HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST SESSION
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY APRIL 09, 2021: 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Notification of Her Excellency, the President in respect of the nomination of Ms. Bliss Seepersad, for appointment as a Member of the Police Service Commission.
   (By the Speaker of the House)

2. The Audited Financial Statements of the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended 30 September 2015.
   (By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)

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   (By the Minister of Works and Transport)

   (By the Minister of Social Development and Family Services)

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(By the Deputy Speaker)

8. The Annual Report of the Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended September 30, 2019.

(By the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

PRIME MINISTER’S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in Appendix I

Question for Oral Answer

Question No. 92 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:
(BY the Member for Moruga/Tableland)
Could the Minister state the measures that will be taken to repair the landslips along Loney Road, Pooran Street and Sahadath Road in the constituency of Moruga/Tableland?

Question No. 93 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(BY the Member for Moruga/Tableland)
Could the Minister provide an update on the landslides along Lengua Village, Mandingo Road, Princes Town and what approach is being implemented to facilitate land rehabilitation?

Question No. 94 to the Minister of Health:
(BY the Member for Moruga/Tableland)
Could the Minister provide this House with the reason for the lack of a 24-hour public healthcare service in the constituency of Moruga/Tableland?

Question No. 105 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(BY the Member for Oropouche West)
Could the Minister state the expected commencement date for repairs on the landslip located at the 4 MM of the San Francique Main Road?

Question No. 106 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(BY the Member for Oropouche West)
Could the Minister provide a status update on the floodgates located along:
   a) the Cunapo Channel at St. John’s Trace, Fyzabad;
   b) the Tulsa Trace Picnic Site along the Three Mouth River, Penal; and
   c) in Woodland, Oropouche West?

Question No. 107 to the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:
(BY the Member for Oropouche West)
With regard to leaking oil pipelines owned by Heritage Petroleum Company Limited along the New Cut Channel/Godineau River in Oropouche West, could the Minister advise:

a) on the status of repairs works;
b) whether compensation has been paid to fishermen, crab catchers, oyster harvesters, and landowners who experienced a loss of their livelihood and if so, what was the total compensation cost; and
c) the total acreage affected and the extent of intervention and remediation work required to return the damaged lands to its original condition?

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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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 section 123(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 (“the Act”) provides that the Police Service Commission shall submit to the President a list of the names of the persons nominated for appointment to the office of Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS section 123(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS the Police Service Commission has submitted to the President the name Mr. Mc Donald Jacob as the person nominated for appointment to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police;

AND WHEREAS the President has on the 11th day of March, 2021 issued a Notification in respect of the nomination;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Notification:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notification of the President of the nomination by the Police Service Commission of Mr. Mc Donald Jacob to the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police be approved.

(By the Prime Minister)
2. **WHEREAS** it is provided by section 4 of the Quarantine Act, Chap. 28:05 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister of Health may make Regulations, with respect to the whole or any part of Trinidad and Tobago, including the ports and coastal waters thereof, for preventing;
   (a) danger to public health from ships or aircraft or persons or things therein, arriving at any place; and
   (b) the spread of infection by means of any ship or aircraft about to leave any place, or by means of any person or thing:

**AND WHEREAS** it is provided by the said section 4 of the Act, that Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister has on the 4th day of February, 2021 made the Quarantine (Maritime) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 (hereinafter called “the Regulations”);

**AND WHEREAS** the Regulations were laid in the House of Representatives on the 5th day of February, 2021;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Regulations:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Quarantine (Maritime) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 be approved.

*(By the Minister of Health)*

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to make provision for the maintenance of public safety and order through discouraging membership of criminal gangs and the suppression of criminal gang activity and for other related matters”.

*(by the Attorney General)*

**PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 26, 2021 will be resumed:

   **WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance has demonstrated his inability to competently execute his duties to bring certainty, confidence, stability and growth to the national economy;

   **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House express its loss of confidence in the Minister of Finance.

   *(By the Member for Oropouche West)*

2. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 26, 2021 will be resumed:
WHEREAS the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries has shown his inability to competently execute his duties to bring certainty and stability to the national energy sector;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House express its loss of confidence in the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries.

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

3. WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Government to provide equal and equitable opportunities for all citizens to access quality education;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to address the existing inequities in accessing education exacerbated by the shift to virtual learning;

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to effectively manage resources to facilitate adequate funding to the GATE program, government sponsored scholarships, school feeding programme, and other school related services:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House takes note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of disparity in inequitable access to education;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House calls on the Government to take all immediate and necessary steps to provide equitable access to all students.

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

4. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday November 27, 2020 will be resumed:

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)

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APPENDIX I

ORDER PAPER FRIDAY APRIL 9, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Question No. 108 to the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Oropouche East)

In relation to the Government’s first withdrawal of US$400 million from the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund (HSF) on May 15, 2020, could the Minister indicate the following:

a) the quantum of monies from this withdrawal transferred to the Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT), the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) and Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT) to satisfy amounts owed to contractors;
b) a list of all contractors paid by the MoWT and/or its agencies, including:
   i. the date of payment;
   ii. the quantum paid to each contractor; and
   iii. the name of the project or description of work performed for specific payments;
c) a list of all contractors paid by the HDC, including:
   i. the date of payment;
   ii. the quantum paid to each contractor; and
   iii. the name of the project or description of work performed for specific payments;
d) a list of all contractors paid by the UDeCOTT, including:
   i. the date of payment;
   ii. the quantum paid to each contractor; and
   iii. the name of the project or description of work performed for specific payments?

(Answer due by 07.04.2021)

Question No. 109 to the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Oropouche East)

In relation to the Government’s second withdrawal of US$200 million from the Heritage and Stabilisation Fund (HSF) on June 23, 2020, and the allocation of TT$500 million owed to the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO), Housing Development Corporation (HDC), National Insurance Property Development Company Limited (NIPDEC) and Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT) to clear outstanding bills owed to contractors and suppliers, could the Minister indicate the following:

a) the quantum of monies from this withdrawal transferred to the NIDCO, NIPDEC, the HDC and UDeCOTT to satisfy outstanding bills owed to contractors;
b) a list of all contractors paid by NIDCO, including:
   i. the date of payment;
   ii. the quantum paid to each contractor; and
   iii. the name of the project or description of work performed for specific payments;
c) a list of all contractors paid by the HDC, including:
   i. the date of payment;
   ii. the quantum paid to each contractor; and
   iii. the name of the project or description of work performed for specific payments;
d) a list of all contractors paid by the UDeCOTT, including:
   i. the date of payment;
ii. the quantum paid to each contractor; and
iii. the name of the project or description of work performed for specific payments;

e) a list of all contractors paid by the NIPDEC, including:
i. the date of payment,
ii. the quantum paid to each contractor; and
iii. the name of the project or description of work performed for specific payments?

(Answer due by 23.03.2021)
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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

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 advise this House as to the date when we would be receiving our promised supply of 426,000 COVID-19 vaccines from the African Medical Supplies Platform?
   (By the Member for Caroni East)

2. **To the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries:**
   Given the recent explosion which occurred on the compound of NiQuan Energy Ltd., could the Minister inform this House if inspectors attached to the Occupational Health and Safety Agency (OSHA) have been allowed access to the incident site to initiate an investigation into the said accident?
   (By the Member for Couva South)

3. **To the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs:**
   In light of the volcanic eruption in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, could the Minister indicate whether the Government has identified any Trinidad and Tobago citizens who are currently wishing to return home?
   (By the Member for Princes Town)

4. **To the Minister of Public Utilities:**
   Could the Minister advise what urgent action is being taken to prevent the collapse of the Main Water Tank at the Mayaro Treatment Plant due to recent land slippage?
   (By the Member for Mayaro)

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