



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1. The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Regulated Industries Commission for the year ended December 31, 2015.

(By the Minister of Public Utilities)

2. The Forty-Third Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the period January 2020 to December 2020.

(By the Deputy Speaker)

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 77 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

How does the freeze in the filling of all vacancies in the public service announced by the Minister of Finance in the Budget Statement 2021 affect the Teaching Service?

Question No. 79 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Could the Minister provide an update on the procurement of laptop devices for students through iGovTT?

Question No. 80 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Could the Minister indicate whether there are any plans or programmes to help ensure students remain in virtual school?

Question No. 84 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Couva South)

Could the Minister inform this House of the status of the Government's decision to introduce a private sector operator for the Port of Port of Spain?

Question No. 85 to the Minister of Works and Transport:

(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Could the Minister state the expected commencement date for rehabilitation works on Naggee Road from Frederick to Hindustan Road, New Grant?

Question No. 87 to the Minister of Public Utilities:

(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Could the Minister provide the reasons for the persistent water shortages in:

- a) Moruga:
 - (i) Marac Village; and
 - (ii) La Ruffin Road.
- b) Princes Town:
 - (i) Naggee Road;
 - (ii) Lengua Road;
 - (iii) Sixth Company Circular Road; and
 - (iv) Frederick Road?

Question No. 88 to the Minister of Public Utilities:

(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

Could the Minister provide the steps taken to ensure a consistent supply of water to the residents of Moruga/Tableland?

Question No. 100 to the Minister of National Security:

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister indicate the percentage of Police Officers outfitted with body cameras as part of their official uniform?

Question No. 101 to the Minister of National Security:

(By the Member for Naparima)

Could the Minister provide an update on the arrangements for the repatriation of twenty-four (24) women and seventy (70) children being held in detention camps in Northern Syria?

Question No. 102 to the Minister of National Security:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister indicate what steps have been taken to determine the accurate number of Venezuelan citizens in our country?

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

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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 amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, Chap. 11:24”.
(by the Attorney General)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **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)

2. **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)

3. **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)

4. **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)

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The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Deputy Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

1. **To the Minister of Health:**

In light of reported plans to purchase Sinopharm Vaccines from China, does the Government have a contingency plan, should World Health Organization approval not be granted in the short-term?

(By the Member for Caroni East)

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

In view of the publicly reported intentions of private entities such as ANSA McCAL and the Supermarkets Association of Trinidad and Tobago to take responsibility for providing COVID- 19 vaccinations for their own employees, could the Minister indicate what process will be utilized to facilitate these entities?

(By the Member for Fyzabad)

3. **To the Minister of Works and Transport:**

Given the recent landslip along Mandingo Road that has damaged homes, could the Minister state whether critical funding has been identified to alleviate this urgent problem affecting thousands of motorists and citizens?

(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)

4. **To the Minister of National Security:**

Given recent reports in the public domain which have revealed that 92 officers attached to the Central Division of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) are currently in quarantine due to COVID- 19, could the Minister inform this House of the total number of police officers, across the respective divisions of the TTPS who are currently in quarantine?

(By the Member for Couva South)

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