



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SESSION  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

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## ORDER PAPER

MONDAY MAY 16, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE SENATE

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1. The Thirty-Fourth Annual Report of the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2021.  
**(By the Deputy Speaker)**
2. The Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statement of Accounts of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended September 30, 2021.  
**(By the Minister of Finance)**

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

1. The Fifth Report of the Public Accounts (Enterprises) Committee on an examination of the Audited Financial Statements of the National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL) for the financial years 2016 to 2019 and follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations in the Report of the Auditor General on a Special Audit of the School Nutrition Programme managed by NSDSL, Second Session, Twelfth Parliament.  
**(By the Member for Mayaro)**

PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Question for Written Answer appear in the Appendix**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 164 to the Minister of Finance**

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

Will the Minister inform this House when the property tax will be implemented?

**Question No. 165 to the Minister of Health****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Given the Prime Minister's recent announcement that the country will be fully reopened, will the Minister advise this House of the Government's policy underlying the dismantling of the safe zone restrictions?

**Question No. 172 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries****(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

Will the Minister inform this House when will the former Caroni Limited employees receive their outstanding residential and agricultural lots?

**Question No. 173 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

Will the Minister state when will the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service resume the issuance of Firearm Users (Employee's) Certificates?

**Question No. 174 to the Minister of National Security****(By the Member for Caroni Central)**

Will the Minister provide the status of the investigation into the MV Ocean Pelican incident?

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 4(3) of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap.25:50 (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 section 4(1)(a) 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 section 4(1)(a) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the draft of an Order entitled "the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021" giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the draft of the "Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2021" be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 18, 2022 will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01, the Prison Service Act, Chap. 13:02, the Defence Act, Chap. 14:01, the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01, the Civil Service Act, Chap. 23:01, the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50 and the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 72:01 to provide a regulatory framework for polygraph and drug testing and biometric identification for members of the Protective Services and certain offices in the Judicial and Legal Service and the Civil Service and for other related matters.”

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

2. **The debate on the Second Reading of the following Bill which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 04, 2022 will be resumed:**

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 Prime Minister)**

3. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, Chap. 25:04 to establish the Borough of Diego Martin and the Borough of Siparia and to make consequential amendments to the Representation of the People Act, Chap. 2:01, the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, Chap. 25:50, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations, Chap. 48:50, the Central Tenders Board Act, Chap. 71:91 and other written laws.”

**(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)**

4. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Interpretation Act, Chap. 3:01, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chap. 4:01, the Offences Against the Person Act, Chap. 11:08, the Criminal Procedure Act, Chap. 12:02 and for other related matters.”

**(By the Attorney General)**

5. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act, Chap. 11:27, the Anti-terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07, the Securities Act, Chap. 83:02, the Insurance Act, Chap. 84:01 and the Miscellaneous Provisions (FATF Compliance) Act, No. 25 of 2020.”

**(By the Attorney General)**

6. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Immigration (Caribbean Community Skilled Nationals) Act, Chap. 18:03.”

**(By the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs)**

**Committee Stage:**

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to accord self-government to Tobago and for related matters”.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to repeal the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap. 25:03, and to provide for the powers and functions of the Tobago Island Government and the Tobago Legislature and for related matters”.

**(By the Minister of Planning and Development)**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday April 08, 2022, will be resumed:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Miscellaneous Provisions (Local Government Reform) Bill, 2020.

**(By the Member for Arouca/Maloney)**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

1. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday April 22, 2022 will be resumed:

**WHEREAS** the Government's neglect of the agricultural and fisheries sectors has created a food and nutrition security crisis;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government continues to ignore the plight of farmers and fisher folk relating to praedial larceny and piracy;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to establish an appropriate strategy to address this food and nutrition security crisis and runaway food prices;

**AND WHEREAS** the global supply chain challenges pose a serious threat to food and nutrition security;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to reduce barriers and bureaucratic red tape to facilitate greater efficiencies in the agricultural and fisheries sectors;

**AND WHEREAS** this food and nutrition security crisis will lead to increased poverty, unemployment and widespread starvation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House call on the Government to acknowledge the food and nutrition security crisis and to take immediate measures to prevent food insufficiency and starvation in the nation, particularly for poor, marginalized and vulnerable groups.

**(By the Member for Couva North)**

2. The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday March 25, 2022 will be resumed:

**WHEREAS** the Government has been unable to effectively prevent a surge in criminal activity resulting in rapid increases in murders, robberies and home invasions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to set and operationalise a forceful and functional crime reduction plan with SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time bound) goals to curb the growing murder rate;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has consistently ignored and, through their incompetence, added to the fundamental causes of crime, while focusing on punitive measures instead of preventative measures;

**AND WHEREAS** the failure to effectively address crime has created social, political, economic and cultural crises of immeasurable proportions:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House reprimand this Government for its failure to effectively prevent the surge in criminal activity in our country.

**(By the Member for Naparima)**

3. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday February 25, 2022 will be resumed:**

**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 provide safe learning spaces following its sudden decision to institute in-person classes for some students;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to meet the varied requirements of teachers leaving many ill-equipped to execute quality online instruction;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to effectively manage resources to facilitate adequate funding to the GATE program, government sponsored scholarships and bursaries, school feeding programme, special education access and other school related services;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House take note of the increasing and unacceptable levels of disparity in equitable access to education and the failure of the Ministry of Education to deliver on its essential mandate;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this House call 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 December 10, 2021 will be resumed:**

**WHEREAS** the Government has consistently presented Budgets which are unrelated to the demonstrated needs of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has failed to present a sustainable and viable plan to address job creation, investment or foreign exchange generation;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of living continues to escalate, lowering the standard of living and quality of life of a significant segment of the population;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government continues to fund its wastage and corruption by engaging in increased domestic and foreign debt while depleting state resources:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House condemn the Government for its neglect of the economy and failure to generate sustainable economic growth and development.

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

5. **WHEREAS** the House of Representatives, is the elected House of Parliament, where lawfully elected Members are entitled to the Constitutionally entrenched right to freedom of speech;

**AND WHEREAS** the Standing Orders are not intended to diminish, restrict or violate the rights, privileges and immunities of the House;

**AND WHEREAS** the Speaker must discharge her functions in an unbiased and impartial manner; free from political influence and in no manner to prevent or protect the Government from criticism;

**AND WHEREAS** the Speaker's lack of understanding of and/or disregard for her role as an impartial presiding officer, the application of, and at times, indifference to, the Standing Orders has impeded her judgment to perform her role free from bias and thereby unequivocally brought the Office of Speaker into disrepute;

**AND WHEREAS** the Speaker has oppressed and continues to oppress the voice and opinions of hundreds of thousands of constituents of the Members of the Opposition:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House express a lack of confidence in the Speaker.

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

**Bills Second Reading:**

1. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Tobago Council for Handicapped Children (Incorporation) Act, 1975'.  
**(The Speaker will propose the question that the Bill be read a Second time)**
2. A Bill entitled, 'An Act to amend the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1993 (Act No. 16 of 1993)'  
**(The Speaker will propose the question that the Bill be read a Second time)**

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*Clerk of the House (Ag.)*

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*PORT OF SPAIN*

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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**\*Question No. 146 to the Minister of Public Administration**

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

With respect to the buildings and office spaces rented by the State during the period September 2015 to February 2022, will the Minister provide the following:

- a) the buildings and addresses of the buildings and office spaces that were/are being rented;
- b) the names of the owners of the buildings or office spaces;
- c) the purpose for which the buildings or office spaces were/are being rented;
- d) the cost per month to rent each building or office space;
- e) the date on which each lease agreement was entered into; and
- f) the period of each lease agreement?

**(Answer due by 21.04.2022)**

**\*Question No. 155 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:**

**(By the Member for St. Augustine)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the provision of deeds and compensation to the residents of Oropune Gardens, who were relocated in the year 2000 from Piarco Village, to accommodate construction of the Piarco Airport?

**(Answer due by 21.04.2022)**

**Question No. 167 to the Minister of Finance:**

**(By the Member for Couva North)**

With respect to the operations of the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) for the period August 2020 to February 28, 2022, will the Minister state:

- a) how many loan applications were made to the ADB;
- b) how many loan applications were approved and in each instance, what was the approved sum;
- c) how many loans were executed;
- d) of the loan application executed in c), what were the terms of each loan (Principal, ROI, payback period, monthly instalment); and
- e) how many applications were not approved and reasons for same?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2022)**

**Question No. 168 to the Minister of Finance:**

**(By the Member for Couva North)**

With respect to the operations of the Agricultural Development Bank, will the Minister provide:

- a) a breakdown of the sums requested by the ADB for funding for each fiscal year, during the period 2016-2021; and
- b) whether the ADB revised its requests for funding for each fiscal year, during the period 2016-2021, and if so the reasons for same?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2022)**

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\* Question No. 146 was deferred for two (2) weeks on April 22, 2022

\* Question No. 155 was deferred for two (2) weeks on April 29, 2022

**Question No. 169 to the Minister of Finance:****(By the Member for Couva North)**

With respect to the operations of the Agricultural Development Bank from fiscal year 2016 to present, will the Minister state:

- a) the total number of loans that were written off for each fiscal year;
- b) the total dollar value of the loans written-off in each fiscal year;
- c) the names and addresses of the individuals, businesses or organisations who were the recipients of such write-offs; and
- d) how these write-offs affected or impacted the financial position of the ADB over the said period?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2022)****Question No. 170 to the Minister of Finance:****(By the Member for Couva North)**

With respect to Government's Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Stimulus Loan Programme, will the Minister provide:

- a) the names and addresses of all businesses which have applied to access the loan;
- b) a breakdown of the number of applications that were approved and the number of applications that were not approved; and
- c) a breakdown of the loan amounts applied for, and the sum granted?

**(Answer due by 07.05.2022)**

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## MONDAY MAY 16, 2022 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. Given the recent statement of the Minister of Energy that four bidders for the Petrotrin Refinery would be given until April to submit revised proposals for the refinery, will the Prime Minister provide this House with an update on the bids for the Refinery?  
**(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)**
2. Will the Prime Minister inform this House if the Trincity Mall which the State has current control of has been sold, and if so, to whom?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
3. Will the Prime Minister inform the House what tangible benefits, if any, would have accrued to this country from his last official visit to the United States?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
4. Will the Prime Minister inform the House whether the policy requiring the Housing Development Corporation's consent to any proposed transfer of HDC lands and properties by lessees/owners, has been altered/adjusted by this administration?  
**(By the Member for Naparima)**
5. Will the Prime Minister inform this House whether he has given instructions to the Minister of Agriculture and the Office of the Commissioner of State Lands to launch or conduct any investigation into the contents of a Special Branch Report Ref 105/4/2(T) 51/2019 concerning a Minister of Government who is allegedly wrongfully occupying three parcels of State lands belonging to the Housing Development Corporation?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
6. Given the work currently being done by the Cabinet Sub Committee on majority owned TSTT, will the Prime Minister inform this House if TSTT has retrenched any of its managerial and security staff?  
**(By the Member for Couva South)**
7. In light of the recent declaration by Acting Commissioner of Prisons that he has no control over the use of the grabbers and jammers technology which was designed to fight the use of cell phones

from within the prisons, will the Prime Minister inform this House if this technology is currently functioning?

**(By the Member for Couva South)**

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