



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY APRIL 14, 2021: 1:30 P.M.

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**Question for Oral Answer**

**Question No. 96 to the Minister of Sport and Community Development:**

**(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Could the Minister provide:

- a) a status update on the Moruga Sporting Facility since its opening in August 2020; and
- b) indicate when the formal handover of the facility by UDeCOTT occurred?

**Question No. 98 to the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:**

**(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Could the Minister provide the steps that will be taken to accommodate the requests made by the fisher folk of Moruga for the construction of the jetty in La Ruffin, Moruga?

**Question No. 99 to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development:****(By the Member for Moruga/Tableland)**

Could the Minister indicate whether the state of the leaking sewer plant will affect the progress of the extension of Phase One of the Housing Development Corporation's development at Gomez Trace?

**Question No. 110 to the Minister of Public Utilities:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister state the effective date of the appointment and the tenure of the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) as Executive Director?

**Question No. 111 to the Minister of Public Utilities:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House of the number of industrial relations matters involving the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) which are before:

- a) the Ministry of Labour;
- b) the Industrial Court?

**Question No. 112 to the Minister of Public Utilities:****(By the Member for Couva South)**

Could the Minister inform this House when will the management of Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) commence a human resource audit?

**Question No. 114 to the Minister of Finance:****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister indicate whether the government has given support to the First Citizens Bank (FCB) to acquire Scotiabank's assets in Guyana?

**Question No. 115 to the Minister of Health:****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister state what exactly is the unit cost of vaccines provided via the COVAX facility and the African Medical Supplies Platform?

**Question No. 116 to the Minister of Health:****(By the Member for Oropouche East)**

Could the Minister explain the policy guiding the payment by returning nationals for local quarantine facilities?

**Question No. 117 to the Minister of Health:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister provide an update on the status of negotiations with Pfizer, Moderna, Serum Institute of India and Johnson and Johnson for the supply of Covid vaccines?

**Question No. 118 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Naparima)**

Could the Minister inform the House of the Government's long term plans to address registered and unregistered Venezuelans resident in Trinidad and Tobago?

**Question No. 122 to the Minister of Tourism Culture and the Arts:****(By the Member for Tabaquite)**

In an oral response to the Senate on January 26, 2021, the Minister indicated that within one month the Ministry would submit to the House its response to the Petition to remove the Christopher Columbus Monuments in Trinidad and Tobago with its recommendations on the way forward. Could the Minister advise:

- a) the reason(s) for the delay in the submission of the response; and
- b) when will the response be laid?

**Question No. 123 to the Minister of National Security:****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

- A. Could the Minister provide the number of fully functional vehicles currently available for use by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS); and
- B. Could the Minister give the breakdown of the number allocated to each Police station throughout all Police divisions in Trinidad and Tobago?

**Question No. 124 to the Minister of Finance:****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Could the Minister advise the House what quantum of money has been allocated and released to each of the fourteen (14) Regional Corporations in Trinidad and Tobago as of February 28, 2021?

**Question No. 125 to the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs:****(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Following the Government's closure of the borders, could the Minister advise the House of the number and locations of nationals abroad who have:

- a) applied for financial assistance announced for the purpose; and
- b) received financial assistance?

**Question No. 133 to the Minister of Works and Transport:****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

In light of the major landslip in Craignish Village along the Naparima Mayaro Road, could the Minister indicate when will construction of a proper retaining wall and roadway rehabilitation begin?

**Question No. 134 to the Minister of Education:****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

Could the Minister indicate whether the Government intends to grant additional scholarships outside of the 100 approved?

**Question No. 135 to the Minister of Works and Transport:****(By the Member for Princes Town)**

In light of the deteriorated road conditions of Sisters Road, Hardbargain, could the Minister indicate when will rehabilitation works begin?

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PUBLIC BUSINESS

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****Motions:**

1. **WHEREAS** section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01 ('the Act') provides that the President shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition nominate persons, who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of law, finance, sociology or management, to be appointed as members of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** section 122(4) of the Act provides that the President shall issue a Notification in respect of each person nominated for appointment under subsection (3) and the Notification shall be subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has nominated Ms. Bliss Seepersad to be appointed as a member of the Police Service Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** the President has on the 26th day of March, 2021 made a Notification in respect of the nomination;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to approve the Notification:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Notification of the nomination of **Ms. Bliss Seepersad** as a member of the Police Service Commission be approved.

**(By the Prime Minister)**

**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)**

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