

Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

Presiding Officers

The persons responsible for the order, authority and dignity of Parliament are called Presiding Officers. In Trinidad and Tobago they preside over Sittings of the House of Representatives and the Senate and are both jointly responsible for the general administration of the Houses of Parliament. Like other Commonwealth jurisdictions the role of the Presiding Officers are multi-faceted and dynamic. This paper would examine their functions as directed by the Constitution and established rules, practice and procedure. In addition, the evolving functions of Presiding Officers would also be considered.

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