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Question No. 115 to the Minister of Public Administration:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister indicate whether the Personnel Department has sufficient staff to treat with the finalisation of terms and conditions for contract workers?

Question No. 116 to the Minister of National Security:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to increased reports of missing girls, could the Minister state:

- a) the number of reports of missing girls from January 2018 to January 2019;
- b) whether any of the girls in part (a) were extracted to date;
- c) whether counselling is offered to families of those missing girls; and
- d) whether any of the cases in part (a) were confirmed as human trafficking?

Question No. 117 to the Minister of National Security:

(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Further to the number of gang members as at November 29, 2017 provided by the Attorney General at a Senate Sitting on March 20, 2018, could the Minister state:

- a) whether there has been an increase in the number of persons under the age of eighteen (18) years joining gangs;
- b) if the answer to part (a) is affirmative, provide the current number; and
- c) the measures initiated to deter persons under the age of 18 years from engaging in criminal activities?

Question No. 137 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Could the Minister provide a status update on the construction on Siparia Union Presbyterian Primary School?

Question No. 148 to the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister provide the measures that constitute a preventative medicine programme in Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 149 to the Minister of Tourism:

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister provide the number of completed tourism projects since September 2015?

Question No. 150 to the Minister of Tourism:

(By the Member for Chaguanas East)

Could the Minister state the efforts taken to promote local tourism in Trinidad and Tobago?

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (3) of section 4 of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries

Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has submitted a report under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 of the Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4;

AND WHEREAS the draft of an Order entitled the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2019” giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 5th day of April, 2019:

BE IT RESOLVED that the draft of the “Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2019” be approved.

(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may by resolution approve an Order made under section 5(1);

AND WHEREAS the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2018 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 190 dated the 19th day of December, 2018;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2018 be approved.

(By the Attorney General)

3. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 5(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, Chap. 58:01 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the President may by Order, declare that land is required for a public purpose;

AND WHEREAS it is provided by section 5(2) of the Act that Parliament may by resolution approve an Order made under section 5(1);

AND WHEREAS the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2019 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 34 dated the 18th day of February, 2019;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2019 be approved.

(By the Attorney General)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 5, 2019 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the establishment of the Civil Asset Recovery and Management Agency for the recovery of criminal property through the use of the remedies of restriction in dealings with civil assets restriction and forfeiture of criminal property and the management of criminal property, and unexplained wealth orders and matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Attorney General)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to combat corruption and other wrongdoings by encouraging and facilitating disclosures of improper conduct in the public and private sector, to protect persons making those disclosures from detrimental action, to regulate the receiving, investigating or otherwise dealing with disclosures of improper conduct and to provide for other matters connected therewith”.

(By the Attorney General)

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to establish a Council for Urban and Regional Planners and to provide for the regulation of the urban and regional planning profession and other matters incidental thereto”.

(By the Minister of Planning and Development)

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Administration of Justice (Indictable Proceedings) Act, 2011 (Act No. 20 of 2011)”.

(By the Attorney General)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 09, 2018 will be resumed:**

BE IT RESOLVED that this House adopt the Fifth Report of the Joint Select Committee on National Security on the Final Report of the Police Manpower Audit Committee.

(By the Member for Laventille West)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Motions:**

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday March 22, 2019 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS the United Nations established seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to transform the world by 2030;

AND WHEREAS the second target under SDG number five (5) states, “the elimination all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation”;

AND WHEREAS women are increasingly becoming victims of domestic abuse, violent crime and human trafficking in Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government take urgent steps to ensure the protection of our nation’s women.

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

2. **WHEREAS** over the recent past there have been a number of media articles alleging acts of serious misbehaviour and abuse of office by the Chief Justice, the most serious of which remain unanswered;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Justice has by his resolute refusal to respond adequately to these allegations, brought the office of Chief Justice and by extension, the entire Judiciary into disrepute and odium;

AND WHEREAS by Section 137 of the Constitution the Prime Minister has the authority and responsibility to act in the interest of the integrity of the Office of the Chief Justice and the Judiciary;

AND WHEREAS the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago established a Committee to investigate allegations of misconduct by the Chief Justice and the Committee Report was sent to the Prime Minister for which action is yet to be taken;

AND WHEREAS there have been public calls for the Prime Minister to act and trigger Section 137 thereby allowing for the course of natural justice which would allow for the rebuilding of public confidence in the administration of justice and the Judiciary;

AND WHEREAS the Prime Minister by his failure to act permits the perception that the Government is protecting the Chief Justice and has further eroded public confidence in the administration of justice;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call upon the Prime Minister to trigger Section 137 of the Constitution and forthwith advise the President that the question of removing the Chief Justice ought to be investigated.

(By the Member for Oropouche East)

3. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 22, 2019 will be resumed:**

BE IT RESOLVED that this House consider the details of the two-part address by the Hon. Keith Rowley, MP, Prime Minister termed, “*Mind your Business: Reporting to the Nation*” that aired on January 6, 2019 and January 7, 2019.

(By the Leader of the Opposition)

4. **WHEREAS** the Government has taken a policy decision to construct and establish an all-inclusive tourist destination in Tobago;

AND WHEREAS this decision has been met with considerable public disquiet, controversy and outrage over matters of procurement of Sandals Resorts International and project planning and development;

AND WHEREAS it is felt that this project had been conceptualized and is being implemented without any regard to transparency, accountability and good governance;

AND WHEREAS this project involves the expenditure of approximately one billion Trinidad and Tobago dollars with concerns over the social and economic returns to such an investment;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House condemn the lack of proper procurement policy, disclosure and the improper implementation of the Sandals Resorts International project.

(By the Member for Couva North)

5. **WHEREAS** climate change is a matter of global concern which threatens all nations;

AND WHEREAS small island states and coastal states are especially susceptible to the impact of climate change;

AND WHEREAS the Caribbean region including Trinidad and Tobago has recently experienced heavy rainfall, devastating hurricanes, and floods;

AND WHEREAS earthquakes and drought are anticipated and must be prepared for;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House agree that the Government develop a holistic and sustainable national response to climate change inclusive of solutions to perennial flooding in Trinidad and Tobago and the management of drought conditions.

(By the Member for Caroni Central)

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MONDAY APRIL 08, 2019 10:00 A.M. NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 26 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Prime Minister.

1. In light of growing dissatisfaction by residents who will be directly affected through the expansion of the ANR International Expansion Project, could the Prime Minister state whether his Government intends to have urgent consultation with the Crown Point/ Bon Accord residents on the issues affecting them?
(By the Member for Couva North)
2. In relation to the Prime Minister's recent statements at a public meeting, could the Prime Minister indicate when the "Housing Bond" earlier mentioned by the government will be implemented?
(By the Member for Oropouche West)
3. Could the Prime Minister state whether the Government is still committed to Eric Williams' view as enunciated in the 1972 "White Paper on Public Participation in Industrial and Commercial Activities" that shares of state enterprises should be divested as a matter of priority to the general public?
(By the Member for Naparima)
4. Could the Prime Minister inform the House what is the estimated cost of dredging the Port to facilitate the accommodation of the Jean de la Valette which is scheduled to service the sea bridge?
(By the Member for Tabaquite)
5. Could the Prime Minister provide the House the cost of leasing the ferry known as the Jean de la Valette including crew and supplies as well as the costs associated with securing the same ferry from its current location to Port of Spain?
(By the Member for Tabaquite)
6. Given recent reports swirling in the public sphere that the Minister who is a majority shareholder at the recently acquired Kay Donna Drive/ Cinema received some \$100 m in compensation for his portion of the property, can the Minister confirm or deny that sum as well as to provide the House with details of the actual sum of moneys received by him and when?
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

7. Could the Prime Minister inform this House why the Cabinet approved a lease for a building at #3 Alexandra Street, St. Clair to accommodate the office of the Chief Personnel Officer at a cost of fourteen dollar (\$14) per square foot when a building for the said CPO's office was being rented at seven (\$7) per square foot?
(By the Member for Couva South)
8. Could the Prime Minister inform this House why no tendering process was engaged in the choice of promoter for Tobago Jazz 2019 by the Tobago Festival Commission?
(By the Member for Couva North)
9. Could the Prime Minister inform the House when will the outstanding Report on the Mr Darryl Smith, former Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs will be formally and finally tabled in the both Houses of Parliament?
(By the Member for Naparima)
10. In light of the public disclosure of seventy (70) expressions of interest have been received to take over the operations of the former Petrotrin refinery, could the Prime Minister inform this House how the Bank of Nova Scotia of Houston, Texas, was selected to provide technical advice in the short listing and evaluation of proposals for the sale /or lease of the said refinery?
(By the Member for Couva South)
11. With regard to the Prime Minister's recent assurances to the residents of Greenvale that flooding mitigation works will commence to prevent same, could the Prime Minister indicate when will similar work commence in south Trinidad to prevent the devastating yearly flooding?
(By the Member for Oropouche West)
12. Since the government has been speaking about the Highway to Toco to facilitate transport by ferry from Toco to Tobago, could the Prime Minister inform the House whether any feasibility or plans have been done for the construction of port facilities in Toco??
(By the Member for Tabaquite)

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The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. To the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to recent reports indicating that Local Government Councillors of the Couva/Talparo Regional Corporation are set to be evicted due to the unavailability of funding from the Ministry to fulfill their rental commitments, could the Minister indicate when will releases be issued?

2. To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

With regard to a recent report indicating that citizens are fearful that the fuel available on the market may be related to six recent incidents of cars catching fire, could the Minister indicate whether any investigations is being conducted to verify these concerns?

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