

Steel Orchestra Bill reaches Parliament

AN ACT TO establish the Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Orchestra has finally been drafted and taken to the Parliament, more than a year after the idea was conceived.

The act is now fourth on the list of bills to be debated in the Senate. Minister of

Culture and Gender Affairs Senator Dr Daphne Phillips will introduce the act.

The act is 17 pages long, and its main purpose is "to establish a Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Orchestra Board to manage the affairs of the Trinidad and Tobago National Steel Orchestra which

too is established by the bill".

The bill entails that the board consist of seven members.

Two members will be nominated by PanTrinbago.

Four members will be persons who have displayed an empathy for indig-

enous music and possess professional qualifications or at least three years knowledge and experience in music arts, international music business, the history and development of the steelband and the commercial or marketing aspects of culture and Carnival.

The last board member will represent the Ministry.

The board will hold office for three years. It will meet at least once a month. Its members will be paid such remuneration and allowances in respect of their offices as the President may determine.

The members of the Orchestra will be paid allowances and remuneration as may be approved by the Minister.

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