



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

NO. 8  
2021/2022

## ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2020: 1:30 P.M.

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1. The Annual Report of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the period October 2018 to September 2019.

**(By the Minister of Public Administration and Digital Transformation)**

2. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2014.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

3. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2015.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

4. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2016.

**(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts Committee)**

5. The Response of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service to the Fourteenth Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an Inquiry into the Challenges of Prisoner Re-Entry into Society and Prisoner Reintegration Services in Trinidad and Tobago.

**(By the Minister of National Security)**

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 53 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister state:

- (a) whether the proposed \$70 Million project to improve water supply in the Tableland area is a priority of the Government; and
- (b) the expected commencement date of the project?

**\*Question No. 54 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

In light of the irregular water supply in the Princes Town constituency over the past six months, could the Minister state when an updated and accurate water schedule for the Princes Town and environs area will be published?

**\*Question No. 55 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister state the expected commencement date for rehabilitation works on Garth Road?

**\*Question No. 58 to the Minister of National Security:**

**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister state the number of Trinidad and Tobago nationals who returned to our country since August 10, 2020?

**\*Question No. 59 to the Minister of Health:**

**(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister state the number of Trinidad and Tobago nationals who have tested positive for COVID-19 upon returning from abroad since August 10, 2020?

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\* In accordance with S.O. 29(10), Question Nos. 53 to 55 and 58 to 60 remained unanswered on November 9, 2020 and were postponed to the next sitting.

**\*Question No.60 to the Minister of Education****(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Could the Minister state the status of construction of the following schools:

- (a) D'Abadie Avenue ECCE Centre in Avocat;
- (b) Forest Reserve Anglican Primary School; and
- (c) Siparia East Secondary School?

**Question No. 5 to the Minister of Labour:****(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister state:

- a) the number of persons who were employed and/or registered for employment under the On-the-Job Training Programme for the period January to August 2020; and
- b) the breakdown by month of the persons employed and/or registered in part (a)?

**Question No. 6 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Could the Minister state the immediate measures taken to ensure that persons do not enter Trinidad and Tobago through illegal ports of entry?

**Question No. 7 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

Given the increased incidence of robberies in area of San Juan, could the Minister provide the steps taken to provide safety to the residents and businesses in this area?

**Question No. 14 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

Could the Minister provide this House with a status update on the negotiations with the Oilfield Workers' Trade Union for the sale of the Petrotrin Refinery?

**Question No. 15 to the Minister of Social Development and Family Services:****(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**

With regard to the Salary Relief Grant offered to citizens during the lock down, could the Minister provide the following update:

- a) the total number of valid Grant applications received as at August 1, 2020; and
- b) the total number of Grants paid as at August 1, 2020?

**Question No. 20 to the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister:****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Could the Minister provide an update on the completion and operationalization of the Mayaro Public Library?

**Question No. 21 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:****(By the Member for Mayaro)**

Could the Minister provide an update on:

- a) the expected commencement and completion dates for Phase 2 of the Galeota Energy Port; and

- b) the expected completion and operationalization dates for the new Mayaro Gas Station?

**Question No. 22 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**

**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

With regard to the Water and Sewerage Authority, could the Minister provide:

- a) an explanation for the poor water distribution and scheduling to communities in the constituency of Mayaro; and
- b) the rationale for the twelve to eighteen month waiting period for water connections?

**Question No. 35 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Could the Minister indicate whether consideration will be given to the introduction of allocations to assist Councillors in municipal corporations in the administration of humanitarian relief efforts, given the increase in unemployment and temporary layoffs within the private sector?

**Question No. 36 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**

**(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Given the location of the Venezuelan oil vessel, the FSO Nabarima, in the waters between Trinidad and Venezuela, could the Minister state the contingency emergency plans being put in place in the event of a major oil spill?

**Question No. 41 to the Minister of National Security:**

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state the specific measures in the Government's refugee/migrant policy that provide for the humane treatment of refugees/migrants in relation to Trinidad and Tobago's:

- a) international commitments;
- b) absorptive capacity; and
- c) global best practices?

**Question No. 42 to the Minister of Public Utilities:**

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister provide reasons for the lengthy water shortages in the Naparima constituency, specifically in the Barrackpore area and the efforts being taken to rectify this issue?

**Question No. 44 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister provide the names and monthly salaries of CEPEP's executive members?

**Question No. 56 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**

**(By the Member for Princes Town)**

In light of the deteriorating road conditions and numerous landslips along the Naparima Mayaro Road, could the Minister state the expected commencement date for rehabilitation works from Princes Town to Naparima?

**Question No. 57 to the Minister of Education:****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

With regard to the construction of Princes Town Presbyterian #1 School, could the Minister state:

- (a) whether the construction of this school will be a priority in fiscal 2021;
- (b) whether funds will be allocated in fiscal 2021; and
- (c) the projected commencement date for construction?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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 section 38(1) of the Tobacco Control Act, Chap. 30:04 (hereinafter called “the Act”) that the Minister may make Regulations prescribing requirements and standards for tobacco product constituents, including emissions of smoked products, additives and product design and specifying methods for testing and measuring compliance with the performance prescribed and generally for carrying out the purpose of this Act;

**AND WHEREAS** it is also provided by section 38(1) of the Act that Regulations made under that section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister has on the 29th day of May, 2019 made the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 (hereinafter called “the Regulations”);

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that the Regulations now be affirmed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 be approved.

**(By the Minister of Health)**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Anti-Gang Act, 2018 to extend its duration”.

**(By the Attorney General)**

**PRIVATE BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** it is the Government's responsibility to ensure the public safety and security of the citizenry;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed in its management of the organs responsible for intelligence, under-resourced the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution and cut the budget of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service which led to low detection and conviction rates;

**AND WHEREAS** thousands of citizens and businesses have been negatively affected by the high level of crime in Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown, there has been an increase in the number of cases of domestic violence:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House condemn the Government for its failure to effectively address the unacceptable and serious crime level affecting law-abiding citizens.

**(By the Member for Barataria/San Juan)**

*Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel*  
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## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2020 1:30 P.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 statements carried in the media today in relation to the Government's ambitious plan for the redevelopment of East Port of Spain, could the Prime Minister indicate where those Port of Spain residents are expected to be relocated in event of the need to relocate?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**
2. Given the Government's recent announcement to increase the number of exemptions granted to citizens outside of the border to return home before Christmas, could the Prime Minister inform the House what specific criteria would be used to grant individual exemptions?  
**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**
3. Could the Prime Minister state the reasons for the imminent closure of the Tobago Correctional Centre as reported today by the Tobago House of Assembly?  
**(Member for Oropouche East)**
4. What is the Government's policy as to the impending approach to the dissemination of the COVID-19 vaccine?  
**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

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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 Health:**

Could the Minister state the specific health protocols instituted to protect prisoners and officers in the nation's prisons, in light of recent reports of spikes in Covid-19 virus?

**(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

2. **To the Minister of Education:**

Could the Minister indicate how many academic and non-academic staff will be dislocated from their current jobs as a result of the said decision to shutdown of the four (4) of the eleven (11) campuses of the University of the Trinidad and Tobago before the end of 2020?

**(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)**

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