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WEDNESDAY JUNE 9, 2021: 1:30 P.M.

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    (By the Minister of National Security)

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PRIME MINISTER’S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 148 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Given the Government’s commitment to regulate “PH taxis”, could the Minister provide this House with an update on the work being undertaken thus far inclusive of the stakeholder’s involvement?

Question No. 149 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Given that school bus drivers have had their revenue stream severely crippled for almost a year since the closure of schools, could the Minister state what has been done to assist these individuals?

Question No. 150 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Could the Minister state what plans have been implemented if any, to enable vendors to earn a livelihood following the reported ban of all vending on High Street by the Mayor of San Fernando?
Question No. 161 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. 163 to the Minister of Sport and Community Development:  
(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Could the Minister provide an update on the status of the Marac Sporting Facility?

Question No. 164 to the Minister of Sport and Community Development:  
(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

In regard to the Moruga Sporting Facility opened in August 2020, could the Minister indicate when was the formal handover of this facility by the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago?

Question No. 169 to the Minister of Public Utilities:  
(By the Member for Mayaro)

Could the Minister state whether solar panels are being considered as an option to provide electricity in rural squatting settlements so that children could engage in online schooling?

Question No. 170 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:  
(By the Member for Mayaro)

With regard to the $500-million-dollar Agriculture Stimulus Package presented in the 2021 budget statement, could the Minister state:

a. whether there are any projects being considered for execution in the Mayaro constituency;

b. the start date of these projects, if any?

Question No. 171 to the Minister of Works and Transport:  
(By the Member for Mayaro)

Could the Minister state what road rehabilitation work has been done to date on the Naparima Mayaro Road?

Question No. 172 to the Attorney General:  
(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Attorney General state:

a. the number of persons awaiting trial on remand?

b. the average number of remand cases that were determined by the courts for the last 5 years?
Question No. 173 to the Minister of Works and Transport:
(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister provide an update on his undertaking given on November 9th 2020 to set up a programme to conduct a comprehensive geotechnical investigation of the roadways and landslips throughout the country?

Question No. 174 to the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister state the total cost of rentals of vehicles for the TTPS for the Fiscal year 2020?

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

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. 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, 2020 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 399 dated the 15th day of December, 2020:

   AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the said Order:

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2020 be approved.

   (By the Attorney General)
Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Firearms Act, Chap 16:01”.
   (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)

Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel

Clerk of the House

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PORT OF SPAIN

June 03, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

*Question No. 126 to the Prime Minister:*
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Prime Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Office of the Prime Minister and the agencies falling under the Office of the Prime Minister for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021, detailing:

i. the names of individuals;
ii. the post to which they were employed;
iii. the remuneration arrangements;
iv. the duration of the contract;
v. date of employment;
vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy;
vii. the date and venue of the interview;
viii. the number of applicants; and
ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

*Question No. 127 to the Minister of Health:*
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Ministry of Health and the agencies falling under the Ministry for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021, detailing:

i. the names of individuals;
ii. the post to which they were employed;
iii. the remuneration arrangements;
iv. the duration of the contract;
v. date of employment;
vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy;
vii. the date and venue of the interview;
viii. number of applicants; and
ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

*Question No. 128 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:*
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and the agencies falling under the Ministry for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021, detailing:

i. the names of individuals;

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1 *Questions No. 126-131 were deferred on Monday May 24, 2021*
ii. the post to which they were employed;
iii. the remuneration arrangements;
iv. the duration of the contract;
v. date of employment;
vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy;
vii. the date and venue of the interview;
viii. number of applicants; and
ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

*Question No. 129 to the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Ministry of Finance and the agencies falling under the Ministry for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021, detailing:

i. the names of individuals;
ii. the post to which they were employed;
iii. the remuneration arrangements;
iv. the duration of the contract;
v. date of employment;
vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy;
vii. the date and venue of the interview;
viii. number of applicants; and
ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

*Question No. 130 to the Minister of Planning and Development:
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a listing of all contract officers employed at the Ministry of Planning and Development and the agencies falling under the Ministry for each year from September, 2015 to February, 2021 detailing:

i. the names of individuals;
ii. the post to which they were employed;
iii. the remuneration arrangements;
iv. the duration of the contract;
v. date of employment;
vi. the date and place of advertisement of the vacancy;
vii. the date and venue of the interview;
viii. number of applicants; and
ix. the interview panel?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)
Question No. 131 to the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a detailed listing of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) vehicles which are currently under repair, inclusive of:
   i. the make and model of the vehicle;
   ii. date the vehicle was determined to be in need of repair;
   iii. the nature of the repair required; and
   iv. the location of the vehicles?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

Question No. 132 to the Minister of Finance:
(By the Member for Oropouche West)

Could the Minister provide a comprehensive listing of Direct Foreign Investments coming into Trinidad and Tobago for each fiscal year for the period 2016 to 2020 including:
   a) name of the investor;
   b) value of the investment;
   c) purpose of the investment; and
   d) status of the investment?

(Answer due by 20.04.2021)

Question No. 138 to the Minister of Education:
(By the Member for Tabaquite)

A. Could the Minister provide an update on the status of all special needs schools in Trinidad and Tobago?
   B. Could the Minister provide an update on the status of all ECCE Centres in Trinidad and Tobago?

(Answer due by 05.05.2021)

Question No. 152 to the Minister of Education:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

Could the Minister list the number of schools by constituency which were repaired between the period March 31st 2020 to March 31st 2021?

(Answer due by 20.05.2021)

Question No. 153 to the Minister of Sport and Community Development:
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

As it relates to the funding of sporting groups throughout Trinidad and Tobago, could the Minister state:
   a) the names of all sporting groups which received funding for the period March 31st 2020 to March 31st 2021?
   b) the specific amounts received by each group listed in part A?

(Answer due by 20.05.2021)
**Question No. 158 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:**
(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Could the Minister update the House on the current status of the housing project in Babooram Trace and Preau Village East, in St. Mary's Village, Moruga?

*(Answer due by 27.05.2021)*

**Question No. 160 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government:**
(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Could the Minister state how many CEPEP contracts were not renewed for the period starting March 26th 2020 for contractors in the constituency of Moruga/Tableland?

*(Answer due by 27.05.2021)*

**Question No. 162 to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts:**
(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Could the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of all moneys awarded for religious and festival holidays from September 2020 to April 2021?

*(Answer due by 27.05.2021)*