Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries Ministry of Social Development and Family Services Ministry of Trade and Industry Ministry of Works and Transport	***An examination into the impact of rising fuel prices on the transport sector, retail sector, energy sector and households***	In-camera/Public Meeting

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT/MINISTRY	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
November 08, 2023	National Carnival Commission Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts	***Examination into the role of the National Carnival Commission's Management of Carnival 2023 activities and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations made in the Public Account Committee's Twenty-Seventh Report, 11th Parliament***	In-camera/Public Meeting

REPORTS	DATE LAID
Fifteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on the Examination of a Follow-up inquiry on the maintenance of community swimming pools by the Ministry of Sport and Community Development	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 28.11.2023
Sixteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on the Examination into Food Security in Trinidad and Tobago in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 28.11.2023
Seventeenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament, on the Examination into the Management and Operations of the Secondary Road Rehabilitation and Improvement Company Limited	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 28.11.2023
Eighteenth Report of the Public Administration and Appropriations Committee on the examination into the Provision of Flood Relief Grants by the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 11.06.2024

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES – COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED	REPORTS	DATE LAID
National Security **This Committee has had a total of nine (9) meetings for this Session.**	Mr. Keith Scotland, SC, MP (Chairman) Dr. Paul Richards (Vice-Chairman) Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP Mr. Kennedy Richards, MP Dr. Roodal Moonilal, MP Mr. Randall Mitchell Ms. Jayanti Lutchmedial-Ramdial Mr. Richie Sookhai	**9** **9** **6** **4** **8** **7** **9** **9**	**Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security on an inquiry into the Criminal Justice System in Trinidad and Tobago to determine strategies to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness.** **Second Report on the 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.**	HOR – 13.12.2023 SEN – 23.01.2024 HOR – 01.03.2024 SEN – 19.03.2024

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
September 20, 2023	-	-	In-camera
November 30, 2023	-	-	In-camera
January 17, 2024	-	-	In-camera

January 31, 2024	Trinidad and Tobago Police Service	**Follow-up: Inquiry to gain an understanding of the anti-crime strategies implemented and being implemented to address criminal activity in Trinidad and Tobago.**	In-camera/Public meeting
February 26, 2024	-	-	In-camera
March 11, 2024	-	-	In-camera
March 27, 2024	Trinidad and Tobago Police Service	**Follow-up: Inquiry to gain an understanding of the anti-crime strategies implemented and being implemented to address criminal activity in Trinidad and Tobago.**	
June 18, 2024	-	-	In-camera
July 08, 2024	Trinidad and Tobago Police Service	**Single Evidence Session into the objectives of the Violent Crime Reduction Plan of the TTPS and other related initiatives.**	In-camera/Public meeting

ACTIVITIES – COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED	REPORTS	DATE LAID
Energy Affairs Committee **This Committee had a total of one (1) meeting for the Session.**	Mr. Colm Imbert, MP (Chairman) Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP (Vice-Chairman) Mr. Kazim Hosein Mrs. Paula Gopee-Scoon Mr. David Lee, MP Ms. Charrise Seepersad Mr. Anil Roberts Mr. Kennedy Richards, MP	**1** **1** **1** **0** **1** **1** **1** **1**	-	-

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
November 08, 2023	-	**Inquiry into the current state of the oil and gas industry in Trinidad and Tobago**	In-camera

ACTIVITIES – COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED	REPORTS	DATE LAID
Committee on Foreign Affairs **This Committee had a total of three (3) meetings for the Session.**	Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon, (Chairman) Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy (Vice-Chairman) Mr. Rodney Charles, MP Mr. Brian Manning, MP Mrs. Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis, MP Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP[9] Mr. Anil Roberts Ms. Donna Cox	**2** **3** **3** **3** **0** **1** **2** **1**	-	-

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
January 17, 2024	-	-	In-camera
February 21, 2024	Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs (MFCA) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (MTCA)	**An inquiry into the efficacy of Trinidad and Tobago's cultural diplomacy and opportunities for strengthening its cultural and tourism products**	In-camera/Public Meeting
May 15, 2024	Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs (MFCA) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (MTCA) Tourism Trinidad Limited (TTL)	**An inquiry into the efficacy of Trinidad and Tobago's cultural diplomacy and opportunities for strengthening its cultural and tourism products**	In-camera/Public Meeting

[9] Appointed in lieu of Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP w.e.f. Friday April 12, 2024.

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
	Tobago Tourism Agency Limited (TTAL) Pan Trinbago Incorporated Trinidad and Tobago Promoters Association (TTPA) Trinbago Unified Calypsonians Organisation (TUCO)		

ACTIVITIES - COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED	REPORTS	DATE LAID
Committee on Human Rights, Equality & Diversity **This Committee had a total of three (3) meetings for the Session.**	Dr. Muhammad Yunus Ibrahim (Chairman) Mrs. Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis, MP Mr. Keith Scotland, SC, MP Mr. Esmond Forde, MP Ms. Anita Haynes, MP Mr. Kazim Hosein Ms. Jearlean John Mr. Helon Francis	**3** **3** **3** **1** **3** **1** **3** **3**	**Sixth Report on a follow-up inquiry into the Implementation of the Recommendations of the 18th Report, 11th Parliament, on an Inquiry into the Treatment of Migrants with specific focus on the Rights to Education, Employment and Protection from Sexual Exploitation.**	HOR – 01.03.2024 SEN – 20.02.2024

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
December 08, 2023	Ministry of Education Ministry of Health Office of the Prime Minister [Gender and Child Affairs] Crown Her Trinidad and Tobago [NGO]	**An inquiry into Addressing the Effects of Period Poverty in Trinidad and Tobago**	In-camera/Public Meeting

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
February 02, 2024 April 05,2024	Ministry of Social Development and Family Services Ministry of Health Ministry of Works and Transport Ministry of Labour Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government Consortium of Disability Organisations (CODO)[NGO]	**A Follow-up inquiry on the recommendations of the Second Report of the 11th Parliament into the challenges faced by persons with disabilities with specific focus on access to services and employment**	In-camera/Public Meeting
	Ministry of Labour Office of the Prime Minister – Gender and Child Affairs Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago Trinidad and Tobago Police Service – Special Victims Department	**An inquiry into the prevalence of Child Labour in Trinidad and Tobago**	In-camera/Public Meeting

ACTIVITIES – COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED	REPORTS	DATE LAID
Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs **This Committee had a total of four (4) meetings for the Session.**	Mrs. Hazel Thompson-Ahye (Chairman) Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP (Vice Chairman) Mr. Keith Scotland, SC, MP Mr. Saddam Hosein, MP Mrs. Jayanti Lutchmedial-Ramdial Mr. Hassel Bacchus Mr. Symon de Nobriga[10] Mr. Laurence Hislop	**3** **2** **4** **3** **4** **4** **1** **2**	**The Sixth Report on a Follow-Up Inquiry into the Implementation of the New Public Procurement System** **The Seventh Report on an Inquiry into the Accessibility and Quality of Legal Representation provided by the State with Specific Focus on the Legal Aid and Advisory Authority and the Public Defenders' Office** **The Eighth Report on an Inquiry into the State's Strategy for Implementing Un-proclaimed Legislation passed by Parliament during the last 20 years (Part II) with specific focus on the Electronic Transactions Act, Chap. 22:05** **The Ninth Report on an Inquiry into the State's Strategy for Implementing Un-proclaimed Legislation passed by Parliament during the last 20 years (Part II) with specific focus on the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56**	HOR – 01.11.2023 SEN – 20.10.2023 HOR – 01.11.2023 SEN – 24.10.2023 HOR – 14.06.2024 SEN – 11.06.2024 HOR – 14.06.2024 SEN – 11.06.2024

[10] Appointed in lieu of Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh, MP, w.e.f. Friday April 12, 2024.

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
December 01, 2023	-	-	In-camera
February 05, 2024	-	-	In-camera
March 22, 2024	Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago	**An Examination of the Existing Anti-Fraud and Customer Protection Systems in the Financial Services Sector of Trinidad and Tobago**	In-camera/Public meeting
May 17, 2024	Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago Co-operative Credit Union League of Trinidad and Tobago	**An Examination of the Existing Anti-Fraud and Customer Protection Systems in the Financial Services Sector of Trinidad and Tobago**	In-camera/Public meeting

ACTIVITIES – COMMITTEE ON LAND AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED	REPORTS	DATE LAID
Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure **This Committee had a total of seven (7) meetings for the Session.**	Mr. Deoroop Teemal (Chairman) Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP (Vice-Chairman) Mrs. Renuka Sagramsingh-Sooklal Dr. Muhammad Yunus Ibrahim Mr. Kennedy Richards, MP Mr. Symon De Nobriga, MP Mr. Barry Padarath, MP Mr. Anil Roberts	**7** **7** **6** **7** **3** **7** **2** **3**	-	-

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
November 22, 2023	-	-	In-camera
November 29, 2023	-	-	In-camera
December 20, 2023	-	-	In-camera
February 07, 2024	-	-	In-camera
March 20, 2024	Ministry of Works and Transport National Infrastructure Development Company Limited	**An inquiry into the 2023 NIDCO Report on "The Saga of the Sir Solomon Hochoy**	In-camera/Public Meeting

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
		Highway Extension to Point Fortin Project: From 2010 to 2023".	
April 24, 2024	Ministry of Works and Transport National Infrastructure Development Company Limited	**An inquiry into the 2023 NIDCO Report on "The Saga of the Sir Solomon Hochoy Highway Extension to Point Fortin Project: From 2010 to 2023".**	In-camera/Public Meeting
June 27, 2024	Ministry of Works and Transport National Infrastructure Development Company Limited	**An inquiry into the 2023 NIDCO Report on "The Saga of the Sir Solomon Hochoy Highway Extension to Point Fortin Project: From 2010 to 2023".**	In-camera/Public Meeting

ACTIVITIES – COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED	REPORTS	DATE LAID
Committee on Social Services and Public Administration **This Committee had a total of ten (10) meetings for the Session (inclusive of Town Hall Meetings).**	Dr. Paul Richards (Chairman) Mr. Esmond Forde, MP Mr. Roger Munroe, MP Mrs. Pennelope Beckles, MP Mr. David Nakhid Mr. Rohan Sinanan Mr. Avinash Singh Ms. Vandana Mohit, MP	**10** **5** **6** **5** **8** **2** **6** **9**	**The Sixth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an examination of the state of technical and vocational programmes and their contribution to achieving the developmental goals of Trinidad and Tobago, Third Session (2022/2023), Twelfth Parliament** **The Seventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an Examination of the Regulation and Administration of Public and Private Early Childhood Institutions in Trinidad and Tobago.**	HOR – 01.11.2023 SEN – 20.10.2023 HOR – 22.03.2024 SEN – 25.03.2024

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
November 15 2023	Ministry of Health Regional Health Authorities	**An Inquiry into Trinidad and Tobago's response to the prevalence of Non-Communicable diseases (with specific focus on Diabetes, Cardiological Diseases and Cancer)**	In-camera/Public Meeting
November 29 2023	1st Town Hall Meeting (Port of Spain)	**An Inquiry into Trinidad and Tobago's response to the prevalence of Non-Communicable diseases (with specific focus on Diabetes, Cardiological Diseases and Cancer)**	In-camera/ Public Meeting
December 11 2023	Minister of Digital Transformation Trinidad and Tobago Cyber and Social Media Unit (CSMU) Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Cyber Security Incident Response Team (TT-CSIRT) Ministry of National Security	**An examination of the Government's ongoing response to the recent Cyber-Attacks on State Entities/entities in which the state has an interest**	In-camera/ Public Meeting
January 18 2024	2nd Town Hall Meeting (San Fernando)	**An Inquiry into Trinidad and Tobago's response to the prevalence of Non-Communicable diseases (with specific focus on Diabetes, Cardiological Diseases and Cancer)**	In-camera/ Public Town Hall Meeting
February 21 2024	-	**-**	In-camera

March 07 2024	3rd Town Hall Meeting (Chaguanas)	**An Inquiry into Trinidad and Tobago's response to the prevalence of Non-Communicable diseases (with specific focus on Diabetes, Cardiological Diseases and Cancer)**	In-camera/ Public Town Hall Meeting
March 21 2024	Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago Trinidad and Tobago Heart Foundation	**An Inquiry into Trinidad and Tobago's response to the prevalence of Non-Communicable diseases (with specific focus on Diabetes, Cardiological Diseases and Cancer)**	In-camera/ Public Meeting
April 25 2024	4th Town Hall Meeting (Arima)	**An Inquiry into Trinidad and Tobago's response to the prevalence of Non-Communicable diseases (with specific focus on Diabetes, Cardiological Diseases and Cancer)**	In-camera/ Public Town Hall Meeting
June 13 2024	5th Town Hall Meeting (Tobago)	**An Inquiry into Trinidad and Tobago's response to the prevalence of Non-Communicable diseases (with specific focus on Diabetes, Cardiological Diseases and Cancer)**	In-camera/ Public Town Hall Meeting
June 26 2024	Ministry of Health North Central Regional Health Authority Eastern Regional Health Authority South-West Regional Health Authority North-West Regional Health Authority	**An Inquiry into Trinidad and Tobago's response to the prevalence of Non-Communicable diseases (with specific focus on Diabetes, Cardiological Diseases and Cancer)**	In-camera/ Public Meeting

ACTIVITIES – COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES, SERVICE COMMISSIONS AND STATUTORY AUTHORITIES (INCLUDING THE THA)

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED	REPORTS	DATE LAID
Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities **This Committee had a total of four (4) meetings for the Session.**	Ms. Sunity Maharaj (Chairman) Mr. Esmond Forde, MP Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP Mrs. Ayanna Webster-Roy, MP Ms. Khadijah Ameen, MP Mr. Laurence Hislop Mrs. Renuka Sagramsingh-Sooklal Ms. Jayanti Lutchmedial-Ramdial	**4** **2** **3** **1** **3** **4** **2** **3**	**The Tenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA), Third Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament on inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Inspectorate** **The Eleventh Report of the Joint Select Committee on Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities (including the THA), Third Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament on a Follow- up Inquiry into the recommendations contained in the Ninth Report of the Committee (presented in the 11th Parliament-2015-2020) on an inquiry into certain aspects of the operations of the Chaguaramas Development Authority**	HOR-13.12.2023 SEN-19.12.2023 HOR-03.07.2024 SEN-03.07.2024

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
01.11.2023	-	-	In-camera
13.12.2023	Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government Ministry of National Security Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management	**An inquiry into the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) with officials of the ODPM, Municipal Corporations and the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government**	In-camera/ Public Meeting
	Tobago Emergency Management Agency Port of Spain City Corporation Diego Martin Borough Corporation Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation Penal/Debe Regional Corporation		
24.01.2024	Division of Community Development, Youth Development and Sport Division of Finance, Trade and the Economy Division Division of Food Security, Natural Resources, the Environment and Sustainable Development	**A follow-up inquiry into Certain Aspects of the Administration of the THA**	In-camera/ Public Meeting
03.04.2024	Office of the Prime Minister – Gender and Child Affairs Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago	**Inquiry into the Operations of the Adoption Unit of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago as it relates to the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Adoption Procedures in Trinidad and Tobago**	In-camera/ Public Meeting

ACTIVITIES – COMMITTEE ON STATE ENTERPRISES

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL MEETINGS ATTENDED	REPORTS	DATE LAID
Committee on State Enterprises **For the 4th Session, this Committee has had a total of three (3) meetings.**	**Mr. Anthony Vieira, SC (Chairman)** **Mr. Foster Cummings, MP (Vice-Chairman)** **Mr. Stephen Mc Clashie, MP** **Mr. Adrian Leonce, MP** **Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh, MP** **Ms. Laurel Lezama-Lee Sing** **Mr. Wade Mark** **Mr. Richie Sookhai[11]**	**3** **0** **1** **3** **3** **3** **3** **3**		

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
November 27, 2023	-	-	In-camera
January 22, 2024	Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT) Ministry of Public Utilities Ministry of Finance – Investment Division Ministry of Digital Transformation	**An examination into the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT)'s management of the cybersecurity breach of data before, during and after its occurrence.**	In-camera/Public Meeting

[11] Appointed to the Committee on February 28, 2023 in lieu of Mr. Nigel de Freitas.

DATES OF MEETINGS	DEPARTMENT	INQUIRY/AGENDA	COMMENTS
February 19, 2024	Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of Public Utilities Ministry of Finance – Investment Division Ministry of Digital Transformation Ms. Lisa Agard Mr. Shiva Ramnarine	**An examination into the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT)'s management of the cybersecurity breach of data before, during and after its occurrence.**	In-camera/Public Meeting

THE PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

The Parliamentary Broadcasting Committee is established by Standing Orders 97 and 107 of the Senate and the House of Representatives respectively.

There were no meetings of the Broadcasting Committee during the 4th Session of the 12th Parliament.

Membership of the Parliamentary Broadcasting Committee

Mr. Nigel de Frietas (Chairman)
Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Symon De Nobriga, MP
Mr. Ravi Ratiram, MP
Mrs. Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis, MP
Mr. David Nakhid
Mr. Avinash Singh
Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

The Committee on Government Assurances is established by Standing Orders 98 and 108 of the Senate and the House of Representatives respectively.

There were no meetings of this Committee during the 4th Session of the 12th Parliament.

The Committee recorded no Government Assurances in the Senate or House of Representatives.

Membership of the Committee on Government Assurances

Mr. Nigel de Freitas (Chairman)
Mrs. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Adrian Leonce, MP
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP
Mr. Arnold Ram, MP
Mr. Laurence Hislop
Mr. Damian Lyder
Dr. Varma Deyalsingh

AD HOC JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES

Three *ad hoc* Joint Select Committees were appointed during the session.

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP	REPORTS	DATE LAID
Joint Select Committee on The Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2020	Mrs. Camille Robinson-Regis, MP Mr. Colm Imbert, MP Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds, MP Mrs. Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis, MP Mr. Saddam Hosein, MP Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP Dr. Amery Browne Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon Mr. Randall Mitchell Mr. Wade Mark Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy Mr. Deoroop Teemal	Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report on the Representation of the People (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2020 Fourth Session (2023/2024), Twelfth Parliament	HOR– 12.04.2024 SEN –16.04.2024

APPENDIX I

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBER		PORTFOLIO
1. Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George	-	Speaker of the House
2. Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis	Member for Arouca/Maloney	Minister of Housing and Urban Development
3. Honourable Dr. Keith Rowley	Member for Diego Martin West	Prime Minister
4. Honourable Faris Al Rawi, SC	Member for San Fernando West	Minister of Rural Development and Local Government
5. Honourable Colm Imbert	Member for Diego Martin North/East	Minister of Finance
6. Honourable Stuart Young, SC	Member for Port of Spain North/St. Ann's West	Minister of Energy and Energy Industries and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
7. Honourable Pennelope Beckles	Member for Arima	Minister of Planning and Development
8. Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds	Member for Laventille West	Minister of National Security
9. Honourable Terrence Deyalsingh	Member for St. Joseph	Minister of Health
10. Honourable Shamfa Cudjoe-Lewis	Member for Tobago West	Minister of Sport and Community Development
11. Honourable Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly	Member for St. Ann's East	Minister of Education
12. Honourable Marvin Gonzales	Member for Lopinot/Bon Air West	Minister of Public Utilities
13. Mr. Esmond Forde	Member for Tunapuna	Deputy Speaker
14. Honourable Stephen Mc Clashie	Member for La Brea	Minister of Labour
15. Honourable Ayanna Webster-Roy	Member for Tobago East	Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister
16. Honourable Foster Cummings	Member for La Horquetta/Talparo	Minister of Youth Development and National Service
17. Mr. Kennedy Richards	Member for Point Fortin	-
18. Honourable Brian Manning	Member for San Fernando East	Minister in the Ministry of Finance
19. Honourable Adrian Leonce	Member for Laventille East/Morvant	Minister in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
20. Honourable Lisa Morris-Julian	Member for D'Abadie/O'Meara	Minister in the Ministry of Education
21. Honourable Symon De Nobriga	Member for Diego Martin Central	Minister of Communications and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister

MEMBER		PORTFOLIO
22. Mr. Keith Scotland, SC	Member for Port of Spain South	Minister in the Ministry of National Security[12]
23. Mr. Roger Monroe	Member for Toco/Sangre Grande	-
OPPOSITION		
24. Mr. David Lee	Member for Pointe-a-Pierre	
25. Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, SC	Member for Siparia	Leader of the Opposition
26. Ms. Khadijah Ameen	Member for St. Augustine	
27. Mr. Rodney Charles	Member for Naparima	
28. Dr. Roodal Moonilal	Member for Oropouche East	
29. Ms. Michelle Benjamin	Member for Moruga/Tableland	
30. Mr. Rushton Paray	Member for Mayaro	
31. Mr. Rudranath Indarsingh	Member for Couva South	
32. Dr. Lackram Bodoe	Member for Fyzabad	
33. Mr. Saddam Hosein	Member for Barataria/San Juan	
34. Mr. Barry Padarath	Member for Princes Town	
35. Ms. Anita Haynes	Member for Tabaquite	
36. Mr. Davendranath Tancoo	Member for Oropouche West	
37. Ms. Vandana Mohit	Member for Chaguanas East	
38. Mr. Dinesh Rambally	Member for Chaguanas West	
39. Dr. Rai Ragbir	Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla	
40. Mr. Arnold Ram	Member for Caroni Central	
41. Dr. Rishad Seecharan	Member for Caroni East	
42. Mr. Ravi Ratiram	Member for Couva North	

[12] Sworn in as Minister in the Ministry of National Security on July 26, 2024 by Gazette dated Thursday August 01, 2024, Vol. 63, No.114.

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

NAME OF SENATOR	PORTFOLIO
1. Senator the Honourable Nigel de Freitas	**President of the Senate**
	GOVERNMENT
2. Senator the Honourable Reginald Armour, SC	**Attorney General**
3. Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne	**Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs - Leader of Government Business**
4. Senator the Honourable Rohan Sinanan	**Minister of Works and Transport**
5. Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein	**Minister of Agriculture, Lands and Fisheries**
6. Senator the Honourable Allyson West	**Minister of Public Administration**
7. Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon	**Minister of Trade and Industry**
8. Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell	**Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts**
9. Senator the Honourable Donna Cox	**Minister of Social Development and Family Services**
10. Senator Dr. Muhammed Ibrahim	**Vice-President of the Senate**
11. Senator the Honourable Avinash Singh	**Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries**
12. Senator the Honourable Renuka Sagramsingh-Sooklal	**Minister in the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs**
13. Senator the Honourable Hassel Bacchus	**Minister of Digital Transformation**
14. Senator the Honourable Ritchie Sookhai	**Minister in the Ministry of Works and Transport**
15. Senator Laurel Lezama-Lee Sing	
16. Senator Laurence Hislop	
	OPPOSITION
17. Senator Wade Mark	**Leader of Opposition Business**
18. Senator Jearlean John	
19. Senator Jayanti Lutchmedial -Ramdial	
20. Senator Anil Roberts	

NAME OF SENATOR	PORTFOLIO
21. Senator David Nakhid	
22. Senator Damian Lyder	
	INDEPENDENT
23. Senator Dr. Paul Richards	**Co-ordinator of the Independent Bench**
24. Senator Anthony Vieira, SC	
25. Senator Deoroop Teemal	
26. Senator Hazel Thompson-Ahye	
27. Senator Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy	
28. Senator Professor Gerard Hutchinson	**Appointed w.e.f. 11/09/2023**
29. Senator Dr. Sharda Patasar	**Appointed w.e.f. 11/09/2023**
30. Senator Sunity Maharaj	**Appointed w.e.f. 11/09/2023**
31. Senator Helon Francis	**Appointed w.e.f. 11/09/2023**
*Senator Dr. Varma Deyalsingh	**Seat declared vacant w.e.f. 11/09/2023**
*Senator Amrita Deonarine	**Seat declared vacant w.e.f. 11/09/2023**
*Senator Charrise Seepersad	**Seat declared vacant w.e.f. 11/09/2023**
*Senator Evans Welch	**Seat declared vacant w.e.f. 11/09/2023**

PERSONS APPOINTED TO SERVE IN THE SENATE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS

Government	Opposition	Independent
1. **Mr. Ndale Young**	1. **Dr. Tim Gopeesingh**	1. **Mr. Josh Drayton**
2. **Mr. Harvey Borris**	2. **Mr. Eli Zakour**	2. **Mr. Francis Lewis**
3. **Mr. Michael Seales**	3. **Ms. Karunaa Bisramsingh**	

Government	Opposition	Independent
4. Ms. Yokymma Bethelmy	4. Mr. Dominic Smith	
5. Mr. Vyash Nandlal	5. Dr. Carson Charles	
6. Ms. Karmaria London	6. Mr. Colin Neil Gosine	
7. Dr. Jeremy Inniss		

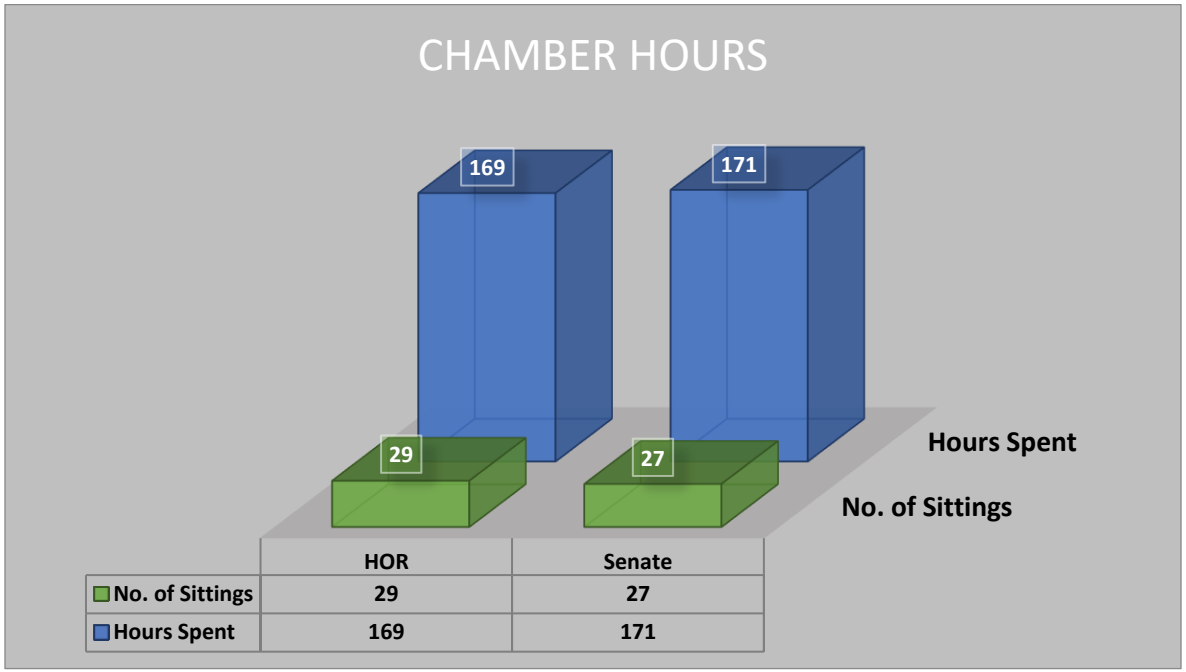
APPENDIX II

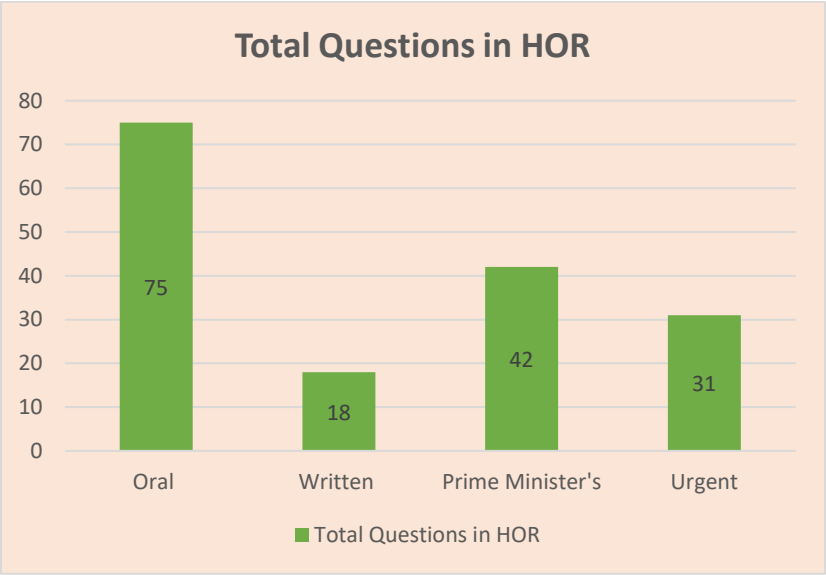
ACTS ASSENTED TO

Act Number	Title	Date of Assent
14 of 2023	The Appropriation (Financial Year 2024) Act, 2023	27.10.2023
15 of 2023	The Finance Act, 2023	20.12.2023
1 of 2024	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Trustees, Exchequer and Audit Act, the Minister of Finance (Incorporation) Act, Proceeds of Crime, Income Tax, Companies, Partnerships, Securities, Tax Information Exchange Agreements, the Non-Profit Organisations and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters) Act, 2024	22.02.2024
2 of 2024	The Base Erosion and Profit-Shifting Inclusive Framework (Country-by-Country) Reporting Act, 2024	19.03.2024
3 of 2024	The Property Tax (Amendment) Act, 2024	27.03.2024
4 of 2024	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Registrar General, Companies, Registration of Business Names, and Non-Profit Organisations) Act, 2024	01.05.2024
5 of 2024	The ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024 Act, 2024	14.05.2024
6 of 2024	The Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) (Amendment) Act, 2024	04.06.2024
7 of 2024	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Administration of Justice) Act, 2024	05.06.2024
8 of 2024	The Finance (Supplementary Appropriation) (Financial Year 2024) Act, 2024	18.06.2024
9 of 2024	The Whistleblower Protection Act, 2024	19.07.2024
10 of 2024	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Testing and Identification) Act, 2024	19.07.2024
11 of 2024	The Bail (Amendment) Act, 2024	19.07.2024
12 of 2024	The Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2024	19.07.2024
13 of 2024	The National Musical Instrument Act, 2024	19.07.2024
14 of 2024	The Miscellaneous Provisions (Judicial and Legal Service) Act, 2024	23.09.2024

APPENDIX III

COMPARATIVE GRAPHS

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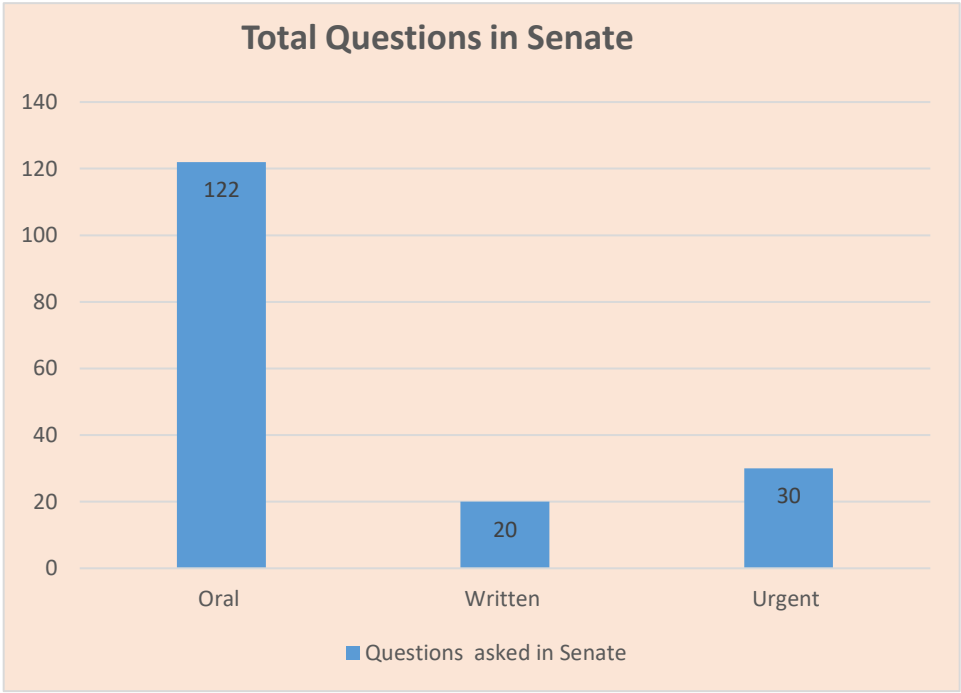
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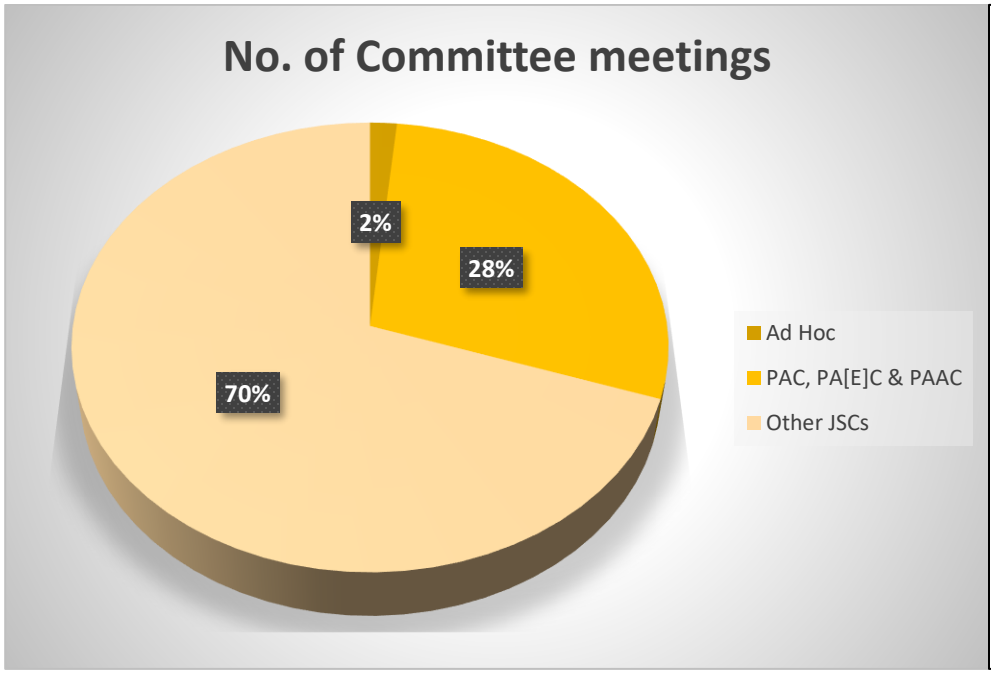

Other JSCs –

The Parliamentary Broadcasting Committee

Committee on Government Assurances

The Committee on National Security

The Committee on Energy Affairs

The Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Committee on Human Rights, Equality and Diversity

The Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs

The Committee on Land and Physical Infrastructure

The Committee on Social Services and Public Administration

The Local Authorities, Service Commissions and Statutory Authorities Committee

APPENDIX IV

POINTS OF INTEREST

● Procedural Issues re: Statutory Instruments

1. Suspension of Standing Order 78(2) in relation to calculating the Prescribed Period for the consideration of Statutory Instruments

The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Exemption) (Financing Services) Order, 2023 was published in the Gazette on September 08, 2023. On September 27, 2023, a Senator filed a Motion to annul the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Exemption) (Financing Services) Order, 2023. The Motion stood on the Order Paper to be debated at the earliest occasion, pursuant to Standing Order 78(4).

In accordance with Standing Order 112(1), the Leader of Government Business in the Senate moved a Motion for the suspension of Standing Order 78(2) in relation to the calculating of time for Statutory Instruments, where the prescribed period fell within the period of the parliamentary budgetary process (October 02 – 25, 2023). The Senate agreed to said Motion and the calculating of time for Statutory Instruments, where the prescribed period fell within the period of the parliamentary budgetary process (October 02 – 25, 2023) was suspended.

Additionally, the Senator who filed the abovementioned Motion proceeded on leave from the jurisdiction for the period October 30 to November 09, 2023. As a result, another Senator, duly authorised by that Senator, moved the Motion on November 07, 2023. The Motion to negative the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Exemption) (Financing Services) Order, 2023 was subsequently debated and not carried on November 07, 2023.

2. Removal of an Annulment Motion from the Senate Order Paper

On April 18, 2024, a Senator filed a Motion to negative the Public Procurement (Simplified Procurement) Regulations, 2024. The Motion stood on the Order Paper to be debated at the earliest occasion, pursuant to Standing Order 78(4).

The Senator who filed the Motion then proceeded on leave from the jurisdiction for the period May 01 – 17, 2024. Additionally, the Prescribed Period for the consideration of statutory instruments subject to negative resolution of Parliament, in accordance with Standing Order 78(2), expired on May 16, 2024.

As a result, the abovementioned Motion was removed from the Senate Order Paper.

- **Resolution re: Extension of period of time under sections 24(1) and 25(1) of the Exchequer and Audit Act Chap. 69:01**

The Minister of Finance is responsible for the control and management of the financial affairs of the country. In this regard, the Ministry of Finance is responsible for providing proper accounting of the financial position of Trinidad and Tobago to Parliament each year via the production of statements on the country's Public Accounts.

On April 24, 2024[13], the Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year 2023 (the Report) was submitted to the Speaker, the President of the Senate and the Minister of Finance in accordance with Section 116 of the Constitution of Trinidad and Tobago and Section 25 of the Exchequer and Audit Act, Chap. 69:01.

The Report was placed on the Order Papers to be laid in the House of Representatives and in the Senate by the Clerks on April 26 and 29, 2024 respectively. However, the Report was not laid by the Minister of Finance. Alternatively, a Resolution pursuant to sections 24(1) and 25(1) of the Exchequer and Audit Act was passed in the House of Representatives and in the Senate on April 26 and 29, 2024 respectively. The Resolution extended the period for the Ministry of Finance to submit the 2023 Public Accounts to the Auditor General from January 31, 2024 to May 31, 2024. The Resolution also extended the period for the Auditor General to examine and report on the 2023 Public Accounts to August 31, 2024.

[13] Special Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Public Accounts for the Financial Year 2023. https://auditorgeneral.gov.tt/sites/default/files/AGD%20Special%20Report%202024.pdf

A resolution pursuant to sections 24(1) and 25(1) of the Exchequer and Audit Act to extend the period for the Ministry of Finance to submit the Public Accounts to the Auditor General and the period for the Auditor General to examine and report on the Public Accounts has never been considered and passed in the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Report was subsequently laid in the House of Representatives on May 24, 2024. A Special Report was commissioned to follow-up on actions of the Ministry of Finance which were identified and reported on in said Special Report. The Special Report was laid in the House of Representatives on September 09, 2024.