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1. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2022.
(By the Minister of Works and Transport)
2. The Annual Report and Consolidated Audited Financial Statements of First Citizens Bank Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
3. The Administrative Report of the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the period October 2015 to September 2016.
(By the Minister of Sport and Community Development)
4. The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Finance and Legal Affairs on an inquiry into the Ease of Doing Business in Trinidad and Tobago, First Session (2020/2021), Twelfth Parliament.
(By the Attorney General)
5. The Ministerial Response of the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs to the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Social Services and Public Administration on an inquiry into the effects of the hybrid learning system on student performance in government and government-assisted schools during the revised COVID-19 restrictions.
(By the Attorney General)

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PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question for Written Answer will appear in the Appendix

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 199 to the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs):
(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Will the Minister advise whether the current recommendations to curb sexual and physical abuse in licensed and unlicensed child-support centres were previously made by the former Chairman of the Children's Authority and subsequently rejected?

Question No. 200 to the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs):
(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Given that a security guard with prior allegations of sexual abuse was hired at the Margaret Kistow Children's Home, will the Minister provide information on

- a) the recruitment process; and
- b) how prospective employees are vetted at child-support centres?

Question No. 201 to the Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs):
(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Will the Minister provide details on any plans to redesign the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago on account of its failure to exercise reasonable care and duty towards children?

Question No. 210 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Will the Minister state when the link road from the Mon Desir Interchange to Pepper Village of the Solomon Hochoy Highway Extension to Point Fortin project will be completed?

Question No. 211 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

Will the Minister state when rehabilitation works will begin at the landslip at LP #102 in the vicinity of the cemetery along the Southern Main Road, South Oropouche?

Question No. 212 to the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Will the Minister provide an update on the procurement of PAXLOVID and MOLNUPIRAVIR (Merck) to treat COVID-19 patients?

Question No. 213 to the Minister of Health:

(By the Member for Cumuto/Manzanilla)

Will the Minister indicate whether there is a new Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases as the 2017-2021 Plan has recently expired?

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 4th 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)

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 public purposes;

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, 2022 was made by the President under section 5(1) of the Act as Legal Notice No. 77 dated the 6th day of April, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2022 was laid in the House of Representatives on the 3rd day of June, 2022;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Order:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Land Acquisition (Requisition) Order, 2022 be approved.

(By the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the National Insurance Act, Chap. 32:01 to provide for the waiver of penalties and interest, to increase the penalty for the provision of false information, to increase the statutory limitation for the commencement of summary proceedings and other related matters.”
(By the Minister of Finance)
2. **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)

3. **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)

4. 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)

5. 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)

6. 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)

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 Housing and Urban Development)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was in progress when the House adjourned on Friday May 27, 2022 will be resumed:**

WHEREAS there has been an overwhelming number of reports of children being abused during the current Government's administration;

AND WHEREAS children have the right to grow up in a safe, supportive environment devoid of abuse, exploitation, harassment, and neglect;

AND WHEREAS the State has a duty of care to protect all the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago especially the children to which their policies have not been effective on safety, security, health and education;

AND WHEREAS several State agencies have indicated that there is a work overload within the system to particularly address matters affecting children:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House call on the Government to implement effective data driven policies, take all urgent steps to protect the children of this nation immediately and reprimand this Government for its failure to effectively protect and support our nation's children.

(By the Member for Princes Town)

2. **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)

3. **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)

4. **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)

5. **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)

6. **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.'
(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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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

¹Question 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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¹ Deferred for two weeks on May 16, 2022



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The under-mentioned Question which was accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

Given the recent report that National Flour Mills has increased the price of its product by 33 percent, will the Minister state what immediate measures will be implemented to protect the poor and vulnerable from these continued and unforeseen price shocks?

(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)

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