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(By the Deputy Speaker)

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question for Oral Answer

Question No. 81 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Could the Minister indicate whether any plans have been finalised or discussions held to standardise assessments for online classes across various levels?

Question No. 82 to the Minister of Education:

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

Could the Minister indicate why the means test for devices has not been implemented?

Question No. 89 to the Minister of Public Administration and Digital Transformation:**(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Could the Minister update this House on the implementation of wireless internet connectivity services throughout the constituency of Moruga/Tableland?

Question No. 90 to the Minister of Works and Transport:**(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Could the Minister provide the reasons for the decreased number of Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) groups:

- a) throughout the country; and
- b) in the constituency of Moruga/Tableland?

Question No. 91 to the Minister of Labour:**(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Could the Minister provide the steps being taken to alleviate the significant increase in the level of unemployment particularly among young people in the constituency of Moruga/Tableland?

Question No. 103 to the Minister of Health:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state whether Trinidad and Tobago was one of the thirty (30) countries which took up the offer of the Government of India in January 2021 to make available free approved Astra/Zenecca vaccines and if so, what was the result?

Question No. 104 to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts:**(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister state whether the reports that the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) spent approximately \$2 million on virtual carnival in 2021 are accurate?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **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)

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)

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APPENDIX I**ORDER PAPER FRIDAY MARCH 26, 2021****QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER****Question No. 78 to the Minister of Education:****(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

Given the reopening of schools throughout Trinidad and Tobago in February 2021, could the Minister inform this House of the status of all outstanding school repairs?

(Answer due by 23.03.2021)**Question No. 83 to the Minister of Finance:****(By the Member for St. Augustine)**

Could the Minister provide:

- a) a detailed list of all luxury items that are subject to Value Added Tax and Import Duty as of January 2021; and
- b) a detailed breakdown of the revised list of items exempted from Value Added Tax and Import Duty?

(Answer due by 23.03.2021)**Question No. 86 to the Minister of Works and Transport:****(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

With regard to the Moruga Road Rehabilitation project from Petit Café to Marac Village, could the Minister:

- a) provide a detailed breakdown of the utilisation of the \$178M allocation including identification of the work done from the fiscal year 2017;
- b) indicate the expected completion date of the project; and
- c) state whether there was any cost overrun and if so, what was the value?

(Answer due by 26.03.2021)**Question No. 95 to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts:****(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Could the Minister inform this House on the steps that will be taken to incentivise and revitalise the domestic tourism market?

(Answer due by 26.03.2021)



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The under-mentioned Question which has been 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 Health:**

In light of the recent raid of an AstraZeneca vaccine facility in Italy, could the Minister state whether this would delay the shipment of vaccines to Trinidad and Tobago through the COVAX facility?

(By the Member for Barataria/ San Juan)

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